



# St. Norbert College

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### St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview NICOLET NATIONAL BANK HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

**St. Norbert College (5-2) vs. UW-Superior (6-4) - 12/29 - 7 p.m.**  
**vs. UW-Stout (3-6) or Edgewood College (2-6) - 12/30 - 5 or 7 p.m.**  
**Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center (1,844) - De Pere, Wisconsin**

#### Tournament Overview:

St. Norbert hosts the 13th Annual Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament at Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center. The Green Knights are looking for their sixth Nicolet Bank Tournament title. Admission to the tournament is free.

#### Broadcast:

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

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

#### The Series:

St. Norbert has never faced UW-Superior in men's basketball.

UW-Stout leads St. Norbert 5-0 in an all-time series that dates back to the 1979-80 season. The Blue Devils won the last meeting 59-58 on Dec. 19, 2005 in Menomonie.

St. Norbert holds a 10-6 series advantage over Edgewood in a series begun in 1978-79. The Green Knights won the last meeting 69-64 on Nov. 18, 2001 in the consolation championship of the National Catholic Tournament in Dubuque, Iowa.

#### The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 256-83 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 307-114.

UW-Superior coach Greg Polkowski (UW-Superior, 2008) is 19-42 in his third season in Superior.

UW-Stout coach Jim Lake (Central Michigan, 1999) is 9-25 in his second season in Menomonie.

Edgewood coach Justin Meyer (DeVry, 1995) is 65-126 in his eighth season in Madison.

#### About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the tournament at 5-2 overall, and has won its last five games. The Green Knights toppled defending NCAA Division III national champion UW-Oshkosh 96-95 in overtime in their last game on Dec. 17.

#### 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	<b>Northland</b>	<b>W 97-57</b>
D 4	<b>Lake Forest *</b>	<b>W 84-71</b>
D 7	at Ripon *	W 70-69
D 14	<b>UW-Eau Claire</b>	<b>W 70-58</b>
D 17	<b>UW-Oshkosh</b>	<b>W 96-95/ot</b>
D 29	<b>UW-Superior %</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
D 30	<b>UW-Stout or Edgewood %</b>	<b>5 or 7 p.m.</b>
J 3	at Monmouth *	5:30 p.m.
J 4	at Knox *	1 p.m.
J 8	<b>Illinois College *</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
J 11	at Cornell *	1 p.m.
J 15	at Beloit *	5:30 p.m.
J 18	<b>Knox *</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
J 21	at Lake Forest *	5:30 p.m.
J 25	<b>Ripon *</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
J 31	<b>Grinnell *</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
F 1	<b>Cornell *</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
F 5	<b>Lawrence *</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
F 8	at Illinois College *	1 p.m.
F 12	<b>Beloit *</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
F 15	at Grinnell *	1 p.m.
F 19	at Lawrence *	5:30 p.m.
F 22	<b>Monmouth *</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>

\* - 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 tops St. Norbert in scoring at 18.0 points per game, and is shooting 54.2 percent from beyond the three-point arc. Senior forward Connor Curtis is totaling 17.1 points and 5.9 rebounds per game. Junior guard Jared Murphy is averaging 12.4 points per game and is shooting 64.0 percent on three-point field goal attempts. Junior guard Wade Geenen and junior forward Nolan Beirne are both averaging 7.7 points per game.

St. Norbert is averaging 78.0 points per game while shooting 47.0 percent from the floor, 40.9 percent on 3-pointers and 68.5 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 73.1 points per game while shooting 46.2 percent from the floor, 37.0 percent on 3-pointers and 75.0 percent at the free-throw line.

#### About the Yellowjackets:

UW-Superior enters the tournament 6-4 overall and is on a four-game winning streak. The Yellowjackets last played on Dec. 14 in an 84-60 win over Bethany Lutheran.

Senior forward Vid Milenkovic leads the Yellowjackets at 16.8 points and 8.6 rebounds per game. Senior guards Allen Anderson and Mac Reykdal are each averaging 13.2 points per game.

Superior is averaging 68.2 points per game while shooting 43.9 percent from the floor, 33.7 percent on 3-pointers and 69.1 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 67.8 points per game while shooting 46.3 percent from the floor, 34.1 percent on 3-pointers and 70.1 percent at the free-throw line.

#### About the Blue Devils:

UW-Stout enters the tournament 3-6 overall. The Blue Devils are coming off an 84-76 home loss to Dubuque on Dec. 20.

Junior forward Jon Ciriacks leads the Blue Devils at 18.1 points and 6.8 rebounds per game. Junior guard Luke Geiger is averaging 16.2 points and 5.9 rebounds per

game. Freshman guard Cliff McCray is averaging 9.1 points per game.

Stout is averaging 82.8 points per game while shooting 43.6 percent from the floor, 31.8 percent on 3-pointers and 66.9 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 83.4 points per game while shooting 46.1 percent from the floor, 40.0 percent on 3-pointers and 68.2 percent at the free-throw line.

#### About the Eagles:

Edgewood enters the tournament 2-6 overall. The Eagles last played on Dec. 20, when they lost a 74-71 decision at Lakeland.

Junior forward Ben Seefeld leads the Eagles with averages of 21.4 points and 5.8 rebounds per game. Junior guard Jake Negus is averaging 14.3 points per game, while junior forward Ryan Buss is totaling 10.3 points per game.

