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### ***Ceisel, Souder Named as Titan Football MVPs***

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Senior wide receiver Martin Ceisel was selected as the most valuable offensive player on the Illinois Wesleyan football team for the third straight season while senior linebacker Dan Souder was named as the team's valuable defensive player.

Ceisel (**Deerfield HS**), who also earned the team's "Best Skill" award for the second straight year, led IWU with 61 catches for 817 yards and seven touchdowns. For his career Ceisel finished third in IWU history with 3,011 receiving yards and 34 touchdown receptions and was fourth all-time with 203 catches. He is also the school's fifth leading scorer with 186 points and ranks fourth with 31 total touchdowns.

Ceisel was a first team all-College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin selection for the fourth straight year, a feat last accomplished by Carthage running back Kevin Burris (1996-99).

Ceisel was also the winner of the "Doug Schmied Award", voted on by the coaches for loyalty, leadership, citizenship, most sports- and team-minded and attitude. The honor is named for Schmied, the IWU senior offensive lineman who passed away in 2005.

Souder (**Elk Grove Village, Elk Grove HS**), a second team all-CCIW selection, was second on the team with 72 total tackles including 39 solo. He had five tackles for losses totaling 19 yards, two quarterback sacks and two pass breakups for the Titans, who finished 6-4 overall and 3-4 in the CCIW.

#### **Other Team Honors**

Junior wide receiver Chris Messina (**Chicago, Nazareth Academy**) was selected as the "Most Improved Player", senior tight end Rick Podkowa (**Glenview, Niles Notre Dame HS**) earned "Best Big Skill" honors and linebacker Ryan Gresko (**Downers Grove, North HS**) was named the team's "Most Valuable Freshman."

Messina, who also won the team's "Best Special Teams" honor, made nine catches for 117 yards and three touchdowns. He also made 11 special team tackles, including 10 solo.

Podkowa had 25 receptions for 333 yards and three touchdowns while Gresko had 10 total tackles, including seven solo.

Sophomore defensive tackle Max Brooks (**Oak Park, Oak Park River Forest HS**) was chosen as the team's "Best Lineman" as he made 29 total tackles, including 20 solo, and had a team-high eight tackles for losses totaling 37 yards. He also had four quarterback sacks for -24 yards and made a fumble recovery.

Freshman running back Matt Berg (**Grayslake, Carmel HS**) and freshman linebacker Sean Derrig (**Deerfield HS**) were the winners of the top offensive and defensive junior varsity player honors, respectively.

After three seasons, junior quarterback Kraig Ladd (**Shelbyville HS**) ranks eighth all-time at Illinois Wesleyan with 3,971 passing yards and is fifth with 347 completions. He is also seventh with 39 career TD passes and his 24 TD passes this season tied for fourth most in a Titan season and Ladd's career percentage of .575 (347 of 603) is tied for third best at Wesleyan. This fall he tied a school record with six touchdown passes in a 48-34 win over Alma.

Titan head coach Norm Eash has a 132-77-1 overall record at his alma mater and will return 41 lettermen for next season.

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Date	Opponent	Score	Record	Record	Time	Attend
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S Sep 6, 2008	at Hope College	W 28-25	1- 0- 0	0- 0- 0	3:00	4050
Sep 13, 2008	ALMA	W 48-34	2- 0- 0	0- 0- 0	3:00	1550
09/20/08	at Aurora University	W 31-28	3- 0- 0	0- 0- 0	3:02	800
* Oct 04, 2008	CARTHAGE	21-26 L	3- 1- 0	0- 1- 0	2:57	2150
* Oct 11, 2008	at Millikin	W 42-0	4- 1- 0	1- 1- 0	2:40	3500
* Oct 18, 2008	AUGUSTANA	13-21 L	4- 2- 0	1- 2- 0	2:35	2000
* Oct 25, 2008	ELMHURST	W 35-24	5- 2- 0	2- 2- 0	2:59	2000
* Nov 01, 2008	at #2 North Central (Ill.)	7-30 L	5- 3- 0	2- 3- 0	2:23	2100
* Nov 08, 2008	at Wheaton College	10-44 L	5- 4- 0	2- 4- 0	2:42	2163
* Nov 15, 2008	NORTH PARK	W 46-21	6- 4- 0	3- 4- 0	2:55	600

