

# St. Norbert College Sports Information

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Football Preview St. Norbert College (0-0) vs. UW-Stevens Point (0-0) Saturday, September 3, 2016 - 1 p.m.

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

2016 Midwest Conference Standings				
Conference		Overall		
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# Games on Saturday, Sept. 3

Monmouth at Hope, 12:30 p.m.

UW-Stevens Point at St. Norbert, 1 p.m.

Eureka at Knox, 1 p.m.

Ripon at Concordia-Chicago, 1 p.m.

Carleton at Macalester, 1 p.m.

St. Olaf at Grinnell, 1 p.m.

Beloit at Lake Forest, 1 p.m.

Lawrence at Presentation, 1 p.m.

Illinois College at Rose-Hulman, 6 p.m.

Cornell at Iowa Wesleyan, 7 p.m.

#### **Game Overview:**

St. Norbert opens its 83rd season of intercollegiate football when it hosts UW-Stevens Point at Schneider Stadium. It marks the first meeting on the gridiron between the Green Knights and Pointers since 1989.

#### **Broadcast**

The game will be video streamed free of charge at: https://portal.stretchinternet.com/snc/

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

# The Series:

St. Norbert leads the all-time series with UW-Stevens Point 13-12-1 in a series dating back to 1931. The two teams last met in a 31-20 Stevens Point win on Sept. 9, 1989 at Minahan Stadium in De Pere. The Pointers have won the last three games in the series. St. Norbert was given a forfeit win in the 1982 meeting after the Pointers used an ineligible player. The Green Knights' last on-field win was a 10-7 triumph on Sept. 26, 1981 in De Pere.

#### **Last Meeting:**

UW-Stevens Point defeated St. Norbert 31-20 on Sept. 9, 1989 at Minahan Stadium in De Pere. The Pointers led 21-14 at halftime and iced the win with a touchdown with 4:22 remaining. Kirk Baumgartner led the Pointers by competing 16 of 40 passes for 334 yards with two touchdowns and one interception. Greg Vanderfin completed 20 of 42 passes for 201 yards and one touchdown with two interceptions for the Green Knights, while Mike Whitehouse caught 12 passes for 146 yards and one touchdown.

# 2016 St. Norbert Football Schedule and Results (0-0, 0-0 MWC)

Date	Opponent	Site	Time/Result	Quick Fact
Sept. 3	<b>UW-Stevens Point</b>	De Pere	1 p.m.	SNC's first meeting with UWSP on gridiron since 1989
Sept. 10	Benedictine	Lisle, Ill.	1 p.m.	Green Knights first football meeting with BU since 1989
Sept. 17	Knox	Galesburg, Ill.	1 p.m.	SNC has won 15 consecutive games against KC dating to 1999
Oct. 1	Lake Forest	De Pere	1 p.m.	SNC and LFC's first football matchup since 2013
Oct. 8	Beloit	Beloit	1 p.m.	BC RB Mason Dixon held 103 yds. under season avg. last year
Oct. 15	Lawrence	Appleton	5 p.m.	SNC posted school-record 508 yards rushing on 49 carries in '15
Oct. 22	Ripon (HC)	De Pere	1 p.m.	SNC has won 17 consecutive Homecoming games
Oct. 29	Illinois College	De Pere	1 p.m.	Green Knights held IC without offensive score last year
Nov. 5	Monmouth	Monmouth, Ill.	1 p.m.	SNC topped MC 16-7 to win 2015 MWC championship game
Nov. 12	Macalester	De Pere	1 p.m.	SNC rallied from 16-7 halftime deficit to post 25-16 win in 2015

# St. Norbert Quick Facts

Nickname:Green Knights
Location:
Colors:Dartmouth Green & Old Gold
<b>Founded:</b>
<b>Enrollment:</b>
President:Thomas Kunkel
Athletics Director:Tim Bald
Conference:
Facility:Donald J. Schneider Stadium
<b>Capacity:</b>
<b>Year Opened:</b>
All-Time Schneider Stadium Record: 24-5
Head Coach:
<b>Record at St. Norbert:</b> 10-1 (second year)
First Season/Seasons of Football:1931/83
All-Time Overall Record:436-282-20
<b>All-Time MWC Record:</b> 186-38-0
MWC Championships:
(1985,87-89,99,2000-04,06-07,10,12-13,15)
NCAA Playoff Appearances:12
(1989,99,2000-01,03-04,06-07,10,12-13,15)

# Head Coach Dan McCarty

E d u c a t i o n: Bachelor's degree at University of Minnesota-Duluth (2000).

