



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Football Preview

Knox College (0-4, 0-3 MWC) at St. Norbert College (4-0, 3-0 MWC)

Saturday, October 3, 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
Monmouth	3	0	4	0
Ripon	3	0	3	1
St. Norbert	3	0	4	0
Beloit	2	1	3	1
Illinois College	2	1	2	2
Carroll	1	2	1	3
Grinnell	1	2	1	3
Knox	0	3	0	4
Lake Forest	0	3	0	4
Lawrence	0	3	0	3

Games on Saturday, Sept. 26

St. Norbert 35, Lake Forest 14
 Beloit 42, Knox 14

Grinnell 42, Lawrence 0

Monmouth 41, Carroll 3

Ripon 14, Illinois College 0

Games on Saturday, Oct. 3

Knox at St. Norbert, 1 p.m.

Carroll at Ripon, 1 p.m.

Grinnell at Monmouth, 1 p.m.

Illinois College at Lawrence, 1 p.m.

Lake Forest at Beloit, 1 p.m.

Game Overview:

St. Norbert College looks to remain unbeaten in 2009 when it hosts winless Knox College in a Midwest Conference game at Minahan Stadium.

The Series:

St. Norbert holds a 13-2 series lead over Knox. The Green Knights have won the last 10 meetings with the Prairie Fire, with Knox's last win coming in a 21-19 triumph in 1998 in Galesburg, Ill.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Jim Purtill (Miami-Ohio, 1978) is 95-16 in his 11th season in De Pere.

Knox coach Andy Gibbons (Culver-Stockton, 1990) is 47-84 in his 14th season in Galesburg.

Last Meeting:

St. Norbert routed Knox 63-24 last Oct. 4 at the Knosher Bowl in Galesburg, Ill. The Green Knights scored touchdowns on nine of their first 12 possessions and led 35-10 at halftime.

Rob Berger rushed for 123 yards and four touchdowns on just five carries and completed 7 of 13 passes for 114 yards and one touchdown. St. Norbert rushed for 288 yards in the game and outgained Knox 479-305 in total offense.

Bill Meyer completed 13 of 25 passes for 151 yards and two touchdowns with one interception to lead Knox.

2009 St. Norbert Football Schedule and Results (4-0, 3-0 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	W 45-3	Berger has second 300-yard passing game in three outings
Sept. 26	Lake Forest	Lake Forest, Ill.	W 35-14	Baker's blocked FG return for TD was SNC's first since 1997
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:198-91-7
Head Coach:Jim Purtill
Record at St. Norbert:95-16 (11th year)
First Season of Football:1931
Seasons of Football:76
All-Time Overall Record:385-263-20
All-Time MWC Record:143-29-0
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	4-0	3-0		
Totals	95-16	87-5		

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	10-1	5-1	5-0
Lawrence	11-0	6-0	5-0
Monmouth	8-2	4-2	4-0
Ripon	9-1	4-0	5-1
Totals	87-5	43-3	44-2

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert improved to 4-0 overall and 3-0 in the Midwest Conference with a 35-14 win over Lake Forest College this past Saturday. The Green Knights have won 34 of their last 36 Midwest Conference games dating back to the 2005 season.

St. Norbert averages 385 yards of total offense per game. Junior quarterback Rob Berger leads St. Norbert in passing, completing 64 of 108 passes for 824 yards with eight touchdowns and three interceptions. Junior running back John Weninger leads St. Norbert on the ground with 298 yards rushing on 67 attempts with four touchdowns. Senior wide receiver Jeremy Gezella has hauled in 24 receptions for 410 yards and five touchdowns.

Opponents are averaging 308.5 yards per game of total offense. Junior linebacker Justin Baker leads St. Norbert defensively with a team-high 30 tackles. Junior linebacker Drew Oudenhoven has 25 tackles. Sophomore defensive lineman John Troyer has a team high three sacks.

About the Prairie Fire:

Knox enters the St. Norbert game with an 0-4 overall record and an 0-3 ledger in the Midwest Conference. The Prairie Fire was doused by Beloit 42-14 at home this past Saturday and lost its last road game 47-0 at Ripon on Sept. 19.

Knox is averaging 265.8 yards per game of total offense, with 191.2 yards per game coming via its option offense. Derek Mortensen leads the Prairie Fire in rushing with 178 yards on 36 carries with two touchdowns. Bill Meyer has 144 yards rushing on 68 carries and has competed 25 of 57 passes for 298 yards and two touchdowns

with four interceptions. Derek LaRosa is the leading receiver with seven catches for 89 yards.

Opponents are averaging 445.5 yards per game against the Knox defense, including 201 yards rushing per game.

Special Teams Rarity:

St. Norbert recorded a rare blocked field goal returned for a touchdown in last Saturday's 35-14 win over Lake Forest.

