



# St. Norbert College

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### St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview

#### St. Norbert College (9-5) at Knox College (1-14)

#### Saturday, January 12, 2019 - 3 p.m.

#### Memorial Gym (2,000) - Galesburg, Illinois

#### Game Overview:

St. Norbert heads on the road to west-central Illinois to face Knox. The Green Knights currently lead three other teams by two games in the league standings.

#### Broadcast:

The game will be broadcast with video streaming and live stats at: <https://portal.stretchinternet.com/snc/>

#### The Series:

St. Norbert leads Knox 38-10 in a series dating back to the 1985-86 season. The Green Knights have won 19 straight games in the series since the Prairie Fire swept the season series in 2007-08.

#### Last Meeting:

St. Norbert topped Knox 84-42 on Dec. 1, 2018 at Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center in De Pere. The Green Knights raced out to a 44-15 half-time lead. Joe Ciriacks led St. Norbert with 17 points, while Drew Yetka added 14 points, Connor Curtis 12 points and Nolan Beirne 11 points. Blake Godbold led the Prairie Fire with 13 points.

#### The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 241-78 in his 13th season in De Pere. He was 51-31 in three seasons at Lakeland before arriving at St. Norbert to give him an overall mark of 292-108.

Knox coach Kevin Walden (Knox, 2001) is 20-135 in his seventh season in Galesburg.

#### About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the contest at 8-5 overall and is unblemished in Midwest Conference play at 6-0, with the Green Knights going 100-8 in their last 108 games against Midwest Conference opponents. The Green Knights outlasted Cornell 93-82 at home this past Saturday.

Junior guard Joe Ciriacks leads the Green Knights in scoring at 13.2 points per game while connecting on 46 percent (46-for-100) of his three-

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#### 2018-2019 Results

Date	Opponent	Result
N 10	at Northwestern-Minn.	L 78-68
N 16	vs. Central #	W 76-68
N 17	vs. Neb. Wesleyan (1) #	L 77-67
<b>N 30</b>	<b>Monmouth *</b>	<b>W 67-50</b>
<b>D 1</b>	<b>Knox *</b>	<b>W 84-42</b>
D 5	at Lake Forest *	W 57-47
<b>D 8</b>	<b>Ripon *</b>	<b>W 66-58</b>
D 15	at UW-Eau Claire	L 72-66
D 18	at UW-Oshkosh (6)	L 79-68
<b>D 28</b>	<b>Alma %</b>	<b>W 61-47</b>
<b>D 29</b>	<b>UW-River Falls %</b>	<b>L 80-48</b>
J 2	at Illinois College *	W 96-66
<b>J 5</b>	<b>Cornell *</b>	<b>W 93-82</b>
<b>J 8</b>	<b>Beloit *</b>	<b>W 82-59</b>
J 12	at Knox *	3 p.m.
<b>J 16</b>	<b>Lake Forest *</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
J 19	at Ripon *	3 p.m.
J 25	at Grinnell *	7:30 p.m.
J 26	at Cornell *	3 p.m.
J 30	at Lawrence *	7:30 p.m.
<b>F 2</b>	<b>Illinois College *</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
F 5	at Beloit *	7:30 p.m.
<b>F 9</b>	<b>Grinnell *</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
<b>F 13</b>	<b>Lawrence *</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
F 16	at Monmouth *	3 p.m.

\* - Midwest Conference game; # - Pioneer Tip-Off Classic - Waukesha, Wis.; % - Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament - De Pere, Wis.; **Note:** Home games in **bold** and played at Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center; (rankings) by D3hoops.com.

point field-goal attempts. Junior forward Connor Curtis is averaging 12.9 points and 7.7 rebounds per game. Sophomore guard Jared Murphy is averaging 11.7 points per game. Junior forward Joe Lemon is averaging 8.6 points and 6.7 rebounds per game, while sophomore guard Wade Geenen is averaging 7.6 points per game.

St. Norbert is averaging 71.4 points per game while shooting 43.3 percent from the floor, 37.0 percent on 3-pointers and 78.8 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 64.6 points per game while shooting 44.4 percent from the floor, 32.8 percent on 3-pointers and 71.1 percent at the free-throw line.

#### About the Prairie Fire:

Knox enters the game 1-14 overall and an 0-8 mark in the Midwest Conference. The Prairie Fire, which has lost its last 12 games, is coming off a 71-63 loss at Monmouth this past Tuesday.