\* indicates conference game

## 2008 ILLINOIS WESLEYAN FOOTBALL LETTERMEN (56)

### SENIORS (15)

Tom Almanzo ***	WR	6-0	193	Elk Grove Village, Ill. (Elk Grove HS)
Andrew Boyd ***	DL	6-5	265	Metamora, Ill. (HS)
Cedric Bailey *	RB	5-9	195	Chicago, Ill. (Leo HS)
Martin Ceisel **** #	WR	6-4	205	Deerfield, Ill. (HS)
Joe Duffy **	K	5-11	225	Oak Lawn, Ill. (Chicago Brother Rice HS)
Ben Hammer ****	OL	6-5	305	Peoria, Ill. (Richwoods HS)
Alex Holmberg *** #	LB	6-0	225	Oak Park, Ill. (Fenwick HS)
Josh Monk ****	LB	6-0	200	Bloomington, Ill. (Central Catholic HS)
John Nelson ***	OL	6-1	255	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton-Warrenville So.)
Rick Podkowa *** #	TE	6-6	255	Glenview, Ill. (Niles Notre Dame HS)
Dan Souder **** #	LB	6-1	205	Elk Grove Village, Ill. (Elk Grove HS)
Dewayne Stallings ***	OL	6-5	305	Harvey, Ill. (Thornton HS)
Brian Tiefenbruck **	K	6-3	190	St. Louis, Mo. (Lindbergh HS)
Jerry Watkins *	DB	5-9	170	Chicago, Ill. (Whitney Young HS)
Christian Winston **	RB	5-4	145	Chicago, Ill. (Walther Lutheran HS)

### JUNIORS (20)

Mike Ammirati ***	DL	6-3	240	Woodstock, Ill. (HS)
Robert Beauchamp **	DB	6-0	208	Cerro Gordo, Ill. (HS)
Travis Boothe ***	DE	6-5	270	Villa Park, Ill. (Willowbrook HS)
Travis Brubaker **	RB	5-11	205	Mt. Prospect, Ill. (Hersey HS)
Keenan Clifford **	OL	6-2	265	Tinley Park, Ill. (Lincoln Way East HS)
Kindred Cook *	DL	6-1	300	Chicago, Ill. (Whitney Young HS)
Adam Crouch ***	DB	5-10	195	Sycamore, Ill. (HS)
Keely Flood **	OL	6-1	265	Lombard, Ill. (Montini Catholic HS)
Mike Gainey *	LB	5-10	210	Streamwood, Ill. (Driscoll Catholic HS)
Roman Hunter ***	DB	6-0	190	Chicago, Ill. (Gordon Tech HS)
Mike Kotz ***	LB	6-1	220	Elmwood Park, Ill. (St. Patrick HS)
Kraig Ladd **	QB	6-5	195	Shelbyville, Ill. (HS)
Neal Loftus *	DB	5-10	180	LaGrange Park, Ill. (Lyons Township HS)
Todd McCain *	RB	5-7	170	Oak Forest, Ill. (HS)
John Meacham **	FB	6-1	205	Oak Park, Ill. (Oak Park-River Forest HS)
Chris Messina **	WR	6-3	195	Chicago, Ill. (Nazareth Academy)
Nick Nikolich ***	LB	6-2	210	Libertyville, Ill. (HS)
Larry Pope *	TE	6-4	230	Carol Stream, Ill. (West Chicago HS)
Jack Scalucci ***	WR	6-2	195	Batavia, Ill. (HS)
Pat Topf **	TE	6-2	230	Orland Park, Ill. (Sandburg HS)

