

St. Norbert College Sports Information

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Women's Basketball Preview Beloit College (4-4, 2-1 MWC) at St. Norbert College (6-3, 3-0 MWC) Saturday, January 12, 2008 - Noon Schuldes Sports Center (2,100) - De Pere, Wisconsin

Game Overview:

St. Norbert looks to remain atop the Midwest Conference when it faces Beloit. The Green Knights begin a critical stretch of games against MWC contenders starting with the Beloit game.

The Series:

St. Norbert leads Beloit 38-14 in a series begun in the 1977-78 season. The Green Knights had won 17 straight games in the series before Beloit beat St. Norbert 62-54 last Feb. 7 in De Pere.

Last Meeting:

Beloit rallied to post a 62-54 victory over St. Norbert on Feb. 7, 2007 at Schuldes Sports Center to snap a 17-game losing to the Green Knights. St. Norbert led 42-26 with 11:33 remaining before the Buccaneers went on a 26-6 run over the next nine minutes. Mary Parker and Katie McCool had 12 points each for Beloit, while Bianca White had 20 points for St. Norbert.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Connie Tilley (UW-La Crosse, 1974) is 472-244 in her 31st season in De Pere. Combining her softball and volleyball coaching tenures with the Green Knights, Tilley is 802-442 at St. Norbert.

Entering Thursday's game at Lakeland, Beloit coach Don Adams is 21-32 in his third season in Beloit.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the Beloit game at 6-3 overall but resides in first place in the Midwest Conference at 3-0. The Green Knights are coming off a pair of losses in the Florida Sunshine Shootout over the break, losing to Amherst 65-62 and 21st-ranked Medaille 67-53.

Junior guard Morgan Strasser leads St. Norbert in scoring at 13.9 points per game, while junior forward Cortney Biese is netting 9.4 points per contest while snaring a team-high 6.1 rebounds per game. Freshman forward Rachel Hermus is shooting a team-high 51.6 percent from the floor while scoring 8.2 points per game.

St. Norbert is averaging 63.4 points per game. St. Norbert is shooting 42.2 percent from the floor, 27.8 percent on 3-pointers and 62.9 percent at the - MORE -

2007-2008 Results Date Opponent Result N 1 at Wisconsin (exh) L 96-29 N 16 %Edgewood W 59-44

N 17 %Concordia-Wis. W 81-64 N 20 **UW-Eau Claire** L 61-57 N 30 *at Grinnell W 74-68/OT D 1 *at Knox W 63-35 D 5 W 60-48 *at Ripon D 15 **UW-Oshkosh** W 62-40 J 3 ^vs. Amherst L 65-62 J 5 L 67-53 ^vs. Medaille (21) J 12 *Beloit 2 p.m. J 15 *at Carroll 5:30 p.m. J 18 *Illinois College 5 p.m. J 19 *Lake Forest 2 p.m. J 22 Finlandia 6 p.m. J 25 *at Monmouth 5 p.m. J 26 *at Illinois College 1 p.m. J 30 *Lawrence 5:30 p.m. F 5 *Ripon 6 p.m. F 8 *Knox 5 p.m. F 9 *Grinnell 2 p.m. F 13 *at Beloit 7 p.m. F 16 *Carroll 2 p.m. F 20 *at Lawrence 5:30 p.m.

* - Midwest Conference game; % - Associated Financial Group Tip-Off Tournament, De Pere, Wis.; ^ - Florida Sunshine Shootout, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. **Note:** Home games in **bold;** (rankings) by D3hoops.com. All times Central Standard Time.

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free-throw line. Opponents have been held to 54.7 points per game. Foes are shooting 37.7 percent from the floor with 25.6 percent accuracy on 3-pointers and 68.1 percent on free throws.

About the Buccaneers:

Beloit enters Thursday's game at Lakeland with a 5-3 record and a 2-1 mark in the Midwest Conference. The Buccaneers beat Carroll 78-72 on Dec. 5 and lost to Lake Forest 63-55 on Dec. 1. Beloit beat Spalding and Colby in Florida turn the holiday break.

Katie McCool leads Beloit in scoring, netting 17.0 points per game while shooting 52.8 percent from the floor. Angie Meehan averages 14.2 points per game and has made 20 3-pointers, while Mary Parker is scoring 10.8 points per game. Christine Brown is averaging nearly a double-double at 9.6 points and 9.2 rebounds per game.

