

Illinois Wesleyan University 2008-09 Men's Basketball

Name of school – Illinois Wesleyan University
City/Zip – Bloomington, IL 61702
Founded – 1850
Enrollment – Approximately 2,100
Nickname – Titans
School Colors – Green and White
Arena Name – Shirk Center
Capacity – 2,680
Affiliation – NCAA Division III
Conference – College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin
President – Richard F. Wilson
Alma Mater, Year – Alderson-Broadus, 1968
Athletics Director – Dennie Bridges
Alma Mater, Year – Illinois Wesleyan, 1961
Athletic Dept. Phone – (309) 556-3196
Athletic Dept. Fax – (309) 556-3484
Athletic Trainer – Bill Kauth
Web Site – www.iwu.edu

Coaching Staff

Head coach – Ron Rose
Alma Mater, Year – Illinois Wesleyan, 1988
Record at School, Years – 27-25, two seasons
Career Record, Years – 27-25, two seasons
CCIW Record, Years – 13-15, two seasons
Basketball Office Phone – (309) 556-3340
Best time to reach coach – Before 4 p.m.
Assistant Coaches – David Steinbrueck, Chris Jones,
Andrew Gilmore, Mike Salkeld

History

First Year of Basketball – 1909-10
Overall all-time record – 1447-814 (.640)
No. yrs. in NCAA Tournament/Last – 18/2006
Last postseason opponent – Amherst
Result – Win, 71-68
High Finishes – IWU was national champion in 1997; IWU placed third in 1996, 2001, and 2006

Team information

Overall record last year – 16-11
Conference record/finish – 9-5, 2nd (tie)
Starters returning/lost: – 4/1
Letterwinners returning/lost – 11/4
Preseason D3hoops.com – 18th
Preseason CCIW Coaches Poll – 4th

Sports Information

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Returning Starters

BRETT CHAMERNIK, 6-5, SR, NAPERVILLE, ILL. (LISLE BENET ACADEMY)

Points: 27 (vs Webster), 10.8/game

Rebounds: 10 (at Wheaton), 5.4/game

Assists: 3 (vs Webster), 0.7/game

Double figure scoring: 15 games

Double figure rebounding: 1 game

Led team scoring: 6 games

Led team rebounding: 7 games

AT IWU – Has earned two letters... Showed improvement in strength and defensive ability that gave him plenty of playing time last season... 2007-08: Started all 27 games for the Titans last season, providing veteran leadership for talented underclassmen... Led the team in field goal pct. (.588), was second in rebounding (5.4/game) and was third in scoring (10.8/game)... Looks to improve upon his interior passing skills and free-throw percentage (.589) as the Titans lone returning interior starter... 2006-07: Averaged 6.0 minutes per game in 24 contests and scored 37 points with 29 boards... Had game highs of nine points (Millikin), eight rebounds (in season opener vs. Clarke) and one assist (three games)... 2005-06: Averaged one minute per game in three varsity games as freshman but registered no statistics... Averaged 13.1 points for junior varsity team and scored high of 21 vs. alumni team

SEAN DWYER, 5-11, JR, ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, ILL. (HERSEY HS)

Points: 11 (2 games), 5.5/game

Rebounds: 6 (vs North Park), 2.2/game

Assists: 6 (vs Wheaton), 1.2/game

Double figure scoring: 3 games

Double figure rebounding: 0

Led team scoring: 0

Led team rebounding: 1 game

AT IWU – Has earned one letter... Hard working, good leader... 2007-08: Missed the first eight games last season recovering from ongoing foot problems... Became a starter the last eleven games, primarily as a defensive stopper and secondary ball-handler... Had a .403 field goal percentage and shot .462 percent from long range, good for first on the team among players with more than 25 attempts... Looks to become more of a dynamic offensive threat for Wesleyan next season... One of

only four upperclassmen returning for the Titans next season... 2006-07: Was injured in IWU's second game at UW-Whitewater (broken foot) and missed the rest of the season... Had four points, four rebounds and three assists in season opener vs. Clarke.

SEAN JOHNSON, 6-1, SO, WASHINGTON, ILL. (HS)

Points: 25 (at Elmhurst), 11.6/game

Rebounds: 5 (2 games), 2.5/game

Assists: 7 (2 games), 2.7/game

Double figure scoring: 15 games

Double figure rebounding: 0

Led team scoring: 8 games

Led team rebounding: 1 game

AT IWU: Has earned one letter... 2007-08: Shooting guard who started freshman season playing the point as a result of other players' injuries... Started all of the Titans' 27 games last season and was an emotional leader on the court... Shot .397 percent from the field and .375 percent from beyond the three point line... Looks to improve free-throw percentage (.645) in order to become a top scoring threat in the CCIW next season... Was a third team all-CCIW selection, finished with 312 points, the 10th highest total for a freshman at IWU and his 60 3-point field goals is tied for 11th most in a Wesleyan season

