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The Green Knights prepare to storm the Emerald Isle

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Overseas football game will draw 400 Green Knight fans to Dublin

Hundreds of alumni and friends of the college will fly to Dublin to watch St. Norbert take on Ohio's John Carroll University on Aug. 31 in the Global Ireland Football Tournament (GIFT).

The Green Knight faithful will cross the Atlantic to support the football contingent from the college, made up of 106 players, coaches and staff.

"St. Norbert is so fortunate that our student-athletes can experience this unique opportunity," says **Tim Bald** (Athletics). "Not only will they be able to experience international travel and life in another culture, but our football players will be able to participate in the sport they love. Not many student-athletes at any level are afforded this unique experience."

When the game gets underway at Donnybrook Stadium on the evening of Aug. 31, it will be the first regular season NCAA Division III football matchup played in Europe since 1992.

St. Norbert has been designated the home team, an advantage it won based on the number of fans from each school attending the game. Director of athletics fundraising **Don Maslinski '63** says there is potential for 400 alumni and fans of the Green Knights to make the trip to Ireland.

"Our players are excited, they are emotional, and they are looking forward to this once-in-a-lifetime adventure," says head football coach **Jim Purtill**. "We are grateful to the administration and to the board of trustees for their support towards this trip. The program, the players, the coaches and the support staff are all working diligently to make sure that we represent St. Norbert College in a fashion that will make our college, our community, our fans and our alumni very proud."

If you can't make the trip, you can watch St. Norbert take on John Carroll [live online](#) starting at 1:30 p.m. CST. An associated fee of \$19.95 gives you access to live broadcasts of all six GIFT games. The broadcasts will be available for online viewing until Dec. 1.

You can also follow the action via [blog post](#) by **Mike Counter** (Communications). As a member of the St. Norbert contingent, Counter will be writing about his experiences and posting photos of the Green Knights while in Dublin.

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