

# St. Norbert College **Athletics Communications**

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# St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview St. Norbert College (18-6) vs. Monmouth College (12-12) Saturday, February 16, 2019 - 3 p.m. Glennie Gym (1,600) - Monmouth, Illinois

## Game Overview:

St. Norbert enters its regular-season finale looking to keep momentum going into the post-season. The Green Knights, who have won 12 of their last 13 games, have clinched their eighth Midwest Conference championship in the last 10 years.

#### **Broadcast:**

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

# The Series:

St. Norbert leads Monmouth 31-13 in an all-time series dating back to the 1983-84 season. The Green Knights are 13-9 all-time at Monmouth in the series.

#### Last Meeting:

St. Norbert defeated Monmouth 67-50 on Nov. 30, 2018 at Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center in De Pere. The Green Knights led 25-21 at halftime before pulling away in the second half. Joe Lemon led St. Norbert with 20 points, while Ethan Riniker added 12 points and Joe Ciriacks 11 points. Will Carius and D.J. Swift had 16 points apiece for Monmouth.

#### The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 250-79 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 301-110.

Monmouth coach Todd Skrivseth (Coe, 1996) is 87-104 in his eighth season in Monmouth.

#### About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the game 18-6 overall and 16-1 in the Midwest Conference. The Green Knights won their eighth outright Midwest Conference championship in the last 10 seasons with a 90-62 drubbing of Lawrence on Wednesday in De Pere.

Junior guard Joe Ciriacks leads the Green Knights offensively at 14.6 points per game. Junior forward Connor Curtis, who has missed the last

# 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 *	W 104-94
F 5	at Beloit *	W 74-64
F 9	Grinnell *	W 116-97
F 13	Lawrence *	W 90-62
F 16	at Monmouth *	3 p.m.
F 22	vs. TBA \$	7 p.m.
* - Mid	west Conference game: # -	Pioneer Tip

\* - Midwest Conference game; # - Pioneer Tip-Off Classic - Waukesha, Wis.; % - Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament - De Pere, Wis.; \$ - Midwest Conference Tournament - De Pere, Wis.; Note: Home games in bold and played at Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center; (rankings) by D3hoops.com.

five games due to injury, is averaging 14.5 points and 7.4 rebounds per game. Sophomore guard Jared Murphy is totaling 9.9 points per game, while sophomore guard Wade Geenen is averaging 9.0 points per game. Junior forward Joe Lemon is totaling 8.7 points and 7.0 rebounds per game.

St. Norbert is averaging 77.5 points per game while shooting 46.9 percent from the floor, 37.5 percent on 3-pointers and 73.4 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 68.4 points per game while shooting 44.6 percent from the floor, 34.2 percent on 3-pointers and 74.3 percent at the free-throw line.

#### About the Scots:

Monmouth enters the game 12-12 overall and 10-7 in the Midwest Conference. The Scots, who need to defeat St. Norbert to reach the MWC Tournament, are coming off a 69-67 win over Cornell at home on Wednesday.

Junior forward Will Carius is enjoying a banner season, totaling averages of 25.4 points and 11.4 rebounds per game. Sophomore guard D.J. Swift is averaging 15.4 points per game, while junior guard Justin Batterton is averaging 9.9 points per game. Junior guard Tyler Houston is averaging 6.9 points per game.

Monmouth is averaging 74.9 points per game while shooting 45.8 percent from the floor, 32.2 percent on 3-pointers and 75.0 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 74.5 points per game while shooting 45.0 percent from the floor, 36.6 percent on 3-pointers and 73.8 percent at the free-throw line.

#### Runnin' Norbs:

St. Norbert has enjoyed solid offensive performance of late, scoring at least 74 points in 12 of its last 13 games. The Green Knights have also gone over the 80-point mark seven times in that stretch.

The Green Knights are averaging 77.5 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.

St. Norbert has scored at least 87 points in five of its last seven games, which includes four games of at least 90 points.

The Green Knights are third in the MWC in scoring offense, trailing Grinnell (118.1 ppg) and Lake Forest (83.1 ppg).

#### **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 110-9 in its last 119 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 95-7 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 239-59. 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	1								
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. 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	18-6	16-1	1st						
Totals	250-79	185-40							
Career	301-110								
Grzesk vs. MWC at St. Norbert									

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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	18-9	13-1	4-8	1-0
Illinois Coll	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	20-7	10-3	10-4	0-0
Monmouth	18-3	10-1	8-2	0-0
Ripon	23-8	15-2	8-5	0-1
Totals	197-45	112-14	84-29	1-2

MWC Glance									
Team	MWC	Overall							
St. Norbert	16-1	18-6							
Grinnell	14-3	18-5							
Lake Forest	12-5	16-8							
Monmouth	10-7	12-12							
Ripon	10-7	14-10							
Lawrence	8-9	11-13							
Illinois College	6-11	8-16							
Beloit	5-12	7-17							
Cornell	4-13	6-18							
Knox	0-17	1-23							