Dan Sjoquist blocked Lake Forest kicker Tim Gruzowski's 37-yard field goal attempt, with the loose ball picked up by Justin Baker who ran 67 yards on the return for a touchdown.

St. Norbert had not returned a blocked field goal for a touchdown since Jason Leigl returned one 55 yards for a touchdown in a 70-13 win over Illinois College in 1997. Available records indicate no blocked field goal returns for touchdowns in school history prior to Leigl's.

In Jim Purtill's 11 seasons, St. Norbert has returned six blocked kicks for touchdowns, including five punts. The Green Knights last blocked a punt for a touchdown in a 49-0 win over Illinois College in 2006.

Nearing a Milestone:

St. Norbert head coach Jim Purtill is two 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

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

St. Norbert College Football

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: Mike Lunde vs. Lawrence, 9/19/09 (29 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. Lawrence, 9/19/09 (329 yards)
By Opponent: Mitch Niekamp, Illinois College, 11/8/08 (467 yards)

150 Yards Receiving:

By St. Norbert: Jeremy Gezella vs. Lawrence, 9/19/09 (157 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: Chris Carter, Lake Forest, 9/26/09 (10)

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

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

Purtill has fashioned a 95-16 overall record going into the Knox game, good for an .856 winning percentage. The Green Knights have captured eight Midwest Conference championships in his first 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 385-263-20 in 76 years of intercollegiate football, a winning percentage of .591. In Midwest Conference play, St. Norbert has an all-time league best record of 142-29, a winning percentage of .830.

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 54 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 26-1 when scoring a defensive touchdown and has scored multiple defensive scores in a game seven different times.

* - St. Norbert has won 55 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 165-10 all-time when scoring 30-or-more points and is 101-2 all-time when scoring 40-or-more points.

2009 St. Norbert College Football
St. Norbert College Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 29, 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
* 9/19/09	LAWRENCE UNIV.	W 45-3	2636
* 9/26/09	at Lake Forest College	W 35-14	876

Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
All games	4-0	2-0	2-0	0-0
Conference	3-0	1-0	2-0	0-0
Non-Conference	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
John Weninger	4	67	323	25	298	4.4	4	33	74.5
Rob Berger	4	39	208	57	151	3.9	3	29	37.8
Todd Sheedy	4	32	139	7	132	4.1	1	16	33.0
Joey Kobs	4	13	49	2	47	3.6	1	17	11.8
David Prosper	2	4	7	0	7	1.8	0	3	3.5
Logan Krueger	4	2	4	1	3	1.5	0	4	0.8
John Grogan	2	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-1.0
TEAM	3	2	0	4	-4	-2.0	0	0	-1.3
Total	4	160	730	98	632	4.0	9	33	158.0
Opponents	4	147	616	116	500	3.4	4	67	125.0

Team Statistics	SNC	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	81	63
Rushing	34	22
Passing	38	34
Penalty	9	7
RUSHING YARDAGE	632	500
Rushing Attempts	160	147
Average Per Rush	4.0	3.4
Average Per Game	158.0	125.0
TDs Rushing	9	4
PASSING YARDAGE	908	734
Comp-Att-Int	71-119-3	64-127-2
Average Per Pass	7.6	5.8
Average Per Catch	12.8	11.5
Average Per Game	227.0	183.5
TDs Passing	8	4
TOTAL OFFENSE	1540	1234
Average Per Play	5.5	4.5
Average Per Game	385.0	308.5
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	13-291	20-351
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	15-185	5-30
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	2-61	3--5
FUMBLES-LOST	6-5	10-5
PENALTIES-Yards	22-172	32-252
PUNTS-AVG	16-33.9	28-36.5
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	31:06	28:54
3RD-DOWN Conversions	23/54	22/67
4TH-DOWN Conversions	2/9	3/11

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Rob Berger	4	142.24	64-108-3	59.3	824	8	80	206.0
Mike Fabrizio	2	116.13	6-9-0	66.7	53	0	23	26.5
TEAM	3	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Jeremy Gezella	4	360.40	1-1-0	100.0	31	0	31	7.8
Total	4	140.90	71-119-3	59.7	908	8	80	227.0
Opponents	4	106.19	64-127-2	50.4	734	4	35	183.5

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Adam Gruett	1	41	41.0	0	41
Dustin Gresen	1	20	20.0	0	20

