

Green Knights' Magical Ride to a Conference Championship Cut Short by Warriors

The Saint Norbert College Green Knights women's basketball team had their hopes for a conference championship during the NACC tournament shot down in the fourth quarter of Sunday's championship game in Milwaukee vs. Wisconsin Lutheran. The Warriors, who suffered their first and so far the only loss of the season so far at the hands of the Green Knights a few weeks ago, bested St. Norbert 51-43 to win the NACC. The Green Knights were tied with WLC heading into that fourth quarter but had a rough outing offensively as they shot 2 for 10 from the field and went 0 for 3 from 3 point range. Overall, The Green Knights show 5 of 22 from the field in the game, just under 23 percent. SNC was led offensively by seniors Mary Cravillion and Jessica Boerner, both with 11 points. "At the start of the conference season, we were picked to finish in the middle of the pack, so even making it to the conference championship was an accomplishment in itself. Just by being there and challenging the #1 team in the conference, we were able to prove a lot of people wrong" said Cravillion, whose career has come to a bittersweet end. "Although the outcome was not what we had hoped, being able to hold our ground against WLC and give them their first loss earlier in the season speaks volumes to the hard work my teammates and I put in this season. Win or lose, I am beyond proud of this team."

It is only fitting that these two teams battled for the conference championship this weekend, as they were #1 and #2 in the conference seedings. Furthermore, Wisconsin Lutheran was ranked #20 in the NCAA Division III women's basketball top-25 rankings, according to d3hoops.com.

St. Norbert College endured a treacherous bracket to get to the championship game with wins against Rockford University in the quarterfinal round, and a win against Benedictine University in the semi-final round. Both of those wins came at home for St. Norbert, which they

earned after a first-round bye in the conference tournament. “SNC played clean all-game and are really looking strong going into the championship game,” said St. Norbert College Junior, Caden Uhlenbrock after the narrow 54-51 victory over Benedictine on Friday night, “I hope for the best for them moving forward.” Caden’s simple yet positive outlook for SNC women’s basketball was all for not as SNC’s magical ride has come to end.