



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Football Preview

Ripon College (5-2, 5-1 MWC) at St. Norbert College (6-1, 5-1 MWC)

Saturday, October 24, 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	6	0	7	0
St. Norbert	5	1	6	1
Ripon	5	1	5	2
Illinois College	4	2	4	3
Beloit	3	3	4	3
Carroll	2	4	2	5
Grinnell	2	4	2	5
Lake Forest	2	4	2	5
Lawrence	1	5	1	5
Knox	0	6	0	7

Games on Saturday, Oct. 17

St. Norbert 28, Carroll 20
 Illinois College 50, Beloit 42
 Lawrence 17, Knox 13
 Lake Forest 35, Grinnell 28
 Monmouth 35, Ripon 13

Games on Saturday, Oct. 24

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

Game Overview:

St. Norbert and Ripon engage in a battle for second place in the Midwest Conference standings this Saturday at Minahan Stadium in De Pere. The game is also St. Norbert's annual Homecoming affair.

The Series:

St. Norbert owns a 19-10 lead over Ripon in a hotly contested series that dates back to 1979. St. Norbert had won the last nine games in the series before the Red Hawks claimed a 19-7 win in Ripon last season.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Jim Purtill (Miami-Ohio, 1978) is 97-17 in his 11th season in De Pere.

Ripon coach Ron Ernst (Nebraska Wesleyan, 1980) is 123-59 in his 19th season in Ripon.

Last Meeting:

Ripon topped St. Norbert 19-7 last Oct. 25 at Ingalls Field in Ripon in a game that lasted just 2 hours 22 minutes. The Green Knights scored their lone touchdown on a 47-yard touchdown pass from Bryan Stoppenbach to Brian Peterson in the first quarter. St. Norbert would not score again as it lost four turnovers.

Ripon held possession of the ball for almost 39 minutes and rushed for 348 yards on 68 attempts. The Red Hawks outgained the Green Knights 454-309 in total offense.

2009 St. Norbert Football Schedule and Results (6-1, 5-1 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	W 56-13	Berger sets SNC record with 12-for-12 passing outing
Oct. 10	Monmouth (12-12)	Monmouth, Ill.	L 52-24	Second time ever SNC has allowed 50-plus points to MWC foe
Oct. 17	Carroll	Waukesha	W 28-20	SNC rallies from 20-0 halftime deficit
Oct. 24	Ripon (HC)	De Pere	1 p.m.	SNC is 17-1 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:199-91-7
Head Coach:Jim Purtill
Record at St. Norbert:97-17 (11th year)
First Season of Football:1931
Seasons of Football:76
All-Time Overall Record:387-264-20
All-Time MWC Record:145-30-0
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	6-1	5-1		
Totals	97-17	89-6		

Purtill vs. Midwest Conference

Team	Overall	Home	Away
Beloit	10-0	4-0	6-0
Carroll	10-0	5-0	5-0
Grinnell	11-0	5-0	6-0
Illinois College	9-1	5-0	4-1
Knox	11-0	6-0	5-0
Lake Forest	10-1	5-1	5-0
Lawrence	11-0	6-0	5-0
Monmouth	8-3	4-2	4-1
Ripon	9-1	4-0	5-1
Totals	89-6	44-3	45-3

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert improved to 6-1 overall and 5-1 in the Midwest Conference with a 28-20 win over Carroll University this past Saturday in Waukesha. The Green Knights rallied from a 20-0 halftime deficit to post the win.

St. Norbert is averaging 395.6 yards of total offense per game. Junior quarterback Rob Berger leads St. Norbert in passing, completing 113 of 184 passes for 1,396 yards with 13 touchdowns and five interceptions. Junior running back John Weninger leads St. Norbert on the ground with 496 yards rushing on 112 attempts with eight touchdowns. Senior wide receiver Jeremy Gezella has hauled in 44 receptions for 752 yards and eight touchdowns.

Opponents are averaging 334.7 yards per game of total offense. Junior linebacker Drew Oudenhoven has a team-high 48 tackles. Junior linebacker Justin Baker has 46 tackles, while senior defensive back Dustin Gresen has 42 tackles. Sophomore defensive back Dan Sjoquist has a team-high four passes defensed, and sophomore defensive lineman John Troyer has three quarterback sacks.