Freshman guard Jordan Rayner leads the Prairie Fire in scoring at 10.5 points per game. Junior guard Justin Windt is averaging 9.4 points per game, while sophomore forward Blake Godbold is averaging 8.7 points and 6.9 rebounds per game. Freshman guard Malcolm Bray is posting an average of 8.0 points per game.

Knox is averaging 63.0 points per game while shooting 40.6 percent from the floor, 33.2 percent on 3-pointers and 61.3 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 86.7 points per game while shooting 48.3 percent from the floor, 38.4 percent on 3-pointers and 68.9 percent at the free-throw line.

#### Midwest Mastery:

St. Norbert has enjoyed a banner run in the Midwest Conference dating back to the end of the 2012-13 season.

Including the last two games of

the 2012-13 regular season, St. Norbert is now a lusty 101-8 in its last 109 games against Midwest Conference opponents. This includes an enviable 8-2 mark in the Midwest Conference Tournament.

St. Norbert, which became the first Midwest Conference men's basketball team to win at least five consecutive MWC men's basketball titles since Beloit won six straight from 1946-51.

Dating back to the 2009-10 season, St. Norbert is 91-7 at home against MWC opponents.

#### Building a Winner:

St. Norbert has six 20-win seasons in the last nine years. In the program's previous 86 seasons, St. Norbert had 20-win seasons just twice.

St. Norbert's 25 wins in 2014 and 2016 is the school record. The Green Knights won 24 games in 2015, 23 games in 2010 and 21 games twice (1984 and 2002). St. Norbert won 20 games in 2011 and 2013.

St. Norbert's 94-13 record from 2013 to 2016 marks the best four-year total in school history.

Since starting the 2007-08 season 2-5, St. Norbert is a solid 230-58. St. Norbert reached its highest national ranking in the 17-year history of the D3hoops.com Top 25 with a No. 3 ranking the week of Feb. 23, 2015.

#### Jump Shots:

\* - St. Norbert has made at least 30 field goals in each of its last three games. The Green Knights made 30 field goals against Illinois College, 35 against Cornell and 32 against Beloit.

\* - St. Norbert has reached double digits in successful three-point field goals in those same three games. The Green Knights cashed in from distance 14 times against Illinois College, 15 times against Cornell and 10 times against Beloit.

## Head Coach Gary Grzesk

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in Spanish at UW-Green Bay (1996); master's degree in education administration at Youngstown State (1998).

**Playing Experience:** Four-year letterman at UW-Green Bay (1993-96).

**Coaching Experience:**

Assistant coach at Youngstown State (1996-2002); assistant coach at UW-Green Bay (2002-03); head coach at Lakeland (2003-06); head coach at St. Norbert (April 13, 2006 to present).



### Grzesk's Head Coaching Record

Lakeland				
Year	Overall	LMC	Place	NCAA
2003-04	16-13	8-4	3rd	First Rd.
2004-05	14-12	7-5	T3rd	
2005-06	21-6	13-1	1st	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>51-31</b>	<b>28-10</b>		

St. Norbert				
Year	Overall	MWC	Place	NCAA
2006-07	9-13	8-8	6th	
2007-08	14-10	10-6	T3rd	
2008-09	18-6	12-4	T3rd	
2009-10	23-4	14-2	1st	Second Rd.
2010-11	20-6	14-4	1st	First Rd.
2011-12	16-9	12-6	3rd	
2012-13	20-6	15-3	1st	First Rd.
2013-14	25-2	18-0	1st	Second Rd.
2014-15	24-2	18-0	1st	First Rd.
2015-16	25-3	18-0	1st	Sweet 16
2016-17	19-5	16-2	1st	
2017-18	19-7	14-4	T2nd	
2018-19	9-5	7-0		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>241-78</b>	<b>176-39</b>		
<b>Career</b>	<b>292-109</b>			

### Grzesk vs. MWC at St. Norbert

Team	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
Beloit	21-4	12-1	9-3	0-0
Carroll	18-7	12-2	6-4	0-1
Cornell	12-1	7-0	5-1	0-0
Grinnell	17-8	12-1	4-7	1-0
Illinois Coll.	21-0	10-0	11-0	0-0
Knox	21-2	11-1	10-1	0-0
Lake Forest	21-4	10-3	11-1	0-0
Lawrence	18-7	9-3	9-4	0-0
Monmouth	18-3	10-1	8-2	0-0
Ripon	22-8	15-2	7-5	0-1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>188-44</b>	<b>108-14</b>	<b>79-28</b>	<b>1-2</b>

