



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Football Preview

St. Norbert College (1-0) vs. No. 6 North Central College (13-1 in 2013)

Saturday, September 13, 2014 - 1 p.m.

Donald J. Schneider Stadium (2,454) - De Pere, Wisconsin

2014 Midwest Conference Standings

	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
North Division				
Beloit	0	0	0	1
Carroll	0	0	1	0
Lawrence	0	0	0	1
Macalester	0	0	1	0
Ripon	0	0	0	1
St. Norbert	0	0	1	0
South Division	W	L	W	L
Cornell	0	0	0	0
Grinnell	0	0	0	0
Illinois College	0	0	1	0
Knox	0	0	1	0
Lake Forest	0	0	1	0
Monmouth	0	0	1	0

Games on Saturday, Sept. 13

North Central at St. Norbert, 1 p.m.
 Grinnell at Beloit, 1 p.m.
 Gustavus Adolphus at Lake Forest, 1 p.m.
 Benedictine at Carroll, 1 p.m.
 Knox at Carleton, 1 p.m.
 Rockford at Ripon, 1 p.m.
 Monmouth at Central, 6 p.m.
 Maranatha Baptist at Lawrence, 7 p.m.
 Macalester at Hamline, 7 p.m.
 Coe at Cornell, 7 p.m.
 Illinois College at Rose-Hulman, 7 p.m.

Game Overview:

St. Norbert will face No. 6-ranked North Central in its 2014 home opener at Schneider Stadium. Both teams played in the NCAA Division III Playoffs last season, with the Cardinals advancing to the national semifinals. The game is part of SNC Day festivities on campus; admission to the game is free.

Broadcast:

The game will be videostreamed online in HD and SD by St. Norbert at <http://portal.stretchinternet.com/snc/>

Live stats will be available online at: <http://www.snc.edu/athletics/team-files/livestats/xlive.htm>

The Series:

North Central leads St. Norbert 1-0 all-time in a series that began in 2010.

Last Meeting:

North Central defeated St. Norbert 57-7 in the first round of the NCAA Division III Playoffs on Nov. 20, 2010 at Benedetti-Wehrli Stadium in Naperville, Ill. The Cardinals scored on their first nine possessions and rolled up 612 yards of total offense in the win. Rob Berger completed 15 of 33 passes for 192 yards and also rushed for 65 yards to lead St. Norbert. Spencer Stanek completed 12 of 14 passes for 265 yards and four touchdowns to pace the Cardinals.

2014 St. Norbert Football Schedule and Results (1-0, 0-0 MWC North)

Date	Opponent	Site	Time/Result	Quick Fact
Sept. 6	Carthage	Kenosha	W 25-13	SNC scores last 25 points in first-ever meeting with CC
Sept. 13	North Central (6)	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
Athletics 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:1-0 (first year)
First Season/Seasons of Football: ...1931/81
All-Time Overall Record:421-277-20
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	1-0	0-0		
Totals	1-0	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

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Steve Opgenorth (Winona State, 2005) is 1-0 in his first season in De Pere.

North Central coach John Thorne (Illinois Wesleyan, 1969) is 110-28 in his 13th season in Naperville.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert opened the season with a 25-13 triumph over Carthage this past Saturday in Kenosha to get first-year head coach Steve Opgenorth a win in his debut. The Green Knights fell behind 13-0 after the first quarter, but scored 25 unanswered points to win its first season opener since 2009.

Sophomore wide receiver Zach Reeves scored the second of his two touchdowns late in the third quarter on a 29-yard reverse to give St. Norbert a 19-13 lead. Reeves caught a team-high six passes for 65 yards and an 11-yard touchdown in the second quarter. Freshman running back Elijah Fort posted a team-high 53 yards rushing on nine carries, and also returned a punt 72 yards for a touchdown. Fort finished with 211 all-purpose yards. Senior quarterback James Tringali completed 18 of 28 passes for 146 yards with one touchdown and one interception.

Senior defensive lineman Austin Prusha totaled eight tackles, with six tackles-for-loss and 2.5 quarterback sacks. Senior defensive back Dan Egan, senior linebacker Matt Petersilka, senior linebacker Zach Klarkowski and senior defensive back Joe Lorenz all had seven tackles apiece.