About the Red Hawks:

Ripon enters the St. Norbert game with a 5-2 overall record and a 5-1 mark in the MWC. The Red Hawks dropped last week's game to Monmouth 35-13 at Ripon. Ripon also lost on Sept. 5 to UW-Oshkosh 40-16.

Ripon is among the national leaders in rushing offense at 257.4 yards per game. T.J. Pierce leads the Red Hawks with 668 yards on 128 carries with four touchdowns, while Matthew Miller has 488 yards on 105 attempts with seven touchdowns. Miller is Ripon's leading passer, completing 49 of 102 passes for 556 yards with four touchdowns and two interceptions. Craig Bednarek is the leading receiver with 18 receptions for 285 yards and four touchdowns. The Red Hawks are averaging 341.6 yards per game of total offense.

Defensively, Ripon is allowing 284 yards per game of total offense, and is yielding just 93.6 yards rushing per game. Ryan Anderson is the leading tackler with 73 and has 9 1/2 tackles for loss this season.

Happy Homecomings:

St. Norbert's Homecomings have typically given alumni a cause to celebrate, with the Green Knights going 50-24-1 in the Fall Classics.

The Green Knights have enjoyed great Homecoming success since joining the Midwest Conference for football in 1984, going 22-3. St. Norbert has won 17 of its last 18 Homecoming contests. Since 1984, St. Norbert has beaten Ripon for Homecoming on six different occasions. The only MWC schools to spoil Homecoming was the Univ. of Chicago in 1985 (7-6 loss), Beloit in 1990 (16-10 loss) and Grinnell in 1998 (49-28 loss).

St. Norbert head coach Jim Purtill is 10-0 on Homecoming.

Minahan Memories:

This Saturday's game could likely be the next-to-last game in the 71-year-old Minahan Stadium, with the new Schneider Stadium pegged for a September 2010 opening on De Pere's west side.

St. Norbert has played 297 games in the facility, starting with a 28-6 win over St. John's (Minn.) on Sept. 24, 1938. The stadium was formally dedicated in a 9-0 win over South Dakota State on Oct. 7, 1938 with NFL Hall of Famer Curly Lambeau the halftime speaker.

The Green Knights are 199-91-7 (.682 winning percentage) all-time at Minahan Stadium, and are 49-6 there all-time under Jim Purtill.

Nifty Fifty:

St. Norbert senior wide receiver Jeremy Gezella is six receptions shy of reaching the 50-catch plateau for the 2009 season. Gezella enters the Ripon game with 44 receptions for 752 yards.

If Gezella were to reach the 50-reception mark, he would have just the eighth such season in school history and only the fourth since

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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, 10/3/09 (56)
By Opponent: Monmouth, 10/10/09 (52)

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: Alex Tanney, Monmouth, 10/10/09 (361 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: Matt Shepherd, Monmouth, 10/10/09 (11)

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

1989. Judd O'Connell caught 65 passes in 2007 and T.J. George had 52 receptions in 2004.

Gezella needs 248 yards to have a 1,000-yard receiving season. Only four such seasons have occurred in school history, with O'Connell setting a school record with 1,216 receiving yards in 2006.

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 387-264-20 in 76 years of intercollegiate football, a winning percentage of .592. In Midwest Conference play, St. Norbert has an all-time league best record of 144-30, a winning percentage of .828.

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 56 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 166-10 all-time when scoring 30-or-more points and is 102-2 all-time when scoring 40-or-more points.

