



# St. Norbert College

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

#### St. Norbert College (14-3) Vs. Grinnell College (10-7)

**Fri., Jan. 31 - Mulva Sports Center (1,844) - De Pere, Wis. - 5:30 p.m.**

#### St. Norbert College vs. Cornell College (8-8)

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

#### Week Overview:

St. Norbert looks to keep its lead in the Midwest Conference standings when it hosts Grinnell and Cornell this weekend. The Green Knights currently lead Monmouth by one game in the championship race with eight games remaining.

#### Broadcast:

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

Live stats for both games are available at:  
<https://www.snc.edu/athletics/teamfiles/livestats/xlive.htm>

#### The Series:

St. Norbert leads Grinnell 33-18 in an all-time series dating back to the 1983-84 season. The Green Knights are 21-4 all-time and 13-1 under Gary Grzesk at home in the series.

St. Norbert leads Cornell 20-6 in an all-time series dating back to the 1973-74 season. The Green Knights have taken 14 of the 15 meetings against the Rams since they returned to the Midwest Conference.

#### Last Meetings:

St. Norbert defeated Grinnell 116-97 on Feb. 9, 2019 at Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center in De Pere. The Green Knights led 57-45 at halftime and held on in the second half. Nolan Beirne had 21 points for St. Norbert, with Logan Krekling and Jacob Bolwerk adding 17 apiece. Vinny Curta and Jackson Qualley had 20 points apiece for the Pioneers.

St. Norbert topped Cornell 87-62 on Jan. 11, 2020 at Small Multi-Sport Center in Mount Vernon, Iowa. The Green Knights led 45-22 at halftime and rolled the win behind 21 points from Nolan Berine. Jared Murphy added 16 points while Connor Curtis had 14 point and 11 rebounds. Cooper Kabela led the Rams with 21 points.

#### The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 265-84 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 316-115.

Grinnell coach David Arsenault Jr. (Grinnell, 2009) is 42-24 in his third

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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	<b>Northland</b>	<b>W 97-57</b>
D 4	<b>Lake Forest *</b>	<b>W 84-71</b>
D 7	at Ripon *	W 70-69
D 14	<b>UW-Eau Claire</b>	<b>W 70-58</b>
D 17	<b>UW-Oshkosh</b>	<b>W 96-95/ot</b>
D 29	<b>UW-Superior %</b>	<b>W 76-46</b>
D 30	<b>UW-Stout %</b>	<b>W 81-53</b>
J 3	at Monmouth *	W 66-44
J 4	at Knox *	W 86-63
J 8	<b>Illinois College *</b>	<b>W 96-67</b>
J 11	at Cornell *	W 87-62
J 15	at Beloit *	W 72-55
J 18	<b>Knox *</b>	<b>W 83-55</b>
J 21	at Lake Forest *	W 86-52
J 25	<b>Ripon *</b>	<b>L 70-52</b>
J 31	<b>Grinnell *</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
F 1	<b>Cornell *</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
F 5	<b>Lawrence *</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
F 8	at Illinois College *	1 p.m.
F 12	<b>Beloit *</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
F 15	at Grinnell *	1 p.m.
F 19	at Lawrence *	5:30 p.m.
F 22	<b>Monmouth *</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>

\* - 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.

season in Grinnell.

Entering Friday's game at Lawrence, Cornell coach Dave Schlabaugh (Morningside, 1992) is 26-40 in his third season in Mount Vernon.

### About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the weekend with a 14-3 overall record and a 9-1 record in the Midwest Conference. The Green Knights had a 14-game winning streak snapped by Ripon in a 70-52 loss Saturday in De Pere.

Senior guard Joe Ciriacks is totaling a team-high average of 14.5 points per game. Senior forward Connor Curtis is averaging 13.4 points and 5.5 rebounds per game, while junior guard Jared Murphy is averaging 13.0 points per game. Junior forward Nolan Beirne is averaging 8.6 points and 5.6 rebounds per game, while junior guard Wade Geenen is averaging 8.5 points per game.

St. Norbert is averaging 78.3 points per game while shooting 48.2 percent from the floor, 39.1 percent on 3-pointers and 71.5 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 63.5 points per game while shooting 42.6 percent from the floor, 34.0 percent on 3-pointers and 69.4 percent at the free-throw line.

### About the Pioneers:

Grinnell enters the weekend with a 10-7 overall record and a 6-4 mark in the Midwest Conference. The Pioneers defeated Knox 121-94 last Saturday in Grinnell, Iowa.

