



# St. Norbert College

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

#### St. Norbert College (15-6) at Beloit College (6-15)

Tuesday, February 5, 2019 - 7:30 p.m.  
 Flood Arena (2,250) - Beloit, Wisconsin

#### Game Overview:

St. Norbert plays its fifth road game in its last six outings when it heads out to face Beloit as regular-season play begins to draw to a close. The Green Knights currently hold a half-game lead in the Midwest Conference race over Grinnell with just four games remaining.

#### Broadcast:

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

#### The Series:

St. Norbert dispatched Beloit 82-59 on Jan. 8, 2019 at Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center in De Pere. The Green Knights raced out to a 44-26 halftime lead. Connor Curtis led St. Norbert with 16 points, while Joe Ciriacks and Jared Murphy added 11 points apiece. Mason Jones led the Buccaneers with 13 points.

#### Last Meeting:

St. Norbert leads Beloit 48-23 in an all-time series dating back to the 1983-84 season. The Green Knights have won 21 of the last 24 meetings in the series.

#### The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 247-79 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 298-110.

Beloit coach Brian Vraney (Wisconsin, 1998) is 92-184 in his 12th season in Beloit.

#### About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the game with a 15-6 overall record and a 13-1 mark in Midwest Conference action. The Green Knights have won nine of their last 10 games, including a 104-94 win over Illinois College this past Saturday in De Pere.

Junior guard Joe Ciriacks leads the Green Knights in scoring at 14.8 points per game. Junior center Connor Curtis is averaging 14.5 points and

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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 *	W 78-55
<b>J 16</b>	<b>Lake Forest *</b>	<b>W 63-62</b>
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
<b>F 2</b>	<b>Illinois College *</b>	<b>W 104-94</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.

7.4 rebounds per game. Sophomore guard Jared Murphy is totaling 9.7 points per game, while sophomore guard Wade Geenen is averaging 8.6 points per game. Junior forward Joe Lemon is registering 8.4 points and 6.7 rebounds per game.

St. Norbert is averaging 75.2 points per game while shooting 45.9 percent from the floor, 37.6 percent on 3-pointers and 72.1 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 67.5 points per game while shooting 45.3 percent from the floor, 34.5 percent on 3-pointers and 73.8 percent at the free-throw line.

#### About the Buccaneers:

Beloit enters the game at 6-15 overall with a 3-10 record in Midwest Conference play. The Buccaneers have lost 12 of their last 13 games, including a 98-70 loss Saturday at Lake Forest.

Junior forward Tristan Shoup is averaging 19.8 points and 7.4 rebounds per game. Sophomore forward Andrew Walters is averaging 11.7 points and 10.7 rebounds per game. Senior forward Matthew Miller is totaling 7.5 points per game, while junior guard Darin Empereur is registering 6.7 points per game.

Beloit is averaging 66.8 points per game while shooting 41.7 percent from the floor, 31.1 percent on 3-pointers and 60.5 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 76.0 points per game while shooting 47.3 percent from the floor, 33.7 percent on 3-pointers and 73.1 percent at the free-throw line.

#### Beirne Bullets:

St. Norbert sophomore forward Nolan Beirne made his first two collegiate starts in the Green Knights' wins over Lawrence and Illinois College last week.

Beirne turned in a 19-point, nine-rebound effort - both career-high totals - in a 78-68 win over Lawrence in his first career start last Wednesday. He also added

three assists in 34 minutes of action.

He then fashioned a 21-point, 10-rebound performance as the Green Knights dispatched Illinois College 104-94 on Saturday to reset his career-best marks.

Of Beirne's 19 rebounds, he vacu-umed 10 off the offensive glass leading to 13 second-chance points.

#### 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 107-9 in its last 116 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 93-7 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 236-59. 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	
<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	15-6	13-1		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>247-79</b>	<b>182-40</b>		
<b>Career</b>	<b>298-110</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	13-1	7-0	6-1	0-0
Grinnell	17-9	12-1	4-8	1-0
Illinois Coll.	22-0	11-0	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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>194-45</b>	<b>110-14</b>	<b>83-29</b>	<b>1-2</b>

### MWC Glance

Team	MWC	Overall
St. Norbert	13-1	15-6
Grinnell	13-2	17-4
Lake Forest	10-4	14-7
Ripon	8-6	12-9
Lawrence	7-7	10-11
Monmouth	7-7	9-12
Cornell	4-9	6-14
Beloit	4-10	6-15
Illinois College	4-10	6-15
Knox	0-14	1-20

## 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:** .....247-79 (13th year)  
**Record Overall:** .....298-110 (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:** .....1,100-877  
**All-Time MWC Record:** .....367-188  
**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)

## D3hoops.com Division III

### Top 25 Poll #10 - Feb. 4, 2019

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record
1	Nebraska Wesleyan (18)	616	20-1
2	Whitman (6)	597	20-1
3	UW-Oshkosh (1)	577	19-1
4	Augustana	548	20-2
5	St. Thomas	531	19-1
6	MIT	484	19-2
7	Randolph-Macon	456	20-2
8	Hamilton	416	19-2
9	Wooster	400	18-3
10	Williams	391	19-3
11	Marietta	338	18-3
12	Pomona-Pitzer	334	20-1
13	North Central-Ill.	286	18-3
14	Swarthmore	285	18-3
15	Whitworth	279	17-4
16	Christopher Newport	257	18-3
17	St. John's	244	16-4
18	Wabash	195	18-3
19	Amherst	153	17-3
20	Nichols	153	19-2
21	Capital	118	17-4
22	Loras	90	17-5
23	Plattsburgh State	46	17-4
24	Emory	41	16-4
25	UW-La Crosse	38	15-6