2009 St. Norbert College Football St. Norbert College Combined Team Statistics (as of Oct 17, 2009) All games

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.	Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
9/5/09	#17 WARTBURG COLLEGE	W 42-35	2277	All games	6-1	3-0	3-1	0-0
* 9/12/09	at Grinnell College	W 14-11	357	Conference	5-1	2-0	3-1	0-0
* 9/19/09	LAWRENCE UNIV.	W 45-3	2636	Non-Conference	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
* 9/26/09	at Lake Forest College	W 35-14	876					
* 10/3/09	KNOX COLLEGE	W 56-13	1391					
* 10/10/09	at #12 Monmouth College	L 24-52	2500					
* 10/17/09	at Carroll Univ.	W 28-20	1120					

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
John Weninger	7	112	522	26	496	4.4	8	33	70.9
Rob Berger	7	70	410	63	347	5.0	6	32	49.6
Todd Sheedy	7	51	245	13	232	4.5	2	17	33.1
Joey Kobs	5	21	62	5	57	2.7	2	17	11.4
Joe Green	7	2	31	0	31	15.5	0	27	4.4
Mike Fabrizio	3	4	11	3	8	2.0	0	7	2.7
David Prosper	2	4	7	0	7	1.8	0	3	3.5
Adam Nitsche	5	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	0.8
Logan Krueger	7	2	4	1	3	1.5	0	4	0.4
Mike Dickman	6	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.2
John Grogan	3	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.7
TEAM	4	3	0	6	-6	-2.0	0	0	-1.5
Total	7	272	1297	119	1178	4.3	18	33	168.3
Opponents	7	262	1145	182	963	3.7	7	67	137.6

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Rob Berger	7	143.02	113-184-5	61.4	1396	13	80	199.4
Mike Fabrizio	3	145.80	15-22-0	68.2	164	1	23	54.7
TEAM	4	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Jeremy Gezella	7	360.40	1-1-0	100.0	31	0	31	4.4
Total	7	143.68	129-208-5	62.0	1591	14	80	227.3
Opponents	7	122.21	120-214-7	56.1	1380	12	60	197.1

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Jeremy Gezella	7	44	752	17.1	8	80	107.4
John Weninger	7	18	136	7.6	2	18	19.4
Logan Krueger	7	16	225	14.1	2	48	32.1
Joe Green	7	10	115	11.5	1	25	16.4
Brian Peterson	6	8	62	7.8	0	18	10.3
Nick Wilson	6	6	85	14.2	0	25	14.2
Adam Nitsche	5	5	36	7.2	1	13	7.2
Todd Sheedy	7	5	30	6.0	0	12	4.3
Jack Dempsey	4	4	48	12.0	0	23	12.0
Nick Glass	4	4	45	11.2	0	21	11.2
Rob Berger	7	2	29	14.5	0	31	4.1
Mike Dickman	6	2	17	8.5	0	13	2.8
Joey Kobs	5	2	4	2.0	0	3	0.8
John Grogan	3	1	9	9.0	0	9	3.0
Bryan Stoppenbach	4	1	1	1.0	0	1	0.2
David Prosper	2	1	-3	-3.0	0	0	-1.5
Total	7	129	1591	12.3	14	80	227.3
Opponents	7	120	1380	11.5	12	60	197.1

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Roger Nault	2-6	33.3	0-0	1-1	1-3	0-2	0-0	35	0

Scoring	td	fg	PAT			dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv				pass
John Weninger	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	60
Jeremy Gezella	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Roger Nault	-	2-6	34-34	-	-	-	-	40
Rob Berger	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Logan Krueger	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Todd Sheedy	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Joey Kobs	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Joe Green	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Adam Nitsche	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Mike Lunde	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Justin Baker	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	34	2-6	34-34	-	-	-	-	244
Opponents	19	5-7	15-16	0-1	2	2-2	-	148

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
St. Norbert College	45	73	49	70	7	244
Opponents	51	37	31	29	0	148

Team Statistics	SNC	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	149	125
Rushing	61	48
Passing	71	64
Penalty	17	13
RUSHING YARDAGE	1178	963
Rushing Attempts	272	262
Average Per Rush	4.3	3.7
Average Per Game	168.3	137.6
TDs Rushing	18	7
PASSING YARDAGE	1591	1380
Comp-Att-Int	129-208-5	120-214-7
Average Per Pass	7.6	6.4
Average Per Catch	12.3	11.5
Average Per Game	227.3	197.1
TDs Passing	14	12
TOTAL OFFENSE	2769	2343
Average Per Play	5.8	4.9
Average Per Game	395.6	334.7
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	26-512	38-687
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	17-204	6-30
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	7-96	5-8
FUMBLES-LOST	8-7	13-7
PENALTIES-Yards	47-368	52-467
PUNTS-AVG	23-34.0	38-35.9
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	30:40	29:20
3RD-DOWN Conversions	40/93	42/109
4TH-DOWN Conversions	11/21	5/13

