



# St. Norbert College

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### St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview CARROLL PIONEER TIP-OFF CLASSIC

**St. Norbert College (0-1) vs. Central College (0-1) - Fri., 11/16 - 5 p.m.**  
**St. Norbert vs. No. 1 Nebraska Wesleyan Univ. (2-0) - Sat., 11/17 - 2 p.m.**  
**Van Male Fieldhouse (2,000) - Waukesha, Wisconsin**

#### Weekend Overview:

St. Norbert heads to Carroll to face Central and Nebraska Wesleyan in the Carroll Tip-Off Classic. Nebraska Wesleyan is the defending NCAA Division III national champion. The tournament is a "classic" format with St. Norbert and Carroll both playing Central and Nebraska Wesleyan.

#### Broadcast:

The games will have live stats available at: <https://gopios.com/sidearm-stats/mbball/summary>

Live video for the games will be available at: <https://portal.stretchinternet.com/carroll/>

#### The Series:

St. Norbert has never faced Central or Nebraska Wesleyan in men's basketball.

#### The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 232-74 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 283-105.

Central coach Craig Douma (Northwestern-Iowa, 1994) is 93-72 in his seventh season in Pella.

Nebraska Wesleyan coach Dale Wellman (Sewanee, 1999) is 85-31 in his fifth season in Lincoln. Including six seasons at Alfred, Wellman is 152-117 in 11 seasons overall.

#### About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the tournament 0-1 overall. The Green Knights opened the new season with a 78-68 loss at Northwestern-Minn., this last Saturday.

Junior forward Joe Lemon posted 16 points and 12 rebounds in 26 minutes of action. Junior center Connor Curtis added 14 points. Sophomore guard Wade Geenen had nine points and seven rebounds, while junior guard Joe Ciriacks added eight points.

St. Norbert is averaging 68.0 points per game while shooting 36.9 percent from the floor, 25.0 percent on 3-pointers and 93.3 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 78.0 points per game while

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#### 2018-2019 Results

Date	Opponent	Result
N 10	at Northwestern-Minn.	L 78-68
N 16	vs. Central #	5 p.m.
N 17	vs. Neb. Wesleyan (1) #	2 p.m.
N 30	<b>Monmouth *</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
D 1	<b>Knox *</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
D 5	at Lake Forest *	7:30 p.m.
D 8	<b>Ripon *</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
D 15	at UW-Eau Claire	5 p.m.
D 18	at UW-Oshkosh	7 p.m.
D 28	<b>Alma %</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
D 29	<b>TBA %</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
J 2	at Illinois College *	7:30 p.m.
J 5	<b>Cornell *</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
J 8	<b>Beloit *</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
J 12	at Knox *	3 p.m.
J 16	<b>Lake Forest *</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
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	<b>Illinois College *</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
F 5	at Beloit *	7:30 p.m.
F 9	<b>Grinnell *</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
F 13	<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.

shooting 50.0 percent from the floor, 33.3 percent on 3-pointers and 65.2 percent at the free-throw line.

**About the Dutch:**

Central enters the tournament 0-1 overall. The Dutch opened the season with a 103-77 loss to UW-River Falls this past Saturday at home.

Junior forward Seth Wood led the Dutch with 15 points and six rebounds, while junior guard Jaden Moody registered 10 points. Sophomore guard Adam Flinn added nine points, while three others each posted eight points.

Central is averaging 77.0 points per game while shooting 36.9 percent from the floor, 29.0 percent on 3-pointers and 80.0 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are averaging 103.0 points per game while shooting 53.6 percent from the floor, 55.6 percent on 3-pointers and 93.3 percent at the free-throw line.

**About the Prairie Wolves:**

Nebraska Wesleyan has picked up where it left off in March 2018 when it claimed the NCAA Division III national championship with a 30-3 mark. The Prairie Wolves are 2-0 overall in the new campaign and are ranked No. 1 by D3hoops.com. Nebraska Wesleyan topped Bethany Lutheran 104-85 on Monday after a 143-90 win at Grinnell on Nov. 8.

Senior forward Ryan Garver is averaging 22.0 points per game, while junior guard Nate Schimonitz is posting 21.0 points per game. Junior guard Nate Bahe is averaging 16.0 points per game, junior guard Jack Hiller is netting 15.0 points per game and junior forward Dylan Dirks is scoring an average of 14.0 points per game.

Nebraska Wesleyan is averaging 123.5 points per game while shooting 64.8 percent from the floor, 50.0 percent on 3-pointers and 60.0 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are averaging 87.5 points per game while shooting 38.0 percent from the floor, 33.7 percent on 3-pointers and 57.6 percent at the free-throw line.

**Against No. 1:**

St. Norbert is 1-0 all-time against teams ranked No. 1 in the D3hoops.com Top 25.

The Green Knights defeated UW-Platteville 70-68 on Dec. 30, 2008 in a memorable championship game of the Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament at Schuldes Sports Center in De Pere.

