



St. Norbert College

Athletics Communications

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Football Preview No. 25 St. Norbert College (0-0) at Aurora Univ. (0-0) Saturday, September 7, 2019 - 1 p.m. Spartan Stadium (1,100) - Montgomery, Illinois

2019 Midwest Conference Standings

North Division	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Beloit	0	0	0	0
Lake Forest	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
Chicago	0	0	0	0
Cornell	0	0	0	0
Grinnell	0	0	0	0
Illinois College	0	0	0	0
Knox	0	0	0	0
Monmouth	0	0	0	0

Game on Thursday, Sept. 5

Lake Forest at Wisconsin Lutheran, 7 p.m.

Game on Saturday, Sept. 7

St. Norbert at Aurora, 1 p.m.

Lawrence at Grinnell, 1 p.m.

Macalester at Carleton, 1 p.m.

Wheaton at Monmouth, 1 p.m.

Augsburg at Ripon, 1 p.m.

Concordia-Chicago at Beloit, 5 p.m.

Rhodes at Illinois College, 6 p.m.

Knox at Eureka, 6 p.m.

Washington U. at Chicago, 6 p.m.

Iowa Wesleyan at Cornell, 7 p.m.

Game Overview:

St. Norbert opens the 2019 season with a trip to face future Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference colleague Aurora. The game marks the end of a two-year home-and-home series between the Green Knights and Spartans. St. Norbert joins the NACC full-time in July 2021.

Broadcast:

Live video and stats will be available at:
<https://athletics.aurora.edu/sports/2015/9/1/gameviewerfootball.aspx?id=372>

The Series:

St. Norbert leads Aurora 1-0 in an all-time series begun in the 2018 season. The Green Knights will meet the Spartans on a regular basis when St. Norbert moves to the Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference in 2021.

Last Meeting:

St. Norbert defeated Aurora 16-7 on Sept. 1, 2018 at Schneider Stadium in De Pere. The Spartans struck first for a 7-0 lead, but the Green Knights answered with a 34-yard field goal from Spenser Thompson-Meyers and a 20-yard interception return for a touchdown by Matt Gurgone for a 10-7 halftime lead. Third-quarter field goals of 38 and 21 yards off the toe of Thompson-Meyers closed out the scoring. St. Norbert outgained Aurora

2019 St. Norbert Football Schedule and Results (0-0, 0-0 MWC North)

Date	Opponent	Site	Time/Result	Quick Fact
Sept. 7	Aurora	Montgomery, Ill.	1 p.m.	SNC joins Aurora in the NACC full-time in Fall 2021
Sept. 14	UW-Eau Claire	De Pere	1 p.m.	SNC lost double-overtime affair in 2018 at Carson Park
Sept. 28	Monmouth	Monmouth, Ill.	1 p.m.	Rematch of last two MWC Championship Games
Oct. 5	Grinnell	De Pere	1 p.m.	SNC holds 18-game winning streak in series
Oct. 12	Ripon	Ripon	1 p.m.	SNC is 19-1 vs. Ripon in last 20 games in the series
Oct. 19	Beloit (HC)	De Pere	1 p.m.	St. Norbert has won 20 consecutive Homecoming games
Oct. 26	Lawrence	De Pere	1 p.m.	Green Knights have won 21 straight games over the Vikings
Nov. 2	Macalester	St. Paul, Minn.	1 p.m.	Green Knights own 2-0 record against Scots in St. Paul
Nov. 9	Lake Forest	Lake Forest, Ill.	1 p.m.	First meeting against LFC since 2016 season
Nov. 16	TBA	TBA	Noon	St. Norbert will visit South Division opponent 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:Brian Bruess
Athletics Director:Tim Bald
Conference:Midwest Conference
Facility:Donald J. Schneider Stadium
Capacity:2,454
Year Opened:2010
All-Time Schneider Stadium Record: ...37-7
Head Coach:Dan McCarty
Record at St. Norbert:34-9 (fifth year)
First Season/Seasons of Football: ...1931/85
All-Time Overall Record:460-290-20
All-Time MWC Record:203-39-0
MWC Championships:17
 ... (1985,87-89,99,2000-04,06-07,10,12-13,15,18)
NCAA Playoff Appearances:13
 ... (1989,99,2000-01,03-04,06-07,10,12-13,15,18)

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
 E x p e r i e n c e:** 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	7-3	5-0	2nd	
2018	10-2	5-0	1st	Second Rd.
Totals	34-9	22-1		

McCarty vs. MWC

Team	Overall	Home	Away
Beloit	4-0	1-0	3-0
Carroll	1-0	1-0	0-0
Chicago	2-0	1-0	1-0
Cornell	1-0	1-0	0-0
Grinnell	2-0	1-0	1-0
Illinois College	2-0	1-0	1-0
Knox	3-0	1-0	2-0
Lake Forest	1-0	1-0	0-0
Lawrence	4-0	2-0	2-0
Macalester	4-0	2-0	2-0
Monmouth	2-2	2-0	0-2
Ripon	4-0	2-0	2-0
Totals	29-2	16-0	13-2

358-164 in total offense. Drew Rhodes completed 14 of 22 passes for 118 yards, while the Green Knights rushed for 240 yards. Gavin Zimbelman completed 13 of 34 passes for 130 yards for Aurora.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Dan McCarty (UM-Duluth, 2000) is 34-9 in his fifth season in De Pere.

