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St. Norbert College Green Knights Women's Basketball Preview

MIDWEST CONFERENCE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Fri., Feb. 29 - St. Norbert College (19-4) vs. Beloit College (14-9) - 7 p.m.
 Sat., Mar. 1 - Ch'ship vs. No. 21 Lake Forest (20-3) or Carroll (19-4) - 2 p.m.
 Schuldes Sports Center (2,100) - De Pere, Wisconsin

Tournament Overview:

Four teams square off in De Pere for the 2008 Midwest Conference women's basketball championship. The winner also receives an automatic berth into the NCAA Division III Tournament.

Broadcast:

The live game video and audio will be available for a fee at www.midwestconference.tv. Live in-game statistics will also be available on the St. Norbert Web site at www.snc.edu/athletics.

The Series:

St. Norbert leads Beloit 40-14 in a series begun in the 1977-78 season. The Green Knights have won 19 of the last 20 games in the series.

St. Norbert leads Lake Forest 30-19 in a hotly contested rivalry begun in the 1983-84 season. The Green Knights have won five of the last six and 10 of the last 12 games in the series. Six of the last 10 games in the series have been decided by two points or less, including the last three games all by two points.

St. Norbert leads Carroll 21-17 in a series begun in the 1982-83 season. Carroll had won the last six games in the series before St. Norbert claimed a 73-59 win in Waukesha on Jan. 15.

This Year:

St. Norbert is 5-0 against the tournament field. The Green Knights swept Beloit, winning 55-54 in De Pere on Jan. 12 and 70-40 at Beloit on Feb. 13. St. Norbert swept Carroll, winning 73-59 in Waukesha on Jan. 15 and 73-70 in De Pere on Feb. 16. St. Norbert beat Lake Forest 84-82 in the team's only meeting this season on Jan. 19 in De Pere.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Connie Tilley (UW-La Crosse, 1974) is 485-245 in her 31st season in De Pere. Combining her softball and volleyball coaching tenures with the Green Knights, Tilley is 815-443 at St. Norbert.

Beloit coach Don Adams is 30-38 in his third season in Beloit.

Lake Forest coach Jackie Slaats (Iowa State, 1986) is 385-132 in her 22nd and final season in Lake Forest.

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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	*at Ripon	W 60-48
D 15	UW-Oshkosh	W 62-40
J 3	^vs. Amherst	L 65-62
J 5	^vs. Medaille (21)	L 67-53
J 12	*Beloit	W 55-54
J 15	*at Carroll	W 73-59
J 18	*Illinois College	W 68-51
J 19	*Lake Forest (19)	W 84-82
J 22	Finlandia	W 66-51
J 25	*at Monmouth	L 70-59
J 26	*at Illinois College	W 53-37
J 30	*Lawrence	W 48-45
F 5	*Ripon	W 65-50
F 8	*Knox	W 69-31
F 9	*Grinnell	W 79-34
F 13	*at Beloit	W 70-40
F 16	*Carroll	W 73-70
F 20	*at Lawrence	W 68-52
F 29	\$Beloit	7 p.m.

* - Midwest Conference game; \$ - Midwest Conference Championship Tournament; % - 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.

Carroll coach Kris Jacobsen (UW-Platteville, 1989) is 149-92 in her tenth season in Waukesha.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert, which has won a Midwest Conference-record seven championships, enters the tournament 19-4 overall and went 15-1 in the MWC this season. St. Norbert has an eight-game winning streak. St. Norbert has played 13 of 23 games this season at the friendly confines of Schuldes Sports Center, going 12-1 with the only loss a 61-57 setback to powerful UW-Eau Claire on Nov. 20.

The Green Knights have just one player scoring in double figures but has at least six players averaging 6.6 points per game or better. Junior guard Morgan Strasser is averaging 12.1 points per game to lead an offense scoring 65.3 points per game. Senior guard Linsey Propson is scoring 8.3 points per game, while sophomore guard Denise Heuser is scoring 8.1 points per game.

St. Norbert made its run to the top of the league standings this season with a suffocating defense allowing 53.0 points per game. During their eight-game winning streak, the Green Knights are allowing just 44.9 points per game.

