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Question:

Dear Abbot Pennings,

You referred to the St. Norbert school colors in last month's letter. What is the origin of the Green and Gold – did we take them from the Packers?

Brian Bunkelman '94

Answer:

Thanks for asking, Brian. I was hoping someone would follow up on the subject since this is one of the most misunderstood facts about Green Knight athletics.

St. Norbert's school colors were originally Dartmouth green and white, with gold. In 1931, to differentiate between the high school and the College, the high school (later known as Abbot Pennings High School) was given the green and white, while the college adopted Dartmouth green and light old gold. It is important to note that the Green Bay Packers didn't adopt the green and gold until Vince Lombardi ordered it in 1959!

Responses to "Ask the Abbot" questions are penned by St. Norbert College staff in the name of Abbot Bernard Pennings, O.Praem., who founded St. Norbert College in 1898.



Ask the Abbot

As the founder of St. Norbert College, and having a prime seat in the center of campus throughout the years, I, Abbot Bernard Pennings, hold the answers to many of your burning questions about the college.

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