### MWC Glance

Team	MWC	Overall
St. Norbert	7-0	9-5
Grinnell	6-2	10-4
Ripon	5-2	9-5
Lake Forest	5-2	9-5
Lawrence	5-3	8-7
Beloit	3-4	5-9
Monmouth	3-4	5-9
Illinois College	2-6	4-11
Cornell	1-6	3-11
Knox	0-8	1-14

## St. Norbert Quick Facts

**Nickname:** .....Green Knights  
**Location:** .....De Pere, WI 54115  
**Colors:** .....Dartmouth Green & Old Gold  
**Founded:** .....1898  
**Enrollment:** .....2,168  
**President:** .....Brian Bruess  
**Athletics Director:** .....Tim Bald  
**Conference:** .....Midwest Conference  
**Facility:** ..Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center  
**Capacity:** .....1,844  
**Year Opened:** .....2017  
**Head Coach:** .....Gary Grzesk  
**Record at St. Norbert:** .....241-78 (13th year)  
**Record Overall:** .....292-109 (16th year)  
**Assistant Coaches:** .....Keil Ganz,  
 ..... Brian Roehrig, Corey Ciesielczyk  
 ..... Justin Zwiefelhofer, Steve Kestly  
**First Season of Men's Basketball:** .....1916-17  
**Seasons of Men's Basketball:** .....96  
**All-Time Overall Record:** .....1,094-876  
**All-Time MWC Record:** .....361-187  
**MWC Championships:** .....Nine  
 .....(1984, 2002, '10, '11, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17)  
**NCAA Tournament Appearances:** .....Nine  
 .....(1958, '84, 2002, 10, '11, '13, '14, '15, '16)  
**NAIA Tournament Appearances:** .....Three  
 .....(1961, '62, '65)

## D3hoops.com Division III Top 25 Poll #6 - Jan. 7, 2019

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record
1	Nebraska Wesleyan (25)	625	13-0
2	Augustana	567	13-1
3	Williams	562	13-0
4	Whitman	551	11-1
5	UW-Oshkosh	519	12-1
6	Hamilton	517	13-0
7	Whitworth	455	11-1
8	MIT	454	12-1
9	UW-Stevens Point	437	10-2
10	Marietta	371	12-1
11	St. John's	318	10-1
12	Rochester	284	11-1
13	Wittenberg	246	11-2
14	UW-Whitewater	243	11-2
15	Swarthmore	205	10-2
16	St. Thomas	196	10-1
17	Plattsburgh State	187	9-2
18	Randolph-Macon	186	13-2
19	Salisbury	157	12-1
20	Wabash	138	12-1
21	Christopher Newport	131	11-2
22	Lynchburg	107	13-1
23	Pomona-Pitzer	94	11-1
24	Amherst	92	10-1
25	Wooster	91	10-3

**Others receiving votes:** Loras 89, Nichols 62, Scranton 48, Gordon 39, Occidental 29, Capital 25, Linfield 18, Illinois Wesleyan 17, Wesleyan 11, Middlebury 10, Johns Hopkins 8, Mount Union 8, New Jersey City 7, Wheaton-Ill. 7, Arcadia 7, Guilford 5, Emory 1, Montclair State 1.

## St. Norbert Men's Basketball Career Highs

### #0 - Logan Krekling

Points: 10 (1/5/19 vs. Cornell)  
 Rebounds: 4 (12/1/18 vs. Knox)  
 Assists: 2 (1/5/19 vs. Cornell)

### #2 - Ethan Riniker

Points: 12 (2 times, last 12/29/18 vs. UW-River Falls)  
 Rebounds: 6 (11/30/18 vs. Monmouth)  
 Assists: 2 (2 times, last 12/28/18 vs. Alma)

### #3 - Jack Pettit

Points: 4 (12/1/18 vs. Knox)  
 Rebounds: 2 (11/16/18 vs. Central)  
 Assists: 2 (12/1/18 vs. Knox)

### #4 - Jared Davis

Points: 11 (1/2/19 vs. Illinois College)  
 Rebounds: 7 (12/1/18 vs. Knox)  
 Assists: 1 (2 times, last 1/8/19 vs. Beloit)