# St. Norbert Quick Facts

Nickname:Green Knights
<b>Location:</b>
Colors:Dartmouth Green & Old Gold
Founded:
Enrollment:
President:Brian Bruess
Athletics Director:
Conference:
Facility:Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center
<b>Capacity:</b>
Year Opened:
Head Coach:Gary Grzesk
<b>Record at St. Norbert:</b>
<b>Record Overall:</b>
Assistant Coaches:
Brian Roehrig, Corey Ciesielczyk
Justin Zwiefelhofer, Steve Kestly
First Season of Men's Basketball:
Seasons of Men's Basketball:
All-Time Overall Record:
All-Time MWC Record:
MWC Championships:
(1984, 2002, '10, '11, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '19)
NCAA Tournament Appearances:Nine
NAIA Tournament Appearances:Three

# D3hoops.com Division III Top 25 Poll #11 - Feb. 11, 2019

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record						
1	Nebraska Wesleyan (20)	618	22-1						
2	Whitman (4)	594	22-1						
3	UW-Oshkosh (1)	582	22-1						
4	Augustana	555	22-2						
5	Randolph-Macon	510	22-2						
6	St. Thomas	476	21-2						
7	Swarthmore	419	20-3						
8	MIT	402	20-3						
9	Pomona-Pitzer	401	21-1						
10	Hamilton	387	20-3						
11	Amherst	335	20-3						
12	Whitworth	330	19-4						
13	Christopher Newport	329	20-3						
14	Wooster	326	19-4						
15	St. John's	300	19-4						
16	Capital	209	19-4						
17	Nichols	193	21-2						
18	Williams	168	19-5						
19	Marietta	148	18-5						
20	Loras	147	18-5						
21	Plattsburgh State	144	19-4						
22	Rochester	89	18-4						
23	North Central-Ill.	79	18-5						
24	Wabash	77	19-4						
25	Middlebury	51	18-6						
	s receiving votes: Centre								
	tevens Point 28, Emory 2								
Occidental 21, Gordon 21, New Jersey City 19,									
	Mount Union 12, Wheaton-Ill. 9, Oswego State 6,								
La Ro	oche 5, Augsburg 3, Illi	nois	Wesleyan 3,						

Scranton 2, Guilford 1, Lynchburg 1.

# St. Norbert Men's Basketball Career Highs

#### #0 - Logan Krekling

Points: 17 (2/9/19 vs. Grinnell) Rebounds: 10 (2/9/19 vs. Grinnell) 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: 3 (2/13/19 vs. Lawrence) Rebounds: 1 (2/13/19 vs. Lawrence) Assists: 1 (1/12/19 vs. Knox)

# #11 - Jared Murphy

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. Illinois College)
#12 - Michael Payant
Points: 5 (1/8/19 vs. Beloit)
Rebounds: 1 (3 times, last 2/9/19 vs. Grinnell)

Assists: 1 (3 times, last 2/13/19 vs. Lawrence)

# #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: 10 (2/9/19 vs. Grinnell) Rebounds: 5 (2/5/19 vs. Beloit) Assists: 4 (2/9/19 vs. Grinnell)

#### #20 - Nolan Beirne

Points: 21 (2 times, last 2/9/19 vs. Grinnell) Rebounds: 10 (2/2/19 vs. Illinois College) Assists: 6 (2/13/19 vs. Lawrence)

# #21 - Jacob Bolwerk

Points: 17 (2/9/19 vs. Grinnell) Rebounds: 5 (2/9/19 vs. Grinnell) Assists: 2 (2/9/19 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: 1 (2/13/19 vs. Lawrence)