Aurora coach Don Beebe (Chadron State, 1989) is 0-0 in his first season in Aurora.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the 2019 season ranked No. 25 in the D3football.com Poll. The Green Knights finished 10-2 last season and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Division III Playoffs.

Sophomore running back Nate Ihlenfeldt is the Green Knights' leading rusher at 362 yards on 77 carries and two touchdowns. Sophomore running back Brandon Dudley had 313 rushing yards on 52 carries with four touchdowns. Junior wide receiver Matt Galanopoulos had 40 receptions for 375 yards and three touchdowns while also rushing 34 times for 215 yards and five scores. Senior wide receiver Samuel Staehling had 29 receptions for 469 yards and six touchdowns.

Senior defensive back Joe Peterson is St. Norbert's leading returning tackler with 39 stops while also posting four interceptions. Senior defensive lineman Kordell Draves had 38 tackles, while senior defensive back Walter McBride had 34 stops.

St. Norbert averaged 33.3 points and 359.3 yards per game last season. Defensively, the Green Knights allowed 13.1 points and 227.8 yards per game.

About the Spartans:

Aurora enters the 2019 season coming off a 5-5 overall mark while tying for second place in the Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference at 5-2.

Junior running back Tyran Bailey led the Spartans in rushing last sea-

son with 1,111 yards on 174 carries with eight touchdowns. Senior running back Connor Olson had 377 rushing yards on 80 carries with four touchdowns. Junior quarterback Gavin Zimbelman completed 152 of 278 passes for 1,809 yards with 12 touchdowns and nine interceptions. Junior wide receiver Emilio Starks caught 31 passes for 384 yards with three touchdowns.

Senior linebacker Cole Sinn led the Spartans in tackles last year with 77, while junior defensive back Casey Dycus had 50 stops and two interceptions.

Aurora averaged 24.9 points and 361.1 yards per game last season. Defensively, the Spartans allowed 20.1 points and 387.4 yards per game.

Opening Day Observations:

St. Norbert is 10-9 in its last 19 season openers. The Green Knights have won three of their last five season openers, sweeping Carthage in a home-and-home series to open the 2014 and 2015 seasons before falling to UW-Stevens Point in 2016 and 2017. St. Norbert topped Aurora in 2018.

The first four season-opening wins in the last 18 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

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Last Time It Happened

Safety:

By St. Norbert: at Beloit, 11/3/18

By Opponent: Illinois College, 9/26/15

Overtime Game:

at UW-Eau Claire, 9/8/18 (UW-Eau Claire 30, St. Norbert 23 - 2 OT)

50 Points in a Game:

By St. Norbert: at Beloit, 11/3/18 (60)

By Opponent: at UW-Whitewater, 11/24/18 (54)

Punt Return for TD:

By St. Norbert: Drew Rhodes vs. Grinnell, 9/23/17 (60 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: Matt Gurgone vs. Trine, 11/17/18 (26 yards)

By Opponent: Famus Hasty, UW-Whitewater, 11/24/18 (48 yards)

Fumble Return for TD:

By St. Norbert: Matt Gurgone vs. Trine, 11/17/18 (35 yards)

By Opponent: Danny Drummond, Benedictine, 9/9/17 (0 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: Jack Becker vs. Macalester, 10/28/17 (328 yards)

By Opponent: Ryan Sample, Benedictine, 9/9/17 (402 yards)

150 Yards Receiving:

By St. Norbert: Samuel Staehling vs. Beloit, 11/4/17 (184 yards)

By Opponent: Brandon Moore, Benedictine, 9/9/17 (181 yards)

10 Pass Receptions:

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

By Opponent: Alec Beatty, Macalester, 10/27/18 (10)

40 Yard Field Goal:

By St. Norbert: Spenser Thompson-Meyers at Beloit, 11/3/18 (50 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

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 86th year of varsity football, is 40-39-6 in season openers.

Roster Report:

St. Norbert has 116 players listed on its roster as of Sept. 2.

On the 2019 roster, 70 players are from Wisconsin. Illinois has the second-highest total with 28 players hailing from the Land of Lincoln. California is third with six players, followed by five from Michigan. Texas is represented with three players, while Florida, Georgia, Minnesota and Washington all have one apiece.

Winning Ways:

St. Norbert finished with a 20th consecutive winning season in 2018. The Green Knights' last season at-or-below .500 was a 5-5 mark in 1998.

The Green Knights have an all-time record of 460-290-20 in 83 years of intercollegiate football, a winning percentage of .610. In Midwest Conference play, St. Norbert has an all-time league-best record of 203-39, a winning percentage of .839.

St. Norbert has won 148 of its last 163 Midwest Conference games, a winning percentage of .908.

The Green Knights have won at least seven games in 19 of the last 20 seasons. The lone exception was a 6-4 campaign in 2014.

Last season was St. Norbert's sixth season with at least 10 wins. The Green Knights won a school-record 11 games in 2003 and also won 10 games in 2000, 2006, 2007 and 2015.

Quick Hitter:

* - St. Norbert is 214-13 all-time when scoring 30-or-more points and is 130-2 all-time when scoring 40-or-more points. The Green Knights' last loss when scoring at least 30 points came in a 34-33 double-overtime loss at UW-Stevens Point on Sept. 2, 2017.