



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Football Preview

St. Norbert College (1-0, 0-0 MWC) at Grinnell College (0-1, 0-0 MWC)

Saturday, September 12, 2009 - 1 p.m.

Rosenbloom Field (1,500) - Grinnell, Iowa

2009 Midwest Conference Standings

Team	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Beloit	0	0	1	0
Carroll	0	0	0	1
Grinnell	0	0	0	1
Illinois College	0	0	0	1
Knox	0	0	0	1
Lake Forest	0	0	0	1
Lawrence	0	0	0	0
Monmouth	0	0	1	0
Ripon	0	0	0	1
St. Norbert	0	0	1	0

Games on Saturday, Sept. 12

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

Games on Saturday, Sept. 19

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

Game Overview:

St. Norbert opens Midwest Conference play with a road trip to the Hawkeye State to face Grinnell College. The Green Knights are coming off a 42-35 overtime win at home over No. 17-ranked Wartburg College.

The Series:

St. Norbert holds a 14-1 lead in the all-time series, which began in 1986. Grinnell's only win in the series came in a 49-28 win in 1998 in De Pere, a year when the Pioneers went 10-0. The Green Knights are 10-0 against Grinnell under Jim Purtill.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Jim Purtill (Miami-Ohio, 1978) is 92-16 in his 11th season in De Pere.

Grinnell coach Max Hawsey (Austin, 1996) is 3-8 in his second season in Grinnell.

Last Meeting:

St. Norbert topped Grinnell 55-7 last Sept. 13 at Minahan Stadium in De Pere. The Pioneers opened the scoring on a 12-yard touchdown pass from Mike Bogard to Robert Seer, but the Green Knights ended taking a 35-7 halftime lead.

St. Norbert outgained Grinnell 379-188, with Grinnell getting a minus-11 yards on the ground. Rob Berger rushed seven times for 138 yards and one touchdown and also passed for 75 yards on 6 of 10 passing. St. Norbert had

2009 St. Norbert Football Schedule and Results (1-0, 0-0 MWC)

Date	Opponent	Site	Time/Result	Quick Fact
Sept. 5	Wartburg (17-n/a)	De Pere	W 42-35/OT	Berger sets SNC record with 443 yards of total offense
Sept. 12	Grinnell	Grinnell, Iowa	1 p.m.	SNC has won 10 straight games in the series
Sept. 19	Lawrence	De Pere	1 p.m.	SNC is 4-0 against former SNC DC & LU coach Chris Howard
Sept. 26	Lake Forest	Lake Forest, Ill.	1 p.m.	SNC owns 23-2 series lead over Lake Forest
Oct. 3	Knox	De Pere	1 p.m.	SNC has scored at least 42 points last five games vs. KC
Oct. 10	Monmouth	Monmouth, Ill.	1 p.m.	SNC and MC have split last four games in series
Oct. 17	Carroll	Waukesha	1 p.m.	Last two games have been SNC wins by two and three points
Oct. 24	Ripon (HC)	De Pere	1 p.m.	SNC is 18-1 on Homecoming since 1991
Oct. 31	Beloit	De Pere	1 p.m.	SNC has won 10 straight games in the series
Nov. 7	Illinois College	Jacksonville, Ill.	1 p.m.	IC QB Mitch Niekamp passed for 467 yards in 2008 game

(rankings) by D3football.com and AFCA

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:197-91-7
Head Coach:Jim Purtill
Record at St. Norbert:92-16 (11th year)
First Season of Football:1931
Seasons of Football:76
All-Time Overall Record:382-263-20
All-Time MWC Record:140-29-0
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 Purtill

E d u c a t i o n :
 Bachelor's degree at
 Miami (Ohio)
 University (1978);
 master's degree at
 Salem (W. Va.)
 College (1995).
C o a c h i n g
E x p e r i e n c e :
 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).



Purtill at St. Norbert

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	7-3	7-2	3rd	
2009	1-0	0-0		
Totals	92-16	84-5		

Purtill vs. Midwest Conference

Team	Overall	Home	Away
Beloit	10-0	4-0	6-0
Carroll	9-0	5-0	4-0
Grinnell	10-0	5-0	5-0
Illinois College	9-1	5-0	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	9-1	4-0	5-1
Totals	84-5	42-3	42-2

245 yards rushing.

