



St. Norbert College

Athletics Communications

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview St. Norbert College (14-6) vs. Illinois College (6-14) Saturday, February 2, 2019 - 3 p.m. Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center (1,844) - De Pere, Wisconsin

Game Overview:

St. Norbert returns home from a four-game road trip when it hosts Illinois College. The Green Knights lead Grinnell by one game in the loss column in the Midwest Conference standings with just five games remaining.

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-files/livestats/xlive.htm>

The Series:

St. Norbert leads Illinois College 38-7 in an all-time series dating back to the 1985-86 season. The Green Knights have won the last 22 games against the Blueboys and are 22-1 all-time at home in the series.

Last Meeting:

St. Norbert topped Illinois College 96-66 on Jan. 2, 2019 at Sherman Gym in Jacksonville, Ill. The Green Knights led 53-25 at halftime en route to the win. Joe Ciriacks pumped in 23 points, while Drew Yetka added 19 points, Wade Geenen 13 points and Jared Davis 11 points for the Green Knights. Michael Adams and Isaac Collins led the Blueboys with 11 points apiece.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 246-79 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 297-110.

Illinois College coach Steve Schweer (Illinois Wesleyan, 2006) is 6-14 in his first season in Jacksonville.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the game with a 14-6 overall record and a 12-1 mark in the Midwest Conference. The Green Knights held off Lawrence with a 78-68 win Thursday in Appleton to hold their one-game lead in the loss column in the league standings.

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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 *	W 75-57
J 25	at Grinnell *	L 102-96
J 26	at Cornell *	W 87-75
J 31	at Lawrence *	W 78-68
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.

Junior guard Joe Ciriacks moved into the team scoring lead with an average of 14.6 points per game. Ciriacks has scored 59 points in the last two games, making seven three-point field goals in each contest. Junior forward Connor Curtis is averaging 14.5 points and 7.4 rebounds per game. Junior guard Jared Murphy is averaging 9.2 points per game, while junior forward Joe Lemon is totaling 8.3 points and 6.8 rebounds per game. Junior guard Wade Geenen is averaging 8.2 points per game.

St. Norbert is averaging 73.8 points per game while shooting 45.4 percent from the floor, 37.3 percent on 3-pointers and 70.9 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 66.2 points per game while shooting 44.3 percent from the floor, 34.1 percent on 3-pointers and 72.9 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Blueboys:

Illinois College enters the game 6-14 overall and 4-9 in the Midwest Conference. The Blueboys have won their last two games, including a 96-60 romp over Knox Thursday at home.

Senior guard Mason Speer leads the Blueboys in scoring at 12.6 points per game. Junior guard Riley Mehrens averages 10.3 points per game, while freshman center Trae Robinson is totaling 9.2 points per game. Senior forward Kane Wildermuth adds 8.9 points and a team-high 5.8 rebounds per game to the mix.

Illinois College is averaging 76.1 points per game while shooting 46.9 percent from the floor, 37.0 percent on 3-pointers and 64.5 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 84.6 points per game while shooting 45.6 percent from the floor, 37.5 percent on 3-pointers and 72.5 percent at the free-throw line.

Ciriacks Comments:

St. Norbert junior guard Joe Ciriacks canned seven three-point field goals in Thursday's 78-68 win over Lawrence, his second consecu-

tive game draining seven 3-pointers.

Ciriacks, who has scored 59 points in his last two games, became the first player in St. Norbert history to make seven 3-pointers in consecutive games.

He is just the third player in St. Norbert history with at least two career games with seven three-point field goals. Kam Cerroni finished with four during the 2013-14 season, while Mike Heun had two in 1997-98.

