



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview

St. Norbert College (0-1) at Elmhurst College (0-0)

Saturday, November 16, 2019 - 7 p.m.
 R.A. Faganel Hall (1,800) - Elmhurst, Illinois

Game Overview:

St. Norbert returns to Illinois for a second consecutive weekend when it faces College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin foe Elmhurst in a non-conference game.

Broadcast:

Live streaming video will be available at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCapFKjLb-2MPjwQNs2ZZ8yQ/live>
 Live statistics will be available at:
<https://elmhurstbluejays.com/sidearmstats/mbball/summary>

The Series:

Elmhurst leads St. Norbert 5-4 in an all-time series begun in the 1999-2000 season. The Green Knights have won two of the last three games in the series, including the last meeting at R.A. Faganel Hall - a 63-61 triumph on Nov. 21, 2009. St. Norbert is 2-2 all-time in the series at Elmhurst. The Green Knights' other win at Elmhurst came in a 59-53 win over the Bluejays on Dec. 4, 2001.

Last Meeting:

In one of the most memorable games in NCAA Division III Tournament history, Elmhurst defeated St. Norbert 110-98 in triple overtime in the first round of the tournament on March 6, 2015 at Schuldes Sports Center in De Pere. Austin Elliott led St. Norbert with 31 points, while Steven Hofacker added 21 points. Kyle Wuest led Elmhurst with 32 points, while Eric Leonard came off the bench to add 17 points.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 251-82 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 302-113.

Elmhurst coach John Baines (Illinois Wesleyan, 1998) is 89-69 in his seventh season in Elmhurst. He was 57-38 in three seasons at St. Francis (Ill.) to give him an overall record of 146-107 entering his 10th season.

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	7 p.m.
N 23	Northland	3 p.m.
D 4	Lake Forest *	5:30 p.m.
D 7	at Ripon *	1 p.m.
D 14	UW-Eau Claire	3 p.m.
D 17	UW-Oshkosh	7:30 p.m.
D 29	UW-Superior %	7 p.m.
D 30	UW-Stout or Edgewood %	5 or 7 p.m.
J 3	at Monmouth *	5:30 p.m.
J 4	at Knox *	1 p.m.
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 *	3 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.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the game with an 0-1 overall record. The Green Knights opened their season this past Saturday, dropping an 87-79 road decision at Benedictine.

Senior forward Connor Curtis posted a career-high 29 points in the loss, going 10-of-17 from the floor and a perfect 9-for-9 at the free-throw line. Junior guard Wade Geenen had 13 points, while junior forward Jared Murphy had 11 points. Sophomore guard Michael Payant came off the bench to add 10 points and a team-high seven rebounds.

St. Norbert is averaging 79.0 points per game while shooting 46.3 percent from the floor, 42.9 percent on 3-pointers and 74.1 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 87.0 points per game while shooting 52.5 percent from the floor, 48.4 percent on 3-pointers and 61.5 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Bluejays:

Elmhurst finished 12-14 overall and 7-9 in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin last season. The Bluejays return three starters from last season and were picked to finish in fifth place in the CCIW pre-season coaches' poll. Elmhurst unofficially opened its season Tuesday with a 79-78 exhibition loss at NCAA Division II Indianapolis.

Junior guard Jake Rhode, a third-team pre-season D3hoops.com All-America selection, averaged 19.9 points per game last season. Senior forward Derek Dotlich netted 12.8 points and 5.2 rebounds a year ago, while junior guard Nick Perry averaged 5.1 points per game.

Elmhurst averaged 76.6 points per game while shooting 45.4 percent from the floor, 36.9 percent on 3-pointers and 72.2 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents scored an average of 75.7 points per game while shooting 45.4 percent from the floor, 35.2 percent on 3-pointers and 74.9 percent at the free-throw line.

Crystal Ball:

St. Norbert was picked to win its ninth Midwest Conference championship in the last 11 seasons in the annual pre-season poll conducted by the league's coaches.

The Green Knights received a maximum nine first-place votes and 81 points. Monmouth was given the nod for second with one first-place vote and 68 points. Lake Forest was third with 66 points, while Grinnell was fourth with 55 points.

Ripon was picked for fifth (50 points), Lawrence sixth (46 points), Illinois College seventh (30 points), Cornell eighth (26 points), Beloit ninth (18 points) and Knox tenth (10 points).

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.

Midwest Mastery:

St. Norbert has enjoyed a banner run in the Midwest Conference dating back to the end of the 2012-13 season.

Including the last two games of the 2012-13 regular season, St. Norbert is a lusty 111-11 in its last 122 games against Midwest Conference opponents.

St. Norbert's five consecutive Midwest Conference men's basketball titles from 2013-17 made the Green Knights the first program to win at least five consecutive MWC men's basketball titles since Beloit won six straight from 1946-51.

Dating back to the 2009-10 season, St. Norbert is 96-8 at home against MWC opponents.