### SOPHOMORES (16)

Max Brooks *	DL	6-2	245	Oak Park, Ill. (Oak Park-River Forest HS)
Chris Cicinelli *	DL	5-11	198	Elmhurst, Ill. (York HS)
Evan Edwards *	DB	5-7	190	Paxton, Ill. (Paxton-Buckley-Loda HS)
William Gant Jr. *	RB	5-11	210	Park Forest, Ill. (Rich East HS)
Michael Handke **	TE	6-3	244	Brookfield, Ill. (Lyons Township HS)
Ryan Hopp *	DB	5-11	175	Darien, Ill. (Hinsdale South HS)
Ryan Jenkins *	LB	6-1	205	Richton Park, Ill. (Rich South HS)
John Konovodoff *	DB	6-1	200	Sugar Grove, Ill. (Marmion Academy)
Ray Krishock **	OL	6-5	285	Wheaton, Ill. (St. Francis HS)
Bo Lanter **	RB	6-0	205	Clayton, Mo. (HS)
James Mosterd *	OL	6-2	280	Tinley Park, Ill. (Andrew HS)
Dan Rogers **	LB	6-2	220	Palos Ridge, Ill. (Maine South HS)
Brien Rooney **	QB	6-0	185	Western Springs, Ill. (Fenwick HS)
Lucas Spoerl *	DB	6-1	180	Oldsmar, Fla. (Calvary Christian HS)
Eli Williams *	RB	5-8	170	Westville, Ill. (HS)
Dennis Zic *	K/P	6-1	185	Wood Dale, Ill. (Fenton HS)

### FRESHMEN (5)

Erich Bushong *	DB	5-11	170	Bloomington, Ill. (Normal West HS)
Thomas Franco *	DL	6-4	250	Canoga, Calif. (Chatsworth HS)
Ryan Gresko *	LB	6-1	190	Downers Grove, Ill. (North HS)
Trace Hummel *	OL	6-2	260	Crystal Lake, Ill. (South HS)
Chris Rice *	DL	6-4	210	Dolton, Ill. (Thornton Township HS)

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RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Winston, C.	7	119	544	36	508	4.3	2	32	72.6
Rooney, Brien	8	52	365	32	333	6.4	1	32	41.6
Lanter, Bo	7	76	265	49	216	2.8	2	26	30.9
Brubaker, T.	8	30	185	13	172	5.7	1	46	21.5
Gant, William	5	9	23	6	17	1.9	0	14	3.4
Bailey, Cedric	4	10	21	6	15	1.5	0	6	3.8
Williams, Eli	10	2	14	0	14	7.0	0	13	1.4
Almanzo, Tom	10	1	10	0	10	10.0	1	10	1.0
Meacham, John	9	2	5	0	5	2.5	1	3	0.6
Berg, Matt	4	4	3	1	2	0.5	0	2	0.5
VanRheeden, J.	1	1	0	6	-6	-6.0	0	0	-6.0
TEAM	6	4	0	10	-10	-2.5	0	0	-1.7
Ladd, Kraig	10	45	88	154	-66	-1.5	0	11	-6.6
Total.....	10	355	1523	313	1210	3.4	8	46	121.0
Opponents.....	10	357	1460	270	1190	3.3	14	34	119.0

PASSING	GP	Effic	Cmp-Att-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Ladd, Kraig	10	137.59	179-300-11	59.7	2102	24	67	210.2
Rooney, Brien	8	114.51	27-54-3	50.0	329	4	40	41.1
Almanzo, Tom	10	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
VanRheeden, J.	1	142.00	1-1-0	100.0	5	0	5	5.0
Total.....	10	133.71	207-356-14	58.1	2436	28	67	243.6
Opponents.....	10	122.06	189-340-17	55.6	2349	19	58	234.9

