



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview

St. Norbert College (10-5) vs. Lake Forest College (10-5)

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 - 7:30 p.m.

Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center (1,844) - De Pere, Wisconsin

Game Overview:

St. Norbert opens a stretch of crucial games that will go a long way in determining the Midwest Conference race when the Green Knights host Lake Forest. The Foresters are one of three second-place teams trailing St. Norbert by two games in the league standings.

Broadcast:

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

Live stats will be available at: <https://www.snc.edu/athletics/team-file/livestats/xlive.htm>

The Series:

St. Norbert leads Lake Forest 47-21 in a series dating back to the 1983-84 season. The Green Knights have captured 22 of the last 26 meetings in the series.

Last Meeting:

St. Norbert defeated Lake Forest 57-47 on Dec. 5, 2018 at Lake Forest Sports Center in Lake Forest, Ill. The Green Knights led 28-20 at halftime and held on in the second half. Joe Lemon totaled 16 points and 15 rebounds to lead the Green Knights, while Jared Murphy added 13 points off the bench. Sean Espinosa led the Foresters with 17 points, while Tashon Brown added 11 points.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 242-78 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 293-108.

Lake Forest coach Ken Davis (Arizona State, 1983) is 63-48 in his fifth season in Lake Forest.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert currently owns a 10-5 overall record and is unbeaten in Midwest Conference action at 8-0, with the Green Knights going 102-8 in their last 110 games against Midwest Conference opponents. The Green

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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
N 30	Monmouth *	W 67-50
D 1	Knox *	W 84-42
D 5	at Lake Forest *	W 57-47
D 8	Ripon *	W 66-58
D 15	at UW-Eau Claire	L 72-66
D 18	at UW-Oshkosh (6)	L 79-68
D 28	Alma %	W 61-47
D 29	UW-River Falls %	L 80-48
J 2	at Illinois College *	W 96-66
J 5	Cornell *	W 93-82
J 8	Beloit *	W 82-59
J 12	at Knox *	W 78-55
J 16	Lake Forest *	7:30 p.m.
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.
F 2	Illinois College *	3 p.m.
F 5	at Beloit *	7:30 p.m.
F 9	Grinnell *	3 p.m.
F 13	Lawrence *	7:30 p.m.
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.

Knights handled Knox 78-55 in a road win this past Saturday.

Junior forward Connor Curtis posted a career-high 23 points in the win over Knox and now leads the team at 13.5 points and 7.5 rebounds per game. Junior guard Joe Ciriacks is averaging 13.1 points per game while shooting 45.3 percent from beyond the three-point arc. Sophomore guard Jared Murphy is averaging 10.8 points per game. Junior forward Joe Lemon is netting 8.9 points and 6.9 rebounds per game, while sophomore guard Wade Geenen is averaging 7.4 points per game.

St. Norbert is averaging 71.8 points per game while shooting 44.1 percent from the floor, 37.1 percent on 3-pointers and 76.8 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 64.0 points per game while shooting 44.3 percent from the floor, 33.1 percent on 3-pointers and 71.6 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Foresters:

Lake Forest enters the game 10-5 overall and 6-2 in the Midwest Conference. The Foresters have won their last four games, including a 95-90 road win at Cornell this past Saturday.

All five of Lake Forest's starters average double figures in scoring. Sophomore guard Sean Espinosa paces the Foresters' attack with an average of 19.9 points per game. Senior forward Danny Sotos averages 14.3 points and 6.1 rebounds per game. Freshman guard Tashon Brown averages 12.3 points per game, while junior guard Sam Husting nets 12.5 points per game. Junior guard Aram Arslanian totals 11.1 points per game.

Lake Forest is averaging 82.1 points per game while shooting 49.6 percent from the floor, 40.4 percent on 3-pointers and 69.7 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 76.7 points per game while shooting 45.4 percent from the floor, 34.1 percent on 3-pointers and 69.9 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 102-8 in its last 110 games against Midwest Conference opponents. This includes an enviable 8-2 mark in the Midwest Conference Tournament.

