

# St. Norbert College Athletics Communications

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview
St. Norbert College (16-6) vs. Grinnell College (17-4)
Saturday, February 9, 2019 - 3 p.m.
Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center (1,844) - De Pere, Wisconsin

#### Game Overview:

St. Norbert hosts Grinnell in a game that will have major Midwest Conference championship implications. The Green Knights hold a one-game lead on the Pioneers, who dealt St. Norbert its lone league loss this season, with three 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 Grinnell 32-18 in an all-time series dating back to the 1983-84 season. The Green Knights are 20-4 all-time and 12-1 under Gary Grzesk at home in the series.

## **Last Meeting:**

Grinnell defeated St. Norbert 102-96 on Jan. 25, 2019 at Darby Gym in Grinnell, Iowa. The Green Knights and Pioneers were tied 85-85 with 4:18 remaining before the host pulled away down the stretch. Connor Curtis led St. Norbert with 21 points, while Joe Ciriacks added 18 points. Ky-Sean Johnson led Grinnell with 23 points, while Hannes Kogelnik chipped in 19 points.

#### The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 248-79 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 299-110.

Grinnell coach David Arsenault Jr. (Grinnell, 2009) is 30-15 in his second season in Grinnell.

## **About the Green Knights:**

St. Norbert enters the game 16-6 overall and is 14-1 in the Midwest Conference, leading Grinnell by one game in the standings with three games remaining. The Green Knights are coming off a 74-64 win Tuesday - MORE -

# 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	<b>UW-River Falls %</b>	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 *	W 104-94
F 5	at Beloit *	W 74-64
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.

at Beloit.

Junior guard Joe Ciriacks is averaging 14.9 points per game. Junior forward Connor Curtis, who has missed the last three games due to injury, is averaging 14.5 points and rebounds per game. Sophomore guard Jared Murphy is averaging 9.8 points per game, while sophomore guard Wade Geenen is totaling 8.6 points per game. Junior forward Joe Lemon is averaging 9.5 points and 6.8 rebounds per game.

St. Norbert is averaging 75.2 points per game while shooting 45.9 percent from the floor, 37.5 percent on 3-pointers and 72.8 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 67.4 points per game while shooting 45.0 percent from the floor, 34.3 percent on 3-pointers and 73.4 percent at the free-throw line.

#### **About the Pioneers:**

Grinnell enters the game 17-4 overall and 13-2 in the Midwest Conference, its best league start in 56 years. The Pioneers have been idle since last Saturday, when they Monmouth 107-94. topped Grinnell is 12-0 at home this season and 5-4 on the road.

Senior guard Vinny Curta leads the Pioneers in scoring at 25.0 points per game. Sophomore guard Hannes Kogelnik is averaging 18.0 points per game, while freshman guard Jackson Qualley is averaging 17.3 points per game. Senior guard Ky-Sean Johnson is netting 14.9 points per game.

Grinnell is averaging 119.0 points per game while shooting 43.0 percent from the floor, 35.9 percent on 3-pointers and 68.2 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 100.2 points per game while shooting 55.1 percent from the floor, 38.0 percent on 3-pointers and 64.2 percent at the free-throw line.

#### Runnin' Norbs:

St. Norbert has enjoyed a solid offensive performance of late, scor-

ing at least 74 points in 10 of its last 11 games. The Green Knights have also gone over the 80-point mark six times in that stretch.

The Green Knights are averaging 75.2 points per game, the thirdhighest season total in coach Gary Grzesk's 13-year tenure. St. Norbert averaged 82.6 points per game in 2013-14 and 80.0 points per game in 2014-15.

#### **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 108-9 in its last 117 games against Midwest opponents. Conference 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

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.

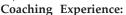
St. Norbert's 94-13 record from 2013 to 2016 marks the best fouryear total in school history.

Since starting the 2007-08 season 2-5, St. Norbert is a solid 237-59. 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).



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	<b>MWC</b>	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	

#### Grzesk vs MWC at St Norbert

16-6

248-79

299-110

2018-19

**Totals** 

Career

14-1

183-40

Gizesk vs. Wive at St. Holbert										
Team	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral						
Beloit	22-4	12-1	10-3	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 Col	l. 22-0	11-0	11-0	0-0						
Knox	22-2	11-1	11-1	0-0						
Lake Forest	t 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	195-45	110-14	84-29	1-2						

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Team	MWC	Overall
St. Norbert	14-1	16-6
Grinnell	13-2	17-4
Lake Forest	11-4	15-7
Ripon	9-6	13-9
Monmouth	8-7	10-12
Lawrence	7-8	10-12
Cornell	4-10	6-15
Illinois College	4-10	6-15
Beloit	4-11	6-16
Knox	0-15	1-21

# St. Norbert Quick Facts

Nickname:
<b>Location:</b>
Colors:Dartmouth Green & Old Gold
<b>Founded:</b>
<b>Enrollment:</b>
President:
Athletics Director:
Conference:
Facility:Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center
Capacity:
Year Opened:
Head Coach:
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<b>Record at St. Norbert:</b>
<b>Record Overall:</b>
Assistant Coaches:Keil Ğanz,
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:1,101-877
<b>All-Time MWC Record:</b>
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)
(1901, 02, 03)

# D3hoops.com Division III Top 25 Poll #10 - Feb. 4, 2019

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record
1	Nebraska Wesleyan (18	8) 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
Other	s receiving votes: UV	V-Stevens	Point 37

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

Illinois College)

#12 - Michael Payant

Points: 19 (2 times, last 2/2/19 vs. Illinois College) Rebounds: 6 (2 times last, 2/5/19 vs. Beloit) Assists: 4 (3 times, last 2/2/19 vs.

