



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Women's Hockey Preview

St. Norbert College (0-0) vs. No. 7 UW-Eau Claire (0-0)

Friday-Saturday, November 1-2, 2019 - 7 p.m. Fri., 3 p.m. Sat.
 Resch Olympic Pavilion (1,014) - De Pere, Wisconsin

Series Overview:

St. Norbert begins the 2019-20 season with a two-game home series against UW-Eau Claire, an NCAA Tournament participant a year ago. The weekend also marks the debut of A.J. Aitken calling the shots behind the St. Norbert bench.

Broadcast:

The games will be video streamed live online at: <https://portal.stretchinternet.com/snc/>

The Series:

UW-Eau Claire leads St. Norbert 6-2-1 in an all-time series dating back to the 2010-11 season. The Green Knights are 1-1-1 all-time in the series at Resch Olympic Pavilion. St. Norbert and Eau Claire skated to a 1-1 tie on

2019-2020 Results

Date	Opponent	Result
N 1	UW-Eau Claire (7)	7 p.m.
N 2	UW-Eau Claire (7)	3 p.m.
N 19	UW-Stevens Point	7 p.m.
N 22	at Finlandia *	6:30 p.m.
N 23	at Finlandia *	3:15 p.m.
N 26	at UW-Stevens Point	7 p.m.
D 6	at St. Scholastica *	7 p.m.
D 7	at St. Scholastica *	5 p.m.
J 3	at Hamline	5 p.m.
J 4	at Bethel	Noon
J 10	at St. Mary's	2 p.m.
J 11	at St. Mary's	2 p.m.
J 14	at Marian	8 p.m.
J 17	Concordia-Wis. *	7 p.m.
J 18	Concordia-Wis. *	3 p.m.
J 25	at Lake Forest *	7 p.m.
J 26	at Lake Forest *	2 p.m.
J 31	Marian *	7 p.m.
F 1	Marian *	7 p.m.
F 7	Trine *	7 p.m.
F 8	Trine *	3 p.m.
F 14	at Adrian *	6 p.m.
F 15	at Adrian *	2 p.m.
F 21	Aurora *	7 p.m.
F 22	Aurora *	3 p.m.
F 28-29	NCHA First Round	TBA
M 6-7	NCHA Final Three	TBA

2019-2020 NCHA Standings

Team	W-L-T	Points	Overall
Adrian	.0-0-0	.0	.0-0-0
Aurora	.0-0-0	.0	.0-0-0
Concordia-Wis.	.0-0-0	.0	.0-0-0
Finlandia	.0-0-0	.0	.0-0-0
Lake Forest	.0-0-0	.0	.0-0-0
Marian	.0-0-0	.0	.0-0-0
St. Norbert	.0-0-0	.0	.0-0-0
St. Scholastica	.0-0-0	.0	.0-0-0
Trine	.0-0-0	.0	.0-0-0

Games on Friday, Nov. 1

Concordia-Wis. at UW-Superior, 4 p.m.
 Aurora at Nichols, 5:40 p.m.
 Hamline at Adrian, 6 p.m.
 UW-Eau Claire at St. Norbert, 7 p.m.
 Finlandia at St. Catherine, 7 p.m.
 Gustavus at St. Scholastica, 7 p.m.

Games on Saturday, Nov. 2

Aurora at Nichols, 12:40 p.m.
 Finlandia at St. Catherine, 2 p.m.
 Concordia-Wis. at UW-Superior, 2 p.m.
 Lake Forest at UW-River Falls, 2 p.m.
 UW-Eau Claire at St. Norbert, 3 p.m.
 St. Thomas at St. Scholastica, 4 p.m.
 St. Mary's at Adrian, 6 p.m.

* - NCHA regular-season game. **Note:** Home games in **bold**; (rankings) by USCHO.com. All times Central.

St. Norbert Quick Facts

Nickname:Green Knights
Location:De Pere, WI 54115
Colors:Dartmouth Green & Old Gold
Founded:1898
Enrollment:2,168
President:Brian Bruess
Athletics Director:Tim Bald
Conference: .Northern Collegiate Hockey Assn.
Facility:Resch Olympic Pavilion
Capacity:1,014
Year Opened:2008
Dimensions:200x100
All-Time Home Record:60-45-11
Head Coach:A.J. Aitken
Record at St. Norbert:0-0-0 (first year)
Assistant Coaches:Lauren Roethlisberger
Clay Van Diest, Brandon Erkkila
First Season of Hockey:2010-11
Seasons of Hockey:10
All-Time Overall Record:115-107-24
All-Time NCHA Record:83-69-19
NCHA Playoffs Championships:One
(2013)
NCAA Tournament Appearances:One
(2013)

Head Coach A.J. Aitken

Education: Bachelor's degree in business administration from Michigan Technological University (2000).