St. Norbert's five consecutive Midwest Conference men's basketball titles from 2013-17 was the first program 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 231-58. 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 Shot:

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

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	
Totals	51-31	28-10		

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	10-5	8-0		
Totals	242-78	177-39		
Career	293-109			

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	22-2	11-1	11-1	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
Totals	189-44	108-14	80-28	1-2

MWC Glance

Team	MWC	Overall
St. Norbert	8-0	10-5
Grinnell	7-2	11-4
Lake Forest	6-2	10-5
Ripon	6-2	10-5
Lawrence	5-4	8-8
Monmouth	4-4	6-9
Beloit	3-5	5-10
Illinois College	2-7	4-12
Cornell	1-7	3-12
Knox	0-9	1-15

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:242-78 (13th year)
Record Overall:293-109 (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:1,095-876
All-Time MWC Record:362-187
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)

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Top 25 Poll #7 - Jan. 14, 2019

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record
1	Nebraska Wesleyan (25)	625	15-0
2	Augustana	580	15-1
3	Williams	563	15-0
4	Whitman	560	14-1
5	UW-Oshkosh	539	14-1
6	Whitworth	468	13-2
7	Hamilton	444	14-1
8	St. John's	440	13-1
9	UW-Stevens Point	405	11-3
10	Swarthmore	343	13-2
11	St. Thomas	335	12-1
12	MIT	315	13-2
13	Marietta	295	13-2
14	Wabash	271	14-1
15	Plattsburgh State	254	12-2
16	Randolph-Macon	221	14-2
17	Lynchburg	190	15-1
18	Christopher Newport	163	13-2
19	Pomona-Pitzer	148	14-1
20	Capital	141	13-2
21	Wooster	138	12-3
22	Rochester	111	11-3
23	UW-Whitewater	107	12-3
24	Salisbury	80	13-2
25	Wittenberg	73	11-4

Others receiving votes: Loras 61, Wesleyan 57, Amherst 40, Gordon 36, Nichols 36, North Central-Ill. 21, New Jersey City 12, Arcadia 12, Wheaton-Ill. 11, Mount Union 8, Occidental 8, Illinois Wesleyan 4, Middlebury 4, Linfield 4, Centre 1, Guilford 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: 1 (1/12/19 vs. Knox)

#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 (5 times, last 1/12/19 vs. Knox)
 Assists: 3 (2 times, last 1/12/19 vs. Knox)

#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 (2 times, last 1/12/19 vs. Knox)

#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: 4 (1/12/19 vs. Knox)
 Rebounds: 2 (1/2/19 vs. Illinois College)
 Assists: n/a

#41 - Connor Curtis

Points: 23 (1/12/19 vs. Knox)
 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 12, 2019)
All games



