



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Football Preview St. Norbert College (0-0) at UW-Stevens Point (0-0)

Saturday, September 2, 2017 - 1 p.m.

Community Stadium at Goerke Park (4,000) - Stevens Point, Wisconsin

2017 Midwest Conference Standings

	Conference		Overall	
North Division	W	L	W	L
Beloit	0	0	0	0
Chicago	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. 2

Case Western Reserve at Chicago, Noon
 St. Norbert at UW-Stevens Point, 1 p.m.
 Concordia-Chicago at Ripon, 1 p.m.
 Hope at Monmouth, 1 p.m.
 Lake Forest at Beloit, 1 p.m.
 Grinnell at St. Olaf, 1 p.m.
 Presentation at Lawrence, 1 p.m.
 Macalester at Carleton, 1 p.m.
 Rose-Hulman at Illinois College, 6 p.m.
 Knox at Eureka, 6 p.m.
 Iowa Wesleyan at Cornell, 7 p.m.

Game Overview:

St. Norbert opens its 84th season of intercollegiate football when it travels to Central Wisconsin to face UW-Stevens Point. The game marks the end of a two-year home-and-home series between the Green Knights and Pointers.

Broadcast:

The game will be video streamed in the UW-Stevens Point streaming portal at: <https://portal.stretchinternet.com/uwsp/>

Live stats will be available online at: <http://www.sidearmstats.com/uwsp/football/>

The Series:

St. Norbert and UW-Stevens Point are tied 13-13-1 in a series dating back to 1931. The Pointers have won the last four 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 at Minahan Stadium in De Pere.

Last Meeting:

UW-Stevens Point topped St. Norbert 37-14 on Sept. 3, 2016 at Donald J. Schneider Stadium in De Pere. The Pointers jumped out to a 20-0 halftime lead and outgained the Green Knights 401-177 in total offense. J.T. Crosby completed 16 of 30 passes for 173 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions for St. Norbert. Kyle Larson completed 19 of 35 passes for 238 yards with five touchdowns and two interceptions to lead the Pointers.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Dan McCarty (UM-Duluth, 2000) is 17-4 entering his third season in De Pere.

2017 St. Norbert Football Schedule and Results (0-0, 0-0 MWC)

Date	Opponent	Site	Time/Result	Quick Fact
Sept. 2	UW-Stevens Point	Stevens Point	1 p.m.	SNC is 39-38-6 all-time in season openers
Sept. 9	Benedictine	De Pere	1 p.m.	First time SNC hosts Benedictine since 1988
Sept. 23	Grinnell	Grinnell, Iowa	1 p.m.	Green Knights won last visit to Grinnell by 20-12 count in 2012
Sept. 30	Knox	De Pere	1 p.m.	SNC has won 16 consecutive games against KC dating to 1999
Oct. 7	Ripon	Ripon	1 p.m.	Green Knights guest at Ingalls Field for RC Homecoming
Oct. 14	Chicago (HC)	De Pere	1 p.m.	SNC has won 18 consecutive Homecoming games
Oct. 21	Lawrence	De Pere	1 p.m.	Green Knights own 18-game winning streak against Vikings
Oct. 28	Macalester	St. Paul, Minn.	1 p.m.	2016 game featured total of 41 offensive possessions
Nov. 4	Beloit	De Pere	1 p.m.	SNC's 68 points in '16 most allowed by BC since 1926
Nov. 11	MWC Champ.	South Div. champ	TBA	MWC Championship Weekend returns w/addition of U-Chicago

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: ...28-6
Head Coach:Dan McCarty
Record at St. Norbert:17-4 (second year)
First Season/Seasons of Football: ...1931/84
All-Time Overall Record:443-285-20
All-Time MWC Record:193-39-0
MWC Championships:16
(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

Education:

Bachelor's degree at University of Minnesota-Duluth (2000).

Collegiate Coaching 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	7-3	7-1	2nd	
2017	0-0	0-0		
Totals	17-4	12-1		

McCarty vs. MWC

Team	Overall	Home	Away
Beloit	2-0	0-0	2-0
Carroll	1-0	1-0	0-0
Cornell	1-0	1-0	0-0
Grinnell	0-0	0-0	0-0
Illinois College	2-0	1-0	1-0
Knox	1-0	0-0	1-0
Lake Forest	1-0	1-0	0-0
Lawrence	2-0	1-0	1-0
Macalester	2-0	1-0	1-0
Monmouth	1-1	1-0	0-1
Ripon	2-0	1-0	1-0
Totals	15-1	8-0	7-1

UW-Stevens Point coach Tom Journell (Wittenberg, 1987) is 25-25 entering his sixth season in Stevens Point. Journell was 22-18 in four seasons at Elmhurst to give him a career record of 47-43 through nine seasons overall.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert is coming off a 7-3 overall record in 2016. The Green Knights placed second in the Midwest Conference with a 7-1 ledger.