The win marked the first-ever win for St. Norbert over a No. 1-ranked opponent in any sport.

**Crystal Ball:**

St. Norbert was picked to win its sixth Midwest Conference title in seven years and its eighth in 10 seasons in the annual pre-season guess by the league's coaches.

The Green Knights were given the nod despite getting just two first-place votes, but had 72 points. Lake Forest (four first-place votes) and Ripon (one first-place vote) tied for second with 69 points. Defending champion Monmouth had three first-place votes and was slotted fourth with 65 points.

Grinnell was fifth (50 points), Lawrence sixth (40), Illinois College seventh (27), Knox eighth (21), Cornell ninth (20) and Beloit tenth (17).

**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 221-54. 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	0-1	0-0		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>232-74</b>	<b>169-39</b>		
<b>Career</b>	<b>283-105</b>			

**Grzesk vs. MWC at St. Norbert**

Team	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
Beloit	20-4	11-1	9-3	0-0
Carroll	18-7	12-2	6-4	0-1
Cornell	11-1	6-0	5-1	0-0
Grinnell	17-8	12-1	4-7	1-0
Illinois Coll.	20-0	10-0	10-0	0-0
Knox	20-2	10-1	10-1	0-0
Lake Forest	20-4	10-3	10-1	0-0
Lawrence	18-7	9-3	9-4	0-0
Monmouth	17-3	9-1	8-2	0-0
Ripon	21-8	14-2	7-5	0-1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>181-44</b>	<b>103-14</b>	<b>77-28</b>	<b>1-2</b>

**MWC Glance**

Team	MWC	Overall
Beloit	0-0	0-2
Cornell	0-0	0-1
Grinnell	0-0	1-1
Illinois College	0-0	0-2
Knox	0-0	1-1
Lake Forest	0-0	2-0
Lawrence	0-0	1-1
Monmouth	0-0	1-0
Ripon	0-0	0-1
St. Norbert	0-0	0-1

## 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:** .....232-74 (13th year)  
**Record Overall:** .....283-105 (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:** .....1,085-872  
**All-Time MWC Record:** .....354-187  
**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)

## D3hoops.com Division III

### Top 25 Poll #1 - Oct. 11, 2018

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record
1	Nebraska Wesleyan (24)	624	30-3
2	UW-Oshkosh	567	25-8
3	Augustana (1)	539	25-6
4	Whitman	529	29-2
5	MIT	463	25-6
6	Whitworth	462	24-4
7	Springfield	431	22-9
8	Williams	417	23-6
9	Hamilton	400	24-5
10	UW-Platteville	367	24-5
11	Wittenberg	366	27-3
12	UW-Stevens Point	356	21-9
13	Swarthmore	329	25-6
14	Plattsburgh State	213	24-5
15	Johns Hopkins	206	24-5
16	New Jersey City	179	19-8
17	Middlebury	166	21-7
18	Emory	147	23-5
19	Illinois Wesleyan	142	19-8
20	John Carroll	129	25-6
21	Wooster	107	22-7
22	Maryville-Tenn.	95	22-7
23	St. Olaf	92	20-8
24	UW-Whitewater	81	16-10
25	St. John's	77	23-4

**Others receiving votes:** Hope 76, Rochester 67, Nazareth 60, Marietta 47, Roanoke 42, Amherst 36, LeTourney 35, Ramapo 33, Penn State-Behrend 26, Nichols 25, St. Thomas 23, Washington-Mo. 20, Aurora 19, North Central-Ill. 19, Loras 17, Cabrini 14, Franklin & Marshall 14, Pomona-Pitzer 11, Wesleyan 10, Montclair State 9, Eastern Connecticut St. 8, Christopher Newport 6, Hanover 5, Bethel 5, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 3, Emory & Henry 3, Keene State 2, Ohio Northern 2, Salem State 2, Yeshiva 1.

## St. Norbert Men's Basketball Career Highs

### #1 - Riley Haas

Points: 13 (11/18/17 vs. Benedictine)  
 Rebounds: 8 (2/13/18 vs. Lake Forest)  
 Assists: 4 (2 times, last 2/10/18 vs. Grinnell)

### #2 - Ethan Riniker

Points: 5 (11/10/18 vs. Northwestern)  
 Rebounds: 1 (1/24/18 vs. Lawrence)  
 Assists: n/a

### #4 - Jared Davis

Points: n/a  
 Rebounds: n/a  
 Assists: n/a

### #5 - Joe Ciriacks

Points: 14 (12/2/17 vs. Illinois College)  
 Rebounds: 5 (2/13/18 vs. Lake Forest)  
 Assists: 4 (12/2/17 vs. Illinois College)

### #13 - Jayland Peterson

Points: 2 (11/10/18 vs. Northwestern)  
 Rebounds: 2 (11/10/18 vs. Northwestern)  
 Assists: n/a