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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: 5 (2/5/19 vs. Beloit) Assists: 3 (4 times, last 2/5/19 vs. Beloit)

#### #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 05, 2019) All games



Att.

360

213

198

508

516

246

723

504

272

794

626

150

612

411

100 579

369

927

270

556

573

197

Overall record: 16-6 Conf: 14-1 Home: 8-1 Away: 7-4 Neutral: 1-1

					Total		3-Poir	nt	F-Thro	w		Rebou	ınds									
##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
05	Joe Ciriacks	22-22	635	28.9	116-250	.464	71-163	.436	25-36	.694	9	36	45	2.0	55	1	31	26	2	6	328	14.9
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	22-22	657	29.9	63-174	.362	37-95	.389	26-35	.743	8	42	50	2.3	40	1	56	28	0	15	189	8.6
11	Jared Murphy	19-11	397	20.9	73-173	.422	19-61	.311	22-29	.759	11	41	52	2.7	19	0	29	31	2	11	187	9.8
52	Joe Lemon	22-22	541	24.6	76-150	.507	9-28	.321	25-39	.641	45	105	150	6.8	53	1	41	31	15	13	186	8.5
20	Nolan Beirne	22-3	385	17.5	53-96	.552	0-2	.000	42-48	.875	46	47	93	4.2	42	1	16	18	0	12	148	6.7
23	Drew Yetka	22-0	310	14.1	46-86	.535	25-44	.568	20-24	.833	18	47	65	3.0	26	0	20	14	2	7	137	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 Krekling	19-4	313	16.5	12-34	.353	4-11	.364	9-18	.500	7	35	42	2.2	17	0	27	13	3	9	37	1.9
15	Matt Lynch	16-0	154	9.6	10-23	.435	0-2	.000	14-20	.700	3	12	15	0.9	23	0	23	13	0	11	34	2.1
04	Jared Davis	10-0	53	5.3	10-22	.455	1-6	.167	4-5	.800	3	5	8	8.0	6	0	2	5	0	1	25	2.5
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
21	Jacob Bolwerk	6-0	22	3.7	3-6	.500	1-4	.250	2-2	1.000	0	2	2	0.3	2	0	3	1	0	0	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
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										38	43	81					8				
	Total	22	4400		610-1329	.459	196-523	.375	238-327	.728	244	540	784	35.6	355	4	297	233	47	120	1654	75.2
	Opponents	22	4400		528-1174	.450	183-534	.343	243-331	.734	158	517	675	30.7	357	2	283	292	40	111	1482	67.4

# x-Inactive player

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP		Date	Opponent		Score
SCORING	1654	1482	_	11/10/18	at Northwestern	ı	68-78
Points per game	75.2	67.4	#	11/16/18	vs Central College	W	76-68
Scoring margin	+7.8	-	#	11/17/18	vs Nebraska Wesleyan	L	67-77
FIELD GOALS-ATT	610-1329	528-1174	*	11/30/18	MONMOUTH COLLEGE	W	67-50
Field goal pct	.459	.450	*	12/1/18	KNOX COLLEGE	W	84-42
3 POINT FG-ATT	196-523	183-534	*	12/5/18	at Lake Forest College	W	57-47
3-point FG pct	.375	.343	*	12/8/18	RIPON COLLEGE	W	66-58
3-pt FG made per game	8.9	8.3		12/15/18	at UW-Eau Claire	L	66-72
FREE THROWS-ATT	238-327	243-331		12/18/18	at UW-Oshkosh	L	68-79
Free throw pct	.728	.734	%	12/28/18	ALMA COLLEGE	W	61-47
F-Throws made per game	10.8	11.0	%	12/29/18	UW-RIVER FALLS	L	48-80
REBOUNDS	784	675	*	1/2/19	at Illinois College	W	96-66
Rebounds per game	35.6	30.7	*	1/5/19	CORNELL COLLEGE	W	93-82
Rebounding margin	+5.0	-	*	1/8/19	BELOIT COLLEGE	W	82-59
ASSISTS	297	283	*	1/12/19	at Knox College	W	78-55
Assists per game	13.5	12.9	*	1/16/19	LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	W	63-62
TURNOVERS	233	292	*	1/19/19	at Ripon College	W	75-57
Turnovers per game	10.6	13.3	*	1/25/19	at Grinnell College	L	96-102
Turnover margin	+2.7	-	*	1/26/19	at Cornell College	W	87-75
Assist/turnover ratio	1.3	1.0	*	1/31/19	at Lawrence Univ.	W	78-68
STEALS	120	111	*	2/2/19	ILLINOIS COLLEGE	W	104-94
Steals per game	5.5	5.0	*	2/5/19	at Beloit College	W	74-64
BLOCKS	47	40			ŭ		
Blocks per game	2.1	1.8	#	- Carroll Tip-	Off Classic (Waukesha, Wis.)		
ATTENDANCE	5342	4362			t Nicolet National Bank Holiday To	urnament (De	e Pere, Wis.
Home games-Avg/Game	9-594	11-359			onference game	•	
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	2-206			•		

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
St. Norbert College	757	897	1654
Opponents	658	824	1482

Pere, Wis.)