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 106-9 in its last 115 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 235-59. 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	14-6	12-1		
Totals	246-79	181-40		
Career	297-110			

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	13-1	7-0	6-1	0-0
Grinnell	17-9	12-1	4-8	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	19-7	9-3	10-4	0-0
Monmouth	18-3	10-1	8-2	0-0
Ripon	23-8	15-2	8-5	0-1
Totals	193-45	109-14	83-29	1-2

MWC Glance

Team	MWC	Overall
St. Norbert	12-1	14-6
Grinnell	12-2	16-4
Lake Forest	9-4	13-7
Lawrence	7-6	10-10
Monmouth	7-6	9-11
Ripon	7-6	11-9
Beloit	4-9	6-14
Illinois College	4-9	6-14
Cornell	3-9	5-14
Knox	0-13	1-19

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:246-79 (13th year)
Record Overall:297-110 (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:1,099-877
All-Time MWC Record:366-188
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 #9 - Jan. 28, 2019

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record
1	Augustana (13)	607	19-1
2	Nebraska Wesleyan (9)	595	18-1
3	Whitman (2)	582	18-1
4	UW-Oshkosh (1)	564	18-1
5	St. Thomas	510	17-1
6	Williams	464	17-2
7	MIT	446	17-2
8	Marietta	428	17-2
9	Randolph-Macon	392	18-2
10	Whitworth	384	16-3
11	Hamilton	371	16-2
12	St. John's	327	15-3
13	Wooster	304	16-3
14	Wabash	291	17-2
15	Pomona-Pitzer	288	18-1
16	Swarthmore	232	16-3
17	Christopher Newport	196	16-3
18	Loras	179	16-4
19	Capital	164	16-3
20	UW-Stevens Point	155	13-5
21	Lynchburg	129	17-3
22	North Central-III.	91	17-3
23	Amherst	89	15-3
24	Nichols	77	18-2
25	UW-La Crosse	53	14-5

Others receiving votes: Oswego State 47, Plattsburgh State 29, Rochester 21, Centre 16, Emory 14, Gordon 10, Wesleyan 9, Wittenberg 9, Middlebury 9, Colby 9, Guilford 9, Wheaton-III. 6, New Jersey City 5, Arcadia 3, Occidental 3, Scranton 3, Eastern Connecticut 2, WPI 2, La Roche 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: 7 (1/25/19 vs. Grinnell)

#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: 32 (1/26/19 vs. Cornell)
 Rebounds: 5 (2/13/18 vs. Lake Forest)
 Assists: 4 (2 times, last 1/26/19 vs. Cornell)

#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: 8 (1/25/19 vs. Grinnell)
 Rebounds: 3 (1/31/19 vs. Lawrence)
 Assists: 3 (2 times, last 1/12/19 vs. Knox)

#20 - Nolan Beirne

Points: 19 (1/31/19 vs. Lawrence)
 Rebounds: 9 (1/31/19 vs. Lawrence)
 Assists: 3 (1/31/19 vs. Lawrence)

#21 - Jacob Bolwerk

Points: 4 (1/25/19 vs. Grinnell)
 Rebounds: 1 (2 times, last 1/25/19 vs. Grinnell)
 Assists: 1 (3 times, last 1/25/19 vs. Grinnell)

#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: 8 (1/25/19 vs. Grinnell)
 Assists: 4 (1/25/19 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: 4 (1/26/19 vs. Cornell)

#52 - Joe Lemon

Points: 20 (11/30/18 vs. Monmouth)
 Rebounds: 15 (2 times, last 12/5/18 vs. Lake Forest)
 Assists: 6 (1/26/19 vs. Cornell)



St. Norbert College Men's Basketball
 St. Norbert College Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 31, 2019)
All games



