



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview

St. Norbert College (6-5) at Illinois College (3-9)

Wednesday, January 2, 2019 - 7:30 p.m.

Sherman Gymnasium (1,600) - Jacksonville, Illinois

Game Overview:

St. Norbert jumps back into Midwest Conference action when it makes the 423-mile one-way trip to Jacksonville, Ill., to face Illinois College. The Green Knights are one of two unbeaten teams in the MWC men's basketball race along with Grinnell.

Broadcast:

The game will be broadcast with video streaming at: <https://portal.stretchinternet.com/snc/>
Live statistics will be available at the same link.

The Series:

St. Norbert leads Illinois College 37-7 in an all-time series dating back to the 1985-86 season. The Green Knights have won the last 21 games against the Blueboys and are 15-6 all-time at Illinois College in the series.

Last Meeting:

St. Norbert defeated Illinois College 73-63 on Jan. 12, 2018 at Sherman Gymnasium in Jacksonville, Ill. The Green Knights led 35-28 at halftime and held off the Blueboys in the second half. D.J. DeValk led St. Norbert with 21 points, while Connor Curtis added 19 points and Mitchell Reinthaler chipped in 13 points and 10 rebounds. Brady Hays led Illinois College with 14 points, while Sean McDonald added 11 points.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 237-77 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 288-108.

Illinois College coach Steve Schweer (Illinois Wesleyan, 2006) is 3-9 in his first season in Jacksonville.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the game 6-5 overall and 4-0 in the Midwest Conference. The Green Knights are coming off a runner-up finish in their own Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament this past weekend, defeating Alma 61-47 before suffering an 80-48 loss to UW-River Falls in

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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 *	7:30 p.m.
J 5	Cornell *	5 p.m.
J 8	Beloit *	7:30 p.m.
J 12	at Knox *	3 p.m.
J 16	Lake Forest *	7:30 p.m.
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	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.

the championship game.

Sophomore guard Jared Murphy has taken the team scoring lead with an averaging of 13.4 points per game. Junior forward Connor Curtis is averaging 12.9 points per game with a team-high 7.4 rebounds per game. Junior guard Joe Ciriacks is averaging 11.5 points per game, while junior forward Joe Lemon is averaging 9.0 points and 6.9 rebounds per game.

St. Norbert is averaging 66.2 points per game while shooting 41.2 percent from the floor, 34.1 percent on 3-pointers and 78.0 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 63.5 points per game while shooting 44.5 percent from the floor, 31.3 percent on 3-pointers and 72.4 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Blueboys:

Illinois College enters the game 3-9 overall and is 1-4 in the Midwest Conference. The Blueboys have been idle since Dec. 22 when they lost a 67-63 decision at North Central.

Junior guard Riley Mehrens leads the Blueboys in scoring at 12.0 points per game. Senior guard Mason Speer is averaging 11.7 points and 8.1 assists per game. Senior guard Tim Parks is averaging 11.3 points per game, while freshman center Trae Robinson is registering 10.0 points and 5.0 rebounds per game.

Illinois College is averaging 74.3 points per game while shooting 46.4 percent from the floor, 39.6 percent on 3-pointers and 68.6 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 82.7 points per game while shooting 45.9 percent from the floor, 37.1 percent on 3-pointers and 71.9 percent at the free-throw line.

Nifty Fifty:

St. Norbert has held four opponents this season to 50 points or less. The Green Knights most

recent game holding a foe to under the 50-point mark was a 61-47 win over Alma on Dec. 28.

The Green Knights have also held Monmouth (67-50, Nov. 30), Knox (84-42, Dec. 1) and Lake Forest (57-47, Dec. 5) to 50 points or less this season.

In Gary Grzesk's 316-game tenure at St. Norbert, the Green Knights have held their opponent to 50 points or less 53 times, going 53-0 in those games.

The Green Knights are currently leading the Midwest Conference in scoring defense, allowing just 63.5 points per game.

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 227-58. 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.

Jump Shots:

* - St. Norbert sophomore guard Jared Murphy posted a career-high 19 points in Friday's 61-47 win over Alma. Murphy has reached double digits in scoring in five of his last six games.

* - St. Norbert sophomore guard Ethan Riniker registered 12 points in Saturday's game against UW-River Falls, matching a career-high total. He also had 12 points in a 67-50 victory over Monmouth on Nov. 30.