C o l l e g i a t e C o a c h i n g Experience: Tight ends coach at UW-Eau Claire (1998); Wide receivers/tight ends coach at UM-Duluth (1999-2001);



Recruiting coordinator/defensive coordinator at UW-Stout (2007-2011); Defensive coordinator at St. Norbert (2014); Head coach at St. Norbert (Nov. 20, 2014 to present).

# McCarty at St. Norbert

Year	Overall	MWC	Place	NCAA
2015	10-1	5-0	1st	First Rd.
2016	0-0	0-0		
<b>Totals</b>	10-1	5-0		

McCarty vs. MWC				
Team	Overall	Home	Away	
Beloit	1-0	0-0	1-0	
Carroll	1-0	1-0	0-0	
Cornell	1-0	1-0	0-0	
Grinnell	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Illinois College	1-0	0-0	1-0	
Knox	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Lake Forest	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Lawrence	1-0	1-0	0-0	
Macalester	1-0	0-0	1-0	
Monmouth	1-0	0-0	1-0	
Ripon	1-0	0-0	1-0	
Totals	8-0	4-0	4-0	

# The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Dan McCarty (UM-Duluth, 2000) is 10-1 entering his second season in De Pere.

UW-Stevens Point coach Tom Journell (Wittenberg, 1987) is 19-21 entering his fifth season in Stevens Point. Journell was 22-18 in four seasons at Elmhurst to give him a career record of 41-39 through eight seasons overall.

# **About the Green Knights:**

St. Norbert returns 71 lettermen from last year's team that finished 10-1. The Green Knights won their 16th Midwest Conference title last season, all coming since 1985.

Junior running back Elijah Fort led the Green Knights in rushing last season with 754 yards on 138 carries with 16 touchdowns. Senior running back Brad Boockmeier had 752 yards rushing on 157 carries and five touchdowns. Junior quarterback Jack Becker completed 127 of 209 passes for 1,610 yards with 10 touchdowns and six interceptions while rushing for 465 yards on 90 carries with five touchdowns. Senior wide receiver Zach Reeves caught 36 passes for 527 yards and one touchdown. Junior Brett Olson caught 22 passes for 395 yards and two touchdowns.

Senior linebacker R.J. Callow led the Green Knights in tackles with 80. Senior defensive back Alec Swanson was third overall in tackles last season with 65. Senior defensive back Ryan Grandlic had 64 tackles with five interceptions.

St. Norbert averaged 30.4 points and 397.9 yards per game last season. Defensively, the Green Knights allowed 13.4 points and 299.1 yards per game.

### **About the Pointers:**

UW-Stevens Point enters the season coming off a 5-5 record last season, including a 3-4 mark in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Senior quarterback Kyle Larson enters his third season running the offense, completing 130 of 236 passes for 1,862 yards with 20 touchdowns and nine interceptions a year ago. Junior running back Christian Almonte is the Pointers' leading returning rusher from last season with 362 yards on 52 carries and two touchdowns. Senior Britton Vernon had 290 yards on 64 carries and four touchdowns. Junior wide receiver Logan Taylor had 39 receptions for 403 yards and seven touchdowns last year, while senior wide receiver Jared Pankow had 38 catches for 489

yards and five touchdowns.

Senior linebacker John Kontowicz was second on the squad in tackles last season with 56. Junior defensive back Blake Lehman was fourth in tackles a year ago with 52.

Stevens Point averaged 37.1 points and 440.3 yards per game a year ago. Defensively, the Pointers allowed 25.3 points and 370.8 yards per game last season.