### #5 - Joe Ciriacks

Points: 24 (1/5/19 vs. Cornell)  
 Rebounds: 5 (2/13/18 vs. Lake Forest)  
 Assists: 4 (12/2/17 vs. Illinois College)

### #10 - Nick LeCaptain

Points: n/a  
 Rebounds: n/a  
 Assists: n/a

### #11 - Jared Murphy

Points: 19 (12/28/18 vs. Alma)  
 Rebounds: 6 (12/29/18 vs. UW-River Falls)  
 Assists: 4 (2 times, last 1/8/19 vs. Beloit)

### #12 - Michael Payant

Points: 5 (1/8/19 vs. Beloit)  
 Rebounds: 1 (2 times, last 1/8/19 vs. Beloit)  
 Assists: 1 (2 times, last 1/5/19 vs. Cornell)

### #13 - Jayland Peterson

Points: 2 (2 times, last 11/17/18 vs. Nebraska Wesleyan)  
 Rebounds: 2 (11/10/18 vs. Northwestern)  
 Assists: 2 (11/16/18 vs. Central)

### #15 - Matt Lynch

Points: 6 (1/2/19 vs. Illinois College)  
 Rebounds: 1 (4 times, last 1/2/19 vs. Illinois College)  
 Assists: 3 (1/5/19 vs. Cornell)

### #20 - Nolan Beirne

Points: 11 (12/1/18 vs. Knox)  
 Rebounds: 8 (1/2/19 vs. Illinois College)  
 Assists: 1 (7 times, last 1/5/19 vs. Cornell)

### #21 - Jacob Bolwerk

Points: 3 (11/10/18 vs. Northwestern)  
 Rebounds: 1 (11/10/18 vs. Northwestern)  
 Assists: 1 (11/10/18 vs. Northwestern)

### #22 - Wade Geenen

Points: 22 (2/13/18 vs. Lake Forest)  
 Rebounds: 7 (11/10/18 vs. Northwestern)  
 Assists: 7 (11/16/18 vs. Central)

### #23 - Drew Yetka

Points: 19 (1/2/19 vs. Illinois College)  
 Rebounds: 6 (1/2/19 vs. Illinois College)  
 Assists: 2 (2 times, last 2/10/18 vs. Grinnell)

### #24 - Jordan Newman

Points: 4 (12/1/18 vs. Knox)  
 Rebounds: 2 (3 times, last 12/5/18 vs. Lake Forest)  
 Assists: 2 (12/2/17 vs. Illinois College)

### #32 - Patrick Danen

Points: 3 (12/1/18 vs. Knox)  
 Rebounds: 2 (1/2/19 vs. Illinois College)  
 Assists: n/a

### #41 - Connor Curtis

Points: 22 (2 times, last 11/16/18 vs. Central)  
 Rebounds: 20 (11/17/18 vs. Nebraska Wesleyan)  
 Assists: 3 (2 times, last 1/2/19 vs. Illinois College)

### #52 - Joe Lemon

Points: 20 (11/30/18 vs. Monmouth)  
 Rebounds: 15 (2 times, last 12/5/18 vs. Lake Forest)  
 Assists: 5 (1/24/18 vs. Lawrence)



**St. Norbert College Men's Basketball**  
 St. Norbert College Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 08, 2019)  
**All games**



