



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Football Preview

St. Norbert College (8-3 in 2013) at Carthage College (1-9 in 2013)

Saturday, September 6, 2014 - 2 p.m.

Art Keller Field (2,448) - Kenosha, Wisconsin

2014 Midwest Conference Standings

	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
North Division				
Beloit	0	0	0	0
Carroll	0	0	0	0
Lawrence	0	0	0	0
Macalester	0	0	0	0
Ripon	0	0	0	0
St. Norbert	0	0	0	0
South Division	W	L	W	L
Cornell	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
Monmouth	0	0	0	0

Games on Saturday, Sept. 6

Carroll at Lakeland, 1 p.m.
 Ripon at St. Scholastica, 1 p.m.
 Carleton at Macalester, 1 p.m.
 Eureka at Knox, 1 p.m.
 Hope at Monmouth, 1 p.m.
 Beloit at Chicago, 1 p.m.
 Lawrence at Rockford, 1 p.m.
 Aurora at Illinois College, 1 p.m.
 St. Norbert at Carthage, 2 p.m.
 Lake Forest at Wisconsin Lutheran, 7 p.m.

Game Overview:

St. Norbert football lifts the curtain on the Steve Opgenorth Era as the first-year head coach leads the Green Knights to southeastern Wisconsin to face Carthage in Kenosha. St. Norbert will be playing a College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin school in a regular-season football game for the first time since 1963.

Broadcast:

The game will be videostreamed online by Carthage with John Weiser and Tom Roders on the call at <http://www.carthage.edu/multimedia/>
 Live stats will be available online at: <http://www.carthage.edu/athletic-spaces/livestats/fb/xlive.htm>

The Series:

St. Norbert and Carthage have never met in football.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Steve Opgenorth (Winona State, 2005) is 0-0 in his first season in De Pere.

Carthage coach Mike Yeager (Miami-Ohio, 1999) is 1-12 entering his third season in Kenosha.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the 2014 season coming off its 15th Midwest Conference championship since 1985, and its 11th league title since 1989.

2014 St. Norbert Football Schedule and Results (0-0, 0-0 MWC North)

Date	Opponent	Site	Time/Result	Quick Fact
Sept. 6	Carthage	Kenosha	2 p.m.	First-ever meeting between the two Wisconsin schools
Sept. 13	North Central	De Pere	1 p.m.	Only meeting came in 2010 NCAA Playoffs, a 57-7 NCC win
Sept. 27	Illinois College	De Pere	1 p.m.	IC has won last two meetings with SNC
Oct. 4	Cornell	Mt. Vernon, Iowa	1 p.m.	Two fourth-quarter touchdowns lift SNC to 20-17 win in 2013
Oct. 11	Carroll	Waukesha	1 p.m.	SNC has won last 17 meetings against CU dating back to 1996
Oct. 18	Ripon (HC)	De Pere	1 p.m.	SNC tops RC for 14th time in last 15 meetings in 33-6 '13 win
Oct. 25	Beloit	De Pere	1 p.m.	SNC had highest 2013 point total with 52-17 win over BC
Nov. 1	Lawrence	Appleton	7 p.m.	SNC owns 16 consecutive wins over Fox River Valley rival LU
Nov. 8	Macalester	De Pere	1 p.m.	First meeting between SNC and affiliate MWC member MC
Nov. 15	MWC Championship Weekend		TBA	South Division teams will host North Division in Week 11

St. Norbert Quick Facts

Nickname:Green Knights
Location:De Pere, WI 54115
Colors:Dartmouth Green & Old Gold
Founded:1898
Enrollment:2,160
President:Thomas Kunkel
Athletic Director:Tim Bald
Conference:Midwest Conference
Facility:Donald J. Schneider Stadium
Capacity:2,454
Year Opened:2010
All-Time Schneider Stadium Record: ...16-3
Head Coach:Steve Opgenorth
Record at St. Norbert:0-0 (first year)
First Season/Seasons of Football: ...1931/81
All-Time Overall Record:420-277-20
All-Time MWC Record:178-36-0
MWC Championships:15
(1985,87-89,99,2000-04,06-07,10,12-13)
NCAA Playoff Appearances:11
(1989,99,2000,01,03,04,06,07,10,12,13)

Head Coach Steve Opgenorth

Education:

Bachelor's degree at Winona State University (2005).

Playing Experience:

Four-year letterman at Winona State (2000-03).

Coaching Experience:

Wide receivers/specialists coach at Carroll (Wis.) (2005 to 2007); special teams coordinator/defensive backs at Albright (2007 to 2010); wide receivers/special teams at Winona State (2010 to 2011); offensive coordinator/quarterbacks at Colby (2012 to 2013); head coach at St. Norbert (Dec. 27, 2013 to present).



Opgenorth at St. Norbert

Year	Overall	MWC	Place	NCAA
2014	0-0	0-0		
Totals	0-0	0-0		

Opgenorth vs. MWC

Team	Overall	Home	Away
Beloit	0-0	0-0	0-0
Carroll	0-0	0-0	0-0
Cornell	0-0	0-0	0-0
Grinnell	0-0	0-0	0-0
Illinois College	0-0	0-0	0-0
Knox	0-0	0-0	0-0
Lake Forest	0-0	0-0	0-0
Lawrence	0-0	0-0	0-0
Macalester	0-0	0-0	0-0
Monmouth	0-0	0-0	0-0
Ripon	0-0	0-0	0-0
Totals	0-0	0-0	0-0

Last season, the Green Knights made their 11th overall NCAA Division III Playoffs appearance and 10th post-season trip since 1999.

