

NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Championship • Oshkosh Regional

St. Norbert College Notes

St. Norbert College is making its sixth appearance in the NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Tournament. The Green Knights are 2-5 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. In 2008, St. Norbert lost in a five-set classic to Carthage College 26-24, 23-25, 25-21, 17-25, 15-6.

St. Norbert is 24-9 entering the NCAA Division III Tournament. Five times in the last eight years it has posted a 30-win season. The Green Knights were 32-9 in 2002, 30-9 in 2003, 31-9 in 2004, 30-7 in 2005 and 30-4 in 2008. The five 30-win seasons are the only 30-win seasons in any sport for St. Norbert.

St. Norbert is 1-4 against the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference this season. St. Norbert defeated UW-Superior on Sept. 5 in four sets. The Green Knights lost to UW-Whitewater in three sets on Oct. 23 and UW-Platteville in three sets on Sept. 25. St. Norbert has lost twice to UW-Oshkosh, both times in four sets, on Sept. 16 and Sept. 26.

St. Norbert is 1-5 against this year's NCAA Tournament field. The Green Knights topped Lakeland in three sets on Sept. 5, and have lost to UW-Oshkosh (twice), UW-Whitewater, UW-Platteville and Simpson.

St. Norbert head coach Bethani Thibodeau (St. Norbert, 1998) is in her second season in De Pere with a record of 54-13. 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.