



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview

No. 23 St. Norbert College (18-3) vs. Beloit College (8-13)
Wed., Feb. 12 - Mulva Sports Center (1,844) - De Pere, Wis. - 5:30 p.m.
No. 23 St. Norbert College at Grinnell College (11-10)
Sat., Feb. 15 - Darby Gym (1,250) - Grinnell, Iowa - 1 p.m.

Week Overview:

St. Norbert looks to wrap up its ninth Midwest Conference championship in 11 years when the Green Knights face Beloit and Grinnell this week. The Green Knights can clinch a share of the title with one win and can clinch an outright title and home-court advantage for the Midwest Conference Tournament with a pair of victories.

Broadcast:

Both games will be broadcast with live 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>

Live stats for Saturday's game are available at:
<https://pioneers.grinnell.edu/sidearmstats/mbball/summary>

The Series:

St. Norbert leads Beloit 50-23 in an all-time series dating back to the 1983-84 season. The Green Knights have won 23 of the last 26 meetings in the series.

St. Norbert leads Grinnell 34-18 in an all-time series dating back to the 1983-84 season. The Green Knights are 11-14 all-time at Grinnell in the series.

Last Meetings:

St. Norbert defeated Beloit 72-55 on Jan. 15, 2020 at Flood Arena in Beloit. The Buccaneers held a 34-31 halftime lead before the Green Knights opened the second half on a 19-3 run to take control. Jared Murphy led St. Norbert with 16 points, while Joe Ciriacks added 14 points and Michael Payant 13 points. Andrew Walters had a team-high 16 points for the Buccaneers.

St. Norbert topped Grinnell 109-79 on Jan. 31, 2020 at Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center in De Pere. The Green Knights led 46-31 at halftime before pulling away in the second half. Nolan Beirne led St. Norbert with 32 points and 13 rebounds, while Connor Curtis added 23 points. Aiden Gilbert led Grinnell with 24 points.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 269-84 in his 14th season in De Pere. He was 51-31 in three seasons at Lakeland before arriv-

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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 *	W 86-52
J 25	Ripon *	L 70-52
J 31	Grinnell *	W 109-79
F 1	Cornell *	W 77-57
F 5	Lawrence *	W 90-79
F 8	at Illinois College *	W 87-74
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.

ing at St. Norbert to give him an overall mark of 320-115.

Beloit coach Josh Hinz (Beloit, 2007) is 8-13 in his first season in Beloit.

Grinnell coach David Arsenault Jr. (Grinnell, 2009) is 43-27 in his third season in Grinnell.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the week with an 18-3 overall mark and a 13-1 record in the Midwest Conference. The Green Knights need just one win to clinch at least a share of their ninth MWC championship in the last 11 seasons. The Green Knights earned an 87-74 win this past Saturday at Illinois College.

Senior guard Joe Ciriacks is totaling a team-high 14.2 points per game. Senior forward Connor Curtis is averaging 14.0 points and a team-high 6.1 rebounds per game. Junior forward Jared Murphy is averaging 13.3 points per game. Junior forward Nolan Beirne is averaging 10.1 points and 6.0 rebounds per game, and has pulled down a MWC-high 66 offensive rebounds.

St. Norbert is averaging 80.7 points per game while shooting 48.8 percent from the floor, 38.9 percent on 3-pointers and 72.7 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 65.1 points per game while shooting 42.5 percent from the floor, 34.4 percent on 3-pointers and 70.0 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Buccaneers:

Beloit enters the game 8-13 overall and 6-8 in the Midwest Conference. The Buccaneers are coming off an 89-58 home loss to Lake Forest this past Saturday.

Senior forward Tristan Shoup is averaging 16.0 points and 5.0 rebounds per game. Freshman guard Michael Polokoski is averaging 12.7 points per game and is shooting 44.9 percent from beyond the three-point arc. Senior guard Darin Empereur is averaging 11.1 points per game, while junior forward Andrew Walters is totaling 10.5 points and 10.4 rebounds per game.

Beloit is averaging 68.3 points per game while shooting 45.3 percent

from the floor, 36.9 percent on 3-pointers and 74.6 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 75.1 points per game while shooting 48.9 percent from the floor, 38.1 percent on 3-pointers and 70.7 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Pioneers:

Grinnell enters the weekend with an 11-10 overall record and a 7-7 mark in the Midwest Conference. The Pioneers are coming off a narrow 94-90 loss this past Saturday at Monmouth.

Sophomore guard Patrick Simms is averaging 22.0 points per game, while sophomore guard Jackson Qualley is averaging 21.0 points per game. Junior guard Hannes Kogelnik is averaging 18.2 points per game. Freshman guard Aiden Gilbert is averaging 13.5 points per game, while junior guard Zachary Stice is averaging 9.9 points per game.

