



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview

No. 25 St. Norbert College (11-2) at Beloit College (4-9)

Wed., Jan. 15 - Flood Arena (2,250) - Beloit, Wis. - 5:30 p.m.

No. 25 St. Norbert College vs. Knox College (5-8)

Sat., Jan. 18 - Mulva Sports Center (1,844) - De Pere, Wis. - 1 p.m.

Week Overview:

Nationally ranked St. Norbert will try to maintain its current two-game lead in the Midwest Conference standings with a pair of games this week. The No. 25-rated Green Knights travel to Beloit on Wednesday before returning home to face Knox on Saturday.

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://beloitcollegeathletics.com/sidearmstats/mbball/summary>

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

The Series:

St. Norbert leads Beloit 49-23 in an all-time series dating back to the 1983-84 season. The Green Knights have won 22 of the last 25 meetings in the series.

St. Norbert leads Knox 40-10 in a series dating back to the 1985-86 season. The Green Knights have won 21 straight games in the series since the Prairie Fire swept the season series in 2007-08.

Last Meetings:

St. Norbert defeated Beloit 74-64 on Feb. 5, 2019 at Flood Arena in Beloit. The Green Knights led 32-22 at halftime and held serve in the second half. Joe Ciriacks led St. Norbert with 18 points, while Jared Murphy added 12 points. Dan Babb and Andrew Walters each posted 16 points for the Buccaneers.

St. Norbert trimmed Knox 86-63 on Jan. 4, 2020 at Memorial Gym in Galesburg, Ill. The Green Knights led 53-20 at halftime, with the lead eventually rupturing to 38 points in the second half. Connor Curtis led St. Norbert with 26 points, while Michael Payant added 15 points and Nolan Beirne totaled 14 points and 11 rebounds. Jordan Rayner led the Prairie Fire with 16 points, while Ethan Meeker added 15 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

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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 *	W 96-67
J 11	at Cornell *	W 87-62
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.

arriving at St. Norbert to give him an overall mark of 311-114.

Beloit coach Josh Hinz (Beloit, 2007) is 4-9 in his first season in Beloit.

Knox coach Ben Davis (Minnesota, 2007) is 5-8 in his first season in Galesburg. He was 36-40 in three seasons at Green Mountain for an overall record of 41-48.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the week with an 11-2 overall mark and a 6-0 ledger in the Midwest Conference. The Green Knights have won 11 consecutive games after routing Cornell 87-62 this past Saturday.

Senior forward Connor Curtis is averaging 15.7 points and 5.7 rebounds per game while shooting 64.2 percent from the floor. Senior guard Joe Ciriacks is averaging 14.2 points per game, while junior guard Jared Murphy is averaging 12.5 points per game. Junior forward Nolan Beirne is totaling 8.6 points and 5.8 rebounds per game this season.

St. Norbert is averaging 79.8 points per game while shooting 48.3 percent from the floor, 39.6 percent on 3-pointers and 70.4 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 65.2 points per game while shooting 42.3 percent from the floor, 33.5 percent on 3-pointers and 69.1 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Buccaneers:

Beloit enters the game 4-9 overall and is 2-4 in Midwest Conference action. The Buccaneers are coming off a 73-54 win at Illinois College on Saturday.

Senior forward Tristan Shoup leads Beloit with an average of 16.8 points per game. Freshman guard Michael Polakoski is averaging 13.2 points per game, while senior guard Darin Empereur is netting 12.4 points per game. Junior forward Andrew Walters is averaging 9.6 points and 11.4 rebounds per game.

Beloit is averaging 70.3 points per game while shooting 45.9 per-

cent from the floor, 39.4 percent on 3-pointers and 74.2 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 77.9 points per game while shooting 50.5 percent from the floor, 39.8 percent on 3-pointers and 70.6 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Prairie Fire:

Knox enters Wednesday's game at Monmouth with a 5-8 overall record and a 1-5 showing in the Midwest Conference. The Prairie Fire dropped a 79-70 home decision Saturday to Lake Forest.