### #15 - Matt Lynch

Points: 3 (2/10/18 vs. Grinnell)  
 Rebounds: 1 (1/3/18 vs. Beloit)  
 Assists: n/a

### #20 - Nolan Beirne

Points: 7 (11/10/18 vs. Northwestern)  
 Rebounds: 4 (11/10/18 vs. Northwestern)  
 Assists: 1 (1/20/18 vs. Knox)

### #21 - Jacob Bolwerk

Points: 3 (11/10/18 vs. Northwestern)  
 Rebounds: 1 (11/10/18 vs. Northwestern)  
 Assists: 1 (11/10/18 vs. Northwestern)

### #22 - Wade Geenen

Points: 22 (2/13/18 vs. Lake Forest)  
 Rebounds: 7 (11/10/18 vs. Northwestern)  
 Assists: 5 (1/20/18 vs. Knox)

### #23 - Drew Yetka

Points: 18 (2/10/18 vs. Grinnell)  
 Rebounds: 4 (2 times, last 2/10/18 vs. Grinnell)  
 Assists: 2 (2 times, last 2/10/18 vs. Grinnell)

### #25 - Jordan Newman

Points: 3 (1/13/17 vs. Illinois College)  
 Rebounds: 2 (12/2/16 vs. Knox)  
 Assists: 2 (12/2/17 vs. Illinois College)

### #35 - Jared Murphy

Points: 10 (1/20/18 vs. Knox)  
 Rebounds: 3 (2 times, last 1/20/18 vs. Knox)  
 Assists: 1 (2 times, last 1/24/18 vs. Lawrence)

### #41 - Connor Curtis

Points: 22 (1/13/18 vs. Monmouth)  
 Rebounds: 9 (2 times, last 1/17/17 vs. Ripon)  
 Assists: 2 (8 times, last 2/13/18 vs. Lake Forest)

### #52 - Joe Lemon

Points: 17 (12/19/17 vs. North Central)  
 Rebounds: 15 (12/29/17 vs. Blackburn)  
 Assists: 5 (1/24/18 vs. Lawrence)



**St. Norbert College Men's Basketball**  
 St. Norbert College Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 10, 2018)  
**All games**



<b>RECORD:</b>	<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>
ALL GAMES	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0

##	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-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg								
52	Joe Lemon	1-1	26	26.0	7-15	.467	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	5	7	12	12.0	4	0	2	1	1	0	16	16.0
41	Connor Curtis	1-1	29	29.0	5-13	.385	0-2	.000	4-4	1.000	0	3	3	3.0	3	0	1	2	0	0	14	14.0
22	Wade Geenen	1-1	35	35.0	3-9	.333	2-6	.333	1-2	.500	1	6	7	7.0	1	0	1	0	0	1	9	9.0
05	Joe Ciriacks	1-1	31	31.0	3-10	.300	2-6	.333	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	5	1	1	2	0	0	8	8.0
20	Nolan Beirne	1-0	8	8.0	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	3-3	1.000	2	2	4	4.0	1	0	0	2	0	0	7	7.0
02	Ethan Riniker	1-0	19	19.0	1-6	.167	1-5	.200	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	2	0	1	5	5.0
23	Drew Yetka	1-0	13	13.0	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1	1	2	2.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	4.0
21	Jacob Bolwerk	1-0	10	10.0	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	3.0
13	Jayland Peterson	1-0	9	9.0	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.0
01	Riley Haas	1-1	20	20.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											0	0	0									
Total.....		1	200		24-65	.369	6-24	.250	14-15	.933	9	25	34	34.0	18	1	7	10	1	2	68	68.0
Opponents.....		1	200		28-56	.500	7-21	.333	15-23	.652	8	27	35	35.0	11	0	21	12	3	4	78	78.0

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>SNC</b>	<b>OPP</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Att.</b>
SCORING	68	78	11/10/18	at Northwestern	L 68-78	360
Points per game	68.0	78.0	* - Conference game			
Scoring margin	-10.0	-				
FIELD GOALS-ATT	24-65	28-56				
Field goal pct	.369	.500				
3 POINT FG-ATT	6-24	7-21				
3-point FG pct	.250	.333				
3-pt FG made per game	6.0	7.0				
FREE THROWS-ATT	14-15	15-23				
Free throw pct	.933	.652				
F-Throws made per game	14.0	15.0				
REBOUNDS	34	35				
Rebounds per game	34.0	35.0				
Rebounding margin	-1.0	-				
ASSISTS	7	21				
Assists per game	7.0	21.0				
TURNOVERS	10	12				
Turnovers per game	10.0	12.0				
Turnover margin	+2.0	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	0.7	1.8				
STEALS	2	4				
Steals per game	2.0	4.0				
BLOCKS	1	3				
Blocks per game	1.0	3.0				
ATTENDANCE	0	360				
Home games-Avg/Game	0-0	1-360				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

<b>Score by Periods</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Totals</b>
St. Norbert College	31	37	68
Opponents	28	50	78