Grinnell is averaging 108.4 points per game while shooting 40.6 percent from the floor, 33.1 percent on 3-pointers and 71.6 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 101.1 points per game while shooting 55.7 percent from the floor, 32.5 percent on 3-pointers and 70.0 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 258-66. 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	
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	18-3	13-1		
Totals	269-84	196-42		
Career	320-115			

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	15-1	8-0	7-1	0-0
Grinnell	19-9	14-1	4-8	1-0
Illinois Coll.	24-0	12-0	12-0	0-0
Knox	24-2	12-1	12-1	0-0
Lake Forest	24-5	12-4	12-1	0-0
Lawrence	21-7	11-3	10-4	0-0
Monmouth	20-4	11-1	9-3	0-0
Ripon	24-9	15-3	9-5	0-1
Totals	211-48	119-16	91-30	1-2

MWC Glance

Team	MWC	Overall
St. Norbert	13-1	18-3
Ripon	10-4	14-7
Monmouth	9-5	14-7
Lake Forest	7-6	10-10
Grinnell	7-7	11-10
Cornell	6-7	11-9
Beloit	6-8	8-13
Lawrence	5-9	9-12
Illinois College	3-11	5-16
Knox	3-11	7-14

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:269-84 (14th year)
Record Overall:320-115 (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:1,122-882
All-Time MWC Record:383-190
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)

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Top 25 Poll #11 - Feb. 10, 2020

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record
1	Swarthmore (20)	618	21-0
2	St. John's (4)	602	21-1
3	Randolph-Macon (1)	570	21-1
4	St. Thomas	539	19-2
5	Wittenberg	517	20-1
6	Nebraska Wesleyan	508	20-2
7	Johns Hopkins	440	19-2
8	UW-Platteville	424	18-3
9	Emory	397	17-3
10	Middlebury	350	19-3
11	Mount Union	336	18-3
12	Colby	320	19-2
13	Virginia Wesleyan	311	18-3
14	North Central-Ill.	301	17-4
15	Marietta	296	18-3
16	Washington-Mo.	265	16-4
17	Elmhurst	219	18-4
18	Tufts	182	18-4
19	Babson	181	18-3
20	Springfield	179	18-3
21	Yeshiva	153	20-1
22	St. Joseph-Conn.	91	19-2
23	St. Norbert	79	18-3
24	Benedictine	42	18-3
25	Augustana	28	16-6

Others receiving votes: Albion 27, UW-La Crosse 20, Brockport State 15, Whitworth 15, WPI 14, Amherst 14, Christopher Newport 11, Centre 10, Wooster 9, Brandeis 8, York-Pa. 7, RPI 7, Texas-Dallas 6, Hobart 4, Washington & Lee 3, Widener 3, UW-Oshkosh 2, Stevens 1, Whitman 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 (3 times, last 2/5/20 vs. Lawrence)
 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: 7 (2/5/20 vs. Lawrence)
 Assists: 4 (5 times, last 2/5/20 vs. Lawrence)

#10 - Josh Nicklaus

Points: 9 (1/11/20 vs. Cornell)
 Rebounds: 4 (12/30/19 vs. UW-Stout)
 Assists: 2 (2 times, last 1/31/20 vs. Grinnell)

#11 - Jared Murphy

Points: 20 (2 times, last 1/21/20 vs. Lake Forest)
 Rebounds: 9 (1/8/20 vs. Illinois College)
 Assists: 4 (4 times, last 1/31/20 vs. Grinnell)

#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: 32 (1/31/20 vs. Grinnell)
 Rebounds: 13 (1/31/20 vs. Grinnell)
 Assists: 6 (2/13/19 vs. Lawrence)

#21 - Jacob Bolwerk

Points: 20 (2/5/20 vs. Lawrence)
 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: 1 (1/31/20 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)

#30 - Carson Talbert

Points: 6 (2 times, last 12/29/19 vs. UW-Superior)
 Rebounds: 3 (2 times, last 1/31/20 vs. Grinnell)
 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: 7 (1/31/20 vs. Grinnell)

