



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview

St. Norbert College (11-5) at Ripon College (11-5)

Saturday, January 19, 2019 - 3 p.m.
Willmore Center (1,200) - Ripon, Wisconsin

Game Overview:

St. Norbert makes the turn into the second half of the Midwest Conference schedule with another pivotal league game at Ripon. The Green Knights, who lead Ripon and Grinnell by two games in the league standings, are in the second game of a three-game stretch against fellow title contenders.

Broadcast:

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

The Series:

Ripon holds a 65-58 series lead over St. Norbert in a spirited rivalry dating back to the 1932-33 season. The Green Knights have narrowed the gap by winning 22 of the last 28 meetings over the last 11 seasons.

Last Meeting:

St. Norbert defeated Ripon 66-58 on Dec. 8, 2018 at Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center in De Pere. The Green Knights and Red Hawks were tied 29-29 at halftime before St. Norbert held the lead for the final 7 1/2 minutes. Connor Curtis powered the Green Knights with 21 points and 10 rebounds, while Jared Murphy added 15 points, Joe Ciriacks 12 points and Joe Lemon 11 points and nine rebounds. Trent Jones led the Red Hawks with 18 points.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 243-78 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 294-108.

Ripon coach Ryan Kane (St. Norbert, 1999) is 107-56 in his seventh season in Ripon.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert currently holds an 11-5 overall record and is unbeaten in Midwest Conference play at 9-0, with the Green Knights going 103-8 in their last 111 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 *	W 63-62
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 escaped with a 63-62 win over Lake Forest Wednesday on junior guard Joe Ciriacks' hoop with 0.5 seconds remaining.

Junior forward Connor Curtis leads the Green Knights in scoring and rebounding at 13.7 points and 7.6 rebounds per game. Ciriacks is averaging 13.1 points per game, while sophomore guard Jared Murphy is averaging 10.5 points per game. Junior forward Joe Lemon is totaling 9.1 points and 7.1 rebounds per game, while sophomore guard Wade Geenen is averaging 7.6 points per game.

St. Norbert is averaging 71.2 points per game while shooting 44.1 percent from the floor, 36.5 percent on 3-pointers and 75.2 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 63.9 points per game while shooting 44.5 percent from the floor, 32.9 percent on 3-pointers and 71.5 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Red Hawks:

Ripon enters the game with an 11-5 overall record and is 7-2 in the Midwest Conference. The Red Hawks, who have won their last seven games, won Wednesday at Beloit 71-63.

Senior guard Cal Schultz leads the Red Hawks with 16.9 points and 6.3 rebounds per game. Junior guard Trent Jones is totaling 16.4 points and 7.1 rebounds per game, while freshman guard Tyson Tully is averaging 9.1 points per game. Freshman guard Ryan Steffes is netting 8.3 points per game.

Ripon is averaging 75.4 points per game while shooting 47.8 percent from the floor, 36.3 percent on 3-pointers and 68.5 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 69.6 points per game while shooting 42.8 percent from the floor, 33.8 percent on 3-pointers and 71.4 percent at the free-throw line.

Comeback Comments:

LL Cool J once famously rapped, "Don't call it a comeback," but indeed it was as St. Norbert rallied

from 10 points down with 9:04 left to beat Lake Forest 63-62 on Wednesday.

It marked the first time St. Norbert rallied to win from a double-digit second-half deficit since a 62-59 win at Lawrence on Feb. 3, 2016. The Green Knights trailed the Vikings by 15 points with 17:50 remaining.

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 103-8 in its last 111 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 92-7 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 232-58. 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.

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	11-5	9-0		
Totals	243-78	178-39		
Career	294-109			

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	22-4	11-3	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	190-44	109-14	80-28	1-2

MWC Glance

Team	MWC	Overall
St. Norbert	9-0	11-5
Grinnell	8-2	12-4
Ripon	7-2	11-5
Lake Forest	6-3	10-6
Lawrence	5-4	8-8
Monmouth	5-4	7-9
Beloit	3-6	5-11
Illinois College	2-8	4-13
Cornell	1-8	3-13
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:243-78 (13th year)
Record Overall:294-109 (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:1,096-876
All-Time MWC Record:363-187
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 16, 2019)
All games