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	6-5	4-0		
Totals	238-78	173-39		
Career	289-109			

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	21-2	11-1	10-1	0-0
Lake Forest	21-4	10-3	11-1	0-0
Lawrence	18-7	9-3	9-4	0-0
Monmouth	18-3	10-1	8-2	0-0
Ripon	22-8	15-2	7-5	0-1
Totals	185-44	106-14	78-28	1-2

MWC Glance

Team	MWC	Overall
Grinnell	5-0	9-2
St. Norbert	4-0	6-5
Lawrence	4-1	7-5
Beloit	3-1	5-6
Lake Forest	2-2	6-5
Ripon	2-2	6-5
Monmouth	1-3	3-8
Illinois College	1-4	3-9
Cornell	0-4	2-9
Knox	0-5	1-11

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:238-78 (13th year)
Record Overall:289-109 (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:1,091-876
All-Time MWC Record:358-187
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)

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Top 25 Poll #5 - Dec. 17, 2018

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record
1	Nebraska Wesleyan (25)	625	10-0
2	Williams	572	9-0
3	Augustana	563	8-1
4	Whitman	533	6-1
5	Hamilton	531	9-0
6	UW-Oshkosh	507	8-1
7	MIT	440	10-1
8	Marietta	435	9-0
9	Whitworth	425	7-1
10	UW-Whitewater	401	8-0
11	Wittenberg	384	8-1
12	UW-Stevens Point	293	6-2
13	Plattsburgh State	285	8-1
14	Wooster	242	7-1
15	Randolph-Macon	202	10-1
16	Nichols	199	9-0
17	Rochester	197	9-1
18	Christopher Newport	196	8-1
19	St. John's	186	7-1
20	Loras	180	8-1
21	Wabash	145	7-0
22	Salisbury	107	9-0
23	Swarthmore	80	7-2
24	Middlebury	53	6-2
25	Scranton	51	7-0

Others receiving votes: Illinois Wesleyan 43, St. Thomas 40, Pomona-Pitzer 31, WPI 29, Oswego State 28, Lynchburg 22, Amherst 18, North Central-Ill. 15, Johns Hopkins 14, Wheaton-Ill. 11, Montclair State 11, Mount Union 11, Wartburg 9, New Jersey City 9, Centre 2.

St. Norbert Men's Basketball Career Highs

#0 - Logan Krekling

Points: 5 (11/30/18 vs. Monmouth)
 Rebounds: 4 (12/1/18 vs. Knox)
 Assists: 1 (3 times, last 12/18/18 vs. UW-Oshkosh)

#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: 7 (12/1/18 vs. Knox)
 Rebounds: 7 (12/1/18 vs. Knox)
 Assists: n/a

#5 - Joe Ciriacks

Points: 20 (12/18/18 vs. UW-Oshkosh)
 Rebounds: 5 (2/13/18 vs. Lake Forest)
 Assists: 4 (12/2/17 vs. Illinois College)

#10 - Nick LeCaptain

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

#11 - Jared Murphy

Points: 19 (12/28/18 vs. Alma)
 Rebounds: 6 (12/29/18 vs. UW-River Falls)
 Assists: 3 (11/17/18 vs. Nebraska Wesleyan)

#12 - Michael Payant

Points: 3 (11/17/18 vs. Nebraska Wesleyan)
 Rebounds: n/a
 Assists: n/a

#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: 3 (2/10/18 vs. Grinnell)
 Rebounds: 1 (3 times, last 12/29/18 vs. UW-River Falls)
 Assists: 1 (12/18/18 vs. UW-Oshkosh)

#20 - Nolan Beirne

Points: 11 (12/1/18 vs. Knox)
 Rebounds: 7 (12/1/18 vs. Knox)
 Assists: 1 (6 times, last 12/29/18 vs. UW-River Falls)

#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: 7 (11/16/18 vs. Central)

#23 - Drew Yetka

Points: 18 (2/10/18 vs. Grinnell)
 Rebounds: 5 (2 times, last 12/15/18 vs. UW-Eau Claire)
 Assists: 2 (2 times, last 2/10/18 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: 3 (12/1/18 vs. Knox)
 Rebounds: 1 (12/1/18 vs. Knox)
 Assists: n/a

#41 - Connor Curtis

Points: 22 (2 times, last 11/16/18 vs. Central)
 Rebounds: 20 (11/17/18 vs. Nebraska Wesleyan)
 Assists: 3 (12/29/18 vs. Alma)

#52 - Joe Lemon

Points: 20 (11/30/18 vs. Monmouth)
 Rebounds: 15 (2 times, last 12/5/18 vs. Lake Forest)
 Assists: 5 (1/24/18 vs. Lawrence)



St. Norbert College Men's Basketball
 St. Norbert College Combined Team Statistics (as of Dec 29, 2018)
All games



