

# St. Norbert College **Athletics Communications**

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# St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview St. Norbert College (12-5) at Grinnell College (13-4) Fri., Jan. 25 - Darby Gym (1,250) - Grinnell, Iowa - 7:30 p.m. St. Norbert College at Cornell College (3-13) Sat., Jan 26 - Small Multi-Sport Center (2,500) - Mount Vernon, Iowa - 1 p.m.

# Weekend Overview:

St. Norbert heads to Iowa for its road Midwest Conference double weekend with games at Grinnell and Cornell. The Green Knights lead second-place Grinnell by two games in the loss column with eight games remaining.

#### **Broadcast:**

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

# The Series:

St. Norbert leads Grinnell 32-17 in an all-time series dating back to the 1983-84 season. The Green Knights are 11-13 all-time at Grinnell in the series.

St. Norbert leads Cornell 18-6 in an all-time series dating back to the 1973-74 season. The Green Knights have taken 12 of the 13 meetings against the Rams since they returned to the Midwest Conference.

# Last Meetings:

St. Norbert defeated Grinnell 104-94 on Feb. 10, 2018 at Darby Gym in Grinnell, Iowa. The Green Knights led 50-43 at halftime and held on for the win. Drew Yetka had a team-high 18 points for the Green Knights, while Mitchell Reinthaler added 16 points and 17 rebounds and Brian Luteyn had 16 points and 11 rebounds. Sean Cullinane and Ky-Sean Johnson had 22 points apiece for the Pioneers.

St. Norbert outlasted Cornell 93-82 on Jan. 5, 2019 at Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center in Mount Vernon, Iowa. The Green Knights held a 46-37 halftime lead. Joe Ciriacks led St. Norbert with 24 points, while Connor Curtis added 15 points and 13 rebounds. Jordan Magnani led the Rams with 33 points, while Cooper Kabela added 20 points.

#### The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 244-78 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 295-108.

Grinnell coach David Arsenault Jr. (Grinnell, 2009) is 26-15 in his second season in Grinnell.

Cornell coach Dave Schlabaugh (Morningside, 1992) is 15-26 in his second season in Mount Vernon.

# 2018-2019 Results

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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 *	W 75-57						
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 Tin-								

\* - 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.

#### About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert is 12-5 overall and 10-0 in the Midwest Conference. The Green Knights won their sixth straight game with a 75-57 win last Saturday at Ripon.

Junior forward Connor Curtis tops the Green Knights in scoring and rebounding at 13.8 points and 7.4 rebounds per game. Junior guard Joe Ciriacks is averaging 12.6 points per game, while sophomore guard Jared Murphy is averaging 9.9 points per game. Junior forward Joe Lemon is totaling 9.4 points and 7.0 rebounds per game, while sophomore guard Wade Geenen is averaging 8.2 points per game.

St. Norbert is averaging 71.5 points per game while shooting 44.3 percent from the floor, 36.2 percent on 3-pointers and 74.6 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 63.5 points per game while shooting 43.9 percent from the floor, 33.4 percent on 3-pointers and 71.8 percent at the free-throw line.

#### About the Pioneers:

Grinnell enters the game 13-4 overall and 9-2 in the Midwest Conference. The Pioneers are coming off a 126-87 win this past Saturday at Knox.

Senior guard Vinny Curta leads the Pioneers in scoring at 26.8 points per game. Sophomore guard Hannes Kogelnik is averaging 18.8 points per game, while freshman guard Jackson Qualley is averaging 17.9 points per game. Senior guard Ky-Sean Johnson is netting 15.4 points per game.

Grinnell is averaging 121.9 points per game while shooting 42.8 percent from the floor, 35.8 percent on 3-pointers and 69.2 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 102.4 points per game while shooting 55.9 percent from the floor, 38.8 percent on 3-pointers and 67.0 percent at the free-throw line.

#### About the Rams:

Cornell enters Friday's game with Lawrence 3-13 overall and 1-8 in the Midwest Conference. The Rams lost 123-75 on Jan. 16 at Grinnell.

Sophomore forward Cooper Kabela leads the Rams in scoring at 15.2 points per game. Junior guard Cam Sturtevant is totaling 9.9 points per game, while freshman guard Jordan Magnani is averaging 9.3 points per game. Freshman guard TJ Connaker is totaling 7.7 points per game.