**Others receiving votes:** UW-Stevens Point 37, Rochester 36, Oswego State 26, Middlebury 21, Arcadia 21, Centre 19, Guilford 14, Gordon 14, New Jersey City 13, Occidental 9, La Roche 9, Augsburg 2, Wheaton-Ill. 2, Lynchburg 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 (2 times, last 2/2/19 vs. Illinois College)  
 Rebounds: 6 (12/29/18 vs. UW-River Falls)  
 Assists: 4 (3 times, last 2/2/19 vs. Illinois College)

### #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 (3 times, last 2/2/19 vs. Illinois College)

### #20 - Nolan Beirne

Points: 21 (2/2/19 vs. Illinois College)  
 Rebounds: 10 (2/2/19 vs. Illinois College)  
 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: 6 (2/2/19 vs. Illinois College)

### #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 Feb 02, 2019)  
**All games**



Overall record: 15-6 Conf: 13-1 Home: 8-1 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	21-21	601	28.6	110-239	.460	68-155	.439	22-32	.688	8	34	42	2.0	54	1	30	25	2	6	310	14.8
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
22	Wade Geenen	21-21	639	30.4	61-166	.367	35-90	.389	23-31	.742	8	42	50	2.4	36	1	56	27	0	14	180	8.6
52	Joe Lemon	21-21	522	24.9	73-144	.507	9-28	.321	22-35	.629	42	99	141	6.7	49	1	40	29	15	12	177	8.4
11	Jared Murphy	18-11	376	20.9	68-164	.415	18-57	.316	21-28	.750	11	35	46	2.6	18	0	29	31	2	9	175	9.7
20	Nolan Beirne	21-2	363	17.3	51-92	.554	0-2	.000	36-42	.857	43	45	88	4.2	39	1	14	16	0	12	138	6.6
23	Drew Yetka	21-0	282	13.4	44-82	.537	24-42	.571	18-21	.857	17	42	59	2.8	24	0	19	12	2	7	130	6.2
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 Kreckling	18-3	286	15.9	10-30	.333	4-11	.364	9-18	.500	7	32	39	2.2	16	0	26	10	3	9	33	1.8
15	Matt Lynch	15-0	129	8.6	10-22	.455	0-2	.000	9-13	.692	2	8	10	0.7	22	0	20	11	0	10	29	1.9
04	Jared Davis	9-0	47	5.2	10-20	.500	1-5	.200	4-5	.800	3	5	8	0.9	5	0	2	3	0	1	25	2.8
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	5-0	22	4.4	3-6	.500	1-4	.250	2-2	1.000	0	2	2	0.4	2	0	3	1	0	0	9	1.8
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											36	42	78				8					
Total.....		21	4200		588-1280	.459	189-503	.376	215-298	.721	233	511	744	35.4	337	4	288	218	47	115	1580	75.2
Opponents.....		21	4200		504-1113	.453	173-502	.345	237-321	.738	148	496	644	30.7	332	2	270	279	40	105	1418	67.5

x-Inactive player

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	1580	1418	11/10/18	at Northwestern	L 68-78	360
Points per game	75.2	67.5	# 11/16/18	vs Central College	w 76-68	213
Scoring margin	+7.7	-	# 11/17/18	vs Nebraska Wesleyan	L 67-77	198
FIELD GOALS-ATT	588-1280	504-1113	* 11/30/18	MONMOUTH COLLEGE	w 67-50	508
Field goal pct	.459	.453	* 12/1/18	KNOX COLLEGE	w 84-42	516
3 POINT FG-ATT	189-503	173-502	* 12/5/18	at Lake Forest College	w 57-47	246
3-point FG pct	.376	.345	* 12/8/18	RIPON COLLEGE	w 66-58	723
3-pt FG made per game	9.0	8.2	12/15/18	at UW-Eau Claire	L 66-72	504
FREE THROWS-ATT	215-298	237-321	12/18/18	at UW-Oshkosh	L 68-79	272
Free throw pct	.721	.738	% 12/28/18	ALMA COLLEGE	w 61-47	794
F-Throws made per game	10.2	11.3	% 12/29/18	UW-RIVER FALLS	L 48-80	626
REBOUNDS	744	644	* 1/2/19	at Illinois College	w 96-66	150
Rebounds per game	35.4	30.7	* 1/5/19	CORNELL COLLEGE	w 93-82	612
Rebounding margin	+4.8	-	* 1/8/19	BELOIT COLLEGE	w 82-59	411
ASSISTS	288	270	* 1/12/19	at Knox College	w 78-55	100
Assists per game	13.7	12.9	* 1/16/19	LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	w 63-62	579
TURNOVERS	218	279	* 1/19/19	at Ripon College	w 75-57	369
Turnovers per game	10.4	13.3	* 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	115	105	* 2/2/19	ILLINOIS COLLEGE	w 104-94	573
Steals per game	5.5	5.0				
BLOCKS	47	40				
Blocks per game	2.2	1.9				
ATTENDANCE	5342	4165				
Home games-Avg/Game	9-594	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	725	855	1580
Opponents	636	782	1418