



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview

St. Norbert College (1-2) vs. Lake Forest College (3-2)

Wed., Dec. 4 - Mulva Sports Center (1,844) - De Pere, Wis. - 5:30 p.m.

St. Norbert College at Ripon College (4-1)

Sat., Dec. 7 - Willmore Center (1,200) - Ripon, Wis. - 1 p.m.

Week Overview:

St. Norbert jumps into the fray of Midwest Conference play with a pair of games against league contenders Lake Forest and Ripon. The Green Knights host the Foresters on Wednesday before making the trip south to face Ripon on Saturday.

Broadcast:

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

Live stats for the Lake Forest game are available at: <http://www.snc.edu/athletics/teamfiles/livestats/xlive.htm>

Live stats for the Ripon game are available at: <https://static.riponred-hawks.com/custompages/LiveStats/mBBall/xlive.htm>

The Series:

St. Norbert leads Lake Forest 48-22 in a series dating back to the 1983-84 season. The Green Knights have captured 23 of the last 28 meetings in the series.

Ripon holds a 65-59 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 23 of the last 29 meetings over the last 12 seasons.

Last Meetings:

Lake Forest topped St. Norbert 68-64 in the Midwest Conference Tournament championship game on Feb. 23, 2019 at Mulva Sports Center. The game was tied 34-34 at halftime and featured 13 ties. Wade Geenen led St. Norbert with 18 points, while Jared Murphy added 12 points and Joe Ciriacks 11 points. Sean Espinosa and Danny Sotos had 19 points apiece for the Foresters, while Aram Arslanian and Jordan Moran had 14 points each.

St. Norbert dropped Ripon 75-57 on Jan. 19, 2019 at Willmore Center in Ripon. The Green Knights led 31-25 at halftime before pulling away in the second half. Wade Geenen led St. Norbert with 19 points, while Connor Curtis added 15 points and Joe Lemon 14 points. Tyson Tully led the Red Hawks with 14 points.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 252-83 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 303-114.

Lake Forest coach Ken Davis (Arizona State, 1983) is 74-55 in his sixth

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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 *	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.

season in Lake Forest.

Ripon coach Ryan Kane (St. Norbert, 1999) is 115-62 in his eighth season in Ripon.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters Wednesday's game with a 1-2 overall record. The Green Knights have been idle since Nov. 23, when they dispatched Northland 97-57 at Mulva Sports Center.

Senior forward Connor Curtis tops St. Norbert with averages of 22.0 points and 5.7 rebounds per game while also shooting 64.9 percent from the floor. Senior guard Joe Ciriacks is averaging 15.3 points per game and is shooting 52.4 percent from beyond the three-point arc. Junior guard Jared Murphy is averaging 8.3 points per game, while junior forward Nolan Beirne is totaling 7.7 points and 4.0 rebounds per game.

St. Norbert is averaging 75.3 points per game while shooting 47.2 percent from the floor, 34.8 percent on 3-pointers and 64.3 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 73.0 points per game while shooting 43.8 percent from the floor, 35.4 percent on 3-pointers and 74.5 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Foresters:

Lake Forest enters Wednesday's game with a 3-2 overall record. Four of the Foresters' five non-conference games have come against College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin opposition, including a 93-91 home loss to Elmhurst on Nov. 26.

Junior guard Sean Espinosa leads the Foresters with an average of 17.2 points per game. Freshman guard Aidyn Albright is averaging 17.0 points per game, while sophomore guard Tashon Brown is totaling 14.2 points and 4.8 rebounds per game. Freshman wing Reece Taylor is averaging 9.0 points per game.

Lake Forest is averaging 90.4 points per game while shooting 50.7 percent from the floor, 43.8 percent on 3-pointers and 80.0 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 82.6 points per game while shooting 46.5 percent from the floor, 28.3 percent on 3-pointers and 74.4 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Red Hawks:

Ripon enters Wednesday's game at Beloit with a 4-1 record. The Red Hawks picked up a solid 68-66 overtime win over Wheaton at home this past Saturday.

