

St. Norbert College Volleyball Notes - 2008 NCAA Regional

* - St. Norbert College is making its fifth appearance in the NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Tournament. The Green Knights are 2-4 all-time in the NCAA Tournament. St. Norbert advanced to the second round of a 32-team tournament in 1993, defeating UW-Whitewater 8-15, 15-11, 7-15, 15-12, 15-13 before losing to Benedictine (Ill.) 4-15, 18-16, 15-12, 15-7. In 2002, St. Norbert defeated Lakeland in the first round 30-27, 24-30, 30-23, 30-22 before dropping a second-round match to Elmhurst 31-33, 30-28, 30-27, 28-30, 12-15. In 2004, St. Norbert lost to UW-La Crosse 30-27, 30-16, 30-26 in a first-round match. In 2005, UW-Platteville defeated St. Norbert 30-19, 30-23, 30-17.

* - St. Norbert is 30-3 entering the NCAA Division III Tournament, the fifth time in the last seven years it has posted a 30-win season. The Green Knights were 32-9 in 2002, 30-9 in 2003, 31-9 in 2004 and 30-7 in 2005. The five 30-win seasons are the only 30-win seasons in any sport for St. Norbert.

* - St. Norbert last faced Carthage on Sept. 17, 2005 at the Ripon College Tournament, losing to the Lady Reds 3-0. The Green Knights beat Carthage 3-2 on Sept. 4, 2004 at the Benedictine University Tournament.

* - St. Norbert is 4-3 against the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin this season. St. Norbert is 2-1 against North Central, 0-2 against Elmhurst, 1-0 against Wheaton and 1-0 against North Park. All three matches against North Central, the CCIW runner-up to Carthage, were five-set matches. St. Norbert had five-set and three-set losses to Elmhurst. The win over Wheaton came in four sets and the triumph over North Park was a five-set affair.

* - St. Norbert is 3-0 against the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference this season. St. Norbert defeated UW-River Falls twice, once in five sets and then in three sets. The Green Knights also topped UW-Stevens Point in four sets.

* - St. Norbert head coach Bethani Thibodeau (St. Norbert, 1998) is in her first season in De Pere. Thibodeau was a volleyball and basketball standout at St. Norbert and prior to returning to her alma mater was the head volleyball coach at Green Bay Notre Dame High School for eight years.

* - As of the Oct. 26 NCAA Division III national statistical rankings, St. Norbert is fourth in blocks per set at 2.95 per set. The Green Knights were 11th nationally in winning percentage (.897) and 45th in hitting percentage (.235).

* - Individually, senior Joanna Mamayek was ninth in blocks per set at 1.35 and was tenth in hitting percentage at .386. Sophomore Sarah Sulentic was 41st in blocks per set at 1.14.