Beloit is scoring an average of 70.2 points per game while shooting 42.5 percent from the floor, 32.1 percent on 3-pointers and 69.5 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring 66.1 points per game while shooting 41.2 percent from the floor, 32.1 percent on 3-pointers and 65.1 percent at the charity stripe.

Milestone Nearing:

St. Norbert is one win away from winning the 500th game in the history of the women's basketball program.

The Green Knights are currently 499-261 in their 34th year of existence, a winning percentage of .657. Prior to Connie Tilley's arrival in 1977, St. Norbert was 27-19 in the first three years of the program.

St. Norbert would be just the second Wisconsin Division III school to record 500 wins after UW-Oshkosh, which entered the year with 504 wins. The Green Knights would also be the first Midwest Conference school to reach 500 wins in women's basketball.

Getting Defensive:

St. Norbert leads the Midwest

Conference in scoring defense at 54.7 points per game.

The Green Knights have held three of their opponents to 44 points or less this season. St. Norbert held Edgewood to 44 points on Nov. 16, Knox to 35 on Dec. 1 and UW-Oshkosh to 40 on Dec. 15.

St. Norbert has finished in the top two in the conference in scoring defense four times in the past five years. The Green Knights were second in the league in scoring defense in 2003 and 2007, and led the conference in the category in 2005 and 2006.

St. Norbert has outshot its first seven opponents from the floor this season before being outshot in its last two games. The Green Knights best defensive effort this season came when it held Knox to a 9-for-43 effort from the floor, just 20.9 percent.

Jump Shots:

- * St. Norbert's run of nine straight years with at least 10 conference wins is the longest in the Midwest Conference.
- * Denise Heuser's five assists against Medaille are the secondmost by a St. Norbert player this season. Linsey Propson also had five assists against Concordia on Nov. 17 and Morgan Strasser had a season-best six assists against Edgewood on Nov. 16.
- * St. Norbert shot a season-low 34.4 percent in the loss to Medaille. The Green Knights made just 21 of 61 field-goal attempts.
- * -The Green Knights have had five games this season when it has taken at least 60 shots from the floor. The most a St. Norbert opponent has taken in a game this season was Amherst's 56 on Jan. 3.
- * St. Norbert has not made more than four 3-pointers in any game this season. It has made four 3s on four different occasions.
- * St. Norbert is 2-2 when trailing at halftime this season. The Green Knights beat Edgewood on Nov. 16 and Grinnell on Nov. 30 when trailing at intermission.

Head Coach Connie Tilley

Education: Bachelor's degree in physical education at UW-La Crosse (1974); master's degree in public health administration at UW-La Crosse (1976).

Coaching Experience: Head women's basketball coach at St. Norbert (1977 to present).



Tilley's Head Coaching Record

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Year	Overall	MWC	Place	NCAA							
1977-78	13-5	6-2*	2nd								
1978-79	16-4	12-0*	1st								
1979-80	18-5	10-0*	1st								
1980-81	22-8	9-1*	1st								
1981-82	15-9	11-1*	2nd								
1982-83	20-6	11-0*	1st	Regional							
1983-84	17-6	10-1	1st	C							
1984-85	24-4	11-0	1st	Final Four							
1985-86	21-2	11-0	1st	Sweet 16							
1986-87	19-6	11-1	1st	Sweet 16							
1987-88	17-5	5-2	1st	Sweet 16							
1988-89	20-6	10-0	1st	Regional							
1989-90	11-11	4-4	7th								
1990-91	16-8	6-2	4th								
1991-92	11-10	3-5	8th								
1992-93	11-10	8-5	7th								
1993-94	11-11	7-7	6th								
1994-95	8-14	5-9	6th								
1995-96	8-14	6-8	7th								
1996-97	14-10	11-3	3rd								
1997-98	13-9	7-6	5th								
1998-99	11-12	10-6	3rd								
1999-2000	17-6	15-1	3rd								
2000-01	12-11	10-6	3rd								
2001-02	13-10	10-6	5th								
2002-03	23-5	15-1	1st	Sweet 16							
2003-04	16-9	13-3	2nd								
2004-05	16-9	13-3	2nd								
2005-06	17-8	13-3	2nd								
2006-07	16-8	12-4	3rd								
2007-08	6-3	3-0									
Totals	472-244	288-90									

* - St. Norbert was in the Wisconsin Independent Colleges-Women's Athletic Conference until 1983.

