

# Men's Basketball



2009–10



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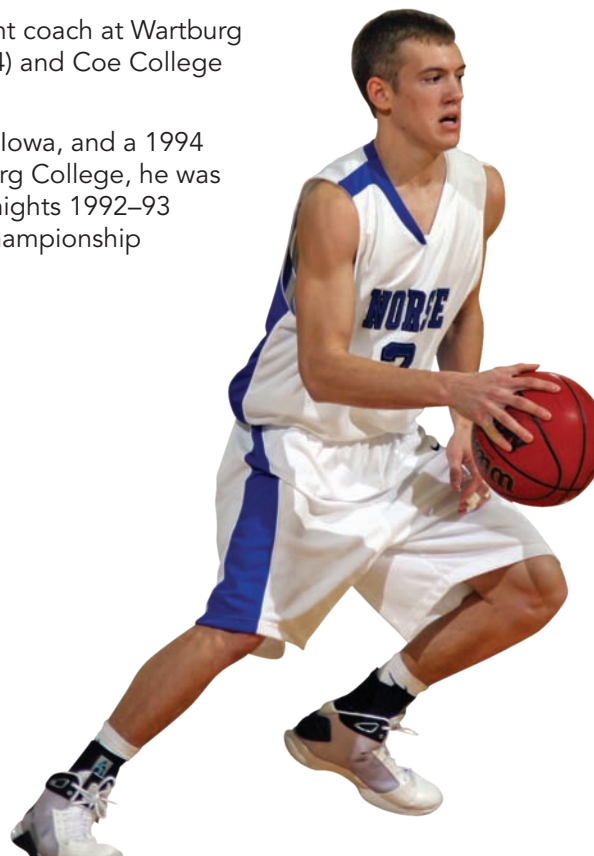
## About the Program

- The Norse have won seven conference championships.
- The Norse have appeared in two NAIA and three NCAA Division III national tournaments.
- Fifty players have been named to all-conference teams, including two conference MVPs.

### MARK FRANZEN, HEAD COACH

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- Fourth season as head coach
- Only the sixth coach to lead Luther's program since 1924
- Took over Norse basketball program after serving two years as head coach at Nebraska Wesleyan University, an independent NCAA Division III institution
- Formerly an assistant coach at Wartburg College (1998–2004) and Coe College (1996–98)
- A native of Denver, Iowa, and a 1994 graduate of Wartburg College, he was a member of the Knights 1992–93 Iowa Conference championship team



## Program Snapshot

The Norse are anxious for the 2009–10 campaign to begin. "Our returning players have worked hard in the off-season, and they are ready to take the next step in the building process. Also, our third recruiting class has arrived on campus, and we are excited about the contributions they will make to the program over the course of the next four years," states Head Coach Mark Franzen. "Our program will be unselfish on the offensive end and will strive to play great defense each and every night."

The Norse play a top-notch schedule featuring some of the elite NCAA Division III teams in the country. The team has a tradition of traveling out of state—to California, Texas, and Washington—to compete in tournaments throughout the year.

Luther's facilities are some of the finest in the Midwest—four hardwood floors, 24 baskets, and two synthetic courts provide not only an optimal place to work out but also a consistent 4:00–6:00 p.m. practice time.

The basketball program also promotes its successful junior varsity program, which helps develop high school players into solid Iowa Conference performers.