



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview

St. Norbert College (9-2) at Illinois College (4-7)

Wed., Jan. 8 - Mulva Sports Center (1,844) - De Pere, Wis. - 5:30 p.m.

St. Norbert College at Cornell College (6-5)

Sat., Jan. 11 - Small Multi-Sport Center (2,500) - Mount Vernon, Iowa - 1 p.m.

Week Overview:

St. Norbert looks to maintain the pace atop the Midwest Conference when it hosts Illinois College and travels to Cornell this week. The Green Knights enter this week's action having won nine consecutive games.

Broadcast:

The games will be broadcast with video streaming at: <http://portal.stretchinternet.com/snc/>

Live stats for Wednesday's game are available at: <https://www.snc.edu/athletics/teamfiles/livestats/xlive.htm>

The Series:

St. Norbert leads Illinois College 39-7 in an all-time series dating back to the 1985-86 season. The Green Knights have won the last 23 games against the Blueboys overall and are 23-1 all-time at home in the series.

St. Norbert leads Cornell 19-6 in an all-time series dating back to the 1973-74 season. The Green Knights have taken 13 of the 14 meetings against the Rams since they returned to the Midwest Conference.

Last Meetings:

St. Norbert outlasted Illinois College 104-94 on Feb. 2, 2019 at Mulva Sports Center in De Pere. The Green Knights led 53-49 at halftime and held on despite the Blueboys shooting 63.6 percent from the floor. Nolan Beirne led the Green Knights with 21 points and 10 rebounds, while Joe Ciriacks and Jared Murphy had 19 points apiece. Kane Wildermuth led the Blueboys with 17 points, while Mason Speer added 15 counters.

St. Norbert topped Cornell 87-75 on Jan. 26, 2019 at Small Multi-Sport Center in Mount Vernon, Iowa. The Green Knights led 39-31 at halftime and pulled away in the second half. Joe Ciriacks poured in 32 points for the Green Knights, while Connor Curtis added 21 points. Cooper Kabela led Cornell with 18 points, while Michael Drew added 14 points.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 260-83 in his 14th 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 311-114.

Illinois College coach Steve Schweer (Illinois Wesleyan, 2006) is 13-23

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2019-2020 Results

Date	Opponent	Result
O 28	at UW-Green Bay (exh)	L 79-72
O 29	at Marquette (exh)	L 88-51
N 9	at Benedictine	L 87-79
N 16	at Elmhurst	L 75-50
N 23	Northland	W 97-57
D 4	Lake Forest *	W 84-71
D 7	at Ripon *	W 70-69
D 14	UW-Eau Claire	W 70-58
D 17	UW-Oshkosh	W 96-95/ot
D 29	UW-Superior %	W 76-46
D 30	UW-Stout %	W 81-53
J 3	at Monmouth *	W 66-44
J 4	at Knox *	W 86-63
J 8	Illinois College *	5:30 p.m.
J 11	at Cornell *	1 p.m.
J 15	at Beloit *	5:30 p.m.
J 18	Knox *	1 p.m.
J 21	at Lake Forest *	5:30 p.m.
J 25	Ripon *	1 p.m.
J 31	Grinnell *	5:30 p.m.
F 1	Cornell *	1 p.m.
F 5	Lawrence *	5:30 p.m.
F 8	at Illinois College *	1 p.m.
F 12	Beloit *	5:30 p.m.
F 15	at Grinnell *	1 p.m.
F 19	at Lawrence *	5:30 p.m.
F 22	Monmouth *	1 p.m.

* - Midwest Conference game; % - 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.

in his second season in Jacksonville.

Cornell coach Dave Schlabaugh (Morningside, 1992) is 26-37 in his third season in Mount Vernon.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the week with a 9-2 overall record with a 4-0 mark in the Midwest Conference. The Green Knights have won their last nine games after defeating Monmouth 66-44 on Friday and Knox 86-63 on Saturday.

Senior forward Connor Curtis is averaging 16.2 points and 5.6 rebounds per game while shooting 62.5 percent from the floor. Senior guard Joe Ciriacks is averaging 15.5 points per game, while junior guard Jared Murphy is averaging 11.5 points per game. Junior forward Nolan Beirne is totaling 7.5 points and 5.4 rebounds per game this season.