Sophomore guard Jackson Qualley leads the Pioneers in scoring at 22.1 points per game. Sophomore guard Patrick Simms is averaging 22.0 points per game, while junior guard Hannes Kogelnikis averaging 17.7 points per game. Freshman guard Aiden Gilbert is averaging 12.5 points per game, while junior guard Zachary Stice is averaging 10.0 points per game.

Grinnell is averaging 113.9 points per game while shooting 41.4 percent from the floor, 34.1 percent on 3-pointers and 72.6 percent at the

free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 102.1 points per game while shooting 56.1 percent from the floor, 33.8 percent on 3-pointers and 69.1 percent at the free-throw line.

### About the Rams:

Cornell enters Friday's game at Lawrence with an 8-8 overall record and a 3-6 mark in the Midwest Conference. The Rams are coming off a 72-69 win over Illinois College last Saturday at home.

Junior forward Cooper Kabela leads the Rams with averages of 18.6 points and 5.9 rebounds per game. Junior guard Devin Davis is averaging 12.6 points per game, while sophomore guard Jordan Magnani is averaging 12.4 points per game. Sophomore forward Marcus Quirk is averaging 10.1 points and 5.4 rebounds per game.

Cornell is averaging 76.9 points per game while shooting 46.3 percent from the floor, 34.6 percent on 3-pointers and 68.5 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 79.1 points per game while shooting 43.6 percent from the floor, 34.6 percent on 3-pointers and 75.0 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 254-66. 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	14-3	9-1		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>265-84</b>	<b>192-42</b>		
<b>Career</b>	<b>316-115</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	24-5	12-4	12-1	0-0
Lawrence	20-7	10-3	10-4	0-0
Monmouth	20-4	11-1	9-3	0-0
Ripon	24-9	15-3	9-5	0-1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>207-48</b>	<b>116-16</b>	<b>90-30</b>	<b>1-2</b>

### MWC Glance

Team	MWC	Overall
St. Norbert	9-1	14-3
Monmouth	8-2	13-4
Ripon	6-4	10-7
Grinnell	6-4	10-7
Lake Forest	5-4	8-8
Beloit	4-6	6-11
Lawrence	4-6	8-9
Cornell	3-6	8-8
Illinois College	2-8	4-13
Knox	2-8	6-11

## 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:** .....265-84 (14th year)  
**Record Overall:** .....316-115 (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:** .....1,118-882  
**All-Time MWC Record:** .....379-190  
**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 #9 - Jan. 27, 2020

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record
1	Swarthmore (25)	625	17-0
2	St. John's	590	17-1
3	Randolph-Macon	554	17-1
4	Elmhurst	540	17-1
5	Colby	523	17-0
6	Wittenberg	466	16-1
7	St. Thomas	450	15-2
8	Emory	446	14-2
9	Nebraska Wesleyan	428	16-2
10	Middlebury	395	17-2
11	Washington-Mo.	380	14-2
12	Marietta	360	15-2
13	North Central-Ill.	297	15-3
14	Johns Hopkins	293	15-2
15	UW-Platteville	274	15-3
16	UW-La Crosse	261	15-2
17	Wooster	163	14-3
18	Virginia Wesleyan	133	15-3
19	Albertus Magnus	130	14-2
20	Mount Union	110	14-3
21	Centre	104	18-2
22	Tufts	103	14-3
23	Babson	80	14-3
24	Yeshiva	63	14-1
25	Brandeis	50	12-4

**Others receiving votes:** Springfield 47, WPI 42,  
 Whitworth 35, **St. Norbert 33**, Whitman 33, East  
 Texas Baptist 25, Albion 21, Christopher Newport  
 17, UW-Oshkosh 13, Benedictine 13, Augustana 9,  
 RPI 8, Rochester 7, Augsburg 3, Pomona-Pitzer 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 (4 times, last 1/21/20 vs.  
 Lake Forest)

### #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 (2 times, last 1/21/20 vs.  
 Lake Forest)  
 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 (2 times, last 1/21/20 vs.  
 Lake Forest)