Bogard led Grinnell with 13 of 32 passing for 163 yards with one touchdown and three interceptions.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert got its 2009 season off to a solid start with a 42-35 overtime win over No. 17-ranked Wartburg College at Minahan Stadium in De Pere. The Green Knights tied the game on the final play of regulation on Rob Berger's 8-yard touchdown pass to Jeremy Gezella. Berger's 7-yard scoring strike to John Weninger in overtime proved to be the difference.

The St. Norbert offense rolled up 527 yards of total offense in the win, including 210 yards rushing. Berger ended up with a school-record 443 yards of total offense, completing 28 of 37 passes for 317 yards and four touchdowns while also rushing 16 times for 126 yards and two touchdowns. Gezella hauled in 12 catches for 179 yards and two touchdowns.

Defensively, St. Norbert allowed 506 yards of total offense but forced four second-half Wartburg punts and then turned away the Knights on a first-and-goal from the St. Norbert 6 in overtime. Justin Baker finished with a team-high nine tackles, including a stop on fourth-and-goal from the 2 to end the game.

About the Pioneers:

Grinnell opened its season with a 28-21 home loss to Cornell College, which went winless in 2008. The Pioneers led 14-9 at halftime before the Rams rallied with three second-half touchdowns.

Grinnell posted 287 yards of total offense against Cornell, with 105 coming on the ground. Mike Bogard completed 15 of 36 passes for 182 yards with two touchdowns and three interceptions. Bogard also led the Pioneers on the ground with 46 yards rushing on 14 attempts. Robert Seer had a team-high four receptions for 99 yards with two touchdowns.

Grinnell's defense allowed 383 yards with 193 on the ground.

Cornell had 22 first downs against Grinnell, with 13 via rushing.

Record Report I:

St. Norbert junior quarterback Rob Berger enjoyed a record-setting afternoon with his performance in a 42-35 overtime win over Wartburg this past Saturday.

Berger set a school record with 443 yards of total offense, gaining 317 yards passing and 126 yards rushing. Berger's mark clipped the previous record of 440 set by Dan Luedtke on Sept. 21, 1996 against Monmouth. He is the first player in St. Norbert history to pass for 300 yards and rush for 100 yards in the same game.

Berger's 28 pass completions also set a school record, topping Luke Ott's 27 completions against Hamline on Sept. 8, 2001. Berger completed just 40 passes in part-time duty during the entire 2008 season.

Berger's 75.7 percent completion percentage (28-for-37) in the game is the ninth-best in a game in school history.

Record Report II:

Senior wide receiver Jeremy Gezella tied a St. Norbert record with 12 receptions in the win over Wartburg.

It's the fifth time in school history a St. Norbert player has had 12 receptions in a game, but Gezella's feat marks the first time in 16 years it's happened. Current wide receivers coach Todd Bierowski had 12 receptions against UW-Oshkosh on Sept. 11, 1993.

Gezella's 179 receiving yards are his career high, topping 176 yards against Lawrence last season.

Offense Observations:

St. Norbert piled up 527 yards of total offense against Wartburg. The Green Knights passed for 317 yards and rushed for 210 yards on 70 plays, an average of 7.5 yards per play.

The yardage marked the highest offensive output for St. Norbert against a non-Midwest Conference opponent in 41 years. The Green

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Last Time It Happened

Safety:

By St. Norbert: vs. Lake Forest, 9/27/08 (twice)
By Opponent: Monmouth, 9/18/04

Overtime Game:

vs. Wartburg, 9/5/09 (St. Norbert 42, Wartburg 35) - 1 OT

50 Points in a Game:

By St. Norbert: vs. Knox, 10/4/08 (63)
By Opponent: UW-Whitewater, 11/18/06 (59)

Punt Return for TD:

By St. Norbert: Dan Sjoquist vs. Beloit, 11/1/08 (51 yards)
By Opponent: Todd Steele, Monmouth, 9/22/90 (90 yards)

Kickoff Return for TD:

By St. Norbert: Loren Coleman vs. Ripon, 10/23/04 (93 yards)
By Opponent: D.J. Jackson, Illinois College, 11/8/08 (95 yards)

