



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview

St. Norbert College (7-2) at Monmouth College (6-3)
Fri., Jan. 3 - Glennie Gym (1,600) - Monmouth, Ill. - 5 p.m.
St. Norbert College at Knox College (4-5)
Sat., Jan. 4 - Memorial Gym (2,000) - Galesburg, Ill. - 1 p.m.

Weekend Overview:

St. Norbert plays its first road game in nearly a month when it heads to west central Illinois to face Monmouth and Knox in a pair of Midwest Conference games. The Green Knights have not played a road game since Dec. 7.

Broadcast:

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

The Series:

St. Norbert leads Monmouth 32-14 in an all-time series dating back to the 1983-84 season. The Green Knights are 13-10 all-time at Monmouth in the series.

St. Norbert leads Knox 39-10 in a series dating back to the 1985-86 season. The Green Knights have won 20 straight games in the series since the Prairie Fire swept the season series in 2007-08.

Last Meetings:

St. Norbert eked out a 73-72 win over Monmouth in a semifinal game of the Midwest Conference Tournament on Feb. 22, 2019 at Mulva Sports Center in De Pere. Drew Yetka led the Green Knights with 25 points, while Joe Ciriacks added 24 points. Monmouth standout Will Carius powered the Fighting Scots with 29 points, while Justin Batterton added 16.

St. Norbert topped Knox 78-55 on Jan. 12, 2019 at Memorial Gym in Galesburg, Ill. Connor Curtis led the Green Knights with 23 points, while Joe Lemon added 13 points and Joe Ciriacks 12 points. Justin Windt topped the Prairie Fire with 16 points.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 258-83 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 309-114.

Monmouth coach Todd Skrivseth (Coe, 1996) is 94-108 in his ninth season in Monmouth.

Knox coach Ben Davis (Minnesota, 2007) is 4-5 in his first season in Galesburg. He was 36-40 in three seasons at Green Mountain for an overall record of 40-45.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert comes into the weekend at 7-2 overall and 2-0 in the

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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	W 96-95/ot
D 29	UW-Superior %	W 76-46
D 30	UW-Stout %	W 81-53
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.

Midwest Conference. The Green Knights captured the Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament title with an 81-53 win over UW-Stout on Monday.

Senior guard Joe Ciriacks leads St. Norbert in scoring at 18.1 points per game, and is shooting 54.8 percent from beyond the three-point arc. Senior forward Connor Curtis is averaging 14.9 points and 5.8 rebounds per game. Junior guard Jared Murphy is totaling 11.4 points per game and is connecting on 56.7 percent on three-point field goal attempts. Junior guard Wade Geenen has boosted his scoring average to 8.4 points per game.

St. Norbert is averaging 78.1 points per game while shooting 47.0 percent from the floor, 42.0 percent on 3-pointers and 68.4 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 67.9 points per game while shooting 42.8 percent from the floor, 35.8 percent on 3-pointers and 69.9 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Fighting Scots:

Monmouth enters the game with a 6-3 overall record and a 1-1 mark in the Midwest Conference. The Fighting Scots are coming off a 91-82 loss Sunday at Loras.

Senior forward Will Carius is posting averages of 27.2 points and 12.0 rebounds per game. Junior guard D.J. Swift is totaling 15.2 points per game, while senior guard Dee Hyler is averaging 13.3 points per game. Senior guard Justin Batterton adds 9.6 points per game.

Monmouth is averaging 78.2 points per game while shooting 49.4 percent from the floor, 35.1 percent on 3-pointers and 76.0 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 72.8 points per game while shooting 48.0 percent from the floor, 33.2 percent on 3-pointers and 71.0 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Prairie Fire:

Knox enters Friday's game with Ripon at 4-5 overall and 0-2 in the Midwest Conference. The Prairie Fire has been idle since a 75-66 loss on Dec. 20 at Dominican.

Senior guard Zach Lowe leads the Prairie Fire with 14.3 points

and 7.7 rebounds per game. Junior guard Ethan Meeker is averaging 13.9 points per game, while sophomore guard Jordan Rayner is netting 12.0 points per game.

Knox is averaging 71.6 points per game while shooting 41.2 percent from the floor, 26.7 percent on 3-pointers and 65.9 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 76.0 points per game while shooting 42.3 percent from the floor, 35.1 percent on 3-pointers and 70.5 percent at the free-throw line.

Beating the System:

St. Norbert's last four games were all wins over University of Wisconsin System schools. The victories over UW-Eau Claire, UW-Oshkosh, UW-Superior and UW-Stout mark the first time in 55 years the Green Knights have beaten four different UW System schools in the same season.

The Green Knights defeated five different UW System institutions in 1964-65, beating UW-Milwaukee twice, UW-Stevens Point, UW-Whitewater, Eau Claire and UW-La Crosse. The win over La Crosse came in the NAIA District 14 championship game to send the Green Knights to the NAIA National Tournament in Kansas City.

Only twice since then has St. Norbert beaten three different UW System schools in a season - 1969-70 and 1983-84.