Cornell is averaging 77.1 points per game while shooting 45.4 percent from the floor, 35.8 percent on 3-pointers and 72.7 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 89.8 points per game while shooting 48.4 percent from the floor, 40.8 percent on 3-pointers and 72.4 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 104-8 in its last 112 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 fouryear total in school history.

Since starting the 2007-08 season 2-5, St. Norbert is a solid 233-58. 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 2003-04 2004-05 2005-06 Totals	d Overall 16-13 14-12 21-6 51-31	LMC 8-4 7-5 13-1 28-10	Place 3rd T3rd 1st	NCAA First Rd.					
St. Norb	ert								
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	12-5	10-0							
Totals	244-78	179-39							
Career	295-109								
Grzesk vs. MWC at St. Norbert									
Team	Overall								
Beloit	21-4	12-1	C	0-3 0-0					

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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	23-8	15-2	8-5	0-1								
Totals	191 <b>-</b> 44	109-14	81-28	1-2								

MWC Glance										
Team	MWC	Overall								
St. Norbert	10-0	12-5								
Grinnell	9-2	13-4								
Ripon	7-3	11-6								
Lake Forest	6-4	10-7								
Lawrence	6-4	9-8								
Monmouth	6-4	8-9								
Beloit	3-7	5-12								
Illinois College	2-8	4-13								
Cornell	1-8	3-13								
Knox	0-10	1-16								



# St. Norbert Quick Facts

Nickname:Green Knights
<b>Location:</b>
Colors:
Founded:
Enrollment:
President:Brian Bruess
Athletics Director:Tim Bald Conference:Midwest Conference
Facility:Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center
Capacity:
Year Opened:
Head Coach:Gary Grzesk
<b>Record at St. Norbert:</b>
<b>Record Overall:</b>
Assistant Coaches:Keil Ganz,
Brian Roehrig, Corey Ciesielczyk
First Season of Men's Basketball:1916-17
Seasons of Men's Basketball:
All-Time Overall Record:
<b>All-Time MWC Record:</b>
MWC Championships:Nine
NCAA Tournament Appearances:Nine
<b>NAIA Tournament Appearances:</b> Three

# D3hoops.com Division III Top 25 Poll #8 - Jan. 21, 2019

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record					
1	Nebraska Wesleyan (25)	625	17-0					
2	Augustana	591	17-1					
3	Whitman	573	16-1					
4	UW-Oshkosh	556	16-1					
5	Whitworth	508	15-2					
6	Hamilton	492	15-1					
7	St. Thomas	463	14-1					
8	Williams	405	15-2					
9	MIT	391	15-2					
10	Marietta	363	15-2					
11	Wabash	362	16-1					
12	Randolph-Macon	320	16-2					
13	St. John's	319	13-2					
14	Lynchburg	308	17-1					
15	Christopher Newport	234	15-2					
16	Pomona-Pitzer	232	16-1					
17	Swarthmore	223	14-3					
18	Wooster	198	14-3					
19	Amherst	144	13-2					
20	UW-Stevens Point	122	11-5					
21	Rochester	117	13-3					
22	Loras	99	14-3					
23	Capital	76	14-3					
24	Wittenberg	65	13-4					
25	Wesleyan	61	13-4					
Other	s receiving votes: Nichol	s 47, Pla	ttsburgh					
	42, North Central-Ill. 42,							
Whitewater 25 LIW-I a Crosse 19 Oswago State								

State 42, North Central-III. 42, Arcadia 27, UW-Whitewater 25, UW-La Crosse 19, Oswego State 18, Salisbury 13, Middlebury 10, Gordon 7, Eastern Connecticut St. 6, Wheaton-III. 6, Linfield 5, Mary Washington 4, Mount Union 3, Centre 2, Guilford 1, Occidental 1.

