

# TREVECCA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

## Men's Soccer

### History

In the fall of 1991, Trevecca Nazarene College added men's soccer under the direction of Head Coach, **Jon Curtis** and Assistant Coach, Seung Lee. With soccer becoming such a popular sport in the United States, it seemed only logical for TNC to begin this program. The team consisted of several current Trevecca students who had been participating in a club soccer program. Coach Curtis recruited several new players that added fresh new talent to the team. Since Trevecca didn't have a soccer field, games were played at the NYSA soccer fields off Harding Road. Unfortunately, after one year, newly elected President of Trevecca, Dr. Millard Reed, cancelled the soccer program due to financial reasons.

Nine years later (Fall of 2000), both men's and women's soccer was revived at Trevecca under the leadership of Athletic Director Alan Smith. While a state-of-the-art soccer complex was being built for the new teams, they played their home games at the NYSA soccer fields that first season. **Dr. Stan Herod**, a returning missionary from Guatemala, was hired to coach both teams. For the four years he coached men's soccer, Tim Betts was his assistant coach. A lot of players were recruited from South America over the years. By his last year, the team had a winning record of 10-7-1. Mariano Monzu, from Argentina and on the 2003 team, was named Trevecca's first NAIA All American Honorable Mention.

**Jeff Carr** joined the coaching staff in the fall of 2004. By his second year, Mark Foster, from Ireland, was named Freshman of the Year in the TranSouth Conference. In 2005, Calvin da Cunha, from Ontario, Canada, was named NAIA All American Honorable Mention. The NAIA Champions of Character Award was given to the 2006 team. Calvin da Cunha made the TranSouth All Conference 1st Team for the second consecutive year. Mark Foster was named to the TranSouth All Conference 2nd Team. Foster reached the pinnacle of his career as a senior in 2008 under Carr, when he became the first player in program history to garner TranSouth Player of the Year honors. In 2008, the team won its first postseason match. A first round win in the TranSouth Tournament. Though the 2008 team didn't set the record for wins, they did have a very successful run over the last half of the season. Jeff Carr announced his resignation following the season to take a job with a junior college in Florida.

**Danny Leavy** was hired as the fourth men's soccer coach in program history. Leavy produced a 6-10-1 record at Trevecca his first season, 2009-2010.

After starting the season 2-8-1, Leavy guided his team on a four match win streak. His team produced a pair of second team All-TranSouth performers and seven TranSouth Scholar-Athletes. He had one NAIA Scholar-Athlete and had the TranSouth Defender of the Week twice.