TRAVIS ROSENKRANZ, 6-0, SO, MACON, ILL. (MERIDIAN HS)

Points: 20 (2 games), 9.6/game

Rebounds: 7 (at Augustana), 2.9/game

Assists: 8 (vs North Central), 3.3/game

Double figure scoring: 12 games

Double figure rebounding: 0

Led team scoring: 3 games:

Led team rebounding: 1 game

AT IWU: Has earned one letter... Legitimate point guard who is an outstanding ballhandler and passer... 2007-08: Set back by stress fracture in back preseason... Started 24 games for Wesleyan this past season, leading the team in assists (3.3/game), while shooting .750 from the free-throw line, a mark that was second on the squad... Looks to improve on field goal percentage (.369) and 3-point field goal percentage (.241) for the upcoming season

Key Newcomers

ERIC MCCULLOUGH, 6-9, FR, NORMAL, ILL. (UNIVERSITY HIGH HS)

AT ILLINOIS WESLEYAN: Will help fill a great need for the undersized Titans... Described as a "long and athletic player, with great timing that really enhances his ability to block shots and rebound"...HIGH SCHOOL: Averaged 13.3 points, 6.2 rebounds and 3.4 blocks for a 17-11 U-High team that placed second in the Corn Belt Conference...Earned Pantagraph All-Area and Corn Belt Conference first team honors

JORDAN ZIMMER, 6-4, FR, DELAVAN, ILL. (HS)

AT ILLINOIS WESLEYAN: As a long, tall wing, he will give the Titans a lot of versatility, especially with defensive matchups...Fantastic shooter, with various offensive skills that should help him earn playing time this year behind returning starter Sean Johnson...HIGH SCHOOL: Averaged 23.0 points, 4.1 rebounds, 3.1 assists and 1.7 steals as a senior to help Delavan to a school record for victories in a 28-4 season...Led the Pantagraph area in 3-pointers (123) and free-throw percentage (91.3)...Shot 42 percent from 3-point range, has 347 career 3-pointers ranking fifth in state history and he holds other Delavan school records of 2,045 career points and 44 points in a game... A consensus first-team Class 1A all-stater, first-team Pantagraph All-Area and first-team all-conference player

RYAN CONNOLLY, 6-8, FR, SPRINGFIELD, ILL. (LANPHIER HS)

AT ILLINOIS WESLEYAN: Has good size (6-8, 255 lbs) and can go right in and fit into the Titans' program as another big man on the inside...Should be able to compete for some playing time with only one interior starter from last season returning...HIGH SCHOOL: Averaged 16.8 points and 9.8 rebounds his senior year at Lanphier and was a Central State Eight Conference all-star...Had 37 points and 21 rebounds against Peoria Notre Dame in a Dec. game at U.S. Cellular Coliseum in Bloomington

STEVE RUDNICKI, 6-4, FR, EVANSTON, ILL. (HS)

AT ILLINOIS WESLEYAN: Has a great ability to pass the ball and along with a high basketball IQ should be able to compete for playing time next season...HIGH SCHOOL: Was a co-captain and the leading scorer of an Evanston team that finished 30-4 and took third place at the Class 4A State Tournament...Averaged 10 points, five assists and four rebounds for the Wildkits

SEAN SEIBRING, 6-2, FR, NORMAL, ILL. (COMMUNITY WEST HS)

AT ILLINOIS WESLEYAN: Showed great improvement as the year went on and finished out his senior year very strong... father Steve is IWU's associate vice president for advancement...HIGH SCHOOL: Averaged 12.0 points for the Wildcats and was a 77 percent free-throw shooter...Helped the Wildcats to a Class 3A regional championship...Was a Big 12 Conference all-star and a member of the Pantagraph All-Area team

DEXTER WALKER, 6-6, FR, MORTON, ILL. (HS)

AT ILLINOIS WESLEYAN: Physically strong player that has great court awareness and can score in a variety of ways...Has the ability to score in the post or shoot the ball from mid-range...HIGH SCHOOL: Averaged 18.1 points and 6.1 rebounds while earning first team all-Mid-Illini Conference honors for the Potters

JOHN KOSCHNITZKY, 6-6, AIR FORCE ACADEMY PREP, OAK FOREST, ILL. (HS)

AT ILLINOIS WESLEYAN: Turned down Illinois Wesleyan a year ago to attend Air Force Academy Prep School in Colorado...PREP SCHOOL: Started every game for a prep school team that posted a 20-8 record against largely junior college competition...He will have four years of eligibility at IWU...HIGH SCHOOL: Averaged 20.7 points and 9.4 rebounds his senior year at Oak Forest and was a fourth-team Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Class AA all-state selection.