St. Norbert is averaging 23.0 points and 282.0 yards per game. Defensively, the Green Knights are allowing 13.0 points and 308.0 yards per game.

About the Cardinals:

North Central opens the 2014 season ranked No. 6 in the D3football.com Top 25. The Cardinals, 13-1 last season, advanced to the national semifinals of the NCAA Division III Playoffs before dropping a 41-40 heartbreaker to Mount Union. Eight starters -

five on offense and three on defense - return from a year ago.

Senior wide receiver Peter Sorenson is the Cardinals' top returning receiver from last season. Sorenson earned third-team All-North Region honors after catching 80 passes for 1,109 yards and 16 touchdowns a year ago. Senior running back Ryan Kent, a second-team All-CCIW choice, rushed for 1,186 yards on 193 carries and 14 touchdowns. Sophomore Dylan Warden is listed as the No. 1 quarterback on the North Central depth chart. Warden completed 4 of 6 passes for 22 yards last season while rushing for 107 yards on 24 carries.

Senior linebacker Michael Monterrubio is the Cardinals' leading returning tackler with 43 stops last season.

North Central averaged 45.6 points and 497.0 yards per game last season. Defensively, the Cardinals allowed 15.9 points and 289.0 yards per game.

Return Ruminations:

St. Norbert freshman running back Elijah Fort took his first collegiate punt return all the way to the end zone Saturday with a 72-yard score at Carthage.

Fort's punt return for a touchdown was St. Norbert's first since Nov. 1, 2008 when Dan Sjoquist had a 51-yard return for a score against Beloit. Overall, it was St. Norbert's first special teams touchdown since the 2009 season, when Dustin Gresen fell on a blocked punt in the end zone against Beloit on Oct. 31, 2009 at Minahan Stadium.

Fort finished the game with 211 all-purpose yards: 86 kickoff return yards, 72 punt return yards and 53 rushing yards.

Opener Optics:

St. Norbert's 25-13 win at Carthage this past Saturday was the Green Knights' first win in a season opener since 2009. St. Norbert pulled out a 42-35 overtime win over Wartburg on Sept. 5, 2009 on Minahan Stadium's final Opening Day.

St. Norbert College Football

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: Elijah Fort vs. Carthage, 9/6/14 (72 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: Marcus Hines Jr., Carthage, 9/6/14 (10)

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

Since 2000, St. Norbert has won its season opener seven times. The Green Knights have never won fewer than eight games in that time when winning their season opener.

St. Norbert won a school-record 11 games in 2003, 10 games in 2000, 2006 and 2007, nine games in 2009 and eight games in 2001.

CCIW Chat:

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

Saturday marks the second consecutive week the Green Knights will face a CCIW foe, following last Saturday's 25-13 win at Carthage.

St. Norbert's only other 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.

Quick Hitters:

* - St. Norbert is 187-12 all-time when scoring 30-or-more points and is 113-2 all-time when scoring 40-or-more points.

* - St. Norbert held Carthage to 15 yards rushing this past Saturday. It is the fewest allowed by the Green Knights since yielding minus-13 yards against Grinnell last season.

* - Senior defensive lineman Austin Prusha finished with six tackles-for-loss Saturday at Carthage. That was the most for a St. Norbert player since Ben Creamer had six tackles-for-loss against Lake Forest on Nov. 6, 2004 at Minahan Stadium in De Pere.

2014 St. Norbert College Football
St. Norbert College Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 07, 2014)
All games

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
9/6/14	at Carthage College	W 25-13	2050

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Elijah Fort	1	9	58	5	53	5.9	0	22	53.0
J.T. Crosby	1	3	41	0	41	13.7	1	34	41.0
Zach Reeves	1	1	29	0	29	29.0	1	29	29.0
Brad Boockmeier	1	10	26	10	16	1.6	0	9	16.0
Zach Broberg	1	2	0	1	-1	-0.5	0	0	-1.0
James Tringali	1	4	3	5	-2	-0.5	0	3	-2.0
Total	1	29	157	21	136	4.7	2	34	136.0
Opponents	1	29	67	52	15	0.5	1	23	15.0

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
James Tringali	1	112.73	18-28-1	64.3	146	1	30	146.0
Total	1	112.73	18-28-1	64.3	146	1	30	146.0
Opponents	1	117.20	28-46-1	60.9	293	1	44	293.0

