



# St. Norbert College

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### St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview

#### No. 19 St. Norbert College (13-2) at Lake Forest College (8-6)

Tues., Jan. 22 - LFC Sports Center (1,200) - Lake Forest, Ill. - 5:30 p.m.

#### No. 19 St. Norbert College vs. Ripon College (9-6)

Sat., Jan. 25 - Mulva Sports Center (1,844) - De Pere, Wis. - 1 p.m.

#### Week Overview:

St. Norbert faces a pivotal week in the chase of the Midwest Conference championship when it travels to Lake Forest on Tuesday before hosting Ripon on Saturday. The Foresters trail the Green Knights by two games and the Red Hawks are three games in arrears in the conference standings.

#### Broadcast:

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

Live stats for Tuesday's game are available at: [https://www.goforesters.com/sports/mkbk/2019-20/boxscores/20200121\\_j9ql.xml](https://www.goforesters.com/sports/mkbk/2019-20/boxscores/20200121_j9ql.xml)

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

#### The Series:

St. Norbert leads Lake Forest 49-22 in a series dating back to the 1983-84 season. The Green Knights have captured 24 of the last 29 meetings in the series.

Ripon holds a 65-60 series lead over St. Norbert in a spirited rivalry dating back to the 1932-33 season. The Green Knights have narrowed the gap by winning 24 of the last 30 meetings over the last 13 seasons.

#### Last Meetings:

St. Norbert held on to top Lake Forest 84-71 on Dec. 4, 2019 at Mulva Sports Center in De Pere. The Green Knights led 49-38 at halftime but the Foresters got to within four points just inside five minutes remaining. Joe Ciriacks led the Green Knights with 23 points, while Jared Murphy added 18 points. Aram Arslanian led the Foresters with 15 points with Sean Espinosa adding 13 counters.

St. Norbert escaped Ripon 70-69 on Dec. 7, 2019 at Willmore Center in Ripon. The Green Knights trailed by five points late before Nolan Beirne's free throw in the final seconds proved the difference. Joe Ciriacks poured in 24 points for St. Norbert, while Jared Murphy added 17 points. Ryan Steffes scored 22 points for the Red Hawks, while Trent Jones added 21 points.

#### The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 264-83 in his

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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 *	W 72-55
J 18	Knox *	W 83-55
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.

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 315-114.

Lake Forest coach Ken Davis (Arizona State, 1983) is 79-59 in his sixth season in Lake Forest.

Ripon coach Ryan Kane (St. Norbert, 1999) is 120-67 in his eighth season in Ripon.

### About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the week with a 13-2 overall record and an 8-0 mark in the Midwest Conference. The Green Knights have won 13 consecutive games after dispatching Knox 83-55 this past Saturday.

Senior guard Joe Ciriacks is averaging a team-high 14.7 points per game. Senior forward Connor Curtis is averaging 14.3 points and 5.5 rebounds per game, while junior guard Jared Murphy is averaging 12.5 points per game. Junior guard Wade Geenen is averaging 8.8 points per game, while junior forward Nolan Beirne is averaging 8.8 points and 5.5 rebounds per game.

St. Norbert is averaging 79.5 points per game while shooting 49.0 percent from the floor, 40.4 percent on 3-pointers and 71.6 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 63.8 points per game while shooting 42.3 percent from the floor, 33.6 percent on 3-pointers and 68.6 percent at the free-throw line.

### About the Foresters:

Lake Forest enters the game 8-6 overall and 5-2 in the Midwest Conference. The Foresters, who had their game Saturday with Cornell postponed, is coming off an 83-73 win at Lawrence last Wednesday.

Sophomore guard Tashon Brown leads the Foresters with averages of 15.9 points and 4.8 rebounds per game. Junior guard Sean Espinosa is averaging 15.4 points and 4.6 assists per game, while freshman guard Aidyn Albright is netting an average of 15.2 points per game. Senior guard Aram Arslanian is averaging 10.3 points per game.

Lake Forest is averaging 84.4

points per game while shooting 50.9 percent from the floor, 39.1 percent on 3-pointers and 79.3 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 79.0 points per game while shooting 46.5 percent from the floor, 33.5 percent on 3-pointers and 70.6 percent at the free-throw line.