Interception Return for TD:

By St. Norbert: Matt Sullivan vs. Lake Forest, 9/27/08 (7 yards)
By Opponent: Scott Burnoski, UW-La Crosse, 11/20/04 (94 yards)

Fumble Return for TD:

By St. Norbert: Scott Wuensch vs. Wartburg, 9/6/08 (95 yards)
By Opponent: Chris Albanese, Carroll, 10/18/03 (37 yards)

200 Yards Rushing:

By St. Norbert: Casey Meehan vs. Grinnell, 10/30/04 (254 yards)
By Opponent: Justin Berrens, Lawrence, 10/11/03 (215 yards)

300 Yards Passing:

By St. Norbert: Rob Berger vs. Wartburg, 9/5/09 (317 yards)
By Opponent: Mitch Niekamp, Illinois College, 11/8/08 (467 yards)

150 Yards Receiving:

By St. Norbert: Jeremy Gezella vs. Wartburg, 9/5/09 (179 yards)
By Opponent: Michael Jennings, Illinois College, 11/8/08 (280 yards)

10 Pass Receptions:

By St. Norbert: Jeremy Gezella vs. Wartburg, 9/5/09 (12)
By Opponent: Michael Jennings, Illinois College, 11/8/08 (19)

40 Yard Field Goal:

By St. Norbert: Roger Nault vs. Monmouth, 10/11/08 (41 yards)
By Opponent: Conner McMackin, Illinois College, 11/3/07 (40 yards)

Defensive Extra Point:

By St. Norbert: Ernest James vs. Monmouth, 10/11/08
By Opponent: Derek Micke, Lawrence, 8/15/07

Knights rolled up 568 yards in a 42-0 win over St. Cloud State at Minahan Stadium on Nov. 8, 1968.

Winning Ways:

St. Norbert is shooting for its 11th consecutive season with at least seven wins. Since Jim Purtill became head coach in 1999, St. Norbert has won as few as eight games just three times - 8-2 seasons in 2001 and 2005 and a 7-3 campaign in 2008.

The Green Knights have an all-time record of 382-263-20 in 75 years of intercollegiate football, a winning percentage of .589. In Midwest Conference play, St. Norbert has an all-time league best record of 140-29, a winning percentage of .829.

In 24 years in the Midwest Conference, St. Norbert has won 12 football championships. In addition to St. Norbert, only four charter members of the MWC have won at least 10 football championships - Coe with 21, Ripon with 19, Lawrence with 16 and Cornell with 12.

Quick Hitters:

* - Eight different players caught passes in St. Norbert's 42-35 overtime win over Wartburg this past Saturday.

* - Only three players - Rob Berger, John Weninger and Todd Sheedy - had rushing attempts against Wartburg.

* - During Jim Purtill's 10-year tenure as head coach, St. Norbert has scored 52 defensive and special teams touchdowns. Using available game records, research uncovered St. Norbert had scored just 35 defensive touchdowns from 1956 to 1998. Under Purtill, St. Norbert is 25-1 when scoring a defensive touchdown and has scored multiple defensive scores in a game seven different times.

* - St. Norbert has won 53 straight games when scoring at least 30 points dating back to a 41-40 loss to Illinois College on Nov. 10, 2001. St. Norbert is 163-10 all-time when scoring 30-or-more points and is 100-2 all-time when scoring 40-or-more points.

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St. Norbert College Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 06, 2009)
All games

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
9/5/09	#17 WARTBURG COLLEGE	W 42-35	2277

Rushing		gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Rob Berger		1	16	127	1	126	7.9	2	29	126.0
John Weninger		1	10	67	4	63	6.3	0	24	63.0
Todd Sheedy		1	5	24	1	23	4.6	0	13	23.0
TEAM		1	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-2.0
Total		1	32	218	8	210	6.6	2	29	210.0
Opponents		1	54	303	16	287	5.3	3	37	287.0

Passing		gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Rob Berger		1	183.32	28-37-0	75.7	317	4	40	317.0
TEAM		1	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total		1	178.49	28-38-0	73.7	317	4	40	317.0
Opponents		1	148.13	15-27-0	55.6	219	2	35	219.0

