



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Football Preview

Beloit College (5-3, 4-3 MWC) at St. Norbert College (7-1, 6-1 MWC)

Saturday, October 31, 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	7	0	8	0
St. Norbert	6	1	7	1
Illinois College	5	2	5	3
Ripon	5	2	5	3
Beloit	4	3	5	3
Carroll	3	4	3	5
Grinnell	2	5	2	6
Lake Forest	2	5	2	6
Lawrence	1	6	1	6
Knox	0	7	0	8

Games on Saturday, Oct. 24

St. Norbert 41, Ripon 28
 Carroll 28, Knox 7
 Illinois College 55, Grinnell 34
 Beloit 44, Lawrence 14
 Monmouth 51, Lake Forest 14

Games on Saturday, Oct. 31

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

Game Overview:

St. Norbert will host its final game in Minahan Stadium when it faces Beloit this Saturday. A brief program will occur at halftime to remember the 71-year history of the stadium before St. Norbert moves into Schneider Stadium in 2010. Admission to the game is free.

The Series:

St. Norbert leads Beloit in the all-time series 16-9. The Green Knights have won the last 10 games in the series. Prior to St. Norbert's winning streak, Beloit had won seven of nine games.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Jim Purtill (Miami-Ohio, 1978) is 98-17 in his 11th season in De Pere.

Beloit coach Chris Brann (West Virginia Wesleyan, 1991) is 12-26 in his fourth season in Beloit. Coupled with a 9-41 mark over five years at Carleton, Brann has an all-time record of 21-67.

Last Meeting:

St. Norbert beat Beloit 42-21 last Nov. 1 at Strong Stadium in Beloit. The Green Knights led 35-14 at halftime and scored on their first possession of the second half to pull away.

The Green Knights outgained the Buccaneers in total offense 341-259. Bryan Stoppenbach completed 11 of 19 passes for 199 yards and two touchdown passes. Terence Steward led Beloit with 94 yards rushing on 20 car-

2009 St. Norbert Football Schedule and Results (7-1, 6-1 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	W 41-28	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:200-91-7
Head Coach:Jim Purtill
Record at St. Norbert:98-17 (11th year)
First Season of Football:1931
Seasons of Football:76
All-Time Overall Record:388-264-20
All-Time MWC Record:146-30-0
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	7-1	6-1		
Totals	98-17	90-6		

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	10-1	5-0	5-1
Totals	90-6	45-3	45-3

ries with two touchdowns, but three Beloit quarterbacks combined to complete 8 of 26 passes for 93 yards.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert improved to 7-1 overall and 6-1 in the Midwest Conference with a 41-28 win over Ripon College this past Saturday at Minahan Stadium.

St. Norbert is averaging 399.6 yards of total offense per game. Junior quarterback Rob Berger leads St. Norbert in passing, completing 132 of 212 passes for 1,658 yards with 16 touchdowns and five interceptions. Junior running back John Weninger leads St. Norbert on the ground with 543 yards rushing on 122 attempts with nine touchdowns, while Berger has 330 rushing yards on 81 attempts with six touchdowns. Senior wide receiver Jeremy Gezella has hauled in 48 receptions for 815 yards and nine touchdowns.

Opponents are averaging 338.1 yards per game of total offense. Junior linebacker Drew Oudenhoven has a team-high 59 tackles after tallying 11 tackles against Ripon. Junior linebacker Justin Baker and senior defensive back Dustin Gresen both have 50 tackles. Sophomore defensive back Dan Sjoquist has a team-high six passes defensed, and sophomore defensive lineman John Troyer has three quarterback sacks.

About the Buccaneers:

Beloit enters the St. Norbert game with a 5-3 overall record and a 4-3 mark in the Midwest Conference. The Buccaneers are coming off a 44-14 home win over Lawrence last week.

Beloit averages 387.9 yards per game of total offense. Quarterback Brian Maughn has completed 146 of 241 passes for 2,263 yards with 16 touchdowns and six interceptions, an average of 282.9 yards per game. Julian Ross is the leading receiver with 46 catches for 844 yards and six touchdowns, while Andy Christensen has 39 receptions for 571 yards and four touchdowns.

Terence Steward is the leading rusher with 386 yards on 109 carries and three touchdowns.

Defensively, Beloit is allowing 306.1 yards per game but has allowed 58 points to Monmouth and 50 points to Illinois College this season. Teams are averaging 113.0 yards per game rushing against the Beloit defense.

Minahan Memories:

This Saturday's game is likely the 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 298 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 200-91-7 (.683 winning percentage) all-time at Minahan Stadium, and are 50-6 there all-time under Jim Purtill.

In addition to serving as the home of the Green Knights for the last 71 years, Minahan Stadium also served as the home field of De Pere and West De Pere high schools into the 1970s and to Abbot Pennings High School until the school closed in 1990.