### About the Red Hawks:

Ripon enters Wednesday game with Beloit at 9-6 overall and 6-3 in the Midwest Conference. The Red Hawks defeated Illinois College 91-64 this past Saturday in Ripon.

Senior guard Trent Jones is averaging 19.2 points and 5.1 rebounds per game. Senior guard Seth Kostroski is totaling 10.5 points per game, while sophomore guard Ryan Steffes is averaging 9.7 points per game. Sophomore guard Jaylen Mahone is totaling 8.5 points per game.

Ripon is averaging 74.3 points per game while shooting 49.9 percent from the floor, 35.7 percent on 3-pointers and 69.6 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 71.5 points per game while shooting 44.0 percent from the floor, 38.2 percent on 3-pointers and 67.8 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 253-65. 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	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>51-31</b>	<b>28-10</b>		

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	13-2	8-0		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>264-83</b>	<b>191-41</b>		
<b>Career</b>	<b>315-114</b>			

### Grzesk vs. MWC at St. Norbert

Team	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
Beloit	23-4	12-1	11-3	0-0
Carroll *	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	24-2	12-1	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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>206-47</b>	<b>116-15</b>	<b>89-30</b>	<b>1-2</b>

### MWC Glance

Team	MWC	Overall
St. Norbert	8-0	13-2
Monmouth	6-2	11-4
Lake Forest	5-2	8-6
Ripon	5-3	9-6
Grinnell	4-4	8-9
Lawrence	4-4	8-7
Cornell	2-5	7-7
Illinois College	2-6	4-11
Beloit	2-6	4-11
Knox	1-7	5-10

## 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:** .....264-83 (14th year)  
**Record Overall:** .....315-114 (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:** .....1,117-881  
**All-Time MWC Record:** .....378-189  
**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 #8 - Jan. 20, 2020

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record
1	Swarthmore (25)	625	15-0
2	St. John's	589	14-1
3	Randolph-Macon	543	15-1
4	Elmhurst	489	15-1
5	Colby	485	15-0
6	Marietta	476	14-1
7	Wittenberg	472	14-1
8	Emory	449	12-2
9	St. Thomas	446	13-2
10	Nebraska Wesleyan	398	15-2
11	UW-Platteville	392	14-2
12	Middlebury	382	16-2
13	Washington-Mo.	313	12-2
14	Wooster	269	13-2
15	Johns Hopkins	264	13-2
16	North Central-Ill.	255	13-3
17	UW-La Crosse	228	13-2
18	Virginia Wesleyan	156	14-2
19	<b>St. Norbert</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>13-2</b>
20	Whitworth	137	12-3
21	Albertus Magnus	121	12-2
22	Babson	76	12-3
23	Tufts	60	13-3
24	Brandeis	57	11-3
25	Centre	51	16-2

**Others receiving votes:** Springfield 48, WPI 45,  
 Yeshiva 38, Mount Union 25, East Texas Baptist  
 18, Albion 14, Benedictine 11, Pomona-Pitzer 8,  
 Augsburg 6, Rochester 6, Widener 6, Christopher  
 Newport 5, Whitman 5, Stevens 3, Augustana 2,  
 UW-Stevens Point 2, RPI 2, Amherst 1, Oswego  
 State 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: 9 (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: 9 (1/15/20 vs. Beloit)  
 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 times, last 1/18/20 vs.  
 Knox)  
 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 18, 2020)**  
**All games**