Collegiate Coaching Experience: Associate head men's hockey coach at St. Norbert (2003 to 2012); Head men's hockey coach at Marian (2012 to 2015); Associate head men's

hockey coach at St. Norbert (2015 to 2017); Head women's hockey coach at St. Norbert (June 19, 2019 to present).



Aitken's Head Coaching Record

Year	Overall	NCHA	Place	NCAA
2019-20	0-0-0	0-0-0		
Totals	0-0-0	0-0-0		

Aitken vs. NCHA

Team	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
Adrian	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Aurora	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Concordia-Wis.	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Finlandia	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Marian	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Lake Forest	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
St. Scholastica	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Trine	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Totals	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0

Dec. 8, 2017 in the last game played in the series at Resch Olympic Pavilion.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach A.J. Aitken (Michigan Tech, 2000) is 0-0 in his first season in De Pere. He was 39-37-4 in three seasons leading the men's program at Marian.

UW-Eau Claire coach Erik Strand (UW-Eau Claire, 2002) is 67-35-12 in his fifth season in Eau Claire.

Last Season:

UW-Eau Claire swept St. Norbert 3-0 and 7-0 on Dec. 7-8, 2019 at Hobbs Ice Center in Eau Claire. The Blugolds entered the series ranked No. 10 in the USCHO.com Division III Poll.

Eau Claire scored three first-period goals in the opener to take control, while KJ Wallace scored in the second period for St. Norbert. Anais Aurard made 51 saves for the Green Knights, while Erin Connolly turned away nine shots for Eau Claire.

Courtney Wittig scored two goals for the Blugolds in the second game as the host scored three goals in each of the first two periods. Connolly made 12 saves for the Blugolds, while Aurard made 38 stops for St. Norbert.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the season after going 7-17-3 overall and 6-9-3 in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association a year ago. The Green Knights return three of their top seven scorers from last season.

Senior forward Libbie Doney is the top returning leading scorer after netting five goals and nine assists for 14 points last season. Senior forward Lisa Lenell had three goals and six assists for nine points, while junior defenseman Libby Barbato had two goals and seven assists for nine points. Sophomore defenseman Liisa Cramer had one goal and five assists for six points.

Junior goaltender Anais Aurard was 5-15-2 with a 3.59 goals against average and .889 save percentage.

St. Norbert was 11-for-111 (9.9 percent) on the power play last season and was 80-for-99 (80.8 percent) on the penalty kill.

About the Blugolds:

UW-Eau Claire enters the season ranked No. 7 in the USCHO.com Division III Poll. The Blugolds finished 21-6-2 last season, advancing to the NCAA Division III Tournament quarterfinals. Eau Claire returns four of its top seven scores from that team.

Senior forward Elizabeth Bauer had 10 goals and 28 assists for 38 points last season, while junior forward Hannah Zavoral had 11 goals and eight assists for 19 points. Junior defenseman Morgan Zirbel had seven goals and 11 assists for 18 points, while senior defenseman Sami Meister had three goals and 14 assists for 17 points.

Senior goaltender Erin Connolly finished 18-4-2 last season with a 1.50 goals against average and .925 save percentage.

Eau Claire was 33-for-137 (24.1 percent) on the power play last season and was 112-for-124 (90.3 percent) on the penalty kill.

Season Openers:

St. Norbert is 6-3 all-time in season openers entering its tenth season of women's ice hockey.

The Green Knights have opened against a Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference foe in eight of their first nine seasons, going 5-3 in those matchups.

This weekend's series marks the first time St. Norbert will open its season against a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference foe.

Captains' Log:

St. Norbert coach A.J. Aitken has announced his three captains for the 2019-20 season.

Senior forwards Libbie Doney and Lisa Lenell as well as junior goaltender Anais Aurard will all wear an "A" as assistant captains this season.