

Men's Soccer



2009–10



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About the Program

- Luther is consistently ranked in the national top 20.
- The Norse have won six of 13 conference titles.
- Luther has qualified for the NCAA Division III National Tournament five times, twice reaching the quarterfinals.
- Luther has a record of 83–23–3 versus conference opponents, posting a winning record every year except three during 20 years of varsity soccer.

- Luther holds the NCAA Division III record for consecutive conference wins.
- Luther is the only NCAA Division III team to ever win two different regional titles (Far West and Central).
- Thirty-eight student-athletes have received academic all-conference honors.
- A lit complex with spectator seating makes the Luther field one of the best in the region.



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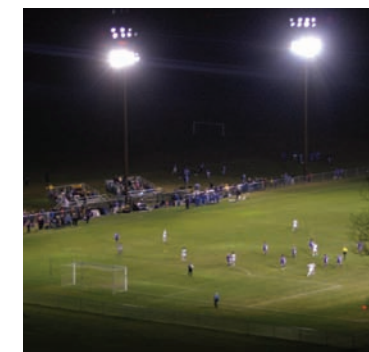
- Second year as head coach
- Prior to taking over the Norse program, Garcia-Prats was the assistant men's soccer coach and recruiting coordinator for Trinity University for six years, one of the top NCAA Division III programs in the country, making six NCAA tournament appearances and three semifinal appearances, winning the national championship in 2003, and finishing second in 2007.
- Since 2004, Garcia-Prats has also been a head coach for the Classics Elite Soccer Academy in San Antonio and an Olympic Development Program state coach for the South Texas region.
- While wearing a Trinity uniform, Garcia-Prats started 86 of 87 games of his soccer career and served as team captain as a junior and senior.
- All four years Garcia-Prats was awarded Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference all-conference honors; he was an NSCAA All-Region selection in 2000. He played on two SCAC championship teams, two NCAA National Tournament teams that advanced to the quarterfinals, and three that reached the regional finals. During this four-year stretch, Trinity University posted a record of 74–10–2.

Program Snapshot

Soccer at Luther has flourished since its start in 1989. The team has been consistently ranked in the Far West Region and among the top 20 teams nationally. The Norse have dominated the Iowa Conference, capturing six conference championships. Six players have been named conference Most Valuable Player, 10 players have been selected to the NSCAA All-Region team, and numerous players have been selected to the all-conference team. During the 2002 season, Luther made its fifth trip to the NCAA Division III National Tournament. In 1998 and 2001 the Norse advanced to the NCAA National Quarterfinals and received a top 10 final ranking.

A competitive 22-game schedule, top-notch facilities, and a passionate and knowledgeable coaching staff make Luther a great place to continue your soccer career and have an opportunity to play for a national title. Three practice fields and a separate grass game field with lights, scoreboard, dug-outs, and spectator seating provide some of the best facilities and environment in the Midwest.

The foundation of our program will be talented, hard-working players driven to succeed. The competitive environment and high standards within the program provide our players an opportunity to continuously improve and develop over the course of their four years. Luther soccer players will be stretched to their full potential.



A lit soccer complex allows Luther to host night matches.