About the Buccaneers:

Beloit is making its first Midwest Conference Tournament appearance since 1998. The Buccaneers are 14-9 overall and went 10-6 in the Midwest Conference. Beloit has won nine of its last 13 games heading into the tournament.

Senior forward Katie McCool leads Beloit at 13.0 points per game, and also has 5.8 rebounds per game. Junior guard Christine Brown is averaging 12.7 points and 9.9 rebounds per game, while senior guard Angie Meehan is averaging 12.5 points per game. Beloit is averaging 66.5 points per game while allowing 61.7 points per game.

About the Foresters:

Lake Forest enters the tourna-

ment ranked 21st in this week's D3hoops.com Top 25. The Foresters have posted a 20-3 overall mark and a 14-2 ledger in the Midwest Conference. Lake Forest has won nine consecutive games since dropping back-to-back games to St. Norbert and Carroll in late January. The Foresters are 10-1 on the road this season, their lone loss an 84-82 setback to St. Norbert on Jan. 19.

Senior center Nicole Baich is averaging 10.2 points per game with 6.4 rebounds per game while shooting 56 percent from the floor. Sophomore forward Claire Schmidt is scoring 9.0 points per game, while senior guard Beth Lucas is netting 8.5 points per game. Sophomore center Lisa Nassin had been averaging a team-high 12.1 points per game before missing the last six games. The Foresters are averaging 73.1 points per game and allowing just 53.5 points per game.

About the Pioneers:

Carroll heads into the weekend at 19-4 overall after a third-place finish in the Midwest Conference at 13-3 overall. The Pioneers have won 11 of their last 12 games, with their only loss in over a month a 73-70 loss at St. Norbert on Feb. 16.

Senior guard Crystal Hoewisch, a pre-season first-team All-America selection by D3hoops.com, paces the Pioneers attack with 19.1 points per game. Hoewisch also averages 6.3 rebounds, 3.1 assists and 2.3 steals per game. Senior center Kim Wickert adds 12.9 points and 7.3 rebounds per game, while sophomore guard Leah Lemke nets 8.8 points per game. Carroll averages 66.7 points per game while allowing 57.1 points per game.

Milestone Moment:

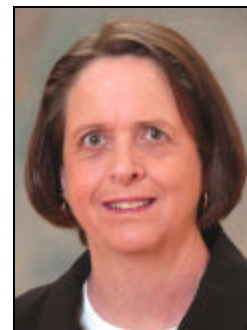
St. Norbert head coach Connie Tilley won her 300th conference win at the helm of the Green Knights with a 68-52 triumph over Lawrence on Feb. 20..

Tilley is 241-87 in Midwest Conference games since St. Norbert joined the league for the 1983-84 season. Prior to joining the MWC, St. Norbert was 59-4 under Tilley in

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

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	
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	19-4	15-1		
Totals	485-245	300-91		

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

MWC Standings

Team	MWC	Overall
St. Norbert	15-1	19-4
Lake Forest	14-2	20-3
Carroll	13-3	19-4
Beloit	10-6	14-9
Monmouth	8-8	12-11
Grinnell	7-9	9-14
Illinois College	7-9	11-12
Ripon	4-12	7-16
Lawrence	1-15	4-19
Knox	1-15	3-20

the old Wisconsin Independent Colleges-Women's Athletic Conference.

The Green Knights won Midwest Conference championships six straight years from 1984 to 1989 and added their league-record seventh title in 2003. St. Norbert also won WIC-WAC championships in 1979, 1980, 1981 and 1983.

St. Norbert's run of 10 straight years with at least 10 conference wins is the longest in the Midwest Conference. The Green Knights last won fewer than 10 conference games in a season with a 7-6 showing in 1997-98.

St. Norbert had qualified for the Midwest Conference Tournament nine times in the last 10 years and 17 times in 25 years. The Green Knights will be hosting the conference tournament for the fourth time in nine seasons.

Magic Number?:

Since the NCAA Division III women's basketball tournament began in 1982, St. Norbert has never missed qualifying for the tournament when it has won at least 18 games.

St. Norbert has made seven NCAA Division III Tournament appearances, and has made the Sweet 16 round five times (1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 2003).

St. Norbert won a school-record 24 games in 1985 when it hosted the Division III Final Four at Schuldes Sports Center. The Green Knights won 23 games in 2003, their last NCAA appearance.