Senior guard Trent Jones leads the Red Hawks with a scoring average of 20.8 points per game. Senior guard Seth Kostroski is averaging 13.6 points per game, while sophomore forward Owen Theune is totaling 9.5 points and 7.0 rebounds per game. Sophomore guard Jaylen Mahone is averaging 8.4 points per game.

Ripon is averaging 72.0 points per game while shooting 47.9 percent from the floor, 34.3 percent on 3-pointers and 73.2 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 71.4 points per game while shooting 44.2 percent from the floor, 37.2 percent on 3-pointers and 60.7 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.

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	1-2	0-0		
Totals	252-83	185-41		
Career	303-114			

Grzesk vs. MWC at St. Norbert

Team	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
Beloit	22-4	12-1	10-3	0-0
Carroll *	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	2-2
Cornell	0-0	3-2
Grinnell	0-0	3-3
Illinois College	0-0	2-3
Knox	0-0	2-2
Lake Forest	0-0	3-2
Lawrence	0-0	2-1
Monmouth	0-0	5-0
Ripon	0-0	4-1
St. Norbert	0-0	1-2

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:252-83 (14th year)
Record Overall:303-114 (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:1,105-881
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)

D3hoops.com Division III

Top 25 Poll # 3 - Dec. 2, 2019

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record
1	Swarthmore (22)	622	6-0
2	Emory (3)	586	7-0
3	Wittenberg	540	3-0
4	Middlebury	522	7-0
5	St. Thomas	466	5-1
6	Nebraska Wesleyan	445	7-1
7	Nichols	429	5-0
8	Marietta	423	4-0
9	Randolph-Macon	403	7-0
10	Washington-Mo.	356	6-1
11	UW-Platteville	330	6-0
12	St. John's	311	4-1
13	UW-Oshkosh	296	4-2
14	Amherst	290	3-1
15	Johns Hopkins	250	6-0
16	Guilford	244	7-1
17	Elmhurst	228	5-0
18	Christopher Newport	163	6-2
19	North Central-Ill.	160	4-2
20	Whitworth	143	5-1
21	Carthage	127	5-0
22	WPI	109	7-1
23	UW-La Crosse	105	6-0
24	Augustana	82	4-2
25	Oswego State	64	4-0

Others receiving votes: Hamilton 55, UW-Stevens Point 53, Babson 49, Wooster 47, Augsburg 34, Centre 32, Benedictine 29, Colby 27, Whitman 25, Springfield 17, Tufts 14, Muhlenberg 10, UW-Eau Claire 10, Illinois Wesleyan 9, Yeshiva 6, Rochester 5, Pomona-Pitzer 4, Mary Hardin-Baylor 2, Mount Union 1, Wabash 1.

St. Norbert Men's Basketball Career Highs

#1 - Tyler Gouin

Points: 6 (11/16/19 vs. Elmhurst)
 Rebounds: 1 (2 times, last 11/23/19 vs. Northland)
 Assists: n/a

#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 (2 times, last 11/23/19 vs. Northland)
 Rebounds: 3 (11/23/19 vs. Northland)
 Assists: 2 (2 times, last 11/23/19 vs. Northland)

#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 times, last 11/16/19 vs. Elmhurst)
 Assists: 4 (2 times, last 1/26/19 vs. Cornell)

#10 - Josh Nicklaus

Points: n/a
 Rebounds: 1 (11/23/19 vs. Northland)
 Assists: 2 (11/23/19 vs. Northland)

#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 (2 times, last 11/23/19 vs. Northland)

#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: 7 (11/16/19 vs. Elmhurst)
 Assists: 6 (11/23/19 vs. Northland)

#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)

#23 - Nate Verstegen

Points: n/a
 Rebounds: n/a
 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 (11/23/19 vs. Northland)
 Rebounds: 2 (11/23/19 vs. Northland)
 Assists: n/a