Several famous sports figures played prep or college football here during that time, including St. Norbert's own Larry Krause and Ted Fritsch Jr., who both went on to careers in the NFL. Former University of Michigan coach Lloyd Carr quarterbacked Northern Michigan to a 24-23 win over St. Norbert in 1967 in a game watched by a stadium record of more than 4,000 people. Former NFL coach Steve Mariucci also quarterbacked Northern Michigan in a 42-14 loss to the Green Knights in 1975.

Additionally, Appleton native Rocky Bleier played for Xavier High School against Abbot Pennings High School, and University of Wisconsin standout Ron Vander Kelen played for 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, 10/3/09 (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

Bay Preble High School here. The most recent player who went on to play in the NFL who also played at Minahan Stadium was UW-Whitewater's Derek Stanley, who played here in 2005.

Nearing Milestones:

St. Norbert senior wide receiver Jeremy Gezella is two receptions shy of reaching the 50-catch plateau for the 2009 season. Gezella enters the Beloit game with 44 receptions for 815 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 1989. Judd O'Connell caught 65 passes in 2007 and T.J. George had 52 receptions in 2004. Gezella needs 185 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.

Also, junior quarterback Rob Berger is again on pace to set a school record for completion percentage in a season. Berger, who currently has completed 62.3 percent of his passes, is just ahead of Luke Ott's 62.0 percent in 2001.

Berger also has a chance at the school total offense record. Berger's 2,098 yards put him on pace for 2,622 yards, which puts him 42 yards short of Cody Craig's 2,664 in 2007.

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 57 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 167-10 all-time when scoring 30-or-more points and is 103-2 all-time when scoring 40-or-more points.

2009 St. Norbert College Football St. Norbert College Combined Team Statistics (as of Oct 24, 2009) All games

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.	Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
9/5/09	#17 WARTBURG COLLEGE	W 42-35	2277	All games	7-1	4-0	3-1	0-0
* 9/12/09	at Grinnell College	W 14-11	357	Conference	6-1	3-0	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					
* 10/24/09	RIPON COLLEGE	W 41-28	2042					

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
John Weninger	8	122	569	26	543	4.5	9	33	67.9
Rob Berger	8	81	510	70	440	5.4	6	34	55.0
Todd Sheedy	8	56	264	13	251	4.5	3	17	31.4
Joey Kobs	6	22	62	5	57	2.6	2	17	9.5
Joe Green	7	2	31	0	31	15.5	0	27	4.4
Adam Gruett	6	7	14	0	14	2.0	0	8	2.3
Mike Fabrizio	4	4	11	3	8	2.0	0	7	2.0
David Prosper	2	4	7	0	7	1.8	0	3	3.5
Adam Nitsche	6	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	0.7
Logan Krueger	8	2	4	1	3	1.5	0	4	0.4
Mike Dickman	7	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.1
John Grogan	3	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.7
TEAM	5	4	0	7	-7	-1.8	0	0	-1.4
Total	8	307	1477	127	1350	4.4	20	34	168.8
Opponents	8	314	1476	192	1284	4.1	11	67	160.5

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Rob Berger	8	148.15	132-212-5	62.3	1658	16	80	207.2
Mike Fabrizio	4	145.80	15-22-0	68.2	164	1	23	41.0
Jeremy Gezella	8	360.40	1-1-0	100.0	31	0	31	3.9
Bryan Stoppenbach	5	49.60	1-1-0	100.0	-6	0	0	-1.2
TEAM	5	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	8	147.78	149-237-5	62.9	1847	17	80	230.9
Opponents	8	117.81	126-230-7	54.8	1421	12	60	177.6

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Jeremy Gezella	8	48	815	17.0	9	80	101.9
John Weninger	8	22	162	7.4	3	18	20.2
Logan Krueger	8	20	294	14.7	2	48	36.8
Joe Green	7	10	115	11.5	1	25	16.4
Brian Peterson	7	9	83	9.2	0	21	11.9
Nick Wilson	7	6	85	14.2	0	25	12.1
Nick Glass	5	6	69	11.5	1	23	13.8
Adam Nitsche	6	6	37	6.2	1	13	6.2
Todd Sheedy	8	5	30	6.0	0	12	3.8
Jack Dempsey	4	4	48	12.0	0	23	12.0
Adam Gruett	6	3	58	19.3	0	30	9.7
Rob Berger	8	3	23	7.7	0	31	2.9
Mike Dickman	7	2	17	8.5	0	13	2.4
Joey Kobs	6	2	4	2.0	0	3	0.7
John Grogan	3	1	9	9.0	0	9	3.0
Bryan Stoppenbach	5	1	1	1.0	0	1	0.2
David Prosper	2	1	-3	-3.0	0	0	-1.5
Total	8	149	1847	12.4	17	80	230.9
Opponents	8	126	1421	11.3	12	60	177.6

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Roger Nault	4-8	50.0	0-0	2-2	2-4	0-2	0-0	35	0

