



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview

St. Norbert College (7-5) vs. Cornell College (3-9)

Saturday, January 5, 2019 - 5 p.m.
 Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center (1,844) - De Pere, Wis.

Game Overview:

St. Norbert returns home for a Midwest Conference game against Cornell to open a stretch of three home games out of four overall contests. The Green Knights lead Grinnell by one game at the top of the Midwest Conference standings.

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-file/livestats/xlive.htm>

The Series:

St. Norbert leads Cornell 17-6 in an all-time series dating back to the 1973-74 season. The Green Knights have taken 11 of the 12 meetings against the Rams since they returned to the Midwest Conference.

Last Meeting:

St. Norbert defeated Cornell 66-49 on Jan. 27, 2018 at Small Multi-Sport Center in Mount Vernon, Iowa. The Green Knights raced to a 41-22 half-time lead and held on from there. D.J. DeValk led St. Norbert with 22 points, while Connor Curtis added eight points. Cornell, which shot 32.7 percent from the floor, was led by Jon Anderson's 11 points.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 239-78 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 290-108.

Cornell coach Dave Schlabaugh (Morningside, 1992) is 15-22 in his second season in Mount Vernon.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the game 7-5 overall and is unbeaten in the Midwest Conference at 5-0, with the Green Knights going 99-8 in their last 107 games against Midwest Conference opponents. The Green Knights dispatched Illinois College 96-66 on Wednesday in Jacksonville, Ill.

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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 *	W 96-66
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.

Junior guard Joe Ciriacks registered a career-high 23 points against Illinois College and is averaging 12.5 points per game this season. Junior forward Connor Curtis is averaging 12.4 points and a team-high 7.2 rebounds per game. Sophomore guard Jared Murphy is netting 12.3 points per game, while junior forward Joe Lemon is averaging 8.3 points and 6.6 rebounds per game.

St. Norbert is averaging 68.7 points per game while shooting 41.9 percent from the floor, 35.4 percent on 3-pointers and 78.6 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 63.7 points per game while shooting 44.5 percent from the floor, 32.0 percent on 3-pointers and 69.8 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Rams:

Cornell enters the game with a 3-9 overall record and is 1-4 in the Midwest Conference. The Rams are coming off an 84-75 home win over Knox this past Wednesday.

Sophomore forward Cooper Kabela is averaging 13.9 points per game to top the Rams in the scoring department. Junior guard Cam Sturtevant is netting 10.9 points per game, while freshman guard T.J. Connaker is totaling 9.4 points per game. Sophomore guard Michael Drew is averaging 7.4 points and a team-high 6.1 rebounds per game.

Cornell is averaging 76.5 points per game while shooting 45.4 percent from the floor, 36.9 percent on 3-pointers and 70.9 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 85.9 points per game while shooting 49.2 percent from the floor, 42.7 percent on 3-pointers and 70.3 percent at the free-throw line.

Career Nights:

A trio of St. Norbert players reached double-digit scoring nights in Wednesday's 96-66 win over Illinois College.

Junior guard Joe Ciriacks

poured in 23 points against the Blueboys, topping his old mark of 20 set earlier this season against UW-Oshkosh.

Drew Yetka finished with 19 points, eclipsing his previous standard of 18 set last season against Grinnell.

Jared Davis also came off the bench to score 11 points, topping his previous high of seven set earlier this season against Knox.

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 99-8 in its last 107 games against Midwest Conference opponents. This includes an enviable 8-2 mark in the Midwest Conference Tournament.

St. Norbert, which became the first Midwest Conference men's basketball team 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 89-7 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 228-58. 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.

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	7-5	5-0		
Totals	239-78	174-39		
Career	290-109			

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.	21-0	10-0	11-0	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	186-44	106-14	79-28	1-2

MWC Glance

Team	MWC	Overall
St. Norbert	5-0	7-5
Grinnell	5-1	9-3
Lawrence	4-2	7-6
Beloit	3-2	5-7
Ripon	3-2	7-5
Lake Forest	3-2	7-5
Monmouth	2-3	4-8
Cornell	1-4	3-9
Illinois College	1-5	3-10
Knox	0-6	1-12

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:239-78 (13th year)
Record Overall:290-109 (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:1,092-876
All-Time MWC Record:359-187
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: 11 (1/2/19 vs. Illinois College)
 Rebounds: 7 (12/1/18 vs. Knox)
 Assists: 1 (1/2/19 vs. Illinois College)

#5 - Joe Ciriacks

Points: 23 (1/2/19 vs. Illinois College)
 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: 1 (1/2/19 vs. Illinois College)

#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: 6 (1/2/19 vs. Illinois College)
 Rebounds: 1 (4 times, last 1/2/19 vs. Illinois College)
 Assists: 1 (2 times, last 1/2/19 vs. Illinois College)

