



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview

St. Norbert College (4-2) vs. UW-Oshkosh (5-3)

Tuesday, December 17, 2019 - 7:30 p.m.

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

Game Overview:

St. Norbert continues its four-game homestand when it hosts defending NCAA Division III national champion UW-Oshkosh. The Green Knights enter the contest on a four-game winning streak.

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-Oshkosh leads St. Norbert 50-37 in a series begun during the 1917-18 season. The Green Knights have won eight of the last 11 games in the series. Oshkosh won the last meeting in De Pere by a 60-57 count on Nov. 21, 2017.

Last Meeting:

UW-Oshkosh topped St. Norbert 79-68 on Dec. 18, 2018 at Kolf Sports Center in Oshkosh. The Titans took a 40-33 halftime lead before the Green Knights led by six points midway through the second half. Oshkosh rallied to win behind 31 points from Ben Boots and 13 points from Jack Flynn. Joe Ciriacks led St. Norbert with 20 points, while Connor Curtis added 17 points.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 255-83 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 306-114.

UW-Oshkosh coach Matt Lewis (Cornell College, 2010) is 34-6 in his second season in Oshkosh.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the game with a 4-2 overall record, having won four consecutive games. The Green Knights tripped UW-Eau Claire 70-58 on Saturday in De Pere.

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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	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.

Senior guard Joe Ciriacks leads the Green Knights in scoring at 16.7 points per game. Senior forward Connor Curtis is averaging 15.3 points and 5.3 rebounds per game. Junior guard Jared Murphy is averaging 12.8 points per game and is shooting 63.6 percent from beyond the three-point arc. Senior guard Wade Geenen is averaging 8.2 points per game after pumping in 21 points against Eau Claire.

St. Norbert is averaging 76.0 points per game while shooting 46.6 percent from the floor, 42.3 percent on 3-pointers and 67.0 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 69.5 points per game while shooting 46.3 percent from the floor, 36.0 percent on 3-pointers and 72.3 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Titans:

UW-Oshkosh enters tonight's game with a 5-3 overall record. The Titans have been idle since a trip to Lower Michigan on Dec. 6-7, where they lost to Alma 88-81 before trouncing Calvin 89-50.

Senior forward Adam Fravert leads the Titans, posing averages of 15.9 points and 7.9 rebounds per game. Senior center Jack Flynn is registering 14.3 points and 5.6 rebounds per game, while sophomore guard Eric Peterson is averaging 9.9 points and 5.4 rebounds per game. Junior forward Connor Duax is averaging 9.4 points and 5.8 rebounds per game.

Oshkosh is averaging 82.5 points per game while shooting 46.4 percent from the floor, 34.4 percent on 3-pointers and 61.5 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 72.2 points per game while shooting 43.3 percent from the floor, 32.2 percent on 3-pointers and 69.0 percent at the free-throw line.

Sharpshooting:

St. Norbert enters Tuesday's game with UW-Oshkosh at sixth in the NCAA Division III statistical rankings in three-point field goal percentage at 42.3 percent.

The Green Knights are 41-for-82 (50 percent) from beyond the three-point arc during their current four-game winning streak. St. Norbert was 10-for-16 (62.5 percent) in this past Saturday's 70-58 win over UW-Eau Claire.

Senior guard Joe Ciriacks is shooting 58.3 percent from distance, canning 21 of 36 attempts. Junior guard Jared Murphy has connected on 14 of 22 triples, good for 63.7 percent.

Ciriacks meets the minimum of 2 1/2 made 3-pointers to make the NCAA Division III statistical leaders. His 58.3 shooting percentage on treys ranks third nationally through games of Dec. 15.

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	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	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	4-2	2-0		
Totals	255-83	187-41		
Career	306-114			

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	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
Totals	200-47	114-15	85-30	1-2

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:255-83 (14th year)
Record Overall:306-114 (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:1,108-881
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: 1 (12/14/19 vs. UW-Eau Claire)
 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 14, 2019)
All games



Overall record: 4-2 Conf: 2-0 Home: 3-0 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	6-6	187	31.2	33-61	.541	21-36	.583	13-20	.650	3	15	18	3.0	7	0	7	7	3	5	100	16.7
41	Connor Curtis	6-6	153	25.5	33-56	.589	3-11	.273	23-29	.793	6	26	32	5.3	14	1	9	7	1	8	92	15.3
11	Jared Murphy	6-0	130	21.7	25-51	.490	14-22	.636	13-15	.867	6	13	19	3.2	6	0	6	12	0	2	77	12.8
22	Wade Geenen	6-6	160	26.7	18-42	.429	10-24	.417	3-5	.600	3	7	10	1.7	7	0	19	11	0	4	49	8.2
20	Nolan Beirne	6-6	158	26.3	18-38	.474	0-2	.000	8-14	.571	14	7	21	3.5	8	0	8	10	1	3	44	7.3
21	Jacob Bolwerk	6-6	122	20.3	10-31	.323	0-14	.000	7-10	.700	11	24	35	5.8	16	0	18	13	0	7	27	4.5
12	Michael Payant	6-0	104	17.3	7-25	.280	5-12	.417	1-7	.143	3	19	22	3.7	14	0	7	7	3	5	20	3.3
03	Jack Pettit	6-0	78	13.0	5-10	.500	0-0	.000	5-6	.833	1	5	6	1.0	5	0	5	4	1	3	15	2.5
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	3-0	15	5.0	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	2	1	3	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	2.3
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	3-0	8	2.7	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	0-2	.000	0	3	3	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	1	3	1.0
24	Jordan Newman	3-0	8	2.7	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0.7
35	Luke Rogers	3-0	7	2.3	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0.7
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	2-0	9	4.5	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.5	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.0
23	Nate Verstegen	2-0	5	2.5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	1	0	0	1	1	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
Team												14	10	24				3				
Total.....		6	1200		160-343	.466	55-130	.423	75-112	.670	65	141	206	34.3	84	1	86	79	11	40	450	75.0
Opponents.....		6	1200		158-341	.463	54-150	.360	47-65	.723	47	135	182	30.3	106	1	85	79	15	37	417	69.5

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	450	417	11/9/19	at Benedictine (IL)	L 79-87	518
Points per game	75.0	69.5	11/16/19	at Elmhurst	L 50-75	728
Scoring margin	+5.5	-	11/23/19	NORTHLAND COLLEGE	w 97-57	563
FIELD GOALS-ATT	160-343	158-341	* 12/4/19	LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	w 84-71	470
Field goal pct	.466	.463	* 12/7/19	at Ripon College	w 70-69	321
3 POINT FG-ATT	55-130	54-150	12/14/19	UW-EAU CLAIRE	w 70-58	713
3-point FG pct	.423	.360				
3-pt FG made per game	9.2	9.0				
FREE THROWS-ATT	75-112	47-65				
Free throw pct	.670	.723				
F-Throws made per game	12.5	7.8				
REBOUNDS	206	182				
Rebounds per game	34.3	30.3				
Rebounding margin	+4.0	-				
ASSISTS	86	85				
Assists per game	14.3	14.2				
TURNOVERS	79	79				
Turnovers per game	13.2	13.2				
Turnover margin	+0.0	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	1.1				
STEALS	40	37				
Steals per game	6.7	6.2				
BLOCKS	11	15				
Blocks per game	1.8	2.5				
ATTENDANCE	1746	1567				
Home games-Avg/Game	3-582	3-522				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

* = Midwest Conference game

- Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament (De Pere, Wis.)

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
St. Norbert College	222	228	450
Opponents	199	218	417