#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 Feb 08, 2020)
All games



Overall record: 18-3 Conf: 13-1 Home: 11-1 Away: 7-2 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
05	Joe Ciriacks	21-21	624	29.7	104-225	.462	64-144	.444	26-39	.667	12	62	74	3.5	29	0	43	18	6	11	298	14.2
41	Connor Curtis	21-21	523	24.9	112-183	.612	10-31	.323	60-77	.779	46	83	129	6.1	42	2	37	26	10	25	294	14.0
11	Jared Murphy	21-0	453	21.6	106-204	.520	28-67	.418	40-48	.833	25	56	81	3.9	22	0	26	31	1	16	280	13.3
20	Nolan Beirne	21-21	558	26.6	85-150	.567	4-12	.333	38-50	.760	66	59	125	6.0	39	0	27	31	4	14	212	10.1
22	Wade Geenen	21-21	587	28.0	63-155	.406	39-102	.382	21-29	.724	4	28	32	1.5	34	0	61	27	1	18	186	8.9
21	Jacob Bolwerk	21-21	452	21.5	50-115	.435	8-38	.211	22-30	.733	27	61	88	4.2	48	0	61	31	3	24	130	6.2
12	Michael Payant	21-0	406	19.3	40-110	.364	19-41	.463	22-35	.629	14	83	97	4.6	33	0	33	22	12	28	121	5.8
03	Jack Pettit	21-0	246	11.7	24-42	.571	0-0	.000	13-19	.684	7	14	21	1.0	30	0	17	22	1	7	61	2.9
10	Josh Nicklaus	12-0	80	6.7	10-21	.476	2-4	.500	8-9	.889	6	10	16	1.3	7	0	6	5	0	2	30	2.5
30	Carson Talbert	13-0	77	5.9	13-26	.500	0-0	.000	3-7	.429	7	7	14	1.1	11	0	2	2	0	1	29	2.2
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
15	Matt Lynch	11-0	44	4.0	1-6	.167	1-3	.333	8-15	.533	0	11	11	1.0	7	0	4	9	0	3	11	1.0
24	Jordan Newman	13-0	39	3.0	4-12	.333	1-7	.143	1-2	.500	0	3	3	0.2	0	0	5	2	0	0	10	0.8
35	Luke Rogers	12-0	26	2.2	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.2	2	0	2	1	0	2	4	0.3
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
23	Nate Verstegen	9-0	23	2.6	1-5	.200	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	2	6	8	0.9	8	0	1	1	1	0	3	0.3
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
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											34	48	82				8					
Total.....		21	4225		625-1281	.488	178-458	.389	266-366	.727	253	545	798	38.0	316	2	329	245	40	154	1694	80.7
Opponents.....		21	4225		496-1167	.425	180-524	.344	196-280	.700	172	452	624	29.7	359	2	238	299	59	115	1368	65.1

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	1694	1368	11/9/19	at Benedictine Univ.	L 79-87	518
Points per game	80.7	65.1	11/16/19	at Elmhurst College	L 50-75	728
Scoring margin	+15.5	-	11/23/19	NORTHLAND COLLEGE	w 97-57	563
FIELD GOALS-ATT	625-1281	496-1167	* 12/4/19	LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	w 84-71	470
Field goal pct	.488	.425	* 12/7/19	at Ripon College	w 70-69	321
3 POINT FG-ATT	178-458	180-524	12/14/19	UW-EAU CLAIRE	w 70-58	713
3-point FG pct	.389	.344	12/17/19	UW-OSHKOSH	wot 96-95	810
3-pt FG made per game	8.5	8.6	# 12/29/19	UW-SUPERIOR	w 76-46	898
FREE THROWS-ATT	266-366	196-280	# 12/30/19	UW-STOUT	w 81-53	673
Free throw pct	.727	.700	* 1/3/20	at Monmouth College	w 66-44	225
F-Throws made per game	12.7	9.3	* 1/4/20	at Knox College	w 86-63	200
REBOUNDS	798	624	* 1/8/20	ILLINOIS COLLEGE	w 96-67	414
Rebounds per game	38.0	29.7	* 1/11/20	at Cornell College	w 87-62	158
Rebounding margin	+8.3	-	* 1/15/20	at Beloit College	w 72-55	176
ASSISTS	329	238	* 1/18/20	KNOX COLLEGE	w 83-55	433
Assists per game	15.7	11.3	* 1/21/20	at Lake Forest College	w 86-52	146
TURNOVERS	245	299	* 1/25/20	RIPON COLLEGE	L 52-70	896
Turnovers per game	11.7	14.2	* 1/31/20	GRINNELL COLLEGE	w 109-79	841
Turnover margin	+2.6	-	* 2/1/20	CORNELL COLLEGE	w 77-57	535
Assist/turnover ratio	1.3	0.8	* 2/5/20	LAWRENCE UNIV.	w 90-79	447
STEALS	154	115	* 2/8/20	at Illinois College	w 87-74	275
Steals per game	7.3	5.5				
BLOCKS	40	59				
Blocks per game	1.9	2.8				
ATTENDANCE	7693	2747				
Home games-Avg/Game	12-641	9-305				
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	799	884	11	1694
Opponents	637	721	10	1368