

2003 TITAN FOOTBALL Illinois Wesleyan vs. Carthage

THE GAME: Illinois Wesleyan (3-4, 1-3 CCIW) looks to snap its first threegame losing streak since 1993 as the Titans host Carthage (2-5, 0-4 CCIW) on Sat., Nov. 1. Kickoff is at 1 p.m. at IWU's Wilder Field in Bloomington. IWU has not lost four straight games since 1988.

LAST WEEK: The Titans lost for the third straight time for the first time since 1993, dropping a 26-17 CCIW game at No. 5-rated Wheaton. The Thunder had 507 yards of total offense, took the lead for good in the final minute of the first half, and overcame four turnovers in the win. IWU recovered two fumbles deep in Wheaton territory and had a 10-6 lead early in the second quarter. Wheaton held a 13-10 halftime lead and went up, 19-10, on their first possession of the third quarter. Midway through the third, Vince Heaton (Wheaton, Wheaton Warrenville South HS) returned the second of his two interceptions 65 yards for a TD to cut the deficit to 19-17. Wheaton responded as Chad Bradley's 3-yard TD run capped a 12-play, 74-yard drive to end the scoring. The Titans finished with 342 yards as Steve Lucas (Grant Park, Kankakee HS) completed 19 of 42 for 214 yards, including a 6-yard TD to Eric White (Antioch HS) in the second quarter. White had eight catches for 104 yards and tight end **Bob** Cullen (Sycamore HS) had six catches for 70 yards. Sophomore fullback Rick Alvis (Metamora HS) rushed for a team-high 60 yards on 11 carries.

Senior Brian Klesath (Peoria, Notre Dame HS) booted a 24-yard field goal in the first quarter, tying the CCIW career record of 26 held by IWU graduate Dave Pearce (1979-82). Josh Addis (Braidwood, Reed-Custer HS) made 13 total tackles, while Heaton had 10. Mike Clark (Joliet, West HS) had nine total tackles and Solomon Jones (Kankakee HS) had eight.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: Chosen by Titan coaches to honor top players in the week's game and practices. The "Titan Award" is new in 2003 to honor a player for work ethic, loyalty and spirit.

OFFENSE: Eric White, junior, receiver, **Antioch (HS)**

DEFENSE: Vince Heaton, junior, back, Wheaton (Wheaton Warrenville South HS)

SPECIAL TEAMS: Drew Himes, sophomore, punter, Princeton (HS) SCOUT (Offense): Kevin Hilmers, freshman, line, Glendale Heights (Glenbard East HS); Armond Boulware, freshman, back, Gary, Ind. (Thornridge HS) SCOUT (Defense): Jacob Norris, senior, line, Springfield (Sacred Heart Griffin HS); Adam Bohr, freshman, linebacker, North Aurora (Aurora Central Catholic HS) TITAN AWARD: Bob Cullen, senior, tight end, Sycamore (HS)

FOR THE RECORD: Since 1995, IWU is 60-19 in its last 79 games (.759). The 18 losses have come to Wheaton (6); Millikin and Augustana (4 each); Mount Union, North Central, UW- LaCrosse, Washington U., and Carthage (1 each)...The Titans are 59-18 (.766) at home and 49-29-1 on the road (.627) under Eash.

AT WILDER FIELD: Illinois Wesleyan is 48-11 (.814) at Wilder Field in the last 11 years (1991-2002). The IWU football facility is the fifth oldest football stadium in the country (1893), behind Wesleyan [Conn.] (1881), Williams [Mass.] (1883), Sewanee [Tenn.] and Amherst [Mass.] (both 1891).

NOVEMBER GAMES: Since 1987 (Norm Eash's first season), Illinois Wesleyan teams are 28-10 (.737) in games played in November.

HEAD COACH: Norm Eash (Illinois Wesleyan, 1975) is in his 17th season as head coach at IWU and has an overall record of 108-48-1 (.691) and a CCIW mark of 81-39-1 (.674) with league titles in 1992, 1994, 1996, 2000, and 2001. Eash, the CCIW "Coach of the Year" in 1992, 1996 and 2001, is fourth in all-time CCIW coaching wins, behind IWU's **Don Larson** (142 wins), Bob Reade of Augustana (112) and Carthage's Art Keller (105). Eash is second in victories at IWU, behind **Don Larson** (166 wins in 33 years, 1954-86).

ALL-TIME: IWU is 493-356-42 (.578) in 111 years of football. That win total is 17th among Division III schools. The leader is Wittenberg with 636 wins in 109 seasons.

