



# St. Norbert College

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

#### St. Norbert College (3-2) vs. UW-Eau Claire (8-1)

Saturday, December 14, 2019 - 3 p.m.

#### Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center (1,844) - De Pere, Wisconsin

#### Game Overview:

St. Norbert returns to action after final exam week with a home non-conference game against a red-hot UW-Eau Claire squad. The game also opens a four-game homestand to close out the calendar year.

#### Broadcast:

The game will be broadcast with video streaming at: <http://portal.stretch-internet.com/snc/>

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

#### The Series:

UW-Eau Claire leads St. Norbert 13-11 in a series dating back to the 1956-57 season. The Green Knights have won three of the last five meetings, including a 77-69 win in the first game played in the refurbished Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center on Nov. 15, 2017.

#### Last Meeting:

UW-Eau Claire topped St. Norbert 72-66 on Dec. 15, 2018 at Zorn Arena in Eau Claire. The Blugolds led 37-21 at halftime before the Green Knights rallied to within two points late. Joe Ciriacks led St. Norbert with 17 points, while Wade Geenen added 15 points. Sean Miller came off the bench to pace the Blugolds with 14 points, while Cole Rabedeaux added 13 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.

UW-Eau Claire coach Matt Siverling (UW-Eau Claire, 2002) is 100-90 in his eighth season in Eau Claire. Including two seasons at UW-Superior, Siverling is 129-114 in 10 seasons of collegiate coaching.

#### About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the contest with a 3-2 overall record, having won its last three games. The Green Knights have been off since a 70-69 win at

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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	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 *	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.

Ripon last Saturday.

Senior guard Joe Ciriacks, the reigning Midwest Conference Player of the Week, is averaging a team-high 18.6 points per game while canning 58.8 percent (20-for-34) of his shots from beyond the three-point arc. Senior forward Connor Curtis is averaging 17.4 points and 5.2 rebounds per game while shooting 60.8 percent from the floor. Junior guard Jared Murphy is scoring 12.0 points per game and is shooting 57.9 percent (11-for-19) from distance. Junior forward Nolan Beirne is averaging 7.2 points and 3.6 rebounds per game.

St. Norbert is averaging 76.0 points per game while shooting 45.2 percent from the floor, 39.5 percent on 3-pointers and 65.1 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 71.8 points per game while shooting 46.6 percent from the floor, 35.4 percent on 3-pointers and 73.3 percent at the free-throw line.

#### About the Blugolds:

UW-Eau Claire enters the game with an 8-1 overall record. The Blugolds, whose only loss was a one-point setback to nationally ranked Washington (Mo.) on Nov. 23, is coming off a 72-63 home win over Lawrence on Wednesday.

The Blugolds have four scorers averaging double figures, led by senior guard Cole Rabedeaux's 21.2 points per game. Sophomore forward Spencer Page is netting 14.1 points per game, while junior forward Carter Brooks is totaling 11.9 points and 7.0 rebounds per game. Junior guard Cam Kuepers is averaging 10.9 points per game.

Eau Claire is averaging 74.2 points per game while shooting 49.8 percent from the floor, 37.5 percent on 3-pointers and 73.8 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 66.8 points per game while shooting 39.9 percent from the floor, 34.4 percent on 3-pointers and 73.1 percent at the free-throw line.

#### Sharpshooting:

St. Norbert has a pair of players enjoy a solid start to the season from beyond the three-point arc.

Senior guard Joe Ciriacks is shooting 58.8 percent from distance, canning 20 of 34 attempts. Junior guard Jared Murphy has connected on 11 of 19 triples, good for 57.9 percent.

Ciriacks meets the minimum of 2 1/2 made 3-pointers to make the NCAA Division III statistical leaders. His 58.8 shooting percentage on treys ranks second nationally through games of Dec. 11. Only Maine Maritime's Nicholas DePatsy is higher at 60.5 percent.

#### 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 113-11 in its last 124 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 97-8 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	
<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	3-2	2-0		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>254-83</b>	<b>187-41</b>		
<b>Career</b>	<b>305-114</b>			

### 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	23-5	12-4	11-1	0-0
Lawrence	20-7	10-3	10-4	0-0
Monmouth	19-4	11-1	8-3	0-0
Ripon	24-8	15-2	9-5	0-1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200-47</b>	<b>114-15</b>	<b>85-30</b>	<b>1-2</b>

### MWC Glance

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

## 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:** .....254-83 (14th year)  
**Record Overall:** .....305-114 (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:** .....1,107-881  
**All-Time MWC Record:** .....372-189  
**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 #4 - Dec. 9, 2019