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 246-62. 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	
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	7-2	2-0		
Totals	258-83	187-41		
Career	309-114			

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	7-2
Grinnell	2-0	6-3
Lawrence	2-0	6-3
Illinois College	1-1	3-6
Lake Forest	1-1	4-5
Monmouth	1-1	6-3
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:258-83 (14th year)
Record Overall:309-114 (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:1,111-881
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)

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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: 2 (12/29/19 vs. UW-Superior)
 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: 6 (11/29/19 vs. UW-Superior)
 Assists: 4 (2 times, last 1/26/19 vs. Cornell)
- #10 - Josh Nicklaus**
 Points: 6 (12/30/19 vs. UW-Stout)
 Rebounds: 4 (12/30/19 vs. UW-Stout)
 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 (2 times, last 12/29/19 vs. UW-Superior)
 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 (2 times, last 12/29/19 vs. UW-Superior)
 Rebounds: 3 (12/29/19 vs. UW-Superior)
 Assists: 1 (12/30/19 vs. UW-Stout)
- #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 (2 times, last 12/29/19 vs. UW-Superior)
 Assists: 1 (2 times, last 12/30/19 vs. UW-Stout)
- #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 30, 2019)
All games



Overall record: 7-2 Conf: 2-0 Home: 6-0 Away: 1-2 Neutral: 0-0

#	Player	gp-gs	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg		
			min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def									tot	avg
05	Joe Ciriacks	9-9	279	31.0	55-102	.539	34-62	.548	19-29	.655	3	28	31	3.4	11	0	12	9	5	8	163	18.1
41	Connor Curtis	9-9	233	25.9	48-82	.585	4-14	.286	34-44	.773	15	37	52	5.8	21	2	16	12	3	12	134	14.9
11	Jared Murphy	9-0	188	20.9	34-76	.447	17-30	.567	18-21	.857	9	23	32	3.6	6	0	7	15	0	2	103	11.4
22	Wade Geenen	9-9	247	27.4	27-66	.409	17-40	.425	5-9	.556	3	10	13	1.4	14	0	27	15	0	7	76	8.4
20	Nolan Beirne	9-9	234	26.0	26-55	.473	0-5	.000	13-22	.591	28	13	41	4.6	14	0	9	13	3	4	65	7.2
12	Michael Payant	9-0	170	18.9	16-46	.348	9-19	.474	3-10	.300	7	30	37	4.1	17	0	14	8	6	8	44	4.9
21	Jacob Bolwerk	9-9	188	20.9	15-44	.341	0-17	.000	7-10	.700	12	31	43	4.8	22	0	26	19	0	9	37	4.1
03	Jack Pettit	9-0	107	11.9	8-16	.500	0-0	.000	8-10	.800	1	6	7	0.8	10	0	7	8	1	3	24	2.7
30	Carson Talbert	5-0	34	6.8	6-10	.600	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	5	3	8	1.6	4	0	1	0	0	0	15	3.0
01	Tyler Gouin	5-0	30	6.0	5-8	.625	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	1	3	4	0.8	0	0	0	2	1	2	12	2.4
10	Josh Nicklaus	4-0	22	5.5	5-9	.556	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2	6	8	2.0	2	0	2	1	0	0	10	2.5
15	Matt Lynch	5-0	19	3.8	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	4-8	.500	0	8	8	1.6	3	0	1	5	0	1	7	1.4
24	Jordan Newman	5-0	18	3.6	2-6	.333	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0	3	3	0.6	0	0	3	1	0	0	5	1.0
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
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
35	Luke Rogers	5-0	14	2.8	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.4	2	0	2	1	0	2	2	0.4
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											18	21	39				4					
Total.....		9	1825		251-534	.470	84-200	.420	117-171	.684	105	233	338	37.6	130	2	130	117	20	58	703	78.1
Opponents.....		9	1825		225-526	.428	82-229	.358	79-113	.699	84	203	287	31.9	160	1	114	122	24	54	611	67.9

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	703	611	11/9/19	at Benedictine (IL)	L 79-87	518
Points per game	78.1	67.9	11/16/19	at Elmhurst	L 50-75	728
Scoring margin	+10.2	-	11/23/19	NORTHLAND COLLEGE	w 97-57	563
FIELD GOALS-ATT	251-534	225-526	* 12/4/19	LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	w 84-71	470
Field goal pct	.470	.428	* 12/7/19	at Ripon College	w 70-69	321
3 POINT FG-ATT	84-200	82-229	12/14/19	UW-EAU CLAIRE	w 70-58	713
3-point FG pct	.420	.358	12/17/19	UW-OSHKOSH	wot 96-95	810
3-pt FG made per game	9.3	9.1	# 12/29/19	UW-SUPERIOR	w 76-46	898
FREE THROWS-ATT	117-171	79-113	# 12/30/19	UW-STOUT	w 81-53	673
Free throw pct	.684	.699				
F-Throws made per game	13.0	8.8				
REBOUNDS	338	287				
Rebounds per game	37.6	31.9				
Rebounding margin	+5.7	-				
ASSISTS	130	114				
Assists per game	14.4	12.7				
TURNOVERS	117	122				
Turnovers per game	13.0	13.6				
Turnover margin	+0.6	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	0.9				
STEALS	58	54				
Steals per game	6.4	6.0				
BLOCKS	20	24				
Blocks per game	2.2	2.7				
ATTENDANCE	4127	1567				
Home games-Avg/Game	6-688	3-522				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

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

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals
St. Norbert College	333	359	11	703
Opponents	299	302	10	611