



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Football Preview

St. Norbert College (5-2, 5-1 MWC) at Ripon College (5-2, 5-1 MWC)

Saturday, October 25, 2008 - 1 p.m.

Ingalls Field (4,000) - Ripon, Wisconsin

2008 Midwest Conference Standings

Team	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Monmouth	6	0	7	0
Ripon	5	1	5	2
St. Norbert	5	1	5	2
Carroll	3	3	4	3
Illinois College	3	3	3	4
Lake Forest	3	3	3	4
Beloit	2	4	3	4
Grinnell	2	4	3	4
Knox	1	5	2	5
Lawrence	0	6	0	6

Games on Saturday, Oct. 18

St. Norbert 20, Carroll 17
 Monmouth 38, Ripon 35
 Illinois College 58, Beloit 42
 Knox 28, Lawrence 25

Lake Forest 24, Grinnell 16

Games on Saturday, Oct. 25

St. Norbert at Ripon, 1 p.m.
 Illinois College at Grinnell, 1 p.m.
 Beloit at Lawrence, 1 p.m.
 Lake Forest at Monmouth, 1 p.m.
 Knox at Carroll, 6 p.m.

Game Overview:

It's Ripon Week for the Green Knights, and sole possession of second place in the Midwest Conference is at stake at Ingalls Field.

The Series:

St. Norbert owns a 19-9 lead over Ripon in a hotly contested series that dates back to 1979. St. Norbert has won the last nine games in the series, scoring an average of 43.2 points per game. Prior to the Green Knights' current winning streak in the series, Ripon had won the previous four meetings by a total of 14 points.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Jim Purtill (Miami-Ohio, 1978) is 89-15 in his tenth season in De Pere.

Ripon coach Ron Ernst (Nebraska Wesleyan, 1980) is 115-57 in his 18th season in Ripon.

Last Meeting:

St. Norbert beat Ripon 52-27 last Oct. 20 at Minahan Stadium in De Pere for the Green Knights' ninth-straight win in the series. The Green Knights scored touchdowns on six of their first seven possessions to jump out to a 42-7 lead early in the third quarter.

Cody Craig completed 19 of 27 passes for 309 yards and four touchdowns. Judd O'Connell caught eight passes for 157 yards and tied a school record with four touchdowns, while Nick Albert caught five passes for 101

2008 St. Norbert Football Schedule and Results (5-2, 5-1 MWC)

Date	Opponent	Site	Time/Result	Quick Fact
Sept. 6	Wartburg	Waverly, Iowa	L 44-20	Wuensch returns fumble school-record 95 yards for TD
Sept. 13	Grinnell	De Pere	W 55-7	SNC holds Grinnell to minus-11 yards rushing
Sept. 20	Lawrence	Appleton	W 44-18	James scores SNC's first defensive XP since 1997
Sept. 27	Lake Forest	De Pere	W 62-0	LFC held to 12 yards, 2nd-lowest total ever allowed by SNC
Oct. 4	Knox	Galesburg, Ill.	W 63-24	First time ever SNC has scored 60-plus pts. in consecutive games
Oct. 11	Monmouth	De Pere	L 31-22	First October loss ever for Jim Purtill, snaps 40-game streak
Oct. 18	Carroll (HC)	De Pere	W 20-17	Stoppenbach's 6-yard run TD with 1:35 left is difference
Oct. 25	Ripon	Ripon	1 p.m.	SNC has scored at least 38 points in each of last six meetings
Nov. 1	Beloit	Beloit	1 p.m.	Sixth trip to Beloit for SNC in Purtill Era
Nov. 8	Illinois College	De Pere	1 p.m.	Phillips totaled career-high 400 all-purpose yards last yr.

St. Norbert Quick Facts

Nickname:Green Knights
Location:De Pere, WI 54115
Colors:Dartmouth Green & Old Gold
Founded:1898
Enrollment:2,100
President:Thomas Kunkel
Athletics Director:Tim Bald
Conference:Midwest Conference
Facility:Dr. John R. Minahan Stadium
Capacity:3,100
Year Opened:1938
All-Time Minahan Record:195-91-7
Head Coach:Jim Purtil
Record at St. Norbert:89-15 (tenth year)
First Season of Football:1931
Seasons of Football:75
All-Time Overall Record:379-262-20
All-Time MWC Record:138-28-0
MWC Championships:12
(1985,87,88,89,99,2000,01,02,03,04,06,07)
NCAA Playoff Appearances:8
(1989,99,2000,01,03,04,06,07)

Head Coach Jim Purtil

Education:

Bachelor's degree at Miami (Ohio) University (1978); master's degree at Salem (W. Va.) College (1995).

Coaching Experience:

Offensive line coach at Ferris State (1988 to 1994); offensive coordinator at Albion (1995 to 1998); head coach at St. Norbert (March 9, 1999 to present).



Purtil's Head Coaching Record

Year	Overall	MWC	Place	NCAA
1999	9-2	9-0	1st	First Rd.
2000	10-1	9-0	1st	First Rd.
2001	8-2	7-1	T1st	First Rd.
2002	9-1	8-1	T1st	
2003	11-1	9-0	1st	Second Rd.
2004	9-2	9-0	1st	First Rd.
2005	8-2	8-1	2nd	
2006	10-1	9-0	1st	First Rd.
2007	10-1	9-0	1st	First Rd.
2008	5-2	5-1		
Totals	89-15	82-4		

Purtil vs. Midwest Conference

Team	Overall	Home	Away
Beloit	9-0	4-0	5-0
Carroll	9-0	5-0	4-0
Grinnell	10-0	5-0	5-0
Illinois College	8-1	4-0	4-1
Knox	10-0	5-0	5-0
Lake Forest	9-1	5-1	4-0
Lawrence	10-0	5-0	5-0
Monmouth	8-2	4-2	4-0
Ripon	9-0	4-0	5-0
Totals	82-4	41-3	41-1

yards.

