

Men's Basketball Wins NACC Tournament

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After an 83-72 win over Aurora University and a 76-73 win over Milwaukee School of Engineering, the Green Knights, St. Norbert College's Men's Basketball team, went on to face the Wisconsin Lutheran Warriors in the NACC Tournament championship game on Sunday, Mar. 2nd. After a close first half, the Green Knights pulled ahead and secured a 70-52 win over the Warriors.

The Warriors got on the board first and took a slight lead to start the first half, but the Green Knights were able to hang with them. Just over six minutes into the game, the score was tied 9-9, and the Green Knights jumped out to a sizable lead. Four unanswered layups and a free throw gave the Green Knights a 18-9 lead. The Warriors, however, responded with two free throws and two three pointers to trail by only one point. The Green Knights were able to gain another comfortable eight point lead, but once again, the Warriors chipped away at the score. By the end of the first half, the Warriors flipped the score and led the Green Knights 36-31.

The Green Knights struck first in the second half and began chipping away at the Warriors' lead. Just over five minutes into the second half, the Green Knights went up 42-41 and hung onto the

lead for the rest of the half. Despite the Warriors' efforts, the Green Knights dominated the rest of the half, going up by as many as 18 points. The Green Knights ended up finishing with a huge 70-52 win over the Warriors.

With this win, the Green Knights earned the title of 2025 NACC Tournament Champions and punched their ticket to the NCAA Division III Tournament. In this game, Jamison Nickolai ('25) led the Green Knights with 21 points, followed by Brandt Wilson ('25) who scored 16 and Garrett Grzesk ('25) who scored 12. Additionally, Nickolai was named the NACC Tournament Most Valuable Player, with Wilson and Grzesk also both being named to the All-Tournament Team. The Green Knights returned to practice in preparation for their next game against Carthage College in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on Friday, Mar. 7.

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