Jump Shots:

* - St. Norbert leads the Midwest Conference in scoring defense at 53.0 points per game. Seven of St. Norbert's last eight opponents have been held to

52 points or less.

* - St. Norbert is leading the Midwest Conference in field-goal percentage defense at 35.8 percent.

* - St. Norbert lead the Midwest Conference in field goal percentage. The Green Knights 43.6 percent leads Lake Forest, which is at 42.8 percent from the floor. St. Norbert only has one player in the league's top 15 in field-goal percentage. Rachel Hermus is fifth in the league in shooting at 50.4 percent.

* - St. Norbert is second in the league in turnover margin. The Green Knights' plus-4.83 turnovers per game trails just Lake Forest's plus-7.39 per game.

* - St. Norbert needs one more win to earn its seventh 20-win season in school history.

St. Norbert College Women's Basketball Post-Season History

1983

NCAA Division III Regional Tournament (De Pere, Wis.)

M 4 UW-La Crosse L 79-65
M 5 Simpson L 81-78

1984

Midwest Conference Championship (De Pere, Wis.)

F 25 Cornell W 93-37

1985

Midwest Conference Championship (Jacksonville, Ill.)

F 23 Illinois College W 85-73

NCAA Division III Regional (De Pere, Wis.)

M 1 Carroll W 72-53

M 2 UW-Whitewater W 82-80

NCAA Division III Quarterfinal (De Pere, Wis.)

M 9 Pomona-Pitzer W 69-55

NCAA Division III Final Four (De Pere, Wis.)

M 15 New Rochelle L 61-59

M 16 Millikin L 76-73

1986

Midwest Conference Championship (De Pere, Wis.)

F 22 Cornell W 90-53

NCAA Division III Regional (De Pere, Wis.)

F 28 Susquehanna W 77-63

M 1 UW-Whitewater L 57-56

1987

Midwest Conference Championship (Mount Vernon, Iowa)

F 28 Cornell W 85-57

NCAA Division III Regional (De Pere, Wis.)

M 6 UW-Stevens Point L 75-58

M 7 UW-River Falls L 78-58

1988

Midwest Conference Championship (De Pere, Wis.)

F 27 Cornell W 86-56

NCAA Division III Regional (River Falls, Wis.)

M 4 UW-River Falls W 79-78

M 5 UW-La Crosse L 83-81

1989

Midwest Conference Championship (Galesburg, Ill.)

F 24 Coe W 83-53

F 25 Beloit W 71-53

NCAA Division III Regional (River Falls, Wis.)

M 3 UW-River Falls L 93-74

M 4 Alma L 79-69

1991

Midwest Conference Championship (Grinnell, Iowa)

F 22 Illinois College L 72-67

F 23 Lawrence L 72-56

1997

Midwest Conference Championship (Jacksonville, Ill.)

F 28 Illinois College L 55-54

M 1 Knox W 71-57

1999

Midwest Conference Championship (Lake Forest, Ill.)

F 26 Lawrence L 65-56

2000

Midwest Conference Championship (De Pere, Wis.)

F 25 Carroll L 55-52

2001

Midwest Conference Championship (Lake Forest, Ill.)

F 23 Lake Forest L 66-63

2003

Midwest Conference Championship (De Pere, Wis.)

F 28 Lawrence W 65-45

M 1 Lake Forest W 77-75 (2 OT)

NCAA Division III Tournament First Round (De Pere, Wis.)

M 5 Rockford W 65-47

NCAA Division III Tournament Second Round (Northfield, Minn.)

M 8 Carleton W 60-47

NCAA Division III Tournament South Sectional (Abilene, Texas)

M 14 Washington-Mo. L 83-65

2004

Midwest Conference Championship (Ripon, Wis.)

F 27 Lake Forest W 66-65

F 28 Ripon L 64-55

2005

Midwest Conference Championship (De Pere, Wis.)

F 25 Lake Forest W 69-49

F 26 Ripon L 64-57

2006

Midwest Conference Championship (Waukesha, Wis.)

F 24 Lawrence W 64-49

F 25 Carroll L 57-56

2007

Midwest Conference Championship (Lake Forest, Ill.)

F 23 Carroll L 70-61