#20 - Nolan Beirne

Points: 11 (12/1/18 vs. Knox)
 Rebounds: 8 (1/2/19 vs. Illinois College)
 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: 19 (1/2/19 vs. Illinois College)
 Rebounds: 6 (1/2/19 vs. Illinois College)
 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: 2 (1/2/19 vs. Illinois College)
 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 (2 times, last 1/2/19 vs. Illinois College)

#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 Jan 02, 2019)
All games



Overall record: 7-5 Conf: 5-0 Home: 4-1 Away: 2-3 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								
05	Joe Ciriacks	12-12	346	28.8	53-117	.453	37-81	.457	7-9	.778	5	23	28	2.3	31	1	14	14	1	0	150	12.5
41	Connor Curtis	12-12	314	26.2	54-127	.425	7-25	.280	34-41	.829	33	53	86	7.2	25	0	14	19	9	8	149	12.4
11	Jared Murphy	9-3	192	21.3	43-84	.512	13-30	.433	12-14	.857	4	20	24	2.7	12	0	8	23	1	5	111	12.3
52	Joe Lemon	12-12	292	24.3	41-79	.519	4-14	.286	13-19	.684	27	52	79	6.6	27	0	16	20	6	7	99	8.3
22	Wade Geenen	12-12	361	30.1	28-95	.295	16-53	.302	17-22	.773	7	29	36	3.0	22	1	34	20	0	6	89	7.4
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
23	Drew Yetka	12-0	131	10.9	16-36	.444	8-16	.500	11-13	.846	8	20	28	2.3	13	0	5	4	1	1	51	4.3
20	Nolan Beirne	12-0	183	15.3	17-40	.425	0-0	.000	15-16	.938	20	21	41	3.4	19	0	5	11	0	6	49	4.1
04	Jared Davis	5-0	34	6.8	9-18	.500	1-5	.200	4-5	.800	3	5	8	1.6	4	0	1	2	0	1	23	4.6
15	Matt Lynch	6-0	39	6.5	2-6	.333	0-1	.000	6-8	.750	0	3	3	0.5	6	0	3	5	0	5	10	1.7
03	Jack Pettit	7-0	41	5.9	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	3-3	1.000	0	3	3	0.4	1	0	4	4	0	3	7	1.0
00	Logan Kreckling	9-2	115	12.8	2-9	.222	1-3	.333	0-3	.000	3	14	17	1.9	7	0	3	3	1	5	5	0.6
24	Jordan Newman	8-0	46	5.8	2-9	.222	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	2	4	6	0.8	4	0	2	3	0	1	4	0.5
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
32	Patrick Danen	4-0	15	3.8	1-4	.250	0-2	.000	1-1	1.000	1	2	3	0.8	3	0	0	1	0	0	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
12	Michael Payant	3-0	9	3.0	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	1	0	0	1	3	1.0
10	Nick LeCaptain	3-0	10	3.3	0-3	.000	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											26	23	49				5					
Total.....		12	2400		298-711	.419	103-291	.354	125-159	.786	140	298	438	36.5	196	2	126	148	24	55	824	68.7
Opponents.....		12	2400		273-613	.445	86-269	.320	132-189	.698	79	285	364	30.3	181	1	151	158	25	76	764	63.7

x-Inactive player

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	824	764	11/10/18	at Northwestern	L 68-78	360
Points per game	68.7	63.7	# 11/16/18	vs Central College	w 76-68	213
Scoring margin	+5.0	-	# 11/17/18	vs Nebraska Wesleyan	L 67-77	198
FIELD GOALS-ATT	298-711	273-613	* 11/30/18	MONMOUTH COLLEGE	w 67-50	508
Field goal pct	.419	.445	* 12/1/18	KNOX COLLEGE	w 84-42	516
3 POINT FG-ATT	103-291	86-269	* 12/5/18	at Lake Forest College	w 57-47	246
3-point FG pct	.354	.320	* 12/8/18	RIPON COLLEGE	w 66-58	723
3-pt FG made per game	8.6	7.2	12/15/18	at UW-Eau Claire	L 66-72	504
FREE THROWS-ATT	125-159	132-189	12/18/18	at UW-Oshkosh	L 68-79	272
Free throw pct	.786	.698	% 12/28/18	ALMA COLLEGE	w 61-47	794
F-Throws made per game	10.4	11.0	% 12/29/18	UW-RIVER FALLS	L 48-80	626
REBOUNDS	438	364	* 1/2/19	at Illinois College	w 96-66	150
Rebounds per game	36.5	30.3				
Rebounding margin	+6.2	-				
ASSISTS	126	151				
Assists per game	10.5	12.6				
TURNOVERS	148	158				
Turnovers per game	12.3	13.2				
Turnover margin	+0.8	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	0.9	1.0				
STEALS	55	76				
Steals per game	4.6	6.3				
BLOCKS	24	25				
Blocks per game	2.0	2.1				
ATTENDANCE	3167	1943				
Home games-Avg/Game	5-633	5-306				
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	376	448	824
Opponents	345	419	764