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Ceisel, Martin	10	61	817	13.4	7	67	81.7
Almanzo, Tom	10	51	544	10.7	8	40	54.4
Podkowa, Rick	10	25	333	13.3	3	35	33.3
Scaluccci, Jack	9	24	325	13.5	2	42	36.1
Williams, Eli	10	21	143	6.8	1	17	14.3
Messina, Chris	8	9	117	13.0	3	27	14.6
Meacham, John	9	7	63	9.0	3	18	7.0
Winston, C.	7	3	62	20.7	1	32	8.9
Lanter, Bo	7	3	19	6.3	0	8	2.7
Loftus, Neal	10	1	10	10.0	0	10	1.0
Topf, Pat	5	1	5	5.0	0	5	1.0
Brubaker, T.	8	1	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.2
Total.....	10	207	2436	11.8	28	67	243.6
Opponents.....	10	189	2349	12.4	19	58	234.9

SCORING	TD	FGs	PATs						Saf	Points
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP			
Almanzo, Tom	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	54	
Duffy, Joe	0	6-8	33-36	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	51	
Ceisel, Martin	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	42	
Messina, Chris	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24	
Meacham, John	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24	
Podkowa, Rick	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18	
Winston, C.	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18	
Scaluccci, Jack	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12	
Lanter, Bo	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12	
Rooney, Brien	1	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	0-0	0	0	8	
Williams, Eli	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Crouch, Adam	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Brubaker, T.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Total.....	38	6-8	33-36	1-2	0	0-0	0	0	281	
Opponents.....	36	3-7	26-36	0-0	1	1-2	0	0	253	

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Duffy, Joe	6-8	75.0	0-0	1-3	5-5	0-0	0-0	39	0

FG SEQUENCE	Illinois Wesleyan	OPPONENTS
Hope College	(39), (36)	-
Alma	-	-
Aurora University	(32)	-
Carthage	-	30
Millikin	-	28
Augustana	(37), (25)	37
Elmhurst	24	(34)
North Central (Ill.)	-	(33)
Wheaton College	(37)	51, (28)
North Park	27	-

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Williams, Eli	21	174	8.3	0	18
Monk, Josh	1	27	27.0	0	0
Messina, Chris	0	15	0.0	1	15
Total.....	22	216	9.8	1	18
Opponents.....	21	160	7.6	0	35

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Crouch, Adam	4	99	24.8	1	90
Hunter, Roman	4	0	0.0	0	0
Rogers, Dan	2	59	29.5	0	41
Loftus, Neal	2	27	13.5	0	25
Beauchamp, R.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Bushong, Erich	1	13	13.0	0	13
Ammirati, Mike	1	17	17.0	0	17
Nikolich, Nick	1	0	0.0	0	0
Spoerl, Lucas	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	17	215	12.6	1	90
Opponents.....	14	268	19.1	3	40

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Williams, Eli	18	413	22.9	0	55
Beauchamp, R.	15	271	18.1	0	63
Winston, C.	7	156	22.3	0	35
Cicinelli, C.	2	22	11.0	0	13
Hunter, Roman	2	54	27.0	0	36
Driver, Joseph	1	13	13.0	0	13
Total.....	45	929	20.6	0	63
Opponents.....	49	978	20.0	0	52

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
TEAM	2	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	2	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents.....	0	0	0.0	0	0

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Ladd, Kraig	10	345	-66	2102	2036	203.6
Rooney, Brien	8	106	333	329	662	82.8
Winston, C.	7	119	508	0	508	72.6
Lanter, Bo	7	76	216	0	216	30.9
Brubaker, T.	8	30	172	0	172	21.5
Gant, William	5	9	17	0	17	3.4
Bailey, Cedric	4	10	15	0	15	3.8
Williams, Eli	10	2	14	0	14	1.4
Almanzo, Tom	10	2	10	0	10	1.0
Meacham, John	9	2	5	0	5	0.6
Berg, Matt	4	4	2	0	2	0.5
VanRheeden, J.	1	2	-6	5	-1	-1.0
TEAM	6	4	-10	0	-10	-1.7
Total.....	10	711	1210	2436	3646	364.6
Opponents.....	10	697	1190	2349	3539	353.9

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Zic, Dennis	40	1336	33.4	60	3	3	9	1
Rooney, Brien	6	192	32.0	45	0	0	1	0
TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Total.....	47	1528	32.5	60	3	3	10	1
Opponents.....	46	1695	36.8	52	4	1	18	1