Overall record: 13-2 Conf: 8-0 Home: 8-0 Away: 5-2 Neutral: 0-0

#	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	15-15	447	29.8	76-161	.472	48-107	.449	21-31	.677	6	45	51	3.4	20	0	28	15	5	8	221	14.7
41	Connor Curtis	15-15	371	24.7	82-133	.617	7-23	.304	43-56	.768	23	59	82	5.5	33	2	21	17	6	19	214	14.3
11	Jared Murphy	15-0	310	20.7	65-128	.508	23-45	.511	35-41	.854	20	41	61	4.1	15	0	15	21	1	8	188	12.5
22	Wade Geenen	15-15	403	26.9	44-108	.407	28-67	.418	16-24	.667	4	18	22	1.5	23	0	44	19	1	8	132	8.8
20	Nolan Beirne	15-15	393	26.2	53-92	.576	2-7	.286	24-34	.706	47	36	83	5.5	25	0	20	21	4	9	132	8.8
12	Michael Payant	15-0	290	19.3	29-72	.403	16-31	.516	12-22	.545	10	57	67	4.5	21	0	22	15	8	15	86	5.7
21	Jacob Bolwerk	15-15	317	21.1	31-77	.403	4-28	.143	12-18	.667	20	48	68	4.5	32	0	41	30	2	16	78	5.2
03	Jack Pettit	15-0	183	12.2	16-30	.533	0-0	.000	13-18	.722	3	8	11	0.7	18	0	16	16	1	6	45	3.0
30	Carson Talbert	10-0	67	6.7	11-22	.500	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	5	5	10	1.0	10	0	1	1	0	0	25	2.5
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	10-0	43	4.3	7-13	.538	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	2	3	5	0.5	1	0	1	5	1	3	16	1.6
24	Jordan Newman	10-0	34	3.4	4-11	.364	1-6	.167	1-2	.500	0	3	3	0.3	0	0	5	2	0	0	10	1.0
15	Matt Lynch	8-0	28	3.5	1-4	.250	1-3	.333	6-11	.545	0	9	9	1.1	4	0	1	7	0	1	9	1.1
35	Luke Rogers	9-0	22	2.4	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.2	2	0	2	1	0	2	4	0.4
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
23	Nate Verstegen	6-0	19	3.2	1-4	.250	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2	4	6	1.0	5	0	0	1	1	0	2	0.3
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											26	36	62				4					
Total.....		15	3025		433-883	.490	133-329	.404	194-271	.716	172	393	565	37.7	217	2	223	182	30	95	1193	79.5
Opponents.....		15	3025		353-835	.423	120-357	.336	131-191	.686	119	312	431	28.7	256	2	175	200	40	84	957	63.8

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP
SCORING	1193	957
Points per game	79.5	63.8
Scoring margin	+15.7	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	433-883	353-835
Field goal pct	.490	.423
3 POINT FG-ATT	133-329	120-357
3-point FG pct	.404	.336
3-pt FG made per game	8.9	8.0
FREE THROWS-ATT	194-271	131-191
Free throw pct	.716	.686
F-Throws made per game	12.9	8.7
REBOUNDS	565	431
Rebounds per game	37.7	28.7
Rebounding margin	+8.9	-
ASSISTS	223	175
Assists per game	14.9	11.7
TURNOVERS	182	200
Turnovers per game	12.1	13.3
Turnover margin	+1.2	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.2	0.9
STEALS	95	84
Steals per game	6.3	5.6
BLOCKS	30	40
Blocks per game	2.0	2.7
ATTENDANCE	4974	2326
Home games-Avg/Game	8-622	7-332
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
11/9/19	at Benedictine (IL)	L	79-87	518
11/16/19	at Elmhurst	L	50-75	728
11/23/19	NORTHLAND COLLEGE	w	97-57	563
* 12/4/19	LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	w	84-71	470
* 12/7/19	at Ripon College	w	70-69	321
12/14/19	UW-EAU CLAIRE	w	70-58	713
12/17/19	UW-OSHKOSH	Wot	96-95	810
# 12/29/19	UW-SUPERIOR	w	76-46	898
# 12/30/19	UW-STOUT	w	81-53	673
* 1/3/20	at Monmouth College	w	66-44	225
* 1/4/20	at Knox College	w	86-63	200
* 1/8/20	ILLINOIS COLLEGE	w	96-67	414
* 1/11/20	at Cornell College	w	87-62	158
* 1/15/20	at Beloit College	w	72-55	176
* 1/18/20	KNOX COLLEGE	w	83-55	433

\* = Midwest Conference game

# - Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament (De Pere, Wis.)

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals
St. Norbert College	576	606	11	1193
Opponents	460	487	10	957