Receiving		gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Jeremy Gezella		1	12	179	14.9	2	40	179.0
Brian Peterson		1	5	26	5.2	0	16	26.0
John Weninger		1	4	46	11.5	1	18	46.0
Todd Sheedy		1	3	15	5.0	0	7	15.0
Logan Krueger		1	1	32	32.0	1	32	32.0
Adam Nitsche		1	1	11	11.0	0	11	11.0
Jack Dempsey		1	1	4	4.0	0	4	4.0
Mike Dickman		1	1	4	4.0	0	4	4.0
Total		1	28	317	11.3	4	40	317.0
Opponents		1	15	219	14.6	2	35	219.0

Field Goals		fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Scoring		td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts
Jeremy Gezella		2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Rob Berger		2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Roger Nault		-	-	6-6	-	-	-	-	-	6
John Weninger		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Logan Krueger		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total		6	-	6-6	-	-	-	-	-	42
Opponents		5	0-1	5-5	-	-	-	-	-	35

Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
All games	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
Conference	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Non-Conference	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0

Team Statistics		SNC	OPP
FIRST DOWNS		27	26
Rushing		8	14
Passing		13	10
Penalty		6	2
RUSHING YARDAGE		210	287
Rushing Attempts		32	54
Average Per Rush		6.6	5.3
Average Per Game		210.0	287.0
TDs Rushing		2	3
PASSING YARDAGE		317	219
Comp-Att-Int		28-38-0	15-27-0
Average Per Pass		8.3	8.1
Average Per Catch		11.3	14.6
Average Per Game		317.0	219.0
TDs Passing		4	2
TOTAL OFFENSE		527	506
Average Per Play		7.5	6.2
Average Per Game		527.0	506.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards		6-82	5-98
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards		4-56	1-12
INT RETURNS: #-Yards		0-0	0-0
FUMBLES-LOST		2-2	0-0
PENALTIES-Yards		6-40	11-100
PUNTS-AVG		4-29.2	6-43.2
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game		30:36	29:24
3RD-DOWN Conversions		7/12	7/16
4TH-DOWN Conversions		0/1	1/2

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg				
Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Rob Berger	4	117	29.2	34	0	0	0	0	0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Logan Krueger	3	52	17.3	0	32
Jeremy Gezella	1	4	4.0	0	4
Total	4	56	14.0	0	32
Opponents	1	12	12.0	0	12

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jeremy Gezella	3	43	14.3	0	23
Logan Krueger	2	28	14.0	0	16
Nick Gorski	1	11	11.0	0	11
Total	6	82	13.7	0	23
Opponents	5	98	19.6	0	26

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Jeremy Gezella	1	0	179	4	43	0	226	226.0
Rob Berger	1	126	0	0	0	0	126	126.0
Logan Krueger	1	0	32	52	28	0	112	112.0
John Weninger	1	63	46	0	0	0	109	109.0
Todd Sheedy	1	23	15	0	0	0	38	38.0
Total	1	210	317	56	82	0	665	665.0
Opponents	1	287	219	12	98	0	616	616.0

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Rob Berger	1	53	126	317	443	443.0
John Weninger	1	10	63	0	63	63.0
Todd Sheedy	1	5	23	0	23	23.0
Total	1	70	210	317	527	527.0
Opponents	1	81	287	219	506	506.0

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 St. Norbert College Overall Individual Statistics (as of Sep 06, 2009)
 All games

##	Defensive Leaders	ua	Tackles		tfl/yds	Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles	blkd		saf
			a	tot		no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	
40	Justin Baker	9	.	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Chris Manlick	8	.	8	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Dustin Gresen	6	1	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	Ben Hackbart	6	.	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	Drew Oudenhoven	5	1	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	John Riemer	5	.	5	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	John Troyer	5	.	5	1.0-11	1.0-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Dan Sjoquist	5	.	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58	Kyle Ripley	4	.	4	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
57	Dale Bishop	3	.	3	1.0-1	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	Joel Trembl	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Kylz Zweifel	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	Logan Krueger	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Dan Hansmann	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Ryan Pepin	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		64	2	66	4-16	2-12	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
Opponents		55	12	67	4-6	0-0	.	3	.	2-0	2	.	.