### #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 25, 2020)  
**All games**



Overall record: 14-3 Conf: 9-1 Home: 8-1 Away: 6-2 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	17-17	508	29.9	86-181	.475	54-120	.450	21-32	.656	8	47	55	3.2	24	0	33	16	6	11	247	14.5
41	Connor Curtis	17-17	421	24.8	87-142	.613	8-25	.320	45-58	.776	29	65	94	5.5	36	2	25	21	7	22	227	13.4
11	Jared Murphy	17-0	360	21.2	80-155	.516	26-56	.464	35-41	.854	21	45	66	3.9	17	0	18	24	1	11	221	13.0
20	Nolan Beirne	17-17	445	26.2	59-108	.546	2-8	.250	27-39	.692	52	43	95	5.6	29	0	22	25	4	11	147	8.6
22	Wade Geenen	17-17	460	27.1	49-128	.383	31-84	.369	16-24	.667	4	23	27	1.6	27	0	49	22	1	10	145	8.5
12	Michael Payant	17-0	337	19.8	35-87	.402	18-36	.500	18-28	.643	11	66	77	4.5	25	0	26	18	8	18	106	6.2
21	Jacob Bolwerk	17-17	363	21.4	34-86	.395	5-32	.156	17-24	.708	23	51	74	4.4	35	0	46	30	3	19	90	5.3
03	Jack Pettit	17-0	200	11.8	17-32	.531	0-0	.000	13-18	.722	3	9	12	0.7	22	0	16	19	1	7	47	2.8
30	Carson Talbert	11-0	70	6.4	11-22	.500	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	5	5	10	0.9	10	0	2	1	0	0	25	2.3
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	11-0	46	4.2	8-15	.533	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	2	3	5	0.5	1	0	1	5	1	3	19	1.7
24	Jordan Newman	11-0	37	3.4	4-12	.333	1-7	.143	1-2	.500	0	3	3	0.3	0	0	5	2	0	0	10	0.9
15	Matt Lynch	9-0	35	3.9	1-5	.200	1-3	.333	7-13	.538	0	10	10	1.1	5	0	2	7	0	2	10	1.1
35	Luke Rogers	10-0	24	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	7-0	21	3.0	1-5	.200	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2	6	8	1.1	7	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											30	42	72				4					
Total.....		17	3425		485-1006	.482	150-384	.391	211-295	.715	194	439	633	37.2	248	2	253	203	33	116	1331	78.3
Opponents.....		17	3425		396-929	.426	135-397	.340	152-219	.694	130	365	495	29.1	288	2	191	235	45	95	1079	63.5

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	1331	1079	11/9/19	at Benedictine Univ.	L 79-87	518
Points per game	78.3	63.5	11/16/19	at Elmhurst College	L 50-75	728
Scoring margin	+14.8	-	11/23/19	NORTHLAND COLLEGE	w 97-57	563
FIELD GOALS-ATT	485-1006	396-929	* 12/4/19	LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	w 84-71	470
Field goal pct	.482	.426	* 12/7/19	at Ripon College	w 70-69	321
3 POINT FG-ATT	150-384	135-397	12/14/19	UW-EAU CLAIRE	w 70-58	713
3-point FG pct	.391	.340	12/17/19	UW-OSHKOSH	Wot 96-95	810
3-pt FG made per game	8.8	7.9	# 12/29/19	UW-SUPERIOR	w 76-46	898
FREE THROWS-ATT	211-295	152-219	# 12/30/19	UW-STOUT	w 81-53	673
Free throw pct	.715	.694	* 1/3/20	at Monmouth College	w 66-44	225
F-Throws made per game	12.4	8.9	* 1/4/20	at Knox College	w 86-63	200
REBOUNDS	633	495	* 1/8/20	ILLINOIS COLLEGE	w 96-67	414
Rebounds per game	37.2	29.1	* 1/11/20	at Cornell College	w 87-62	158
Rebounding margin	+8.1	-	* 1/15/20	at Beloit College	w 72-55	176
ASSISTS	253	191	* 1/18/20	KNOX COLLEGE	w 83-55	433
Assists per game	14.9	11.2	* 1/21/20	at Lake Forest College	w 86-52	146
TURNOVERS	203	235	* 1/25/20	RIPON COLLEGE	L 52-70	896
Turnovers per game	11.9	13.8				
Turnover margin	+1.9	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.2	0.8				
STEALS	116	95				
Steals per game	6.8	5.6				
BLOCKS	33	45				
Blocks per game	1.9	2.6				
ATTENDANCE	5870	2472				
Home games-Avg/Game	9-652	8-309				
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	635	685	11	1331
Opponents	518	551	10	1079