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net
Tiefenbruck, B.	52	2978	57.3	3	2		
Handke, Michael	3	150	50.0	0	0		
Total.....	55	3128	56.9	3	2	978	38.0
Opponents.....	46	2497	54.3	1	0	929	33.7

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**Illinois Wesleyan Football 2008**  
**Illinois Wesleyan Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Dec 01, 2008)**  
**All games**

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	-----Tackles-----				-Sacks-	---Pass Def---			-Fumbles-	Blkd		
		Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds		No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp		QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF
44 Nikolich, Nick	10	47	30	77	6.5-43	5.5-18	1-0	2	2	.	2	.	.
47 Souder, Dan	10	39	33	72	5.0-19	1.5-12	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
51 Rogers, Dan	10	36	25	61	3.0-6	.	2-59	.	.	.	.	.	.
24 Beauchamp, R.	10	45	15	60	7.0-26	1.0-6	1-0	6	.	.	1	.	.
20 Loftus, Neal	10	26	11	37	.	.	2-27	1	.	.	1	.	.
91 Jenkins, Ryan	10	21	13	34	2.0-17	4.5-37	.	2	1	1-0	.	.	.
22 Crouch, Adam	8	22	10	32	.	.	4-99	.	.	.	.	.	.
90 Brooks, Max	9	20	9	29	8.0-37	4.0-24	.	.	1	1-0	1	.	.
41 Kotz, Mike	10	12	17	29	1.5-2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
92 Ammirati, Mike	10	17	12	29	4.0-14	1.0-7	1-17	2	1	1-0	.	.	.
3 Hunter, Roman	8	19	8	27	1.5-8	1.0-7	4-0	4	.	.	.	.	.
25 Monk, Josh	10	16	5	21	2.5-4	.	.	3	.	.	.	1	.
93 Boyd, Andrew	10	11	4	15	3.0-15	2.0-14	.	1	.	1-0	1	.	.
11 Bushong, Erich	8	12	1	13	3.5-0	.	1-13	1	.	.	.	.	.
36 Messina, Chris	8	10	1	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95 Cicinelli, C.	7	6	5	11	1.0-1	.	.	.	1	1-0	.	.	.
46 Gresko, Ryan	8	7	3	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19 Spoerl, Lucas	6	6	3	9	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
50 Holmberg, Alex	5	2	4	6	2.0-2	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
TM TEAM	6	5	.	5	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	4-0	2	4	.
39 Edwards, Evan	4	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
31 Williams, Eli	10	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
94 Franco, Thomas	5	3	1	4	1.0-2	2.0-3	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.
30 Hopp, Ryan	5	2	2	4	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
32 Gant, William	5	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
14 McCain, Todd	5	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13 Tiefenbruck, B.	10	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
83 Handke, Michael	5	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16 Watkins, Jerry	2	1	2	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
1 Foster, Jeremy	1	2	1	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
37 Winston, C.	7	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45 Cicinelli, Joe	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23 Cummings, P.J.	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6 Muck, Tommy	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34 Brubaker, T.	8	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56 Gaaney, Mike	5	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
59 Whittington, M.	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43 Derrig, Sean	1	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98 Rice, Chris	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58 Jackson, R.	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27 Konovodoff, J.	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
71 Cook, Kindred	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
72 Krishock, Ray	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9 Krone, Jordan	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12 Almanzo, Tom	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40 Meacham, John	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10 Ladd, Kraig	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
79 Clifford, K.	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52 Kirk, Steven	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96 Smart, Josh	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26 Swango, Bret	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2 Jenkins, Will	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49 Houk, Benjamin	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
76 O'Neil, Sean	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
85 Pope, Larry	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28 Bailey, Cedric	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
70 Hammer, Ben	10	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35 Berg, Matt	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
Total.....	10	425	235	660	52-197	16-106	17-215	28	10	12-0	10	5	.
Opponents.....	10	-	-	-	-	19-157	14-268	35	11	10-0	7	2	.

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