



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Football Preview

St. Norbert College (0-0) at No. 5 University of St. Thomas (0-0)

Saturday, September 3, 2011 - 1 p.m.

O'Shaughnessy Stadium (6,000) - St. Paul, Minnesota

2011 Midwest Conference Standings

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

Games on Saturday, Sept. 3

St. Norbert at No. 5 St. Thomas, 1 p.m.
 Illinois College at Millikin, 1 p.m.
 Lakeland at Carroll, 1 p.m.
 Washington-Mo. at Knox, 1 p.m.
 No. 15 Wartburg at Monmouth, 1 p.m.
 Lake Forest at Concordia-Chicago, 1 p.m.
 Grinnell at Macalester, 1 p.m.
 St. Scholastica at Lawrence, 6 p.m.
 Beloit at Chicago, 6 p.m.
 Ripon at Wisconsin Lutheran, 7 p.m.

Game Overview:

St. Norbert opens the 2011 season with a trip to the Gopher State to face St. Thomas, ranked No. 5 in the D3football.com pre-season Top 25. The Green Knights were 7-4 last season while winning the Midwest Conference championship, while the Tommies were 12-1 and advanced to the quarter-finals of the NCAA Division III Playoffs.

Broadcast:

The game will be broadcast live on WCCO-AM 830 of Minneapolis, which can be heard in Green Bay under most weather conditions. Dave Lee and Joe Senser will be on the call.

The Series:

St. Norbert leads the series by a 13-10-1 margin, and is 5-6 all-time in St. Paul. The two schools, who last had a two-years series in 2002 and 2003, met every year from 1959 to 1975. St. Thomas is St. Norbert's second-most played out-of-state non-conference opponent behind Michigan Tech (26 meetings). The Green Knights won their last trip to O'Shaughnessy Stadium by a 35-31 score on Sept. 7, 2002.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Jim Purtill (Miami-Ohio, 1978) is 107-21 in his 13th season in De Pere.

St. Thomas coach Glenn Caruso (Ithaca, 1996) is 30-6 entering his fourth season in St. Paul.

2011 St. Norbert Football Schedule and Results (0-0, 0-0 MWC)

| Date | Opponent | Site | Time/Result | Quick Fact |
|----------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|---|
| Sept. 3 | St. Thomas (5-n/a) | St. Paul, Minn. | 1 p.m. | Final year of two-year contract between the two schools |
| Sept. 10 | Beloit | De Pere | 1 p.m./WACY | BC won 34-31 last year to snap 11-game losing streak to SNC |
| Sept. 17 | Knox | De Pere | 1 p.m./WACY | SNC has won last 12 games, and is 8-0 all-time at home vs. KC |
| Sept. 24 | Lawrence | Appleton | 1 p.m. | SNC sets school record for points in last year's 77-26 win |
| Oct. 1 | Monmouth | De Pere | 1 p.m./WACY | SNC returned three INTs for TDs in last year's 48-2 win |
| Oct. 8 | Illinois College | Jacksonville, Ill. | 1 p.m. | IC tipped SNC last season 26-25 in first-ever win in De Pere |
| Oct. 15 | Carroll (HC) | De Pere | 1 p.m./WACY | SNC has won last 14 meetings in the series |
| Oct. 22 | Grinnell | Grinnell, Iowa | 1 p.m. | SNC has won last 12 meetings in the series |
| Oct. 29 | Ripon | De Pere | 1 p.m./WACY | RC last MWC team to play first game at Schneider Stadium |
| Nov. 5 | Lake Forest | Lake Forest, Ill. | 1 p.m. | SNC is 25-2 all-time in the series with LFC |

(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:2,168
President:Thomas Kunkel
Athletics Director:Tim Bald
Conference:Midwest Conference
Facility:Donald J. Schneider Stadium
Capacity:2,454
Year Opened:2010
All-Time Schneider Stadium Record:3-2
Head Coach:Jim Purtill
Record at St. Norbert:107-21 (12th year)
First Season of Football:1931
Seasons of Football:78
All-Time Overall Record:397-268-20
All-Time MWC Record:155-32-0
MWC Championships:13
(1985,87,88,89,99,2000,01,02,03,04,06,07,10)
NCAA Playoff Appearances:9
(1989,99,2000,01,03,04,06,07,10)

Head Coach Jim Purtill

Education:

Bachelor's degree at
 Miami (Ohio)
 University (1978);
 master's degree at
 Salem (W. Va.)
 College (1995).

Coaching Experience:

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 | 9-1 | 8-1 | 2nd | |
| 2010 | 7-4 | 7-2 | 1st | First Rd. |
| 2011 | 0-0 | 0-0 | | |
| Totals | 107-21 | 99-8 | | |

Purtill vs. Midwest Conference

| Team | Overall | Home | Away |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Beloit | 11-1 | 5-0 | 6-1 |
| Carroll | 11-0 | 5-0 | 6-0 |
| Grinnell | 12-0 | 6-0 | 6-0 |
| Illinois College | 10-2 | 5-1 | 5-1 |
| Knox | 12-0 | 6-0 | 6-0 |
| Lake Forest | 11-1 | 6-1 | 5-0 |
| Lawrence | 12-0 | 7-0 | 5-0 |
| Monmouth | 9-3 | 4-2 | 5-1 |
| Ripon | 11-1 | 5-0 | 6-1 |
| Totals | 99-8 | 49-4 | 50-4 |

Last Meeting:

St. Thomas beat St. Norbert 40-7 last Sept. 4 in the first-ever game at Schneider Stadium in De Pere. The Tommies led 20-7 at halftime before pulling away in the second half.