Senior quarterback Jack Becker has earned the starting nod in the season opener. Becker completed 14 of 29 passes for 157 yards and two touchdowns as the backup last season. Becker completed 127 of 209 passes for 1,610 yards with 10 touchdowns and six interceptions as the starter in 2015. Senior running back Elijah Fort has led the Green Knights in rushing in each of the last two seasons, including 734 yards on 137 carries with nine touchdowns a year ago. Sophomore wide receiver Samuel Staehling, last season's MWC Newcomer of the Year, had a team-high 31 receptions for 699 yards and nine touchdowns.

Junior linebacker Matt Barrett had 90 tackles, good for second on the squad last season while leading this year's returnees. Senior linebacker Tommy Gonzales had 53 tackles with six tackles-for-loss and three interceptions. Senior defensive back Tyler Jensen, a pre-season second-team All-America choice by D3football.com, had five interceptions and 10 passes defended with 36 tackles a year ago.

St. Norbert averaged 39.6 points and 389.0 yards per game last season. Defensively, the Green Knights allowed 19.5 points and 327.5 yards per game.

About the Pointers:

UW-Stevens Point is coming off a 6-4 campaign in 2016. The Pointers finished a tie for fourth place with a 3-4 record in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Senior quarterback Ryan Swigart is expected to start Saturday after completing 35 of 65 passes for 555 yards with three touchdowns and one interception as the backup last season. Sophomore wide receiver Steve Herra is the leading returning receptor, finishing third with 35 catches for 454 yards and three touchdowns. Senior Jerry Williams had 20 catches for 376 yards and

four touchdowns.

Junior defensive back Juleyan Givens led the Pointers in tackles last season with 74. Senior defensive back Blake Lehman had 59 tackles, while senior defensive back Kevin Sanchez had 53 stops and a team-high four interceptions.

Stevens Point averaged 28.4 points and 390.3 yards per game last season. Defensively, the Pointers allowed 23.3 points and 269.3 yards per game.

Opening Day Observations:

St. Norbert is 9-8 in its last 17 season openers. The Green Knights have won two of their last three season openers, sweeping Carthage in a home-and-home series to open the 2014 and 2015 seasons before falling to UW-Stevens Point last season.

The first four season-opening wins in the last 17 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 84th year of varsity football, is 39-38-6 in season openers.

Roster Report:

St. Norbert has 120 players listed on its roster as of Aug. 28, an increase of three from the same point in time last season.

On the 2017 roster, 77 players are from Wisconsin. Illinois has the second-highest total with 30 players hailing from the Land of Lincoln, the same amount as last season. Michigan is third with four players,

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Last Time It Happened

Safety:

By St. Norbert: vs. Knox, 9/17/16

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. Illinois College, 10/29/16 (56)

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: Alex Pasiewicz, Lake Forest, 10/1/16 (96 yards)

Interception Return for TD:

By St. Norbert: Tommy Gonzalez vs. Macalester, 11/12/16 (10 yards)

By Opponent: Ryan Winske, UW-Whitewater, 11/21/15 (19 yards)

Fumble Return for TD:

By St. Norbert: Stuart Kwaterski vs. Illinois College, 10/29/16 (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: J.T. Crosby vs. Beloit, 10/8/16 (313 yards)

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

150 Yards Receiving:

By St. Norbert: Samuel Staehling vs. Beloit, 10/8/16 (217 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

including two from the Upper Peninsula. Florida has three players, while Minnesota has two represented. The states of California, Indiana, Massachusetts and Washington are represented by one player each.

State School Snippets:

Saturday's game against UW-Stevens Point marks the 167th 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 80-78-8 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 27 times (13-13-1), UW-Milwaukee 23 times (19-4) and UW-La Crosse on 21 occasions (13-7-1).

Including the 2017 opener, St. Norbert has begun its season against a WIAC foe 16 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 20 consecutive games against the WIAC since a 25-7 win over UW-Platteville on Nov. 5, 1983 in De Pere.

Winning Ways:

St. Norbert had its 18th consecutive winning season in 2016.

The Green Knights have an all-time record of 443-285-20 in 83 years of intercollegiate football, a winning percentage of .606. In Midwest Conference play, St. Norbert has an all-time league-best record of 193-39, a winning percentage of .832.

St. Norbert has won 138 of its last 153 Midwest Conference games, a winning percentage of .902.

Quick Hitter:

* - St. Norbert is 203-12 all-time when scoring 30-or-more points and is 122-2 all-time when scoring 40-or-more points. The Green Knights' last loss when scoring at least 30 points came in a 48-34 loss at Illinois College on Oct. 8, 2011.