MWC Standings									
Team	MWC	Overall							
St. Norbert	3-0	5-1							
Lake Forest	2-0	8-1							
Beloit	2-1	5-3							
Carroll	2-1	8-2							
Monmouth	2-1	6-4							
Illinois College	1-1	5-4							
Knox	1-1	3-6							
Lawrence	0-2	3-6							
Grinnell	0-3	2-8							
Ripon	0-3	3-7							

St. Norbert College Women's Basketball St. Norbert College Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 08, 2008) All games

RECORD:		OVERA	LL	L HOME			AW		NEU	JTR.	ΑL								
ALL GAMES	• •	(6-3)		(3-	-1)	(3-0)					(0-	-2)							
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		TOT	AL	3-P7	rs				-REBO	UNDS-									
## Player GP-GS	MinAv	FG-FGA		3FG-FGA		FT-FTA	Pct	off				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	stl	Pts	Avg
33 Morgan Strasser 9-9	256 28.4			6-20	.300		.793	9		42		20	0	22	29		22	125	
42 Cortney Biese 9-9	232 25.8		.500	0-0	.000		.542	22	33	55	6.1		0	10	21	4	15	85	9.4
12 Rachel Hermus 9-9 24 Linsey Propson 9-9	238 26.4	1 32-62 19-51	.516 .373	2-4 9-31	.500		.533 .778	14 2	21 11	35 13	3.9	21	0	6 21	25 25	3 1	7 22	74 68	8.2 7.6
24 Linsey Propson 9-9 13 Stefanie Bunday 7-7	182 26.0		.452	2-10	.200	6-14	.429	6	23	29	1.4 4.1		1	17	17	2	8	46	6.6
22 Denise Heuser 9-2	164 18.2		.283	6-26	.231		.667	5	14	19	2.1	8	0	9	16	2	8	46	5.1
44 Victoria Le Fevre 9-0	120 13.		.429	0-0	.000	7-10	.700	12	12	24		11	0	3	6	2	2	37	4.1
30 Kristin Zimmerman 9-0	179 19.9		.323	4-12	.333	6-7	.857	10	18	28	3.1	11	0	7	11	1	11	30	3.3
25 Emily Otzelberger 9-0	103 11.4	12-28	.429	0-0	.000	1-13	.077	15	14	29	3.2	13	0	2	9	4	5	25	2.8
21 Bri Hauge 8-0	63 7.9	9-21	.429	1-5	.200	4-7	.571	3	5	8	1.0	3	0	0	2	0	0	23	2.9
10 Becky Melis 4-0	26 6.		.333	0-0	.000	4-4	1.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	1	5	0	3		1.5
23 Amy Brunner 5-0	22 4.4		.250	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2	4	6	1.2	6	0	0	4	2	1	4	0.8
32 Katie Spadoni 3-0	7 2.	3 1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0.7
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SCORING	!	571	492		#11/	16/07	ED	GEWOO	D CO	LLEGI	3			1	M	59	-44	3	42
Points per game		3.4	54.7			17/07		NCORI						1	M		-64		80
Scoring margin		3.8				20/07	UW-EAU CLAIRE							_	L		-61		77
FIELD GOALS-ATT	218-		169-448			30/07	at Grinnell College								V OT		-68		00
Field goal pct 3 POINT FG-ATT					*12/1/07 at Knox College *12/5/07 at Ripon College									N N		3-35 3-48		00 00	
3-point FG pct		278	30-117 .256		12/15/07		UW-OSHKOSH							N N		2-40		70	
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REBOUNDS	:	326	318		# - A	ssociate	d Finan	cial	Grou	p Tip	o-Off	Tou	rnam	ent	(De	Pere	, Wi	s.)	
Rebounds per game	30	5.2	35.3		\$ - Florida S			unshine Shootout (Davie, Fla.)											
Rebounding margin	+(0.9	-																
ASSISTS		98	93																
Assists per game		0.9	10.3																
TURNOVERS Turnovers per game		174 9.3	216 24.0																
Turnover margin		1.7	24.0																
Assist/turnover ratio		0.6	0.4																
STEALS		L05	87																
Steals per game	13	L . 7	9.7																
BLOCKS		25	21	•															
Blocks per game	:	2.8	2.3	3															
WINNING STREAK		0	-	•															
Home win streak		1	_																
ATTENDANCE																			
Home games-Avg/Game		397	600																
Neutral site-Avg/Game 2-100																			
Neutral site-Avg/Game		397 349 -	3-133 2-100																
Neutral site-Avg/Game SCORE BY PERIODS:	4-: 1st		3-133 2-100 OT T	otal															
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