St. Norbert had 196 yards of total offense. Joe Green caught three passes for 64 yards to lead the Green Knights.

St. Thomas had 346 yards of total offense. Ben Wartman led the Tommies with 136 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 26 carries.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert returns 14 starters from last year's squad that finished 7-4 overall and appeared in the NCAA Division III Playoffs. Seven starters are back on each side of the ball for the Green Knights, who won their ninth Midwest Conference title in 12 years with a 7-2 record.

The Green Knights lost their top passer and second-leading rusher Rob Berger and top rusher John Weninger to graduation. Senior Mike Fabrizio has earned the nod at quarterback, and was 9-for-14 for 63 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions as the backup last year. Senior Adam Gruett is the leading returning rusher after finishing with 283 yards and two touchdowns on 40 carries last season, a 7.1 per rush average.

St. Norbert returned three of their top four tacklers from last season. Senior Ben Nantell moves to linebacker after posting a team-high 79 tackles and four forced fumbles as a defensive back a year ago. Senior defensive back Dan Sjoquist had 58 tackles last season with four interceptions and three blocked kicks. Junior defensive back Josh Vanden Heuvel also had 58 tackles, while junior defensive back Austin Arts had a team-high five interceptions.

Last season, St. Norbert averaged 423.9 yards and 36.1 points per game, while opponents netted 338.0 yards and 19.8 points per game.

About the Tommies:

St. Thomas again enters the season with lofty aspirations after finishing 12-1 last season and advancing to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division III Playoffs. The Tommies, who are ranked No. 5 in the D3football.com Top 25, won the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference last year for the first time since 1990 with an 8-0 mark before losing to league rival Bethel 12-7 in the NCAA Playoffs.

Senior wide receiver Fritz Waldvogel paces the Tommies after hauling in 75 passes for 1,078 yards and eight touchdowns last year. Waldvogel is also a return ace, averaging 26.5 yards per return on kick-offs and 12.0 yards per return on punts a year ago.

Senior quarterback Dakota Tracy completed 130 of 216 passes for 1,711 yards with 17 touchdowns and 11 interceptions last year. Senior running back Colin Tobin led the Tommies in rushing last year, carrying the ball 171 times for 973 yards and 13 touchdowns en route to being named second team All-MIAC. Senior offensive tackle Chad Vandergriff was a pre-season second team All-America selection by D3football.com.

Last season, St. Thomas averaged 408.8.9 yards and 38.0 points per game, while opponents gained 254.5 yards and scored 11.5 points per game.

Opening Day Observations: St. Norbert has won seven of its last 11 season openers. The Green Knights lost last year's season opener to St. Thomas 40-7 at Schneider Stadium in De Pere.

The first four season-opening wins in the last 11 years all came against Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference foes Hamline University and the University of St. Thomas. The Green Knights defeated the Pipers 34-22 in St. Paul in 2000 and won 26-22 in 2001 in De Pere. St. Norbert then beat St. Thomas 35-31 in 2002 and 21-19 in 2003. St. Norbert topped Wartburg 42-35 in overtime in 2009's lidlifter to earn a split in the two-year series.

The four MIAC games were the Green Knights' first openers against a non-Wisconsin Intercollegiate

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Last Time It Happened

Safety:

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

By Opponent: Monmouth, 10/2/10

Overtime Game:

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

50 Points in a Game:

By St. Norbert: vs. Grinnell, 10/23/10 (58)

By Opponent: North Central, 11/20/10 (57)

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: Austin Arts (22 yards), Josh Holzhaeuser (28 yards) & Justin Baker (41 yards) vs. Monmouth, 10/2/10

By Opponent: Eric Fisher, Illinois College, 10/9/10 (70 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: Brian Maughn, Beloit, 9/11/10 (357 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: Luke Dewall, St. Thomas, 9/4/10 (42 yards)

Defensive Extra Point:

By St. Norbert: Ernest James vs. Monmouth, 10/11/08

By Opponent: Derek Micke, Lawrence, 8/15/07

Athletic Conference or NCAA Division II foe since 1983, the last time SNC won an opener prior to 2000 (24-14 over Monmouth in 1983). The Green Knights opened against NCAA Division II Michigan Tech from 1984 to 1987, UW-Stevens Point in 1988 and 1989, UW-Oshkosh from 1990 to 1999 and UW-Whitewater in 2004 and 2005.

St. Norbert, entering its 78th year of varsity football, is 37-34-6 in season openers.

Roster Diversity:

St. Norbert has 127 players listed on its roster as of August 29, an increase of nine over the same time last season.

On the 2011 roster, 75 players hail from Wisconsin. Illinois has the second-highest total with 18 players hailing from the Land of Lincoln. For the first time, Florida is third with 12 players. Michigan is next with 11 players, mostly from that state's Upper Peninsula. There two each from California and Texas, and one each from Minnesota, Nevada, Oregon and Ohio.

There are three foreign players, one each from Canada (Alberta), Denmark and the Czech Republic.

Winning Ways:

In 2010, St. Norbert posted its 12th 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 7-3 campaigns in 2008 and 2010.

The Green Knights have an all-time record of 397-268-20 in 76 years of intercollegiate football, a winning percentage of .594. In Midwest Conference play, St. Norbert has an all-time league best record of 155-32, a winning percentage of .829.

Quick Hitters:

* - St. Norbert is 174-11 all-time when scoring 30-or-more points and is 108-2 all-time when scoring 40-or-more points.

* - St. Norbert's 2012 season opener will be Aug. 31 against John Carroll (Ohio) in Dublin, Ireland.