#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 (11/23/19 vs. Northland)
 Rebounds: 1 (11/23/19 vs. Northland)
 Assists: 1 (11/23/19 vs. Northland)

#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 23, 2019)
All games



Overall record: 1-2 Conf: 0-0 Home: 1-0 Away: 0-2 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								
41	Connor Curtis	3-3	86	28.7	24-37	.649	0-5	.000	18-20	.900	5	12	17	5.7	4	0	2	4	0	6	66	22.0
05	Joe Ciriacks	3-3	84	28.0	15-29	.517	11-21	.524	5-8	.625	0	11	11	3.7	6	0	3	3	2	2	46	15.3
11	Jared Murphy	3-0	56	18.7	8-19	.421	3-8	.375	6-8	.750	3	7	10	3.3	2	0	2	6	0	1	25	8.3
20	Nolan Beirne	3-3	81	27.0	10-20	.500	0-1	.000	3-6	.500	8	4	12	4.0	3	0	4	8	1	0	23	7.7
22	Wade Geenen	3-3	71	23.7	8-18	.444	5-11	.455	1-2	.500	0	4	4	1.3	2	0	7	8	0	4	22	7.3
12	Michael Payant	3-0	43	14.3	3-12	.250	3-7	.429	1-4	.250	3	9	12	4.0	8	0	5	4	1	2	10	3.3
30	Carson Talbert	2-0	14	7.0	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	2	1	3	1.5	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	3.5
21	Jacob Bolwerk	3-3	54	18.0	3-13	.231	0-7	.000	0-2	.000	8	9	17	5.7	11	0	13	5	0	2	6	2.0
01	Tyler Gouin	2-0	19	9.5	3-5	.600	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	1	6	3.0
03	Jack Pettit	3-0	32	10.7	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	3	4	1.3	2	0	2	0	1	1	4	1.3
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
15	Matt Lynch	2-0	7	3.5	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	0-2	.000	0	3	3	1.5	1	0	0	1	0	1	3	1.5
24	Jordan Newman	2-0	7	3.5	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1.0
35	Luke Rogers	2-0	6	3.0	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1.0
02	Ethan Riniker	3-0	27	9.0	0-5	.000	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	0	5	5	1.7	3	0	2	2	0	0	0	0.0
10	Josh Nicklaus	1-0	8	8.0	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.0	0	0	2	0	0	0	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
23	Nate Versteegen	1-0	1	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.0
Team											6	6	12				2					
Total.....		3	600		83-176	.472	24-69	.348	36-56	.643	38	78	116	38.7	44	0	44	44	7	21	226	75.3
Opponents.....		3	600		78-178	.438	28-79	.354	35-47	.745	27	66	93	31.0	48	1	44	32	6	23	219	73.0

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	226	219	11/9/19	at Benedictine (IL)	L 79-87	518
Points per game	75.3	73.0	11/16/19	at Elmhurst	L 50-75	728
Scoring margin	+2.3	-	11/23/19	NORTHLAND COLLEGE	w 97-57	563
FIELD GOALS-ATT	83-176	78-178	* - MWC game			
Field goal pct	.472	.438				
3 POINT FG-ATT	24-69	28-79				
3-point FG pct	.348	.354				
3-pt FG made per game	8.0	9.3				
FREE THROWS-ATT	36-56	35-47				
Free throw pct	.643	.745				
F-Throws made per game	12.0	11.7				
REBOUNDS	116	93				
Rebounds per game	38.7	31.0				
Rebounding margin	+7.7	-				
ASSISTS	44	44				
Assists per game	14.7	14.7				
TURNOVERS	44	32				
Turnovers per game	14.7	10.7				
Turnover margin	-4.0	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	1.4				
STEALS	21	23				
Steals per game	7.0	7.7				
BLOCKS	7	6				
Blocks per game	2.3	2.0				
ATTENDANCE	563	1246				
Home games-Avg/Game	1-563	2-623				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
St. Norbert College	112	114	226
Opponents	107	112	219