About the Program

• 2015 Iowa Conference Tournament champions—advanced to the second round of the NCAA III National Tournament
• Seven conference championships and eight seasons with 20-plus wins
• Forty-nine all-conference honors, including three conference MVPs

AMANDA BAILEY, HEAD COACH
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• Fifth year as head coach; eighth year with the Norse program
• Three-time all-conference player
• Two-time WBCA Kodak All-American
• Division III National Player of the Year in 2005
• 2005 graduate of UW-Stevens Point
• Holds master’s degree in general education from UW-Stevens Point (2007)

DAVID FOLEY, ASSISTANT COACH
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• Fourth year with the Norse program
• 2009 graduate of Hendrix College
• Holds master’s degree in Sport Administration from Central Michigan University

Philosophy

After coming off of a 23-6 finish last season, the 2015–16 Luther College women’s basketball team is looking forward to continuing the pursuit of excellence. We practice and play with GRIT (Guts, Resilience, Intensity, and Toughness). The Norse will return three starters, including Iowa Conference MVP and Co-Defensive Player of the Year Moran Lonning and second team all-conference selection Kylie Romeo. This team will play a competitive regular season schedule of 25 games that includes 11 non-conference games against teams throughout the Midwest Region.

Defense is strongly emphasized in our program. We play 40 minutes of full-court pressure, forcing opponents to play a fast-paced game. The Norse will look to push the ball on offense, taking advantage of their quickness and athleticism. In the half court, the team plays an uncomplicated passing game, working together to gain an advantage. Creative movement combined with good shot selection has been the key to the team’s success.

As coaches, our goal is to assist each athlete in developing the confidence to perform at her highest level. Our team’s focus is commitment on the court and in the classroom. We believe that you either have it or you don’t, and our players have it! At Luther, we provide a positive learning environment that inspires each athlete to pursue excellence and achieve her dreams and goals.
Outstanding Athletics Facilities

Outdoor Facilities
• Carlson Stadium—5,000 seats; football field; eight-lane, 400-meter polyurethane-surface track with two directional approaches for pole vault and all jumping events; two shot put circles; discus/hammer cage; and multi-directional javelin-throwing areas
• Twelve tennis courts adjacent to Carlson Stadium
• Irrigated practice facilities and soccer-only stadium equipped with dugouts, stadium seating with a capacity of 500, perimeter fencing, and lighting for night matches
• Irrigated baseball and softball diamonds with seating capacity of 500
• 2.5-mile on-campus fitness trail allowing home cross country meets
• Chipping and putting green with adjacent driving range

Indoor Facilities
• Three full-sized basketball courts with seating capacity of 3,000; also used for volleyball and wrestling competitions
• 4,250-square-foot Paul Solberg Wrestling Complex
• New state-of-the-art, 25-yard, eight-lane pool with separate one-meter and three-meter diving well
• 200-meter, six-lane polyurethane-surface track, with easily accessible elevated walkway allowing for up to 400 spectators
• Six tennis courts
• Year-round training facility for baseball, softball, soccer, tennis, and football
• 10,000-square-foot Legends Fitness for Life Center featuring cardiovascular-conditioning machines, free weights, weight machines, climbing wall, computer lab, and social area

Over a Century of Athletic Excellence
• 232 IIAC championships won by Luther
• 162 men’s championships
• 70 women’s championships
• 110 NCAA Division III national tournament appearances
• 22 Men’s All-Sport Championships
• 8 Women’s All-Sport Championships
• 19 varsity sports—largest sponsorship in the IIAC
• 28 individual national champions
• 321 All-America Honors
• 38 NCAA Postgraduate Scholars
• 58 CoSIDA Academic All-Americans
• 1,800 All-Academic honors earned since 1993 (3.5 GPA or higher on 4.0 scale)

Luther Quick Facts
• Four-year liberal arts college affiliated with the Lutheran church (ELCA)
• National affiliation: NCAA Division III
• Conference affiliation: Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

Luther Quality
• Our retention rate is the highest in the Iowa Conference.
• 12:1 student/faculty ratio
• A Phi Beta Kappa chapter recognizes academic excellence. (Few colleges in the United States can claim this distinction.)

Luther Students
• Luther has 2,400 full-time undergraduate students from 40 states and 61 countries—the largest student body in the Iowa Conference.
• Luther is not a suitecase college—nearly all of our students live on campus and stay over the weekends, engaging in numerous campus activities.

Luther Education
• Luther delivers a liberal arts education, teaching critical-thinking and lifelong-learning skills.
• All Luther students participate in distinctive, hands-on learning: internships, research, study abroad, student teaching, or service learning.
• Luther graduates have excellent placement rates—about 98 percent of graduates are employed, enrolled in graduate school, or engaged in an internship or volunteer service within eight months of graduation.

Luther Financial Aid
• Ninety-eight percent of students receive financial assistance.

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