St. Norbert is averaging 77.7 points per game while shooting 47.3 percent from the floor, 39.8 percent on 3-pointers and 69.6 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 65.3 points per game while shooting 42.3 percent from the floor, 34.7 percent on 3-pointers and 68.8 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Blueboys:

Illinois College enters the game with a 4-7 overall record and a 2-2 ledger in the Midwest Conference. The Blueboys split a pair of home games this past weekend, losing Friday to Lawrence 101-94 before rebounding with a solid 87-83 win Saturday over Ripon.

Freshman forward Jake Mazrimas is averaging 14.7 points and 8.6 rebounds per game. Junior guard Deandre Enoch is averaging 12.8 points per game, while sophomore guard Caleb Frederking is totaling 12.3 points per game. Senior guard Riley Mehrens is averaging 10.6 points per game, and sophomore guard Tre Rogers is averaging 10.1 points per game.

Illinois College is averaging 77.3 points per game while shooting 48.0 percent from the floor, 40.8

percent on 3-pointers and 73.2 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 78.5 points per game while shooting 47.2 percent from the floor, 41.3 percent on 3-pointers and 71.9 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Rams:

Cornell enters Wednesday's game at Knox with a 6-5 overall record and a 1-3 mark in the Midwest Conference. The Rams lost 68-62 to Beloit on Friday before defeating Lake Forest 70-68 on Saturday.

Junior forward Cooper Kabela is averaging 17.5 points per game, while sophomore guard Jordan Magnani is netting 13.5 points per game. Junior guard Devin Davis is averaging 13.2 points per game. Sophomore forward Marcus Quirk is totaling 12.0 points and 6.1 rebounds per game.

Cornell is averaging 78.4 points per game while shooting 47.0 percent from the floor, 38.1 percent on 3-pointers and 69.7 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 78.6 points per game while shooting 43.2 percent from the floor, 35.0 percent on 3-pointers and 78.0 percent at the free-throw line.

Nifty Fifty:

St. Norbert has held two of its last four opponents this season to 50 points or less. The Green Knights held UW-Superior to 46 on Dec. 29 and Monmouth to 44 on Jan. 3. It marks the first two times this season St. Norbert has held foes below the 50-point threshold.

The Green Knights went 4-0 last week, and held opponents to an average of a scant 51.1 points per game.

In Gary Grzesk's 343-game tenure at St. Norbert, the Green Knights have held their opponent to 50 points or less 55 times, going 55-0 in those games.

The Green Knights are currently leading the Midwest Conference in scoring defense, allowing just 65.3 points per game.

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	19-8	16-2	1st	
2019-20	9-2	4-0		
Totals	260-83	189-41		
Career	311-114			

Grzesk vs. MWC at St. Norbert

Team	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
Beloit	22-4	12-1	10-3	0-0
Carrroll *	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.	22-0	11-0	11-0	0-0
Knox	23-2	11-1	12-1	0-0
Lake Forest	23-5	12-4	11-1	0-0
Lawrence	20-7	10-3	10-4	0-0
Monmouth	20-4	11-1	9-3	0-0
Ripon	24-8	15-2	9-5	0-1
Totals	202-47	114-15	87-30	1-2

MWC Glance

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

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:260-83 (14th year)
Record Overall:311-114 (17th year)
Assistant Coaches:Joel Cline,
 Brian Roehrig, Corey Ciesielczyk,
 Justin Zwiefelhofer, Steve Kestly
First Season of Men's Basketball:1916-17
Seasons of Men's Basketball:97
All-Time Overall Record:1,113-881
All-Time MWC Record:374-189
MWC Championships:10
(1984, 2002, '10, '11, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '19)
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 #6 - Jan. 6, 2020