Overall record: 9-5 Conf: 7-0 Home: 6-1 Away: 2-3 Neutral: 1-1

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg								
05	Joe Ciriacks	14-14	398	28.4	65-145	.448	46-100	.460	9-11	.818	6	23	29	2.1	38	1	19	15	1	3	185	13.2
41	Connor Curtis	14-14	368	26.3	68-149	.456	8-28	.286	36-45	.800	40	68	108	7.7	29	0	16	20	12	13	180	12.9
11	Jared Murphy	11-5	245	22.3	50-105	.476	16-39	.410	13-16	.813	7	24	31	2.8	13	0	16	25	2	7	129	11.7
52	Joe Lemon	14-14	344	24.6	51-93	.548	6-17	.353	13-19	.684	30	64	94	6.7	33	1	21	24	8	7	121	8.6
22	Wade Geenen	14-14	427	30.5	34-112	.304	21-65	.323	17-22	.773	7	32	39	2.8	23	1	39	21	0	10	106	7.6
23	Drew Yetka	14-0	160	11.4	22-43	.512	10-19	.526	12-14	.857	11	23	34	2.4	13	0	6	4	1	2	66	4.7
20	Nolan Beirne	14-0	210	15.0	22-48	.458	0-0	.000	19-21	.905	21	22	43	3.1	22	0	6	11	0	7	63	4.5
02	Ethan Riniker	10-4	178	17.8	23-64	.359	13-45	.289	2-5	.400	0	17	17	1.7	14	0	8	9	5	4	61	6.1
04	Jared Davis	6-0	38	6.3	9-19	.474	1-5	.200	4-5	.800	3	5	8	1.3	4	0	2	2	0	1	23	3.8
00	Logan Krekling	11-2	143	13.0	5-14	.357	3-6	.500	4-7	.571	3	17	20	1.8	8	0	6	5	2	5	17	1.5
15	Matt Lynch	8-0	56	7.0	3-9	.333	0-1	.000	6-8	.750	0	4	4	0.5	10	0	7	6	0	5	12	1.5
03	Jack Pettit	8-0	44	5.5	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	3-3	1.000	0	3	3	0.4	1	0	4	4	0	3	9	1.1
12	Michael Payant	5-0	17	3.4	3-5	.600	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.4	1	0	2	0	1	2	8	1.6
32	Patrick Danen	5-0	18	3.6	1-4	.250	0-2	.000	3-3	1.000	1	2	3	0.6	3	0	0	1	1	1	5	1.0
24	Jordan Newman	9-0	48	5.3	2-9	.222	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	2	4	6	0.7	4	0	2	3	0	1	4	0.4
13	Jayland Peterson	3-0	26	8.7	2-7	.286	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	1.0	3	0	2	3	0	1	4	1.3
01	x-Riley Haas	4-3	58	14.5	1-5	.200	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	1	5	6	1.5	2	0	5	1	0	1	3	0.8
21	Jacob Bolwerk	1-0	10	10.0	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	3.0
10	Nick LeCaptain	4-0	12	3.0	0-4	.000	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team													29	27	56			6				
Total.....		14	2800		365-842	.433	128-346	.370	141-179	.788	161	346	507	36.2	224	3	162	161	33	73	999	71.4
Opponents.....		14	2800		320-720	.444	105-320	.328	160-225	.711	95	331	426	30.4	207	1	178	186	26	81	905	64.6

x-Inactive player

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	999	905	11/10/18	at Northwestern	L 68-78	360
Points per game	71.4	64.6	# 11/16/18	vs Central College	w 76-68	213
Scoring margin	+6.7	-	# 11/17/18	vs Nebraska Wesleyan	L 67-77	198
FIELD GOALS-ATT	365-842	320-720	* 11/30/18	MONMOUTH COLLEGE	w 67-50	508
Field goal pct	.433	.444	* 12/1/18	KNOX COLLEGE	w 84-42	516
3 POINT FG-ATT	128-346	105-320	* 12/5/18	at Lake Forest College	w 57-47	246
3-point FG pct	.370	.328	* 12/8/18	RIPON COLLEGE	w 66-58	723
3-pt FG made per game	9.1	7.5	12/15/18	at UW-Eau Claire	L 66-72	504
FREE THROWS-ATT	141-179	160-225	12/18/18	at UW-Oshkosh	L 68-79	272
Free throw pct	.788	.711	% 12/28/18	ALMA COLLEGE	w 61-47	794
F-Throws made per game	10.1	11.4	% 12/29/18	UW-RIVER FALLS	L 48-80	626
REBOUNDS	507	426	* 1/2/19	at Illinois College	w 96-66	150
Rebounds per game	36.2	30.4	* 1/5/19	CORNELL COLLEGE	w 93-82	612
Rebounding margin	+5.8	-	* 1/8/19	BELOIT COLLEGE	w 82-59	411
ASSISTS	162	178				
Assists per game	11.6	12.7	# -	Carroll Tip-Off Classic (Waukesha, Wis.)		
TURNOVERS	161	186	% -	St. Norbert Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament (De Pere, Wis.)		
Turnovers per game	11.5	13.3	* -	Midwest Conference game		
Turnover margin	+1.8	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	1.0				
STEALS	73	81				
Steals per game	5.2	5.8				
BLOCKS	33	26				
Blocks per game	2.4	1.9				
ATTENDANCE	4190	1943				
Home games-Avg/Game	7-599	5-306				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	2-206				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
St. Norbert College	466	533	999
Opponents	408	497	905