# #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 13, 2019) All games



Overall record: 18-6 Conf: 16-1 Home: 10-1 Away: 7-4 Neutral: 1-1

					Total		3-Poir	nt	F-Thro	w		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
05	Joe Ciriacks	24-24	681	28.4	124-273	.454	75-175	.429	28-39	.718	9	40	49	2.0	62	1	32	28	2	7	351	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
22	Wade Geenen	24-24	713	29.7	74-191	.387	42-103	.408	26-36	.722	9	45	54	2.3	42	1	61	31	1	15	216	9.0
52	Joe Lemon	24-24	593	24.7	84-161	.522	9-29	.310	32-48	.667	52	116	168	7.0	57	1	45	33	21	14	209	8.7
11	Jared Murphy	21-11	433	20.6	82-191	.429	20-65	.308	24-31	.774	13	46	59	2.8	21	0	33	33	2	12	208	9.9
20	Nolan Beirne	24-5	445	18.5	64-111	.577	0-2	.000	47-58	.810	50	57	107	4.5	45	1	25	24	0	14	175	7.3
23	Drew Yetka	24-0	353	14.7	55-103	.534	29-54	.537	23-28	.821	20	53	73	3.0	28	0	21	16	2	9	162	6.8
00	Logan Krekling	21-6	358	17.0	20-49	.408	5-14	.357	20-30	.667	10	46	56	2.7	23	0	33	16	4	11	65	3.1
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
15	Matt Lynch	18-0	181	10.1	14-29	.483	0-2	.000	16-22	.727	3	12	15	0.8	26	0	30	17	0	14	44	2.4
21	Jacob Bolwerk	8-0	42	5.3	9-14	.643	1-6	.167	7-8	.875	1	7	8	1.0	4	0	5	2	0	0	26	3.3
04	Jared Davis	12-0	55	4.6	10-23	.435	1-7	.143	4-5	.800	3	5	8	0.7	6	0	2	5	0	1	25	2.1
03	Jack Pettit	11-0	53	4.8	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	3-3	1.000	0	4	4	0.4	5	0	5	4	0	3	11	1.0
32	Patrick Danen	8-0	25	3.1	3-7	.429	0-2	.000	3-3	1.000	1	2	3	0.4	4	0	1	1	1	1	9	1.1
12	Michael Payant	8-0	25	3.1	3-7	.429	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0	3	3	0.4	1	0	3	1	2	3	8	1.0
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	7-0	19	2.7	1-7	.143	1-7	.143	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.1	3	0	1	0	0	0	3	0.4
	Team										46	47	93					9				
	Total	24	4800		686-1464	.469	212-566	.375	276-376	.734	272	602	874	36.4	389	4	339	260	55	133	1860	77.5
	Opponents	24	4800		580-1300	.446	204-597	.342	277-373	.743	173	553	726	30.3	401	3	302	322	45	126	1641	68.4

## x-Inactive player

Opponents

737 904

1641

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP		Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
SCORING	1860	1641	_	11/10/18	at Northwestern	L	68-78	360
Points per game	77.5	68.4	#	11/16/18	vs Central College	W	76-68	213
Scoring margin	+9.1	-	#	11/17/18	vs Nebraska Wesleyan	L	67-77	198
FIELD GOALS-ATT	686-1464	580-1300	*	11/30/18	MONMOUTH COLLEGE	W	67-50	508
Field goal pct	.469	.446	*	12/1/18	KNOX COLLEGE	W	84-42	516
3 POINT FG-ATT	212-566	204-597	*	12/5/18	at Lake Forest College	W	57-47	246
3-point FG pct	.375	.342	*	12/8/18	RIPON COLLEGE	W	66-58	723
3-pt FG made per game	8.8	8.5		12/15/18	at UW-Eau Claire	L	66-72	504
FREE THROWS-ATT	276-376	277-373		12/18/18	at UW-Oshkosh	L	68-79	272
Free throw pct	.734	.743	%	12/28/18	ALMA COLLEGE	W	61-47	794
F-Throws made per game	11.5	11.5	%		UW-RIVER FALLS	L	48-80	626
REBOUNDS	874	726	*	1/2/19	at Illinois College	W	96-66	150
Rebounds per game	36.4	30.3	*	1/5/19	CORNELL COLLEGE	W	93-82	612
Rebounding margin	+6.2	-	*	1/8/19	BELOIT COLLEGE	W	82-59	411
ASSISTS	339	302	*	1/12/19	at Knox College	W	78-55	100
Assists per game	14.1	12.6	*	1/16/19	LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	W	63-62	579
TURNOVERS	260	322	*	1/19/19	at Ripon College	W	75-57	369
Turnovers per game	10.8	13.4	*	1/25/19	at Grinnell College	L	96-102	927
Turnover margin	+2.6	-	*	1/26/19	at Cornell College	W	87-75	270
Assist/turnover ratio	1.3	0.9	*	1/31/19	at Lawrence Univ.	W	78-68	556
STEALS	133	126	*	2/2/19	ILLINOIS COLLEGE	W	104-94	573
Steals per game	5.5	5.3	*	2/5/19	at Beloit College	W	74-64	197
BLOCKS	55	45	*	2/9/19	GRINNELL CŎLLEGE	W	116-97	1339
Blocks per game	2.3	1.9	*	2/13/19	LAWRENCE UNIV.	W	90-62	611
ATTENDANCE	7292	4362						
Home games-Avg/Game	11-663	11-359	#	- Carroll Tip-	Off Classic (Waukesha, Wis.)			
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	2-206			t Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tour	nament (D	e Pere, Wis.)	
č					inference game		,	
Score by Periods 1st	2nd Totals							
St. Norbert College 855	1005 1860							
Opponents 727	004 1641							