Overall record: 6-5 Conf: 4-0 Home: 4-1 Away: 1-3 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								
41	Connor Curtis	11-11	300	27.3	52-119	.437	7-21	.333	31-37	.838	31	50	81	7.4	21	0	11	18	7	8	142	12.9
05	Joe Ciriacks	11-11	319	29.0	45-104	.433	32-73	.438	5-6	.833	5	21	26	2.4	29	1	13	13	1	0	127	11.5
11	Jared Murphy	8-2	171	21.4	42-81	.519	13-29	.448	10-12	.833	3	17	20	2.5	12	0	6	20	1	4	107	13.4
52	Joe Lemon	11-11	279	25.4	41-79	.519	4-14	.286	13-18	.722	27	49	76	6.9	24	0	15	19	6	6	99	9.0
22	Wade Geenen	11-11	336	30.5	24-87	.276	13-48	.271	15-20	.750	6	26	32	2.9	21	1	30	19	0	6	76	6.9
02	Ethan Riniker	9-4	169	18.8	21-61	.344	11-42	.262	2-5	.400	0	16	16	1.8	13	0	7	8	4	4	55	6.1
20	Nolan Beirne	11-0	164	14.9	16-36	.444	0-0	.000	13-14	.929	16	17	33	3.0	16	0	5	10	0	5	45	4.1
23	Drew Yetka	11-0	113	10.3	11-29	.379	5-12	.417	5-6	.833	7	15	22	2.0	9	0	4	3	0	1	32	2.9
04	Jared Davis	4-0	24	6.0	4-10	.400	0-2	.000	4-5	.800	3	5	8	2.0	2	0	0	2	0	1	12	3.0
00	Logan Krekling	8-2	103	12.9	2-9	.222	1-3	.333	0-3	.000	3	12	15	1.9	7	0	3	3	1	5	5	0.6
24	Jordan Newman	7-0	43	6.1	2-8	.250	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	2	4	6	0.9	3	0	2	3	0	1	4	0.6
03	Jack Pettit	6-0	33	5.5	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	3	3	0.5	1	0	3	3	0	1	4	0.7
15	Matt Lynch	5-0	32	6.4	1-5	.200	0-1	.000	2-3	.667	0	2	2	0.4	4	0	2	5	0	4	4	0.8
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
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
32	Patrick Danen	3-0	9	3.0	1-3	.333	0-2	.000	1-1	1.000	0	1	1	0.3	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.0
12	Michael Payant	2-0	6	3.0	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1.5
10	Nick LeCaptain	2-0	5	2.5	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											25	21	46				5					
Total.....		11	2200		268-651	.412	89-261	.341	103-132	.780	129	268	397	36.1	170	2	109	136	20	49	728	66.2
Opponents.....		11	2200		251-564	.445	78-249	.313	118-163	.724	73	262	335	30.5	155	0	136	140	23	70	698	63.5

x-Inactive player

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	728	698	11/10/18	at Northwestern	L 68-78	360
Points per game	66.2	63.5	# 11/16/18	vs Central College	w 76-68	213
Scoring margin	+2.7	-	# 11/17/18	vs Nebraska Wesleyan	L 67-77	198
FIELD GOALS-ATT	268-651	251-564	* 11/30/18	MONMOUTH COLLEGE	w 67-50	508
Field goal pct	.412	.445	* 12/1/18	KNOX COLLEGE	w 84-42	516
3 POINT FG-ATT	89-261	78-249	* 12/5/18	at Lake Forest College	w 57-47	246
3-point FG pct	.341	.313	* 12/8/18	RIPON COLLEGE	w 66-58	723
3-pt FG made per game	8.1	7.1	12/15/18	at UW-Eau Claire	L 66-72	504
FREE THROWS-ATT	103-132	118-163	12/18/18	at UW-Oshkosh	L 68-79	272
Free throw pct	.780	.724	% 12/28/18	ALMA COLLEGE	w 61-47	794
F-Throws made per game	9.4	10.7	% 12/29/18	UW-RIVER FALLS	L 48-80	626
REBOUNDS	397	335				
Rebounds per game	36.1	30.5				
Rebounding margin	+5.6	-				
ASSISTS	109	136				
Assists per game	9.9	12.4				
TURNOVERS	136	140				
Turnovers per game	12.4	12.7				
Turnover margin	+0.4	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	0.8	1.0				
STEALS	49	70				
Steals per game	4.5	6.4				
BLOCKS	20	23				
Blocks per game	1.8	2.1				
ATTENDANCE	3167	1793				
Home games-Avg/Game	5-633	4-346				
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	323	405	728
Opponents	320	378	698