

Strong Second Half Pushes Men's Basketball Past Redhawks

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The Green Knight Men's Basketball Team faced off against the Ripon Redhawks on Wednesday Nov. 20. The game took place at Weiske Gymnasium located in Ripon, Wisconsin. Despite a slow start, the Green Knights came back and secured a 67-59 win over the Redhawks.

The Redhawks dominated the first half of the game. They started the half with two successful three pointers and a layup that put them up 8-0. The Green Knights eventually got on the board with a layup and a free throw, but the Redhawks continued to rack up the points. They scored seven unanswered points, giving them a 15-3 lead over the Green Knights. Although the Green Knight offense started to pick up, the Redhawks never slowed down. At one point, they had a 14 point lead over the Green Knights. Toward the end of the half, the Green Knights were able to chip away at the Redhawk's lead and went into the second half trailing by eight.

The Green Knights flipped the script to start the second half. They scored 10 unanswered points to take a two point lead over the Redhawks. A jumper by the Redhawks tied the score 38-38, but after that, the Green Knights would keep the lead for the rest of the game. The Green Knights continued to dominate the half, going up by as many as nine points. Despite their efforts, the Redhawks were never able to battle all the way back. The Green Knights were only up by two points with less than a minute left in the game, but six unanswered points gave them a comfortable win.

Jamison Nickolai ('25) led the Green Knight offense with 12 points, followed by Aidan Harrington ('25) with 11 points, and Connor Pytleski ('27) with 10 points. Additionally, Brandt Wilson ('25) led the team with three blocks and nine rebounds. With this win, the Green Knights improved their overall record to 2-0. The Green Knights returned to practice to prepare for their next game against Lakeland University on Tuesday Nov. 26, 2024.