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Zach Reeves	1	6	65	10.8	1	30	65.0
Brett Olson	1	3	30	10.0	0	19	30.0
Ryan Messer	1	3	25	8.3	0	9	25.0
Patrick Burke	1	2	20	10.0	0	12	20.0
Brad Boockmeier	1	2	6	3.0	0	10	6.0
Elijah Fort	1	2	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Total	1	18	146	8.1	1	30	146.0
Opponents	1	28	293	10.5	1	44	293.0

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Randy Hill	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0	1

Scoring	td	fg	PAT			dpx	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv				pass
Zach Reeves	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
J.T. Crosby	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Elijah Fort	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Randy Hill	-	0-1	1-3	-	-	-	-	1
James Tringali	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	-	0
Total	4	0-1	1-3	0-1	-	-	-	25
Opponents	2	0-1	1-2	-	-	-	-	13

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
St. Norbert College	0	7	12	6	0	25
Opponents	13	0	0	0	0	13

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

Team Statistics	SNC	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	15	17
Rushing	4	2
Passing	9	14
Penalty	2	1
RUSHING YARDAGE	136	15
Rushing Attempts	29	29
Average Per Rush	4.7	0.5
Average Per Game	136.0	15.0
TDs Rushing	2	1
PASSING YARDAGE	146	293
Comp-Att-Int	18-28-1	28-46-1
Average Per Pass	5.2	6.4
Average Per Catch	8.1	10.5
Average Per Game	146.0	293.0
TDs Passing	1	1
TOTAL OFFENSE	282	308
Average Per Play	4.9	4.1
Average Per Game	282.0	308.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	3-93	2-49
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	3-85	2--2
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	1-3	1-31
FUMBLES-LOST	0-0	1-0
PENALTIES-Yards	11-88	9-85
PUNTS-AVG	6-42.0	6-32.7
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	28:07	31:53
3RD-DOWN Conversions	4/14	9/20
4TH-DOWN Conversions	2/2	2/3

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Dan Egan	1	3	3.0	0	3

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Kevin Krueger	6	252	42.0	68	0	0	3	2	0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Brandon Carter	2	13	6.5	0	14
Elijah Fort	1	72	72.0	1	72
Total	3	85	28.3	1	72
Opponents	2	-2	-1.0	0	4

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Elijah Fort	2	86	43.0	0	64
Keenan Dowd	1	7	7.0	0	7
Total	3	93	31.0	0	64
Opponents	2	49	24.5	0	30

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Elijah Fort	1	53	0	72	86	0	211	211.0
Zach Reeves	1	29	65	0	0	0	94	94.0
J.T. Crosby	1	41	0	0	0	0	41	41.0
Brett Olson	1	0	30	0	0	0	30	30.0
Ryan Messer	1	0	25	0	0	0	25	25.0
Total	1	136	146	85	93	3	463	463.0
Opponents	1	15	293	-2	49	31	386	386.0

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
James Tringali	1	32	-2	146	144	144.0
Elijah Fort	1	9	53	0	53	53.0
J.T. Crosby	1	3	41	0	41	41.0
Zach Reeves	1	1	29	0	29	29.0
Brad Boockmeier	1	10	16	0	16	16.0
Total	1	57	136	146	282	282.0
Opponents	1	75	15	293	308	308.0

2014 St. Norbert College Football
 St. Norbert College Overall Individual Statistics (as of Sep 07, 2014)
 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
46	Austin Prusha	1	6	2	8	6.0-30	2.5-19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	Dan Egan	1	6	1	7	.	.	1-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Matt Petersilka	1	6	1	7	1.5-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Zach Klarkowski	1	5	2	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Joe Lorenz	1	6	1	7	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Nate Burchell	1	4	2	6	1.0-3	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
51	Tony Altmann	1	4	.	4	2.0-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Aaron Strodthoff	1	2	2	4	2.0-10	0.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Alec Swanson	1	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Paul Allen	1	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	Wyatt Veseth	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58	Joe Zielinski	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	Alex Dempsey	1	1	1	2	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Jacob Finegan	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Randy Hill	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Jacob Wells	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
60	Bobby Jaacks	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		1	51	16	67	13-57	3-22	1-3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.
Opponents		1	42	14	56	9-25	2-5	1-31	2	.	.	.	1	.	.