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Jeremy Gezella	4	24	410	17.1	5	80	102.5
Logan Krueger	4	9	145	16.1	2	48	36.2
John Weninger	4	9	77	8.6	1	18	19.2
Brian Peterson	4	7	52	7.4	0	18	13.0
Joe Green	4	5	58	11.6	0	20	14.5
Nick Wilson	4	3	50	16.7	0	25	12.5
Jack Dempsey	3	3	35	11.7	0	23	11.7
Todd Sheedy	4	3	15	5.0	0	7	3.8
Nick Glass	3	2	11	5.5	0	8	3.7
Rob Berger	4	1	31	31.0	0	31	7.8
Adam Nitsche	3	1	11	11.0	0	11	3.7
John Grogan	2	1	9	9.0	0	9	4.5
Mike Dickman	3	1	4	4.0	0	4	1.3
Joey Kobs	4	1	3	3.0	0	3	0.8
David Prosper	2	1	-3	-3.0	0	0	-1.5
Total	4	71	908	12.8	8	80	227.0
Opponents	4	64	734	11.5	4	35	183.5

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Rob Berger	14	494	35.3	53	1	0	5	1	1
Adam Gruett	1	43	43.0	43	0	1	0	0	0
TEAM	1	5	5.0	5	0	0	0	0	0

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Roger Nault	1-5	20.0	0-0	0-0	1-3	0-2	0-0	35	0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Logan Krueger	6	83	13.8	0	32
Dan Sjoquist	6	79	13.2	0	30
Ben Hackbart	1	18	18.0	0	18
Jeremy Gezella	1	4	4.0	0	4
Tom Trampas	1	1	1.0	0	0
Total	15	185	12.3	0	32
Opponents	5	30	6.0	0	12

Scoring	td	fg	PAT			dpx	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv				pass
Jeremy Gezella	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
John Weninger	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Roger Nault	-	1-5	19-19	-	-	-	-	22
Rob Berger	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Logan Krueger	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Joey Kobs	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Mike Lunde	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Justin Baker	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Todd Sheedy	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	19	1-5	19-19	-	-	-	-	136
Opponents	8	2-4	5-5	0-1	2	2-2	-	63

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jeremy Gezella	6	104	17.3	0	25
Logan Krueger	5	162	32.4	0	48
Nick Gorski	1	11	11.0	0	11
Jake Hackbart	1	14	14.0	0	14
Total	13	291	22.4	0	48
Opponents	20	351	17.5	0	33

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
St. Norbert College	28	45	21	35	7	136
Opponents	16	14	10	23	0	63

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Jeremy Gezella	4	0	410	4	104	0	518	129.5
Logan Krueger	4	3	145	83	162	0	393	98.2
John Weninger	4	298	77	0	0	0	375	93.8
Rob Berger	4	151	31	0	0	0	182	45.5
Todd Sheedy	4	132	15	0	0	0	147	36.8
Total	4	632	908	185	291	61	2077	519.2
Opponents	4	500	734	30	351	-5	1610	402.5

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Rob Berger	4	147	151	824	975	243.8
John Weninger	4	67	298	0	298	74.5
Todd Sheedy	4	32	132	0	132	33.0
Mike Fabrizio	2	9	0	53	53	26.5
Joey Kobs	4	13	47	0	47	11.8
Total	4	279	632	908	1540	385.0
Opponents	4	274	500	734	1234	308.5

2009 St. Norbert College Football
 St. Norbert College Overall Individual Statistics (as of Sep 29, 2009)
 All games

##	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				tfl/yds	Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot				int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
40	Justin Baker	4	24	6	30	0.5-0	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	Drew Oudenhoven	4	18	7	25	1.5-5	0.5-4	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	.
41	Ben Hackbart	4	14	4	18	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
3	Chris Manlick	4	18	.	18	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Dustin Gresen	4	15	2	17	.	.	1-20	2	.	1-0	.	.	.	.
97	John Riemer	4	11	2	13	2.5-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	John Troyer	4	9	4	13	3.0-21	3.0-21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58	Kyle Ripley	4	8	4	12	3.0-9	0.5-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Dan Sjoquist	4	8	3	11	1.0-4	.	.	2	.	.	1	1	.	.
33	Kyle Zweifel	2	7	1	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
57	Dale Bishop	3	6	1	7	3.0-6	1.0-1	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.
92	Dan Hansmann	4	4	3	7	1.5-10	1.5-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Bret Blozinski	4	5	1	6	2.5-12	0.5-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
87	Nick Gorski	4	4	2	6	2.5-12	0.5-4	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Adam Gruett	3	4	1	5	1.5-4	.	1-41	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Ben Nantell	4	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	Joel Trembl	3	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Drew Nault	3	3	1	4	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	Zach Wollner	4	4	.	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	TEAM	3	4	.	4	1.0-8	.	.	.	.	1-0	4	.	.	.
	Total	4	190	50	240	26-102	8-51	2-61	11	.	5-29	7	1	.	.
	Opponents	4	181	106	287	28-97	8-56	3--5	9	.	5-0	4	1	.	.