



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Women's Basketball Preview

St. Norbert College Tip-Off Tournament

St. Norbert College (0-0) vs. Univ. of Dubuque (1-0) - Fri., Nov. 20 - 7 p.m.
vs. UW-La Crosse (1-0) or Aurora Univ. (0-0) - Sat., Nov. 21 - 1 or 3 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., Nov. 20-21, 2009 - Schuldes Sports Center (2,100) - De Pere, Wis.

Tournament Overview:

St. Norbert opens the 2009-10 regular season by hosting the St. Norbert College Tip-Off Tournament at Schuldes Sports Center. Admission to the tournament is free. Fans are asked to bring a non-perishable food item or make a cash donation to Paul's Pantry at the door.

The Series:

St. Norbert has never played Dubuque or Aurora.

St. Norbert holds a slim 8-7 lead over UW-La Crosse in a series begun in 1981-82. La Crosse won the last meeting with St. Norbert by a 64-53 score on Nov. 19, 2004 at the Lakeland Tournament.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Connie Tilley (UW-La Crosse, 1974) is 508-251 entering her 33rd season in De Pere. Combining her softball and volleyball coaching tenures with the Green Knights, Tilley is 838-449 at St. Norbert.

Dubuque coach Mark Noll (UW-Stout, 2000) is 24-29 in his third year in Dubuque.

UW-La Crosse coach Lois Heeren is 118-140 in her 11th season in La Crosse, and is 170-242 in 17 years overall.

Aurora coach Michelle Roof (Eastern Illinois, 2001) is 61-45 in her fifth year in Aurora.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert finished the 2008-09 season with a 20-5 overall record and a runner-up finish in the Midwest Conference at 15-1. St. Norbert had a 14-game winning streak snapped in its final game when it lost the title game of the Midwest Conference Championship Tournament 56-49 to Ripon.

The Green Knights return 11 letterwinners and three starters from last year's squad. Senior guard Denise Heuser led St. Norbert in scoring last season at 10.8 points per game and made a team-high 32 3-pointers. Junior guard Stefanie Bunday averaged 7.9 points and 4.2 assists per game, while junior forward Rachel Hermus netted 6.4 points and a team-high 5.0 rebounds per game. Sophomore guard Krista Pelky came off the bench to average 8.4 points per game and shot 48.4 percent from the floor a year ago. St. Norbert was fifth nationally in field-goal percentage last year at 46.1 per-

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2009-2010 Results

Date	Opponent	Result
O 31	at UW-Green Bay (exh)	L 78-47
N 20	%Dubuque	7 p.m.
N 21	%UW-La Crosse or Aurora	1 or 3 p.m.
N 24	UW-Eau Claire	7 p.m.
N 28	at UW-Oshkosh	5 p.m.
D 4	*at Lake Forest	5 p.m.
D 5	*at Monmouth	2 p.m.
D 9	* Beloit	5:30 p.m.
D 29	^vs. UW-Platteville	5 p.m.
D 30	^vs. Wartburg or Augsburg	1 or 3 p.m.
J 9	*at Ripon	2 p.m.
J 15	* Knox	5 p.m.
J 16	* Grinnell	1 p.m.
J 22	*at Illinois College	5 p.m.
J 23	*at Knox	2 p.m.
J 27	* Carroll	7 p.m.
J 30	*at Beloit	4 p.m.
F 2	*at Lawrence	7 p.m.
F 5	* Monmouth	5 p.m.
F 6	* Lake Forest	2 p.m.
F 10	* Ripon	5:30 p.m.
F 13	* Lawrence	2 p.m.
F 16	*at Finlandia	4:30 p.m.
F 20	*at Carroll	2 p.m.
F 26-27	at Midwest Conference Tournament	

* - Midwest Conference game; % - St. Norbert Tip-Off Tournament, De Pere, Wis.; ^ - Wartburg Holiday Tournament, Waverly, Iowa. **Note:** Home games in **bold**; (rankings) by D3hoops.com. All times Central Standard Time.