Scoring	td	fg	PAT			dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv				pass
John Weninger	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Jeremy Gezella	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	54
Roger Nault	-	4-8	39-39	-	-	-	-	51
Rob Berger	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Todd Sheedy	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Joey Kobs	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Logan Krueger	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Mike Lunde	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Adam Nitsche	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Nick Glass	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Joe Green	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Justin Baker	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	39	4-8	39-39	-	-	-	-	285
Opponents	23	5-7	19-20	0-1	2	2-2	-	176

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
St. Norbert College	55	87	56	80	7	285
Opponents	51	44	28	42	0	174

Team Statistics	SNC	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	171	146
Rushing	70	64
Passing	83	67
Penalty	18	15
RUSHING YARDAGE	1350	1284
Rushing Attempts	307	314
Average Per Rush	4.4	4.1
Average Per Game	168.8	160.5
TDs Rushing	20	11
PASSING YARDAGE	1847	1421
Comp-Att-Int	149-237-5	126-230-7
Average Per Pass	7.8	6.2
Average Per Catch	12.4	11.3
Average Per Game	230.9	177.6
TDs Passing	17	12
TOTAL OFFENSE	3197	2705
Average Per Play	5.9	5.0
Average Per Game	399.6	338.1
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	29-572	46-788
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	19-203	6-30
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	7-96	5-8
FUMBLES-LOST	10-7	15-9
PENALTIES-Yards	55-458	60-532
PUNTS-AVG	25-34.5	41-36.0
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	30:42	29:18
3RD-DOWN Conversions	45/105	48/122
4TH-DOWN Conversions	14/24	8/16

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

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Rob Berger	23	814	35.4	55	1	1	9	2	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	8	88	11.0	0	30
Logan Krueger	8	92	11.5	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	19	203	10.7	0	32
Opponents	6	30	5.0	0	12

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jeremy Gezella	12	214	17.8	0	27
Logan Krueger	12	301	25.1	0	48
Jake Hackbart	4	46	11.5	0	17
Nick Gorski	1	11	11.0	0	11
Total	29	572	19.7	0	48
Opponents	46	788	17.1	0	41

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Jeremy Gezella	8	0	815	4	214	0	1033	129.1
John Weninger	8	543	162	0	0	0	705	88.1
Logan Krueger	8	3	294	92	301	0	690	86.2
Rob Berger	8	440	23	0	0	0	463	57.9
Todd Sheedy	8	251	30	0	0	0	281	35.1
Total	8	1350	1847	203	572	96	4068	508.5
Opponents	8	1284	1421	30	788	8	3531	441.4

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Rob Berger	8	293	440	1658	2098	262.2
John Weninger	8	122	543	0	543	67.9
Todd Sheedy	8	56	251	0	251	31.4
Mike Fabrizio	4	26	8	164	172	43.0
Joey Kobs	6	22	57	0	57	9.5
Total	8	544	1250	1847	2107	260.4

2009 St. Norbert College Football
 St. Norbert College Overall Individual Statistics (as of Oct 24, 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
50	Drew Oudenhoven	8	41	18	59	4.5-14	1.5-9	2-15	2	.	1-0	2	.	.	
23	Dustin Gresen	8	37	13	50	.	.	1-20	2	.	1-0	1	.	.	
40	Justin Baker	8	39	11	50	3.5-13	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
41	Ben Hackbart	8	28	13	41	1.0-3	.	1-20	1	.	.	1	.	.	
13	Dan Sjoquist	8	25	8	33	5.0-12	.	1-0	6	.	.	1	1	.	
3	Chris Manlick	8	26	2	28	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
87	Nick Gorski	8	16	11	27	3.5-17	0.5-4	.	3	.	.	1	.	.	
58	Kyle Ripley	8	17	8	25	4.5-14	0.5-5	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
91	John Troyer	8	16	7	23	4.0-22	3.0-21	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	
33	Kyle Zweifel	6	14	5	19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Bret Blozinski	8	15	3	18	7.5-30	2.5-19	.	.	.	2-0	2	.	.	
27	Zach Wollner	8	13	5	18	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
57	Dale Bishop	6	13	3	16	5.5-10	1.0-1	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	
97	John Riemer	8	12	4	16	2.5-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Ben Nantell	8	8	4	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Adam Gruett	6	8	3	11	1.5-4	.	1-41	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	Joel Trembl	5	8	1	9	1.0-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Dan Hansmann	6	5	3	8	2.5-13	1.5-10	1-0	1	.	.	.	.	.
99	Drew Nault	5	7	1	8	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	TEAM	5	7	.	7	1.0-8	.	.	.	.	1-0	4	.	.
	Total	8	382	134	516	50-175	11-70	7-96	24	.	9-29	12	1	.	
	Opponents	8	356	190	546	40-129	8-56	5-8	24	.	7-0	7	1	.	