



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Football Preview

Lawrence University (0-1, 0-1 MWC) at St. Norbert College (2-0, 1-0 MWC)

Saturday, September 19, 2009 - 1 p.m.

Dr. John R. Minahan Stadium (3,100) - De Pere, Wisconsin

2009 Midwest Conference Standings

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

Games on Saturday, Sept. 12

St. Norbert 14, Grinnell 11
 Illinois College 42, Knox 24
 Monmouth 56, Lawrence 3
 Ripon 35, Lake Forest 7
 Beloit 25, Carroll 7

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 College looks to move to 3-0 on the season when it hosts Lawrence University at Minahan Stadium. The Green Knights are 2-0 for the third time in the last four years.

The Series:

St. Norbert holds a 20-9-2 series lead over Lawrence. The Green Knights have won the last 11 meetings with the Vikings since a 27-24 LU win in 1997 in De Pere. Lawrence University claims only a 20-13-2 deficit in the series, but four games were played before St. Norbert began varsity inter-collegiate football in 1931.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Jim Purtill (Miami-Ohio, 1978) is 93-16 in his 11th season in De Pere.

Lawrence coach Chris Howard (UW-Stevens Point, 1983) is 14-26 in his fifth season in Appleton.

Last Meeting:

St. Norbert scored the last 28 points of the game to rally from an 18-16 second-quarter deficit to beat Lawrence 44-18 last Sept. 20 at Banta Bowl in Appleton.

The Green Knights rolled up 490 yards of total offense, with 300 coming through the air. Jeremy Gezella caught six passes for 176 yards and two touchdowns to pace St. Norbert.

2009 St. Norbert Football Schedule and Results (2-0, 1-0 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	W 14-11	Weninger TD runs of 4 and 6 yards prove to be difference
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:93-16 (11th year)
First Season of Football:1931
Seasons of Football:76
All-Time Overall Record:383-263-20
All-Time MWC Record:141-29-0
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	2-0	1-0		
Totals	93-16	85-5		

Purtill vs. Midwest Conference

Team	Overall	Home	Away
Beloit	10-0	4-0	6-0
Carroll	9-0	5-0	4-0
Grinnell	11-0	5-0	6-0
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	85-5	42-3	43-2

Lawrence had 395 yards of total offense against St. Norbert. Nick Maxam completed 28 of 37 passes for 341 yards and three touchdowns with two interceptions.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert improved to 2-0 overall and 1-0 in the Midwest Conference with a 14-11 road win over Grinnell this past Saturday. The Green Knights have won 33 of their last 35 Midwest Conference games dating back to the 2005 season.

Junior running back John Weninger, who scored both St. Norbert touchdowns against Grinnell, leads the Green Knights on the ground with 195 yards on 40 attempts with two touchdowns. Junior quarterback Rob Berger has completed 37 of 64 passes for 383 yards and four touchdowns with no interceptions. Senior wide receiver Jeremy Gezella has caught 14 passes for 197 yards and two touchdowns. The Green Knights are averaging 382 yards per game of total offense.

Defensively, junior linebacker Justin Baker leads the Green Knights in tackles with 17. Junior linebacker Drew Oudenhoven has 12 tackles, while senior defensive backs Chris Manlick and Dustin Gresen have 11 tackles apiece. The Green Knights are allowing an average of 341 yards per game.

About the Vikings:

Lawrence opened its 2009 season with a 56-3 loss to Monmouth at the Banta Bowl in Appleton this past Saturday. The Vikings have lost their last 11 Midwest Conference games.

The Vikings had eight turnovers and were held to 85 yards of total offense, including 50 yards rushing,

and three first downs by the defending conference champion. The Vikings trailed 49-0 at halftime and were 1-for-14 on third-down conversions in the game.

Jesse Peterson led the Vikings with 19 yards rushing on seven attempts, while Lucas Below had six rushes for 15 yards. Nick Maxam completed 3 of 7 passes for 16 yards with two interceptions.

Defensively, the Vikings yielded 553 yards to Monmouth, including 336 through the air. Lawrence allowed 24 first downs and an 8-for-17 third-down conversion rate.

Grinding It Out:

St. Norbert posted 237 yards of total offense in its 14-11 win at Grinnell this past Saturday. It marked the fewest yards gained in a St. Norbert win in Jim Purtill's 11-year coaching tenure.

The Green Knights had 240 yards of total offense in a 38-28 win at Ripon on Oct. 21, 2006 for the previous low output in a St. Norbert win under Purtill.

Prior to the 237 yards against Grinnell, the fewest yards gained in a St. Norbert win were 215 on an extremely muddy field in a 27-6 win at Monmouth on Oct. 17, 1998.

Nearing a Milestone:

St. Norbert head coach Jim Purtill is four wins shy of becoming the winningest football coach in school history.

Howard "Chick" Kolstad currently has the most win in St. Norbert gridiron coaching history, posting a 96-75-5 record in 19 seasons from 1960-78. St. Norbert operated as an independent in athletics during Kolstad's tenure, with the Green Knights defeating the likes of Western Illinois, Northern Michigan, Mankato State, Ferris

2009 Honors

Sept. 5 vs. Wartburg

Rob Berger - MWC Offensive Player of the Week
 Jeremy Gezella - D3football.com Team of the Week

Sept. 12 vs. Grinnell

Logan Krueger - MWC Special Teams Player of the Week

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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

State, Hillsdale, St. Cloud State and several Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference members.

Purtill has fashioned a 93-16 overall record going into the Lawrence game, good for an .853 winning percentage. The Green Knights have captured eight Midwest Conference championships in his 10 seasons and have appeared in seven NCAA Division III Playoffs.

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 seven 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 383-263-20 in 76 years of intercollegiate football, a winning percentage of .590. 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:

* - During Jim Purtill's 11-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.

