

St. Norbert Football Team Crushes Cougars in Big Homecoming Win

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The St. Norbert Green Knights played their annual homecoming game against the Concordia Chicago Cougars on Saturday Oct. 19, 2024. The matchup took place at Donald J. Schneider Stadium located in De Pere, Wisconsin. The Green Knights secured a big homecoming victory, winning 62-0.

The Cougars won the coin toss and chose to receive to start the first quarter. The Green Knight Defense forced them to go three and out in a drive that lasted only 59 seconds. It was then the Green Knights' turn with the ball. The Green Knight offense quickly worked their way down the field, scoring a touchdown. Peyton Lyon ('26) completed a pass to Mitch Van Vooren ('25), and Mason Levake ('27) kicked the extra point to make the score 7-0 in favor of the Green Knights.

The next two drives were a repeat of the first two. The Cougars went three and out, and the Green Knights made their way down the field for a touchdown. Once again, it was Van Vooren with the reception. The Green Knights scored two more touchdowns before the end of the first quarter, making the score 28-0. Van Vooren had another touchdown reception, and Patrick Oden ('25) had a rushing touchdown.

The start of the second quarter was slow for both teams, but it did not take long for the Green Knights to score again—and once they got one touchdown, they got two more. The first one was another reception by Van Vooren, the second one was another rushing touchdown by Oden, and the third one was a long touchdown pass to Bailey Turenne ('26). The first half finished with the Green Knights leading 49-0.

The Green Knights had possession to start the second half. They slowly made their way down the field, and despite not getting another touchdown, were able to make their way into field goal territory. Tyler Juergensen ('27) made the 37 yard field goal attempt to put the Green Knights up 52-0. Before the end of the third quarter, the Green Knights had another long-lasting

drive that would result in another field goal—this time a 32 yard attempt from Juergensen. The third quarter finished out with the Green Knights leading 55-0.

The fourth quarter started out with the Green Knights in possession of the ball. Their first drive would result in a touchdown that put them up 62-0. This time it was Chase Cassel ('25) passing to Hunter Thiel ('27). The rest of the quarter finished out with no scoring from either team.

Overall, the game was full of strong offense and strong defense for the Green Knights. The Green Knight offense had eight touchdowns and two field goals to put up 62 points. On the flip side, the Green Knight defense shut out the Cougar offense and forced them to have multiple three and out drives.

The big homecoming win improved the Green Knight's overall record to 4-3 and conference record to 4-1. The Green Knights are currently ranked second in the Northern Athletic Collegiate Conference. The Green Knights returned to practice in preparation for their next game against Wisconsin Lutheran College on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024.