Ripon rushed for 370 yards but completed just 2 of 10 passes for nine yards passing. Jon Larsen had 168 yards rushing on 18 carries.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert pulled out a hard-fought 20-17 win over Carroll University this past Saturday at Minahan Stadium. The Green Knights trailed 10-0 at halftime and 17-14 late in the game before sophomore quarterback Bryan Stoppenbach rushed for a 6-yard touchdown with 1:35 left. Stoppenbach also passed for a touchdown and had a 5-yard scoring run earlier in the game.

Sophomore quarterback Rob Berger played only three series against Carroll but still leads the team in rushing and passing with 430 and 702 yards, respectively. Stoppenbach has completed 62.7 percent of his passes for 603 yards and six touchdowns. Senior wide receiver Jeremy Gezella leads the Green Knights in receiving with 27 catches for 511 yards and five touchdowns.

Defensively, St. Norbert is allowing 287.6 yards per game. The Green Knights, whose run defense will be tested this week against Ripon's option attack, are yielding 59.9 yards per game and 1.7 yards per carry on the ground.

About the Red Hawks:

Ripon is two plays away from being undefeated this season, but is 5-2 overall and 5-1 in the Midwest Conference. The Red Hawks failed to get a two-point conversion in a 14-13 loss to UW-Oshkosh in the season opener, and then lost a ten-point lead with 8 minutes left in a 38-35 loss to Monmouth this past Saturday.

The Red Hawks own a powerful rushing offense that nets 233 yards per game on the ground and 309 yards per game overall. Scott Perkins leads the offense with 384 yards on 92 carries, while Matthew Miller has 321 yards rushing and 10 touchdowns. Andrew Fink has 297 yards on the ground while Jon

Larsen has 271. Miller has completed 35 of 73 passes for 485 yards and five touchdowns with three interceptions. Ripon's quarterbacks have completed 43.7 percent of their passes.

Defensively, Ripon yields 289 yards per game. Opponents are netting 119.6 yards per game rushing and have scored just four rushing touchdowns this season.

Escaping Dodge:

St. Norbert snuck out of Minahan Stadium with a win over Carroll this past Saturday despite being outgained and having just 298 yards of total offense.

It was the eighth time in Purtil's tenure St. Norbert won despite being outgained. The other wins came in a 2007 wins over Olivet Nazarene, Carroll and Illinois College, a 2006 win at Ripon, a 2005 win over Carroll, a 2002 victory over St. Thomas and a 2001 triumph over Knox.

Escaping Dodge II:

St. Norbert head coach Jim Purtil has fashioned a solid 41-1 record in Midwest Conference road games since taking the helm of the Green Knights in 1999.

The lone away setback for St. Norbert during the last 10 seasons came in a 41-40 loss at Illinois College on Nov. 10, 2001.

Since then, St. Norbert has won 29 consecutive Midwest Conference road games.

Quick Hitters:

* - Senior running back A.J. Phillips, who did not play against Carroll, needs two points to reach 200 for his collegiate career. Phillips also has 5,499 all-purpose yards for his career.

* - St. Norbert is averaging 187.1 yards passing per game. The Green Knights have not averaged less than 200 yards passing per game since netting just 142.9 yards per game in 1998.

* - St. Norbert need just 14 points to go over 300 points for the season for the tenth consecutive season.

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St. Norbert College Overall Individual Statistics (as of Oct 21, 2008)

All games

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	-----Tackles-----			|-Sacks-|		|---Pass Def---|			|-Fumbles-|		Blkd	
	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf
47 Scott Wuensch	26	35	61	6.5-17	0.5-3	1-52	.	.	1-95	1	.	.
41 Ben Hackbart	27	25	52	3.0-11	1.0-9	4-59	2	.	1-0	.	1	.
21 Joe Breisch	25	20	45	9.5-49	4.0-35	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
33 Alex Noskowiak	19	23	42	4.5-13	1.5-10	2-38	2	.	.	.	.	.
23 Dustin Gresen	25	12	37	6.0-10	.	.	5	.	.	.	.	.
49 Jared Hackbart	13	14	27	7.5-19	2.0-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14 Ernest James	13	6	19	.	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	1	.
3 Chris Manlick	9	10	19	.	.	2-43	3	.	.	.	.	.
20 John Rappel	12	6	18	1.5-2	.	1-0	2	.	.	.	.	.
95 Art Janowiak	11	5	16	5.5-23	2.0-13	.	3	.	1-0	.	.	.
71 Jon Herger	4	12	16	2.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
40 Justin Baker	8	5	13	.	.	1-4	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
52 SteveVandenBush	4	9	13	1.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58 Kyle Ripley	7	6	13	1.5-5	1.0-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34 Logan Krueger	6	4	10	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
91 John Troyer	4	5	9	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27 Zach Wollner	6	2	8	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
1S Dan Sjoquist	2	4	6	.	.	2-7	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM TEAM	6	.	6	1.0-7	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
96 Tyler Liptack	4	2	6	1.5-12	1.0-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....	268	228	496	60-210	15-109	15-242	23	.	5-95	3	4	2
Opponents.....	299	212	511	59-237	25-144	7-82	15	.	3-0	7	2	.