2009 St. Norbert College Football
St. Norbert College Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 13, 2009)
All games

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
9/5/09	#17 WARTBURG COLLEGE	W 42-35	2277
* 9/12/09	at Grinnell College	W 14-11	357

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
John Weninger	2	40	214	19	195	4.9	2	24	97.5
Rob Berger	2	25	135	41	94	3.8	2	29	47.0
Todd Sheedy	2	16	87	2	85	5.3	0	16	42.5
Joey Kobs	2	3	9	0	9	3.0	0	6	4.5
TEAM	2	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-1.0
Total	2	85	445	64	381	4.5	4	29	190.5
Opponents	2	82	358	31	327	4.0	3	37	163.5

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Rob Berger	2	128.71	37-64-0	57.8	383	4	40	191.5
TEAM	2	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	2	126.73	37-65-0	56.9	383	4	40	191.5
Opponents	2	111.02	30-61-1	49.2	355	3	35	177.5

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Jeremy Gezella	2	14	197	14.1	2	40	98.5
John Weninger	2	6	44	7.3	1	18	22.0
Brian Peterson	2	6	34	5.7	0	16	17.0
Todd Sheedy	2	3	15	5.0	0	7	7.5
Logan Krueger	2	2	38	19.0	1	32	19.0
Joe Green	2	2	29	14.5	0	15	14.5
Adam Nitsche	2	1	11	11.0	0	11	5.5
Nick Wilson	2	1	7	7.0	0	7	3.5
Jack Dempsey	1	1	4	4.0	0	4	4.0
Mike Dickman	1	1	4	4.0	0	4	4.0
Total	2	37	383	10.4	4	40	191.5
Opponents	2	30	355	11.8	3	35	177.5

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Roger Nault	0-2	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0

Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
All games	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0
Conference	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0
Non-Conference	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0

Team Statistics	SNC	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	44	35
Rushing	20	15
Passing	17	17
Penalty	7	3
RUSHING YARDAGE	381	327
Rushing Attempts	85	82
Average Per Rush	4.5	4.0
Average Per Game	190.5	163.5
TDs Rushing	4	3
PASSING YARDAGE	383	355
Comp-Att-Int	37-65-0	30-61-1
Average Per Pass	5.9	5.8
Average Per Catch	10.4	11.8
Average Per Game	191.5	177.5
TDs Passing	4	3
TOTAL OFFENSE	764	682
Average Per Play	5.1	4.8
Average Per Game	382.0	341.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	9-188	8-141
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	7-104	4-32
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	1-20	0-0
FUMBLES-LOST	4-3	5-2
PENALTIES-Yards	11-64	17-150
PUNTS-AVG	10-33.1	14-38.4
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	32:35	27:25
3RD-DOWN Conversions	11/28	11/32
4TH-DOWN Conversions	1/5	2/5

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Dustin Gresen	1	20	20.0	0	20

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Rob Berger	10	331	33.1	47	1	0	2	0	0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Logan Krueger	3	52	17.3	0	32
Dan Sjoquist	3	48	16.0	0	30
Jeremy Gezella	1	4	4.0	0	4
Total	7	104	14.9	0	32
Opponents	4	32	8.0	0	12

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Logan Krueger	5	134	26.8	0	45
Jeremy Gezella	3	43	14.3	0	23
Nick Gorski	1	11	11.0	0	11
Total	9	188	20.9	0	45
Opponents	8	141	17.6	0	26

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Jeremy Gezella	2	0	197	4	43	0	244	122.0
John Weninger	2	195	44	0	0	0	239	119.5
Logan Krueger	2	0	38	52	134	0	224	112.0
Todd Sheedy	2	85	15	0	0	0	100	50.0
Rob Berger	2	94	0	0	0	0	94	47.0
Total	2	381	383	104	188	20	1076	538.0
Opponents	2	327	355	32	141	0	855	427.5

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Rob Berger	2	89	94	383	477	238.5
John Weninger	2	40	195	0	195	97.5
Todd Sheedy	2	16	85	0	85	42.5
Joey Kobs	2	3	9	0	9	4.5
Total	2	150	381	383	764	382.0
Opponents	2	143	327	355	682	341.0

Scoring	td	fg	PAT			dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv				pass
John Weninger	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Rob Berger	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Jeremy Gezella	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Roger Nault	-	0-2	8-8	-	-	-	-	8
Logan Krueger	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	8	0-2	8-8	-	-	-	-	56
Opponents	6	1-2	5-5	-	1	1-1	-	46

2009 St. Norbert College Football
 St. Norbert College Overall Individual Statistics (as of Sep 13, 2009)
 All games

##	Defensive Leaders	ua	Tackles			Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles	blkd		saf
			a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	
40	Justin Baker	15	2	17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	Drew Oudenhoven	8	4	12	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
23	Dustin Gresen	10	1	11	.	.	1-20	.	1-0	.	.	.	.
3	Chris Manlick	11	.	11	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
41	Ben Hackbart	10	.	10	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
97	John Riemer	8	.	8	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Kylz Zweifel	7	1	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	John Troyer	6	1	7	1.0-11	1.0-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58	Kyle Ripley	6	1	7	2.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Dan Sjoquist	5	.	5	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
87	Nick Gorski	4	.	4	2.0-8	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
95	Joel Trembl	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
57	Dale Bishop	3	.	3	1.0-1	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	TEAM	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	1-0	2	.	.	.
94	Bret Blozinski	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Ryan Pepin	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	Logan Krueger	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Dan Hansmann	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Drew Nault	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		103	10	113	7-26	2-12	1-20	3	.	2-0	4	.	.
Opponents		100	54	154	15-57	5-39	.	7	.	3-0	3	.	.