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record
1	Swarthmore (25)	625	11-0
2	Wittenberg	578	11-0
3	Middlebury	562	12-0
4	Randolph-Macon	537	12-0
5	St. Thomas	529	9-1
6	Emory	518	10-1
7	St. John's	429	10-1
8	Marietta	414	10-1
9	UW-Platteville	436	9-0
10	Nebraska Wesleyan	390	11-2
11	Elmhurst	375	11-1
12	Colby	341	11-0
13	Washington-Mo.	295	9-2
14	Babson	271	10-1
15	Amherst	251	9-2
16	Johns Hopkins	249	9-2
17	UW-La Crosse	247	10-1
18	North Central-Ill.	162	10-3
19	Guilford	104	10-3
20	Albertus Magnus	99	11-1
21	Benedictine	75	9-2
22	Whitworth	72	8-3
23	WPI	66	9-2
24	Wooster	60	9-2
25	Springfield	58	9-2

Others receiving votes: Rochester 49, Virginia Wesleyan 45, Mary Hardin-Baylor 44, Pomona-Pitzer 41, **St. Norbert 36**, Stevens 28, Hamilton 23, Yeshiva 23, Tufts 17, UW-Stevens Point 16, Augustana 15, UW-Eau Claire 13, Centre 13, Hobart 10, UW-Oshkosh 8, Illinois Wesleyan 7, Augsburg 5, Loras 4, Mount Union 3, Christopher Newport 3, Carthage 2, East Texas Baptist 2, Widener 2.

St. Norbert Men's Basketball Career Highs

#1 - Tyler Gouin

Points: 6 (11/16/19 vs. Elmhurst)
 Rebounds: 2 (12/29/19 vs. UW-Superior)
 Assists: n/a

#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: 6 (12/7/19 vs. Ripon)
 Rebounds: 3 (11/23/19 vs. Northland)
 Assists: 2 (4 times, last 1/4/20 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: 6 (11/29/19 vs. UW-Superior)
 Assists: 4 (3 times, last 1/4/20 vs. Knox)

#10 - Josh Nicklaus

Points: 6 (2 times, last 1/4/20 vs. Knox)
 Rebounds: 4 (12/30/19 vs. UW-Stout)
 Assists: 2 (11/23/19 vs. Northland)

#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: 15 (1/4/20 vs. Knox)
 Rebounds: 8 (12/17/19 vs. UW-Oshkosh)
 Assists: 4 (1/4/20 vs. Knox)

#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: 11 (1/4/20 vs. Knox)
 Assists: 6 (2/13/19 vs. Lawrence)

#21 - Jacob Bolwerk

Points: 17 (2/9/19 vs. Grinnell)
 Rebounds: 8 (1/3/20 vs. Monmouth)
 Assists: 6 (11/23/19 vs. Northland)

#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 - Nate Verstegen

Points: 2 (1/3/20 vs. Monmouth)
 Rebounds: 4 (1/3/20 vs. Monmouth)
 Assists: n/a

#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)

#30 - Carson Talbert

Points: 6 (2 times, last 12/29/19 vs. UW-Superior)
 Rebounds: 3 (12/29/19 vs. UW-Superior)
 Assists: 1 (12/30/19 vs. UW-Stout)

#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)

#35 - Luke Rogers

Points: 2 (11/23/19 vs. Northland)
 Rebounds: 1 (2 times, last 12/29/19 vs. UW-Superior)
 Assists: 1 (2 times, last 12/30/19 vs. UW-Stout)

#41 - Connor Curtis

Points: 29 (11/9/19 vs. Benedictine)
 Rebounds: 20 (11/17/18 vs. Nebraska Wesleyan)
 Assists: 5 (12/17/19 vs. UW-Oshkosh)