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St. Norbert returns 71.1 percent of its scoring from a team that averaged 68.9 points per game a year ago. The Green Knights allowed teams to score at a 54.1 points per game clip last season. St. Norbert has two seniors, six juniors, four sophomores and three freshmen on this year's roster.

About the Spartans I:

Dubuque enters the the tournament at 1-0 overall after topping cross-town rival Clarke 81-63 on Tuesday. The Spartans, who were 9-18 last season, also lost an exhibition game to Iowa State 99-57 on Nov. 1.

Jennifer Nichols led Dubuque against Clarke, notching 26 points. Aimee Rezyer added 13 points and eight rebounds for the Spartans.

Dubuque shot 45.2 percent from the floor, 38.1 percent on 3-pointers and 68 percent at the free-throw line. The Spartans held Clarke to 36.5 percent shooting from the floor, 25 percent on 3-pointers and 61.1 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Eagles:

UW-La Crosse opened the season with a 65-57 win over Wheaton Tuesday in La Crosse. The Eagles were 17-9 last season.

La Crosse was led against Wheaton with 17 points and nine rebounds from Danielle Frank. Taylor Larson and Melissa Lang each added 12 points.

The Eagles shot 42.1 percent from the floor, 30.8 percent on 3-pointers and 68.4 percent at the free-throw line against Wheaton. La Crosse held the Thunder to 31.5 percent shooting from the floor, 39.1 percent on 3-pointers and 28.6 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Spartans II:

Aurora has not played a game yet in 2009-10, and is coming off a 17-10 season a year ago.

Despite losing five of its top six scorers from last season, the Spartans are tabbed to claim the South Division title of the Northern Athletics Conference this year.

Michelle Perry is the lone returning starter from last year's squad. Perry averaged 11.1 points and 5.6 rebounds per game.

Honoring a Pioneer:

St. Norbert head coach Connie Tilley enters the 2009-10 season with the 14th most wins in NCAA Division III history at 508. Entering her 33rd season at St. Norbert, Tilley has the most wins of any women's basketball coach at any NCAA Wisconsin school.

In a surprise ceremony on Jan. 24, 2009, St. Norbert College named the playing floor in Schuldes Sports Center as "Connie Tilley Court."

Tilley also coached volleyball and softball at St. Norbert. In 54 sports seasons, Tilley owns an 838-449 record, with only four seasons below .500.

Tough Schedule:

St. Norbert head coach Connie Tilley is noted for her strong out-of-conference schedules, and the 2009-10 season proves to be no different.

The Green Knights will play three Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference opponents this season, and could play a fourth in UW-La Crosse at the St. Norbert Tip-Off Tournament.

Nineteen of St. Norbert's last 22 losses to Division III opponents have been to teams which have played in the NCAA Division III Tournament the same season in which the loss occurred.

Of St. Norbert's five losses in 2008-09, three were to NCAA qualifiers in UW-Eau Claire, Oglethorpe and Ripon. The Green Knights also lost to Beloit and Division II Northern Michigan.

In 2007-08, four of the Green Knights five losses were to NCAA tournament squads in Eau Claire, Medaille, Amherst and Chicago.

Jump Shot:

* - St. Norbert has achieved at least 10 wins in Midwest Conference play for 11 straight years. It is the longest current streak with double-digit wins in MWC women's basketball.

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	22-5	15-1	1st	Regional
2008-09	20-5	15-1	2nd	
2009-10	0-0	0-0		
Totals	508-251	315-92		

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

2009-10 MWC Standings

Team	MWC	Overall
Beloit	0-0	0-0
Carroll	0-0	0-1
Grinnell	0-0	1-0
Illinois College	0-0	1-0
Knox	0-0	0-0
Lake Forest	0-0	0-1
Lawrence	0-0	0-1
Monmouth	0-0	0-1
Ripon	0-0	0-0
St. Norbert	0-0	0-0

* - through games of Nov. 17, 2009