Overall record: 11-5 Conf: 9-0 Home: 7-1 Away: 3-3 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								
41	Connor Curtis	16-16	428	26.8	85-175	.486	11-35	.314	38-48	.792	46	76	122	7.6	32	0	18	22	13	16	219	13.7
05	Joe Ciriacks	16-16	457	28.6	74-167	.443	49-112	.438	13-18	.722	6	24	30	1.9	40	1	19	17	1	4	210	13.1
52	Joe Lemon	16-16	397	24.8	61-112	.545	7-21	.333	16-25	.640	35	79	114	7.1	35	1	27	24	11	11	145	9.1
11	Jared Murphy	13-7	282	21.7	53-115	.461	16-40	.400	14-20	.700	7	27	34	2.6	14	0	17	26	2	8	136	10.5
22	Wade Geenen	16-16	480	30.0	39-125	.312	23-69	.333	20-26	.769	7	33	40	2.5	27	1	43	23	0	11	121	7.6
20	Nolan Beirne	16-0	240	15.0	25-52	.481	0-1	.000	22-25	.880	25	29	54	3.4	27	0	7	14	0	9	72	4.5
23	Drew Yetka	16-0	182	11.4	23-47	.489	11-21	.524	12-14	.857	12	26	38	2.4	16	0	8	5	2	3	69	4.3
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	13-2	180	13.8	7-18	.389	4-7	.571	6-11	.545	3	20	23	1.8	8	0	6	5	2	5	24	1.8
15	Matt Lynch	10-0	75	7.5	5-11	.455	0-1	.000	6-8	.750	0	5	5	0.5	12	0	11	9	0	9	16	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											30	30	60				6					
Total.....		16	3200		420-953	.441	139-381	.365	161-214	.752	178	391	569	35.6	250	3	185	175	39	90	1140	71.2
Opponents.....		16	3200		366-823	.445	119-362	.329	171-239	.715	109	380	489	30.6	242	1	201	214	27	86	1022	63.9

x-Inactive player

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	1140	1022	11/10/18	at Northwestern	L 68-78	360
Points per game	71.2	63.9	# 11/16/18	vs Central College	w 76-68	213
Scoring margin	+7.4	-	# 11/17/18	vs Nebraska Wesleyan	L 67-77	198
FIELD GOALS-ATT	420-953	366-823	* 11/30/18	MONMOUTH COLLEGE	w 67-50	508
Field goal pct	.441	.445	* 12/1/18	KNOX COLLEGE	w 84-42	516
3 POINT FG-ATT	139-381	119-362	* 12/5/18	at Lake Forest College	w 57-47	246
3-point FG pct	.365	.329	* 12/8/18	RIPON COLLEGE	w 66-58	723
3-pt FG made per game	8.7	7.4	12/15/18	at UW-Eau Claire	L 66-72	504
FREE THROWS-ATT	161-214	171-239	12/18/18	at UW-Oshkosh	L 68-79	272
Free throw pct	.752	.715	% 12/28/18	ALMA COLLEGE	w 61-47	794
F-Throws made per game	10.1	10.7	% 12/29/18	UW-RIVER FALLS	L 48-80	626
REBOUNDS	569	489	* 1/2/19	at Illinois College	w 96-66	150
Rebounds per game	35.6	30.6	* 1/5/19	CORNELL COLLEGE	w 93-82	612
Rebounding margin	+5.0	-	* 1/8/19	BELOIT COLLEGE	w 82-59	411
ASSISTS	185	201	* 1/12/19	at Knox College	w 78-55	100
Assists per game	11.6	12.6	* 1/16/19	LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	w 63-62	579
TURNOVERS	175	214				
Turnovers per game	10.9	13.4				
Turnover margin	+2.4	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	0.9				
STEALS	90	86				
Steals per game	5.6	5.4				
BLOCKS	39	27				
Blocks per game	2.4	1.7				
ATTENDANCE	4769	2043				
Home games-Avg/Game	8-596	6-272				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	2-206				

- Carroll Tip-Off Classic (Waukesha, Wis.)
 % - St. Norbert Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament (De Pere, Wis.)
 * - Midwest Conference game

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
St. Norbert College	529	611	1140
Opponents	457	565	1022