Junior guard Ethan Meeker is averaging 16.4 points per game to lead the Prairie Fire in scoring. Senior guard Zach Lowe is averaging 12.4 points and 7.5 rebounds per game. Sophomore guard Jordan Raynor is totaling 12.4 points per game, while junior forward Ikenna Ozor is totaling 5.1 points per game.

Knox is averaging 71.1 points per game while shooting 42.9 percent from the floor, 29.7 percent on 3-pointers and 67.0 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 76.0 points per game while shooting 42.8 percent from the floor, 33.1 percent on 3-pointers and 71.4 percent at the free-throw line.

Building a Winner:

St. Norbert has six 20-win seasons in the last nine years, with the other three seasons all 19-win campaigns. 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 251-65. St. Norbert reached its highest national ranking in the 21-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	19-8	16-2	1st	
2019-20	11-2	6-0		
Totals	262-83	191-41		
Career	313-114			

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	14-1	7-0	7-1	0-0
Grinnell	18-9	13-1	4-8	1-0
Illinois Coll.	23-0	12-0	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	204-47	115-15	88-30	1-2

MWC Glance

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

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:262-83 (14th year)
Record Overall:313-114 (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:1,115-881
All-Time MWC Record:376-189
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 #7 - Jan. 13, 2020

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record
1	Swarthmore (25)	625	13-0
2	Wittenberg	587	13-0
3	Emory	552	11-1
4	St. John's	543	12-1
5	Middlebury	493	14-1
6	Randolph-Macon	472	13-1
7	UW-Platteville	461	13-1
8	Marietta	436	12-1
9	St. Thomas	426	11-2
10	Elmhurst	404	13-1
11	Nebraska Wesleyan	390	13-2
12	Colby	360	13-0
13	Washington-Mo.	331	10-2
14	UW-La Crosse	297	12-1
15	Johns Hopkins	238	11-2
16	North Central-III.	212	12-3
17	Babson	196	11-2
18	Albertus Magnus	157	11-1
19	Springfield	147	11-2
20	Wooster	127	11-2
21	Whitworth	103	10-3
22	Amherst	98	10-4
23	Virginia Wesleyan	72	12-2
24	Pomona-Pitzer	60	11-2
25	St. Norbert	54	11-2

Others receiving votes: Yeshiva 45, Tufts 39, WPI 32, Augsburg 26, Hobart 22, Centre 21, Guilford 18, Benedictine 15, Rochester 14, Mount Union 10, Augustana 9, East Texas Baptist 8, Hamilton 7, Christopher Newport 6, Widener 5, Albion 4, Carthage 2, Stevens 1.

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: 1 (1/8/20 vs. Illinois College)

#3 - Jack Pettit

Points: 9 (1/8/20 vs. Illinois College)
 Rebounds: 3 (2 times, last 1/11/20 vs. Cornell)
 Assists: 3 (1/11/20 vs. Cornell)

#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: 9 (1/11/20 vs. Cornell)
 Rebounds: 4 (12/30/19 vs. UW-Stout)
 Assists: 2 (11/23/19 vs. Northland)

#11 - Jared Murphy

Points: 20 (1/8/20 vs. Illinois College)
 Rebounds: 8 (1/8/20 vs. Illinois College)
 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 (3 times, last 1/11/20 vs. Cornell)
 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 (2 times, last 1/8/20 vs. Illinois College)

#22 - Wade Geenen

Points: 22 (2/13/18 vs. Lake Forest)
 Rebounds: 7 (11/10/18 vs. Northwestern)
 Assists: 8 (1/11/20 vs. Illinois College)

#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 (2 times, last 1/8/20 vs. Illinois College)
 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 11, 2020)
All games