Illinois Wesleyan University 2008-09 Men's Basketball Schedule

DAY, DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	LOCATION
Fri., Nov. 21	# Taylor-Fort Wayne	6 p.m.	No. Manchester, Ind.
Sat., Nov. 22	# Manchester or Kalamazoo	1 or 3 p.m.	No. Manchester, Ind.
Sun., Nov. 30	MARYVILLE (Mo.)	3 p.m.	Bloomington, Ill.
Tues., Dec. 2	at Olivet Nazarene	7:30 p.m.	Bourbonnais, Ill.
Sat., Dec. 6	+ at Washington U.	3 p.m.	St. Louis, Mo.
Sun., Dec. 7	+ vs. Hamilton	12 p.m.	St. Louis, Mo.
Wed., Dec. 17	at Hanover	7:30 p.m. ET	Hanover, Ind.
Fri., Dec. 19	CHICAGO	7:30 p.m.	Bloomington, Ill.
Mon., Dec. 29	@ - vs. Northwood U. (Fla.) or Missouri Baptist or St. Xavier	tba	West Palm Beach, Fla.
Tues., Dec. 30	@ - vs. Northwood U. (Fla.) or Missouri Baptist or St. Xavier	tba	West Palm Beach, Fla.
Sat., Jan. 3	ILLINOIS COLLEGE	7:30 p.m.	Bloomington, Ill.
Wed., Jan. 7	* at Wheaton	7:30 p.m.	Wheaton, Ill.
Sat., Jan. 10	* NORTH CENTRAL	7:30 p.m.	Bloomington, Ill.
Wed., Jan. 14	* at Carthage	7:30 p.m.	Kenosha, Wis.
Sat., Jan. 17	* ELMHURST	7:30 p.m.	Bloomington, Ill.
Wed., Jan. 21	* NORTH PARK	7:30 p.m.	Bloomington, Ill.
Sat., Jan. 24	* at Augustana	7:30 p.m.	Rock Island, Ill.
Wed., Jan. 28	* MILLIKIN	7:30 p.m.	Bloomington, Ill.
Sat., Jan. 31	* at Elmhurst	7:30 p.m.	Elmhurst, Ill.
Wed., Feb. 4	* CARTHAGE	7:30 p.m.	Bloomington, Ill.
Sat., Feb. 7	* at North Central	7:30 p.m.	Naperville, Ill.
Wed., Feb. 11	* at North Park	7:30 p.m.	Chicago, Ill.
Sat., Feb. 14	* WHEATON	7:30 p.m.	Bloomington, Ill.
Wed., Feb. 18	* at Millikin	7:30 p.m.	Decatur, Ill.
Sat., Feb. 21	* AUGUSTANA	7:30 p.m.	Bloomington, Ill.
Fri.-Sat., Feb. 27-28	CCIW Tournament	tba	tba

- Indicates Manchester College Tip-Off Tournament

+ - Indicates 25th Lopata Classic (Washington U.)

@ - Indicates Northwood U.(Fla.) Tournament

* - Indicates College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin game

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Head Coach - Ron Rose

Assistant Coaches - David Steinbrueck, Chris Jones; Andrew Gilmore, Mike Salkeld (student assistants)

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40 **	Brett Chamernik #	F	6-5	225	Sr.	Naperville, Ill. (Benet Academy)
50	Ryan Connolly	C	6-9	290	Fr.	Springfield, Ill. (Lanphier HS)
14 *	Sean Dwyer #	G	5-10	175	Jr.	Arlington Heights, Ill. (Hersey HS)
5	Eliud Gonzalez	G	5-9	159	Fr.	Oak Lawn, Ill. (Richards HS)
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32	John Koschnitzky	F	6-6	195	Fr.	Oak Forest, Ill. (HS)
42 *	Duncan Lawson	F	6-7	230	So.	Glen Ellyn, Ill. (Glenbard West HS)
55	Eric McCullough	C	6-9	205	Fr.	Normal, Ill. (University HS)
20 **	Jordan Morris	G	6-3	200	Sr.	Washington, Ill. (Pekin HS)
52 *	Edmond O'Callaghan	F/C	6-6	200	So.	Chicago, Ill. (St. Patrick HS)
13 *	Travis Rosenkranz	G	6-0	175	So.	Macon, Ill (Meridian HS)
15	Stephen Rudnicki	G	6-3	160	Fr.	Evanston, Ill (HS)
24 *	Matt Schick	G/F	6-4	200	So.	Lincoln, Ill. (HS)
23	Sean Seibring	G	6-2	180	Fr.	Normal, Ill. (West HS)
30 *	Doug Sexauer	F	6-7	225	So.	Homer Glen, Ill. (Lockpert Township HS)
4 *	Josh Sutton	G/F	6-5	215	So.	Lincoln, Ill. (HS)
35	Dexter Walker	F	6-5	220	Fr.	Morton, Ill (HS)
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