Edgewood is averaging 71.9 points per game while shooting 43.9 percent from the floor, 30.0 percent on 3-pointers and 73.9 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 76.1 points per game while shooting 44.6 percent from the floor, 32.2 percent on 3-pointers and 69.0 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 244-62. 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	
<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	5-2	2-0		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>256-83</b>	<b>187-41</b>		
<b>Career</b>	<b>307-114</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	5-2
Grinnell	2-0	6-3
Lawrence	2-0	6-3
Illinois College	1-1	3-6
Lake Forest	1-1	4-3
Monmouth	1-1	6-2
Ripon	1-1	5-4
Cornell	0-2	5-4
Beloit	0-2	2-7
Knox	0-2	4-5

## 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:** .....256-83 (14th year)  
**Record Overall:** .....307-114 (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:** .....1,109-881  
**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 #5 - Dec. 16, 2019

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record
1	Swarthmore (21)	621	9-0
2	Emory (4)	596	9-0
3	Wittenberg	552	7-0
4	Middlebury	528	9-0
5	St. Thomas	502	8-1
6	Marietta	476	6-0
7	Randolph-Macon	470	9-0
8	Nebraska Wesleyan	469	10-1
9	UW-Platteville	436	9-0
10	Washington-Mo.	429	8-1
11	St. John's	346	7-1
12	Babson	320	9-0
13	Johns Hopkins	312	8-1
14	Whitworth	276	5-1
15	UW-La Crosse	244	7-0
16	Elmhurst	241	6-1
17	Colby	224	9-0
18	Carthage	130	7-1
19	Benedictine	129	8-1
20	Amherst	104	6-2
21	Guilford	100	8-2
22	Hamilton	85	9-1
23	Illinois Wesleyan	68	7-2
24	Wooster	63	6-1
25	North Central-Ill.	51	7-3

**Others receiving votes:** UW-Oshkosh 44, Virginia Wesleyan 43, UW-Stevens Point 41, Springfield 31, Augsburg 25, Rochester 23, WPI 22, Widener 22, Nichols 20, Wheaton-Ill. 12, Whitman 12, Yeshiva 12, Pomona-Pitzer 11, Albertus Magnus 10, Mount Union 7, Augustana 6, UW-Eau Claire 4, Mary Hardin-Baylor 3, Centre 2, East Texas Baptist 2, Christopher Newport 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: 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: 8 (12/17/19 vs. UW-Oshkosh)  
 Assists: 2 (3 times, last 12/17/19 vs. UW-Oshkosh)

### #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: 5 (12/17/19 vs. UW-Oshkosh)

### #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 17, 2019)  
**All games**



Overall record: 5-2 Conf: 2-0 Home: 4-0 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	7-7	223	31.9	42-80	.525	26-48	.542	16-25	.640	3	17	20	2.9	11	0	9	7	3	6	126	18.0		
41	Connor Curtis	7-7	190	27.1	43-71	.606	4-14	.286	30-37	.811	9	32	41	5.9	19	2	14	8	1	10	120	17.1		
11	Jared Murphy	7-0	156	22.3	29-58	.500	16-25	.640	13-15	.867	6	17	23	3.3	6	0	6	13	0	2	87	12.4		
22	Wade Geenen	7-7	198	28.3	20-50	.400	11-29	.379	3-5	.600	3	7	10	1.4	10	0	22	11	0	5	54	7.7		
20	Nolan Beirne	7-7	185	26.4	22-46	.478	0-4	.000	10-16	.625	18	8	26	3.7	11	0	9	10	1	3	54	7.7		
21	Jacob Bolwerk	7-7	146	20.9	12-34	.353	0-15	.000	7-10	.700	11	24	35	5.0	18	0	21	15	0	7	31	4.4		
12	Michael Payant	7-0	133	19.0	11-36	.306	6-15	.400	1-7	.143	6	24	30	4.3	16	0	9	7	4	6	29	4.1		
03	Jack Pettit	7-0	84	12.0	6-14	.429	0-0	.000	5-6	.833	1	5	6	0.9	5	0	5	6	1	3	17	2.4		
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		
02	Ethan Riniker	5-0	33	6.6	1-6	.167	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	1	7	8	1.6	3	0	3	3	0	0	2	0.4		
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		
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	18	32											
Total.....		7	1425		197-419	.470	65-159	.409	87-127	.685	76	168	244	34.9	103	2	102	86	12	45	546	78.0		
Opponents.....		7	1425		188-407	.462	67-181	.370	69-92	.750	61	165	226	32.3	123	1	102	94	17	40	512	73.1		

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	546	512	11/9/19	at Benedictine (IL)	L 79-87	518
Points per game	78.0	73.1	11/16/19	at Elmhurst	L 50-75	728
Scoring margin	+4.9	-	11/23/19	NORTHLAND COLLEGE	w 97-57	563
FIELD GOALS-ATT	197-419	188-407	* 12/4/19	LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	w 84-71	470
Field goal pct	.470	.462	* 12/7/19	at Ripon College	w 70-69	321
3 POINT FG-ATT	65-159	67-181	12/14/19	UW-EAU CLAIRE	w 70-58	713
3-point FG pct	.409	.370	12/17/19	UW-OSHKOSH	wot 96-95	810
3-pt FG made per game	9.3	9.6	* = Midwest Conference game			
FREE THROWS-ATT	87-127	69-92	# - Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament (De Pere, Wis.)			
Free throw pct	.685	.750				
F-Throws made per game	12.4	9.9				
REBOUNDS	244	226				
Rebounds per game	34.9	32.3				
Rebounding margin	+2.6	-				
ASSISTS	102	102				
Assists per game	14.6	14.6				
TURNOVERS	86	94				
Turnovers per game	12.3	13.4				
Turnover margin	+1.1	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.2	1.1				
STEALS	45	40				
Steals per game	6.4	5.7				
BLOCKS	12	17				
Blocks per game	1.7	2.4				
ATTENDANCE	2556	1567				
Home games-Avg/Game	4-639	3-522				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals
St. Norbert College	265	270	11	546
Opponents	246	256	10	512