Overall record: 11-2 Conf: 6-0 Home: 7-0 Away: 4-2 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	13-13	318	24.5	77-120	.642	7-21	.333	43-55	.782	22	52	74	5.7	29	2	21	14	4	18	204	15.7
05	Joe Ciriacks	13-13	385	29.6	62-134	.463	39-88	.443	21-31	.677	3	38	41	3.2	16	0	22	12	5	8	184	14.2
11	Jared Murphy	13-0	263	20.2	56-111	.505	22-41	.537	28-33	.848	16	35	51	3.9	12	0	13	19	0	6	162	12.5
20	Nolan Beirne	13-13	339	26.1	44-82	.537	2-7	.286	22-32	.688	41	34	75	5.8	22	0	17	17	4	6	112	8.6
22	Wade Geenen	13-13	345	26.5	35-93	.376	21-56	.375	12-18	.667	3	14	17	1.3	20	0	41	17	1	8	103	7.9
12	Michael Payant	13-0	244	18.8	24-63	.381	15-30	.500	10-20	.500	8	44	52	4.0	20	0	21	10	6	13	73	5.6
21	Jacob Bolwerk	13-13	274	21.1	25-65	.385	3-25	.120	9-15	.600	19	42	61	4.7	28	0	34	26	1	13	62	4.8
03	Jack Pettit	13-0	160	12.3	15-27	.556	0-0	.000	13-18	.722	3	8	11	0.8	17	0	14	11	1	5	43	3.3
30	Carson Talbert	9-0	65	7.2	11-22	.500	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	5	5	10	1.1	10	0	1	1	0	0	25	2.8
10	Josh Nicklaus	8-0	57	7.1	9-16	.563	2-4	.500	5-6	.833	3	10	13	1.6	5	0	3	3	0	0	25	3.1
01	Tyler Gouin	9-0	41	4.6	7-12	.583	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	2	3	5	0.6	1	0	1	4	1	3	16	1.8
24	Jordan Newman	9-0	32	3.6	4-11	.364	1-6	.167	1-2	.500	0	3	3	0.3	0	0	5	2	0	0	10	1.1
15	Matt Lynch	7-0	24	3.4	1-4	.250	1-3	.333	4-9	.444	0	9	9	1.3	3	0	1	6	0	1	7	1.0
35	Luke Rogers	8-0	20	2.5	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.3	2	0	2	1	0	2	4	0.5
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
23	Nate Verstegen	5-0	17	3.4	1-4	.250	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2	4	6	1.2	4	0	0	1	1	0	2	0.4
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											24	32	56				4					
Total.....		13	2625		375-776	.483	114-288	.396	174-247	.704	152	344	496	38.2	192	2	199	152	24	83	1038	79.8
Opponents.....		13	2625		310-733	.423	106-316	.335	121-175	.691	106	283	389	29.9	227	2	155	173	36	71	847	65.2

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	1038	847	11/9/19	at Benedictine (IL)	L 79-87	518
Points per game	79.8	65.2	11/16/19	at Elmhurst	L 50-75	728
Scoring margin	+14.7	-	11/23/19	NORTHLAND COLLEGE	w 97-57	563
FIELD GOALS-ATT	375-776	310-733	* 12/4/19	LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	w 84-71	470
Field goal pct	.483	.423	* 12/7/19	at Ripon College	w 70-69	321
3 POINT FG-ATT	114-288	106-316	12/14/19	UW-EAU CLAIRE	w 70-58	713
3-point FG pct	.396	.335	12/17/19	UW-OSHKOSH	wot 96-95	810
3-pt FG made per game	8.8	8.2	# 12/29/19	UW-SUPERIOR	w 76-46	898
FREE THROWS-ATT	174-247	121-175	# 12/30/19	UW-STOUT	w 81-53	673
Free throw pct	.704	.691	* 1/3/20	at Monmouth College	w 66-44	225
F-Throws made per game	13.4	9.3	* 1/4/20	at Knox College	w 86-63	200
REBOUNDS	496	389	* 1/8/20	ILLINOIS COLLEGE	w 96-67	414
Rebounds per game	38.2	29.9	* 1/11/20	at Cornell College	w 87-62	158
Rebounding margin	+8.2	-				
ASSISTS	199	155				
Assists per game	15.3	11.9				
TURNOVERS	152	173				
Turnovers per game	11.7	13.3				
Turnover margin	+1.6	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.3	0.9				
STEALS	83	71				
Steals per game	6.4	5.5				
BLOCKS	24	36				
Blocks per game	1.8	2.8				
ATTENDANCE	4541	2150				
Home games-Avg/Game	7-649	6-358				
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	515	512	11	1038
Opponents	395	442	10	847