#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 Jan 04, 2020)
All games



Overall record: 9-2 Conf: 4-0 Home: 6-0 Away: 3-2 Neutral: 0-0

#	Player	gp-gs	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg		
			min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def									tot	avg
41	Connor Curtis	11-11	278	25.3	65-104	.625	5-18	.278	43-55	.782	21	41	62	5.6	23	2	17	13	3	16	178	16.2
05	Joe Ciriacks	11-11	332	30.2	57-117	.487	36-75	.480	21-31	.677	3	33	36	3.3	13	0	19	11	5	8	171	15.5
11	Jared Murphy	11-0	220	20.0	43-92	.467	20-37	.541	20-23	.870	11	28	39	3.5	10	0	9	16	0	3	126	11.5
20	Nolan Beirne	11-11	285	25.9	33-67	.493	0-5	.000	17-26	.654	36	23	59	5.4	17	0	14	15	4	4	83	7.5
22	Wade Geenen	11-11	289	26.3	29-78	.372	17-46	.370	5-9	.556	3	12	15	1.4	16	0	31	17	0	8	80	7.3
12	Michael Payant	11-0	205	18.6	21-54	.389	14-26	.538	4-12	.333	7	37	44	4.0	18	0	18	9	6	11	60	5.5
21	Jacob Bolwerk	11-11	232	21.1	21-55	.382	2-21	.095	8-14	.571	16	38	54	4.9	25	0	28	23	0	9	52	4.7
03	Jack Pettit	11-0	137	12.5	10-20	.500	0-0	.000	9-12	.750	1	7	8	0.7	13	0	11	11	1	4	29	2.6
30	Carson Talbert	7-0	54	7.7	10-17	.588	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	5	5	10	1.4	9	0	1	1	0	0	23	3.3
10	Josh Nicklaus	6-0	40	6.7	6-12	.500	0-2	.000	4-4	1.000	2	8	10	1.7	3	0	3	2	0	0	16	2.7
01	Tyler Gouin	7-0	36	5.1	5-10	.500	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	1	3	4	0.6	1	0	0	3	1	2	12	1.7
24	Jordan Newman	7-0	27	3.9	3-8	.375	1-5	.200	1-2	.500	0	3	3	0.4	0	0	4	2	0	0	8	1.1
15	Matt Lynch	5-0	19	3.8	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	4-8	.500	0	8	8	1.6	3	0	1	5	0	1	7	1.4
04	Jared Davis	1-0	1	1.0	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	1-2	.500	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4.0
02	Ethan Riniker	6-0	37	6.2	1-6	.167	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	1	8	9	1.5	3	0	3	4	0	0	2	0.3
35	Luke Rogers	7-0	17	2.4	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.3	2	0	2	1	0	2	2	0.3
23	Nate Verstegen	4-0	13	3.3	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2	3	5	1.3	3	0	0	1	1	0	2	0.5
32	Patrick Danen	1-0	3	3.0	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											20	27	47				4					
Total.....		11	2225		308-651	.473	97-244	.398	142-204	.696	129	287	416	37.8	159	2	161	138	21	68	855	77.7
Opponents.....		11	2225		265-627	.423	93-268	.347	95-138	.688	96	242	338	30.7	193	2	137	149	28	64	718	65.3

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	855	718	11/9/19	at Benedictine (IL)	L 79-87	518
Points per game	77.7	65.3	11/16/19	at Elmhurst	L 50-75	728
Scoring margin	+12.5	-	11/23/19	NORTHLAND COLLEGE	w 97-57	563
FIELD GOALS-ATT	308-651	265-627	* 12/4/19	LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	w 84-71	470
Field goal pct	.473	.423	* 12/7/19	at Ripon College	w 70-69	321
3 POINT FG-ATT	97-244	93-268	12/14/19	UW-EAU CLAIRE	w 70-58	713
3-point FG pct	.398	.347	12/17/19	UW-OSHKOSH	wot 96-95	810
3-pt FG made per game	8.8	8.5	# 12/29/19	UW-SUPERIOR	w 76-46	898
FREE THROWS-ATT	142-204	95-138	# 12/30/19	UW-STOUT	w 81-53	673
Free throw pct	.696	.688	* 1/3/20	at Monmouth College	w 66-44	225
F-Throws made per game	12.9	8.6	* 1/4/20	at Knox College	w 86-63	200
REBOUNDS	416	338				
Rebounds per game	37.8	30.7				
Rebounding margin	+7.1	-				
ASSISTS	161	137				
Assists per game	14.6	12.5				
TURNOVERS	138	149				
Turnovers per game	12.5	13.5				
Turnover margin	+1.0	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.2	0.9				
STEALS	68	64				
Steals per game	6.2	5.8				
BLOCKS	21	28				
Blocks per game	1.9	2.5				
ATTENDANCE	4127	1992				
Home games-Avg/Game	6-688	5-398				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

* = Midwest Conference game
 # - Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament (De Pere, Wis.)

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals
St. Norbert College	420	424	11	855
Opponents	342	366	10	718