## **Opening Day Observations:**

St. Norbert is 9-7 in its last 16 season openers. The Green Knights have won their last two season openers, sweeping Carthage in a homeand-home series to open the 2014 and 2015 seasons.

The first four season-opening wins in the last 16 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 2010 and 2011. The Green Knights faced John Carroll to open 2012 and 2013.

St. Norbert, entering its 83rd year of varsity football, is 39-37-6 in season openers.

# **Roster Report:**

St. Norbert has 117 players listed on its roster as of Aug. 29, a decrease of seven from the same point in time last season.

On the 2016 roster, 75 players are from Wisconsin. Illinois has the second-highest total with 30 players hailing from the Land of Lincoln, and increase of two from last year. Michigan is third with five players, including four from the Upper Peninsula. Florida has two players, while the states of California, Massachusetts, Minnesota and Washington are represented by one

# St. Norbert College Football Last Time It Happened

Safety:

By St. Norbert: vs. Lawrence, 11/1/14 By Opponent: Illinois College, 9/26/15

**Overtime Game:** 

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

50 Points in a Game:

By St. Norbert: vs. Lawrence, 10/31/15 (63) By Opponent: North Central, 9/13/14 (51)

**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: Tyler Jensen vs. North Park, 9/12/15 (50 yards) By Opponent: Ryan Winske, UW-Whitewater, 11/21/15 (19 yards)

**Fumble Return for TD:** 

By St. Norbert: Ryan Grandlic vs. Lawrence, 11/1/14 (10 yards) By Opponent: Matt DiFecchio, North Park, 9/12/15 (99 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: Kevin Jennings, Carroll, 10/11/14 (179 yards)

**10 Pass Receptions:** 

By St. Norbert: Joe Green vs. Grinnell, 10/22/11 (10) By Opponent: Ben Knake, Cornell, 10/3/15 (11)

40 Yard Field Goal:

By St. Norbert: Spenser Thompson-Meyers vs. Macalester, 11/6/15 (48 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, 9/15/07

player each.

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

**State School Snippets:** 

Saturday's game against UW-Stevens Point marks the 166th time in St. Norbert football history the Green Knights will battle a University of Wisconsin System school on the gridiron.

St. Norbert has played all eight current members of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, as well as former members UW-Milwaukee and UW-Superior. St. Norbert owns at least one win over all eight current WIAC members and is 80-77-8 all-time against the league.

St. Norbert has played UW-Oshkosh 37 times (14-20-3 all-time), the most meetings with any St. Norbert opponent. The Green Knights have also battled UW-Whitewater 31 times (9-19-3), UW-Stevens Point 26 times (13-12-1), UW-Milwaukee 23 times (19-4) and UW-La Crosse on 21 occasions (13-7-1).

Including the 2016 opener, St. Norbert has begun its season against a WIAC foe 15 times since 1988. The Green Knights played Stevens Point in 1988 and 1989, and then had a 10-year series with Oshkosh from 1990 to 1999 before playing Whitewater to open the 2004 and 2005 seasons.

The Green Knights have lost 19 consecutive games against the WIAC since a 25-7 win over UW-Platteville on Nov. 5, 1983 in De Pere.

Winning Ways:

St. Norbert clinched its 17th consecutive winning season with a 10-1 showing in 2015. The Green Knights claimed their first 10-win season since 2007 by topping Monmouth 16-7 in the 2015 Midwest Conference Championship game. It was St. Norbert's tenth unbeaten regular season all-time and fifth since 2000.

The Green Knights have an all-time record of 436-282-20 in 82 years of intercollegiate football, a winning percentage of .604. In Midwest Conference play, St. Norbert has an all-time league-best record of 186-38, a winning percentage of .830.

St. Norbert has won 131 of its last 145 Midwest Conference games, a winning percentage of .903.

# **Quick Hitters:**

\* - St. Norbert is 196-12 all-time when scoring 30-or-more points and is 117-2 all-time when scoring 40-or-more points.