Overall record: 10-5 Conf: 8-0 Home: 6-1 Away: 3-3 Neutral: 1-1

#	Player	gp-gs	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg		
			min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def									tot	avg
41	Connor Curtis	15-15	396	26.4	78-164	.476	9-31	.290	38-47	.809	43	70	113	7.5	29	0	17	21	13	16	203	13.5
05	Joe Ciriacks	15-15	423	28.2	69-155	.445	48-106	.453	11-15	.733	6	23	29	1.9	40	1	19	16	1	4	197	13.1
52	Joe Lemon	15-15	366	24.4	56-101	.554	7-18	.389	15-21	.714	34	69	103	6.9	33	1	24	24	8	10	134	8.9
11	Jared Murphy	12-6	262	21.8	50-107	.467	16-39	.410	14-20	.700	7	25	32	2.7	14	0	17	25	2	7	130	10.8
22	Wade Geenen	15-15	443	29.5	36-114	.316	22-66	.333	17-22	.773	7	32	39	2.6	26	1	40	22	0	10	111	7.4
20	Nolan Beirne	15-0	225	15.0	24-51	.471	0-1	.000	21-23	.913	22	26	48	3.2	25	0	7	12	0	7	69	4.6
23	Drew Yetka	15-0	173	11.5	23-46	.500	11-21	.524	12-14	.857	12	25	37	2.5	13	0	7	4	2	3	69	4.6
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	7-0	42	6.0	10-20	.500	1-5	.200	4-5	.800	3	5	8	1.1	5	0	2	2	0	1	25	3.6
00	Logan Krekling	12-2	161	13.4	7-16	.438	4-7	.571	4-9	.444	3	18	21	1.8	8	0	6	5	2	5	22	1.8
15	Matt Lynch	9-0	72	8.0	4-10	.400	0-1	.000	6-8	.750	0	5	5	0.6	10	0	10	9	0	8	14	1.6
03	Jack Pettit	9-0	49	5.4	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	3-3	1.000	0	3	3	0.3	3	0	4	4	0	3	9	1.0
32	Patrick Danen	6-0	22	3.7	3-7	.429	0-2	.000	3-3	1.000	1	2	3	0.5	3	0	0	1	1	1	9	1.5
12	Michael Payant	6-0	22	3.7	3-6	.500	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.3	1	0	2	0	2	2	8	1.3
21	Jacob Bolwerk	2-0	13	6.5	1-3	.333	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	0	1	1	0.5	1	0	2	1	0	0	5	2.5
24	Jordan Newman	10-0	53	5.3	2-9	.222	0-4	.000	0-1	.000	2	4	6	0.6	4	0	3	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
10	Nick LeCaptain	5-0	16	3.2	0-5	.000	0-5	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											29	30	59				6					
Total.....		15	3000		395-895	.441	135-364	.371	152-198	.768	170	365	535	35.7	237	3	176	168	36	84	1077	71.8
Opponents.....		15	3000		341-769	.443	112-338	.331	166-232	.716	104	350	454	30.3	224	1	191	202	27	84	960	64.0

x-Inactive player

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	1077	960	11/10/18	at Northwestern	L 68-78	360
Points per game	71.8	64.0	# 11/16/18	vs Central College	w 76-68	213
Scoring margin	+7.8	-	# 11/17/18	vs Nebraska Wesleyan	L 67-77	198
FIELD GOALS-ATT	395-895	341-769	* 11/30/18	MONMOUTH COLLEGE	w 67-50	508
Field goal pct	.441	.443	* 12/1/18	KNOX COLLEGE	w 84-42	516
3 POINT FG-ATT	135-364	112-338	* 12/5/18	at Lake Forest College	w 57-47	246
3-point FG pct	.371	.331	* 12/8/18	RIPON COLLEGE	w 66-58	723
3-pt FG made per game	9.0	7.5	12/15/18	at UW-Eau Claire	L 66-72	504
FREE THROWS-ATT	152-198	166-232	12/18/18	at UW-Oshkosh	L 68-79	272
Free throw pct	.768	.716	% 12/28/18	ALMA COLLEGE	w 61-47	794
F-Throws made per game	10.1	11.1	% 12/29/18	UW-RIVER FALLS	L 48-80	626
REBOUNDS	535	454	* 1/2/19	at Illinois College	w 96-66	150
Rebounds per game	35.7	30.3	* 1/5/19	CORNELL COLLEGE	w 93-82	612
Rebounding margin	+5.4	-	* 1/8/19	BELOIT COLLEGE	w 82-59	411
ASSISTS	176	191	* 1/12/19	at Knox College	w 78-55	100
Assists per game	11.7	12.7				
TURNOVERS	168	202				
Turnovers per game	11.2	13.5	# - Carroll Tip-Off Classic (Waukesha, Wis.)			
Turnover margin	+2.3	-	% - St. Norbert Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament (De Pere, Wis.)			
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	0.9	* - Midwest Conference game			
STEALS	84	84				
Steals per game	5.6	5.6				
BLOCKS	36	27				
Blocks per game	2.4	1.8				
ATTENDANCE	4190	2043				
Home games-Avg/Game	7-599	6-272				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	2-206				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
St. Norbert College	502	575	1077
Opponents	433	527	960