Junior running back Brad Boockmeier, a second-team All-Midwest Conference selection last season, led the team in rushing a year ago with 812 yards on 171 carries with seven touchdowns. Boockmeier also led the Green Knights in receiving with 33 catches for 246 yards and one touchdown. Senior wide receiver Mark Villers is the leading returning pass catcher at his position, with 27 receptions for 360 yards. Senior quarterback James Tringali enters his third season as the starter. Tringali completed 148 of 278 passes for 1,784 yards with 11 touchdowns and eight interceptions last season.

Senior linebacker Matt Petersilka is the leading returning tackler. Petersilka finished with 55 tackles, 12.5 tackles-for-loss, 7.5 quarterback sacks, five pass breakups and two interceptions. Senior linebacker Zach Klarkowski had 54 tackles with 6.5 tackles-for-loss.

Senior defensive back Dan Egan and senior kicker Randy Hill are St. Norbert's lone returning first-team All-MWC honorees. Egan was also a third-team All-America selection on special teams by D3football.com.

St. Norbert averaged 22.4 points and 293.3 yards per game last season. Defensively, the Green Knights allowed 16.1 points and 308.0 yards per game a year ago.

About the Red Men:

Carthage enters the 2014 season picked to finish eighth in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin pre-season coaches' poll. The Red Men finished 1-9 last season and was 0-7 in the CCIW.

Senior running back Derek Bellamy is the Red Men's leading returning rusher after totaling 430 yards and four touchdowns on 124 carries last season. Junior wide receiver Jamahl Wright led Carthage in receptions last season with 42 catches for 426 yards and two touchdowns. Sophomore quar-

terback Nick Anzelmo is listed as the starter on the Carthage two-deep after completing 28 of 43 passes for 264 yards and three touchdowns a year ago.

Sophomore linebacker Greg Money, a second-team All-CCIW pick last season, led the Red Men in stops last season with 76 tackles and also had three interceptions. Sophomore defensive lineman Terrance Allen had 49 tackles with 16 tackles-for-loss and three quarterback sacks, while senior cornerback Marcus Harnett - also a second-team All-CCIW choice - had 40 tackles with a team-high four interceptions.

Carthage averaged 15.6 points and 286.5 yards per game last season. Defensively, the Red Men allowed 28.0 points and 384.8 yards per game.

Opening Day Observations:

St. Norbert has split its last 14 season openers. The Green Knights lost last year's season opener to John Carroll 41-0 last Aug. 30 at Toyota Park in Bridgeview, Ill.

The first four season-opening wins in the last 14 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 from 2000-03 were the Green Knights' first openers against a non-Wisconsin Intercollegiate 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, UW-Whitewater in 2004 and 2005, Olivet Nazarene in 2006 and 2007, Wartburg in 2008 and 2009 and St. Thomas again in

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Last Time It Happened

Safety:

By St. Norbert: vs. Monmouth, 10/5/13

By Opponent: Cornell, 10/6/12

Overtime Game:

vs. Carroll, 9/22/12 (St. Norbert 28, Carroll 21) - 1 OT

50 Points in a Game:

By St. Norbert: vs. Beloit, 11/2/13 (52)

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: Anthony Parker vs. Carroll, 9/28/13 (25 yards)

By Opponent: Pat Clark, Lake Forest, 11/16/13 (27 yards)

Fumble Return for TD:

By St. Norbert: Austin Arts vs. Beloit, 10/27/12 (15 yards)

By Opponent: Aaron Welch, Cornell, 10/12/13 (16 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: James Tringali vs. Monmouth, 10/5/13 (310 yards)

By Opponent: Mark Myers, John Carroll, 9/7/13 (526 yards)

150 Yards Receiving:

By St. Norbert: Jeremy Gezella vs. Lawrence, 9/19/09 (157 yards)

By Opponent: George Vidas, Lake Forest, 11/16/13 (158 yards)

10 Pass Receptions:

By St. Norbert: Joe Green vs. Grinnell, 10/22/11 (10)

By Opponent: Justin Howard, UW-Whitewater, 11/23/13 (11)

40 Yard Field Goal:

By St. Norbert: Randy Hill vs. Cornell, 10/6/12 (41 yards)

By Opponent: Graham Fisher, Grinnell, 11/3/12 (40 yards)

Defensive Extra Point:

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

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

2010 and 2011. The Green Knights faced John Carroll to open 2012 and 2013.

St. Norbert, entering its 81st year of varsity football, is 37-37-6 in season openers.

The Green Knights are scheduled to begin a home-and-home series with UW-Stevens Point to open the 2016 and 2017 seasons. The 2016 opener will be at St. Norbert.

CCIW Chat:

Despite its fairly close proximity to Illinois, Saturday's game with St. Norbert marks just the third time since 1940 the Green Knights will match up with a current CCIW school in football.

St. Norbert's only football games in the last 74 years against a current CCIW foe came in the 1999 NCAA Division III Playoffs, a 39-32 loss to Augustana, and in the 2010 NCAA Playoffs, a 57-7 loss to North Central.

The Green Knights did face Carroll five times in football when the Pioneers were members of the CCIW from 1955-92, the most recent being in 1963.

The only other meetings for St. Norbert against a CCIW school came before that league was formed when it won and tied Wheaton in a pair of games in 1939 and 1940.

St. Norbert will also play CCIW favorite North Central next Saturday at Schneider Stadium.

Roster Diversity:

St. Norbert has 121 players listed on its roster as of Sept. 1, an increase of 21 from the same point in time last season.

On the 2014 roster, 77 players are from Wisconsin. Illinois has the second-highest total with 20 players hailing from the Land of Lincoln. Michigan is third with six players, including five from the Upper Peninsula. Three players reside in Florida, two in Arizona and one each from Colorado, Kentucky and Massachusetts.

There is one foreign player, sophomore defensive lineman Niklas Rosander from Sweden.