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	0-1	0-0		
Totals	251-82	185-41		
Career	302-113			

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	22-2	11-1	11-1	0-0
Lake Forest	22-5	11-4	11-1	0-0
Lawrence	20-7	10-3	10-4	0-0
Monmouth	19-4	11-1	8-3	0-0
Ripon	23-8	15-2	8-5	0-1
Totals	198-47	113-15	84-30	1-2

MWC Glance

Team	MWC	Overall
Beloit	0-0	0-1
Cornell	0-0	1-1
Grinnell	0-0	0-2
Illinois College	0-0	1-1
Knox	0-0	1-0
Lake Forest	0-0	1-0
Lawrence	0-0	0-0
Monmouth	0-0	0-0
Ripon	0-0	1-1
St. Norbert	0-0	0-1

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:251-82 (14th year)
Record Overall:302-113 (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:1,104-880
All-Time MWC Record:370-189
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)

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Top 25 Poll # 1 - Oct. 28, 2019

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record
1	Swarthmore (16)	614	0-0
2	UW-Oshkosh (8)	563	0-0
3	North Central-Ill. (1)	510	0-0
4	Amherst	469	0-0
5	Wittenberg	455	0-0
6	Emory	418	0-0
7	Washington-Mo.	386	0-0
8	Nebraska Wesleyan	349	0-0
9	Christopher Newport	338	0-0
10	Nichols	333	0-0
11	Texas-Dallas	313	0-0
12	St. John's	295	0-0
13	Middlebury	282	0-0
14	Wabash	269	0-0
15	St. Thomas	245	0-0
16	WPI	239	0-0
17	Augustana	229	0-0
18	Marietta	227	0-0
19	Guilford	216	0-0
20	Whitman	193	0-0
21	Wooster	167	0-0
22	Baldwin Wallace	128	0-0
23	Augsburg	113	0-0
24	Randolph-Macon	112	0-0
25	St. John Fisher	93	0-0

Others receiving votes: Oswego State 83,
 Hamilton 59, Salem State 58, UW-Platteville 54,
 York-Pa. 49, Wheaton-Ill. 45, MIT 35, Claremont-
 Mudd-Scripps 31, New Jersey City 29, Scranton
 24, Endicott 18, Mount Union 18, Pomona-Pitzer
 15, Eastern Connecticut 14, Whitworth 12,
 Rochester 5, Oneonta State 5, Tufts 4, Williams 3,
 Brockport State 2, Covenant 2, Brandeis 1, Keene
 State 1, Loras 1, Yeshiva 1.

St. Norbert Men's Basketball Career Highs

#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: 4 (12/1/18 vs. Knox)
 Rebounds: 2 (11/16/18 vs. Central)
 Assists: 2 (12/1/18 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: 5 (2/13/18 vs. Lake Forest)
 Assists: 4 (2 times, last 1/26/19 vs.
 Cornell)

#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: 10 (11/9/19 vs. Benedictine)
 Rebounds: 7 (11/9/19 vs. Benedictine)
 Assists: 2 (11/9/19 vs. Benedictine)

#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: 10 (2 times, last 2/27/19 vs.
 Lake Forest)
 Assists: 6 (2/13/19 vs. Lawrence)

#21 - Jacob Bolwerk

Points: 17 (2/9/19 vs. Grinnell)
 Rebounds: 6 (11/9/19 vs. Benedictine)
 Assists: 2 (2/9/19 vs. Grinnell)

#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)

#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)

#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)

#41 - Connor Curtis

Points: 29 (11/9/19 vs. Benedictine)
 Rebounds: 20 (11/17/18 vs. Nebraska
 Wesleyan)
 Assists: 4 (1/26/19 vs. Cornell)

#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 Nov 09, 2019)
All games



RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-1	0-0	0-1	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-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg								
41	Connor Curtis	1-1	33	33.0	10-17	.588	0-3	.000	9-9	1.000	1	3	4	4.0	1	0	1	2	0	3	29	29.0
22	Wade Geenen	1-1	30	30.0	4-9	.444	4-7	.571	1-2	.500	0	3	3	3.0	0	0	1	4	0	2	13	13.0
11	Jared Murphy	1-0	23	23.0	2-4	.500	1-1	1.000	6-8	.750	1	3	4	4.0	0	0	1	2	0	1	11	11.0
12	Michael Payant	1-0	20	20.0	3-8	.375	3-5	.600	1-2	.500	2	5	7	7.0	1	0	2	1	1	1	10	10.0
20	Nolan Beirne	1-1	34	34.0	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1	2	3	3.0	2	0	2	2	0	0	7	7.0
05	Joe Ciriacks	1-1	31	31.0	2-5	.400	1-3	.333	2-4	.500	0	5	5	5.0	3	0	2	2	0	2	7	7.0
21	Jacob Bolwerk	1-1	16	16.0	1-5	.200	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	4	2	6	6.0	4	0	2	2	0	1	2	2.0
03	Jack Pettit	1-0	9	9.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.0
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
02	Ethan Riniker	1-0	1	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											1	0	1									
Total.....		1	200		25-54	.463	9-21	.429	20-27	.741	10	24	34	34.0	12	0	11	15	1	11	79	79.0
Opponents.....		1	200		32-61	.525	15-31	.484	8-13	.615	8	23	31	31.0	20	1	20	13	3	9	87	87.0

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	79	87	11/9/19	at Benedictine (IL)	L 79-87	518
Points per game	79.0	87.0	* - MWC game			
Scoring margin	-8.0	-				
FIELD GOALS-ATT	25-54	32-61				
Field goal pct	.463	.525				
3 POINT FG-ATT	9-21	15-31				
3-point FG pct	.429	.484				
3-pt FG made per game	9.0	15.0				
FREE THROWS-ATT	20-27	8-13				
Free throw pct	.741	.615				
F-Throws made per game	20.0	8.0				
REBOUNDS	34	31				
Rebounds per game	34.0	31.0				
Rebounding margin	+3.0	-				
ASSISTS	11	20				
Assists per game	11.0	20.0				
TURNOVERS	15	13				
Turnovers per game	15.0	13.0				
Turnover margin	-2.0	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	0.7	1.5				
STEALS	11	9				
Steals per game	11.0	9.0				
BLOCKS	1	3				
Blocks per game	1.0	3.0				
ATTENDANCE	0	518				
Home games-Avg/Game	0-0	1-518				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
St. Norbert College	36	43	79
Opponents	42	45	87