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Drew Oudenhoven	2	15	7.5	0	10
Ben Hackbart	1	20	20.0	0	20
Dan Sjoquist	1	0	0.0	0	0
Adam Gruett	1	41	41.0	0	41
Dan Hansmann	1	0	0.0	0	0
Dustin Gresen	1	20	20.0	0	20

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Rob Berger	21	734	35.0	53	1	1	9	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

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Dan Sjoquist	7	89	12.7	0	30
Logan Krueger	7	92	13.1	0	32
Jeremy Gezella	1	4	4.0	0	4
Ben Hackbart	1	18	18.0	0	18
Tom Trampas	1	1	1.0	0	0
Total	17	204	12.0	0	32
Opponents	6	30	5.0	0	12

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Logan Krueger	11	284	25.8	0	48
Jeremy Gezella	10	171	17.1	0	27
Jake Hackbart	4	46	11.5	0	17
Nick Gorski	1	11	11.0	0	11
Total	26	512	19.7	0	48
Opponents	38	687	18.1	0	41

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Jeremy Gezella	7	0	752	4	171	0	927	132.4
John Weninger	7	496	136	0	0	0	632	90.3
Logan Krueger	7	3	225	92	284	0	604	86.3
Rob Berger	7	347	29	0	0	0	376	53.7
Todd Sheedy	7	232	30	0	0	0	262	37.4
Total	7	1178	1591	204	512	96	3581	511.6
Opponents	7	963	1380	30	687	8	3068	438.3

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Rob Berger	7	254	347	1396	1743	249.0
John Weninger	7	112	496	0	496	70.9
Todd Sheedy	7	51	232	0	232	33.1
Mike Fabrizio	3	26	8	164	172	57.3
Joey Kobs	5	21	57	0	57	11.4
Total	7	490	1178	1591	2769	395.6

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 St. Norbert College Overall Individual Statistics (as of Oct 17, 2009)
 All games

##	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				tfl/yds	Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	no-yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf	
50	Drew Oudenhoven	7	33	15	48	4.5-14	1.5-9	2-15	2	.	1-0	2	.	.	
40	Justin Baker	7	36	10	46	2.5-8	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
23	Dustin Gresen	7	31	11	42	.	.	1-20	2	.	1-0	1	.	.	
41	Ben Hackbart	7	24	12	36	1.0-3	.	1-20	1	.	.	1	.	.	
13	Dan Sjoquist	7	20	7	27	4.0-9	.	1-0	4	.	.	1	1	.	
3	Chris Manlick	7	24	2	26	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
58	Kyle Ripley	7	14	8	22	3.5-9	0.5-5	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
87	Nick Gorski	7	12	9	21	3.5-17	0.5-4	.	3	.	.	1	.	.	
91	John Troyer	7	13	7	20	4.0-22	3.0-21	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	
97	John Riemer	7	12	4	16	2.5-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
57	Dale Bishop	5	12	3	15	5.5-10	1.0-1	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	
94	Bret Blozinski	7	12	2	14	5.5-28	2.5-19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Kyle Zweifel	5	10	3	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	Zach Wollner	7	10	3	13	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
22	Ben Nantell	7	8	4	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Adam Gruett	5	8	3	11	1.5-4	.	1-41	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	Joel Trembl	5	8	1	9	1.0-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Dan Hansmann	5	5	3	8	2.5-13	1.5-10	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	TEAM	4	7	.	7	1.0-8	.	.	.	.	1-0	4	.	.
99	Drew Nault	4	5	1	6	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Total	7	330	118	448	45-160	11-70	7-96	20	.	7-29	10	1	.	
	Opponents	7	312	178	490	38-118	8-56	5-8	21	.	7-0	5	1	.	