Overall record: 14-6 Conf: 12-1 Home: 7-1 Away: 6-4 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	20-20	569	28.5	102-224	.455	65-146	.445	22-32	.688	7	34	41	2.1	51	1	30	23	2	6	291	14.6
41	Connor Curtis	19-19	506	26.6	111-207	.536	13-41	.317	41-59	.695	52	89	141	7.4	39	0	24	24	15	22	276	14.5
52	Joe Lemon	20-20	499	25.0	68-132	.515	8-24	.333	22-35	.629	39	96	135	6.8	46	1	39	29	14	12	166	8.3
22	Wade Geenen	20-20	605	30.3	55-156	.353	32-86	.372	22-29	.759	8	41	49	2.5	35	1	55	27	0	13	164	8.2
11	Jared Murphy	17-11	350	20.6	62-152	.408	17-53	.321	15-22	.682	10	33	43	2.5	16	0	25	31	2	9	156	9.2
20	Nolan Beirne	20-1	329	16.5	43-81	.531	0-2	.000	31-37	.838	38	40	78	3.9	38	1	12	16	0	12	117	5.9
23	Drew Yetka	20-0	262	13.1	39-76	.513	21-38	.553	15-18	.833	15	39	54	2.7	21	0	13	11	2	6	114	5.7
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	17-2	268	15.8	9-28	.321	4-10	.400	9-18	.500	7	32	39	2.3	14	0	23	9	3	9	31	1.8
15	Matt Lynch	14-0	120	8.6	10-20	.500	0-2	.000	9-13	.692	2	7	9	0.6	19	0	17	11	0	9	29	2.1
04	Jared Davis	8-0	44	5.5	10-20	.500	1-5	.200	4-5	.800	3	5	8	1.0	5	0	2	2	0	1	25	3.1
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
21	Jacob Bolwerk	4-0	21	5.3	3-6	.500	1-4	.250	2-2	1.000	0	2	2	0.5	2	0	3	1	0	0	9	2.3
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
24	Jordan Newman	11-0	56	5.1	2-9	.222	0-4	.000	0-1	.000	2	4	6	0.5	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											35	40	75				8					
Total.....		20	4000		549-1210	.454	178-477	.373	200-282	.709	220	494	714	35.7	319	4	268	213	46	112	1476	73.8
Opponents.....		20	4000		469-1058	.443	165-484	.341	221-303	.729	143	477	620	31.0	311	2	257	270	40	105	1324	66.2

x-Inactive player

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	1476	1324	11/10/18	at Northwestern	L 68-78	360
Points per game	73.8	66.2	# 11/16/18	vs Central College	w 76-68	213
Scoring margin	+7.6	-	# 11/17/18	vs Nebraska Wesleyan	L 67-77	198
FIELD GOALS-ATT	549-1210	469-1058	* 11/30/18	MONMOUTH COLLEGE	w 67-50	508
Field goal pct	.454	.443	* 12/1/18	KNOX COLLEGE	w 84-42	516
3 POINT FG-ATT	178-477	165-484	* 12/5/18	at Lake Forest College	w 57-47	246
3-point FG pct	.373	.341	* 12/8/18	RIPON COLLEGE	w 66-58	723
3-pt FG made per game	8.9	8.3	12/15/18	at UW-Eau Claire	L 66-72	504
FREE THROWS-ATT	200-282	221-303	12/18/18	at UW-Oshkosh	L 68-79	272
Free throw pct	.709	.729	% 12/28/18	ALMA COLLEGE	w 61-47	794
F-Throws made per game	10.0	11.1	% 12/29/18	UW-RIVER FALLS	L 48-80	626
REBOUNDS	714	620	* 1/2/19	at Illinois College	w 96-66	150
Rebounds per game	35.7	31.0	* 1/5/19	CORNELL COLLEGE	w 93-82	612
Rebounding margin	+4.7	-	* 1/8/19	BELOIT COLLEGE	w 82-59	411
ASSISTS	268	257	* 1/12/19	at Knox College	w 78-55	100
Assists per game	13.4	12.9	* 1/16/19	LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	w 63-62	579
TURNOVERS	213	270	* 1/19/19	at Ripon College	w 75-57	369
Turnovers per game	10.7	13.5	* 1/25/19	at Grinnell College	L 96-102	927
Turnover margin	+2.9	-	* 1/26/19	at Cornell College	w 87-75	270
Assist/turnover ratio	1.3	1.0	* 1/31/19	at Lawrence Univ.	w 78-68	556
STEALS	112	105				
Steals per game	5.6	5.3				
BLOCKS	46	40				
Blocks per game	2.3	2.0				
ATTENDANCE	4769	4165				
Home games-Avg/Game	8-596	10-375				
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	672	804	1476
Opponents	587	737	1324