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record
1	Swarthmore (21)	621	8-0
2	Emory (4)	592	9-0
3	Wittenberg	546	5-0
4	Middlebury	528	9-0
5	St. Thomas	493	7-1
6	Nebraska Wesleyan	467	9-1
7	Marietta	466	6-0
8	Randolph-Macon	464	9-0
9	Washington-Mo.	416	7-1
10	UW-Platteville	415	8-0
11	Johns Hopkins	349	8-0
12	Elmhurst	326	6-0
13	St. John's	324	6-1
14	Babson	248	9-0
15	UW-La Crosse	218	6-0
16	Whitworth	176	5-1
17	Nichols	160	6-1
18	UW-Stevens Point	138	6-0
19	Colby	110	9-0
20	Guilford	98	8-2
21	Springfield	97	7-0
22	Carthage	96	6-1
23	Augustana	94	5-2
24	Benedictine	86	8-1
25	Amherst	78	4-2

**Others receiving votes:** Wooster 73, UW-Oshkosh 63, Augsburg 61, Christopher Newport 57, WPI 49, UW-Eau Claire 48, North Central-Ill. 33, Hamilton 20, Whitman 17, Rochester 15, Virginia Wesleyan 14, Loras 13, Muhlenberg 10, Wheaton-Ill. 9, Yeshiva 7, Pomona-Pitzer 7, Illinois Wesleyan 7, Mount Union 5, Centre 4, Mary Hardin-Baylor 3, Albertus Magnus 2, Widener 2.

## 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: 6 (12/7/19 vs. Ripon)  
 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 (2 times, last 12/4/19 vs. Lake Forest)  
 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 (2 times, last 12/4/19 vs. Lake Forest)

### #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 Dec 07, 2019)  
**All games**



Overall record: 3-2 Conf: 2-0 Home: 2-0 Away: 1-2 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	5-5	156	31.2	30-55	.545	20-34	.588	13-20	.650	2	14	16	3.2	6	0	7	5	2	5	93	18.6
41	Connor Curtis	5-5	140	28.0	31-51	.608	2-10	.200	23-29	.793	5	21	26	5.2	13	1	8	7	1	8	87	17.4
11	Jared Murphy	5-0	103	20.6	19-43	.442	11-19	.579	11-13	.846	6	10	16	3.2	5	0	6	10	0	2	60	12.0
20	Nolan Beirne	5-5	128	25.6	14-31	.452	0-2	.000	8-14	.571	13	5	18	3.6	6	0	6	10	1	1	36	7.2
22	Wade Geenen	5-5	129	25.8	10-30	.333	5-17	.294	3-5	.600	3	5	8	1.6	7	0	15	10	0	4	28	5.6
12	Michael Payant	5-0	84	16.8	6-23	.261	5-12	.417	1-7	.143	3	16	19	3.8	12	0	6	5	3	4	18	3.6
21	Jacob Bolwerk	5-5	97	19.4	7-24	.292	0-11	.000	3-6	.500	10	19	29	5.8	13	0	15	10	0	6	17	3.4
03	Jack Pettit	5-0	64	12.8	5-9	.556	0-0	.000	5-6	.833	1	4	5	1.0	2	0	4	3	1	3	15	3.0
01	Tyler Gouin	3-0	21	7.0	4-7	.571	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	0.7	0	0	0	1	1	1	8	2.7
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
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	4-0	31	7.8	0-5	.000	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	0	6	6	1.5	3	0	3	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												14	10	24				3				
Total.....		5	1000		133-294	.452	45-114	.395	69-106	.651	61	118	179	35.8	70	1	74	67	10	36	380	76.0
Opponents.....		5	1000		135-290	.466	45-127	.354	44-60	.733	40	117	157	31.4	93	1	74	67	13	32	359	71.8

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP
SCORING	380	359
Points per game	76.0	71.8
Scoring margin	+4.2	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	133-294	135-290
Field goal pct	.452	.466
3 POINT FG-ATT	45-114	45-127
3-point FG pct	.395	.354
3-pt FG made per game	9.0	9.0
FREE THROWS-ATT	69-106	44-60
Free throw pct	.651	.733
F-Throws made per game	13.8	8.8
REBOUNDS	179	157
Rebounds per game	35.8	31.4
Rebounding margin	+4.4	-
ASSISTS	74	74
Assists per game	14.8	14.8
TURNOVERS	67	67
Turnovers per game	13.4	13.4
Turnover margin	+0.0	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	1.1
STEALS	36	32
Steals per game	7.2	6.4
BLOCKS	10	13
Blocks per game	2.0	2.6
ATTENDANCE	1033	1567
Home games-Avg/Game	2-516	3-522
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

\* = Midwest Conference game  
 # - Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament (De Pere, Wis.)

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
St. Norbert College	190	190	380
Opponents	177	182	359