# St. Norbert Men's Basketball Career Highs

#### #0 - Logan Krekling

Points: 10 (1/5/19 vs. Cornell) Rebounds: 6 (1/19/19 vs. Ripon) Assists: 5 (1/19/19 vs. Ripon)

## #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 19, 2019) All games



Overall record: 12-5 Conf: 10-0 Home: 7-1 Away: 4-3 Neutral: 1-1

					Total		3-Poin	nt	F-Thro	w	I	Rebou	inds									
##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	а	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
41	Connor Curtis	17-17	453	26.6	92-185	.497	12-39	.308	38-49	.776	47	78	125	7.4	34	0	18	22	13	16	234	13.8
05	Joe Ciriacks	17-17	483	28.4	75-171	.439	49-114	.430	15-21	.714	7	28	35	2.1	44	1	21	18	1	5	214	12.6
52	Joe Lemon	17-17	426	25.1	66-123	.537	7-22	.318	20-31	.645	36	83	119	7.0	37	1	29	24	14	11	159	9.4
22	Wade Geenen	17-17	515	30.3	47-135	.348	26-72	.361	20-26	.769	7	35	42	2.5	30	1	47	25	0	12	140	8.2
11	Jared Murphy	14-8	304	21.7	54-124	.435	16-45	.356	15-22	.682	7	29	36	2.6	16	0	20	26	2	8	139	9.9
20	Nolan Beirne	17-0	260	15.3	27-55	.491	0-2	.000	26-29	.897	28	32	60	3.5	29	0	7	14	0	11	80	4.7
23	Drew Yetka	17-0	200	11.8	27-55	.491	14-26	.538	12-14	.857	13	29	42	2.5	17	0	9	6	2	4	80	4.7
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
00	Logan Krekling	14-2	200	14.3	7-22	.318	4-8	.500	7-13	.538	5	24	29	2.1	10	0	11	5	2	5	25	1.8
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
15	Matt Lynch	11-0	80	7.3	5-11	.455	0-1	.000	6-8	.750	0	5	5	0.5	13	0	11	9	0	9	16	1.5
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	33	63					6				
	Total	17	3400		448-1012	.443	146-403	.362	173-232	.746	187	418	605	35.6	269	3	202	179	42	95	1215	71.5
	Opponents	17	3400		383-872	.439	127-380	.334	186-259	.718	117	404	521	30.6	257	1	210	224	30	88	1079	63.5

## x-Inactive player

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP		Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
SCORING	1215	1079	-	11/10/18	at Northwestern	L	68-78	360
Points per game	71.5	63.5	į	# 11/16/18	vs Central College	W	76-68	213
Scoring margin	+8.0	-	;	# 11/17/18	vs Nebraska Wesleyan	L	67-77	198
FIELD GOALS-ATT	448-1012	383-872	,	11/30/18	MONMOUTH COLLEGE	W	67-50	508
Field goal pct	.443	.439	,	12/1/18	KNOX COLLEGE	W	84-42	516
3 POINT FG-ATT	146-403	127-380	,	12/5/18	at Lake Forest College	W	57-47	246
3-point FG pct	.362	.334	,	12/8/18	RIPON COLLEGE	W	66-58	723
3-pt FG made per game	8.6	7.5		12/15/18	at UW-Eau Claire	L	66-72	504
FREE THROWS-ATT	173-232	186-259		12/18/18	at UW-Oshkosh	L	68-79	272
Free throw pct	.746	.718	G	% 12/28/18	ALMA COLLEGE	W	61-47	794
F-Throws made per game	10.2	10.9	(	% 12/29/18	UW-RIVER FALLS	L	48-80	626
REBOUNDS	605	521		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	+4.9	-	,	1/8/19	BELOIT COLLEGE	W	82-59	411
ASSISTS	202	210		1/12/19	at Knox College	W	78-55	100
Assists per game	11.9	12.4		1/16/19	LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	W	63-62	579
TURNOVERS	179	224		1/19/19	at Ripon College	W	75-57	369
Turnovers per game	10.5	13.2			1 3			
Turnover margin	+2.6	-	i	# - Carroll Tip-	Off Classic (Waukesha, Wis.)			
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	0.9			t Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tour	nament (De	e Pere, Wis.)	
STEALS	95	88			nference game	•		
Steals per game	5.6	5.2			3			
BLOCKS	42	30						
Blocks per game	2.5	1.8						
ATTENDANCE	4769	2412						
Home games-Avg/Game	8-596	7-286						
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	2-206						

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
St. Norbert College	560	655	1215
Opponents	482	597	1079