2003 CCIW STANDINGS

<u>OVERALL</u>	<u>CCIW</u>
Augustana (5-2)	4-0
Wheaton (7-0)	4-0
North Central (6-1)	3-1
Elmhurst (5-2)	2-2
Millikin (5-2)	2-2
Illinois Wesleyan (3-4)	1-3
Carthage (2-5)	0-4
North Park (2-5)	0-4



LAST WEEK

- * Wheaton 26, Illinois Wesleyan 17 * Augustana 24, Millikin 22
 - * North Central 29, Carthage 24
 - * Elmhurst 30, North Park 23

THIS WEEK

- Carthage at Illinois Wesleyan, 1 p.m. * Millikin at North Park, 1 p.m.
- * Wheaton at North Central, 1 p.m.
- * Augustana at Elmhurst, 1 p.m.

2003 CONFERENCE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE

- Sept. 7 Dom Demma, Elmhurst, QB
- Sept. 14 Jemelle Shepherd, Millikin, RB
- Sept. 20 Dante Washington, Carthage, RB
- Sept. 27 Mike Clark, Augustana, PK
- Oct. 4 Nathan Chandler, Millikin, WR/RS
- Oct. 11 Eric White, IWU, WR; Dan Price, Wheaton, RB
- Oct. 18 Brad Spencer, North Central; Andy Beals, Millikin
- Oct. 25 Chad Bradley, Wheaton, QB

DEFENSE

Donnie Snyder, Elmhurst Lenny Radtke, North Central **Mike Clark, Illinois Wesleyan, LB** Derek Stephens, Millikin, DB Sean Christian, Augustana, DL David Soccaras, Elmhurst, LB Jason McDearmon, Wheaton, LB Benitez Brown, Elmhurst, DB

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SCOUTING THE REDMEN: Carthage (2-5, 0-4 CCIW) ranks third in the CCIW in total offense and fourth in defense...Junior Dante Washington is third in the NCAA Division III rushing statistics with 185.4 yards per game...Washington ran for 168 yards on 37 carries last weekend as the Redmen lost their fourth straight game, falling 29-24 to North Central. The Cardinals, trailing 24-23 in the fourth quarter, capped a six-play, 72-yard drive with a 10-yard TD pass from Kam Kniss to Brad Spencer with 11:15 to play to give North Central a 29-24 edge. The teams traded field goals to start the game, and Carthage broke a 3-3 tie with a 43-yard TD pass from QB Dennis Alvarado to WR John Warnecke at 12:19 second period. North Central tied the game, 10-10, at 5:56 second quarter and took a 17-10 halftime lead with :19 left in the half. The Redmen cut the lead to 17-16 midway through the third on a 12-play, 78-yard drive that ended with a 4-yard TD pass

from QB **Shawn Kain** to FB **Matt Ganek** at 9:16. Carthage went up, 24-17, at 6:40 third period on a 23-yard TD pass from Alvarado to Warnecke with **Washington** running the two-point conversion. Carthage had 332 yards in the game (211 rushing, 121 passing) as Alvarado completed 8-of-18 passes for 109 yards and two TDs. Warnecke caught four passes for 82 yards. Carthage LB **Mike Pelkowski** had seven tackles, including two tackles-for-loss...**Tim Rucks** (Carthage 1983) is in his ninth year at his alma mater and has a 37-44-1. In 14 years overall, he has a 44-76-4 mark. His record at North Park was 9-33-3 (5-29-3 CCIW) but his 1993 team was 4-4-1, the best record at the school in 25 years. Rucks was an all-CCIW offensive tackle for the Redmen in 1982.

THE SERIES: In a series that dates back to 1926, Illinois Wesleyan holds a 32-15 lead vs. Carthage. Carthage won

MONTHLY BREAKDOWN OF NORM EASH RECORD

YEAR	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL	CCIW	TOTAL
1987	1-2	3-2	0-1	0-0	3-1	1-4	0-0	4-4	4-5
1988	0-2	1-4	1-1	0-0	1-3	1-4	0-0	2-6	2-7
1989	2-1	2-2	1-1	0-0	4-1	1-3	0-0	4-4	5-4
1990	3-0	2-2	2-0	0-0	3-2	4-0	0-0	6-2	7-2
1991	2-0-1	3-1	2-0	0-0	4-0	3-1-1	0-0	6-1-1	7-1-1
1992	2-0	5-0	3-1	0-0	6-0	4-1	0-0	7-0 *	10-1
1993	1-1	2-3	1-1	0-0	3-1	1-4	0-0	3-4	4-5
1994	2-0	4-1	2-0	0-0	4-1	4-0	0-0	6-1 *	8-1
1995	1-2	3-1	2-0	0-0	2-2	4-1	0-0	6-1	6-3
1996	2-0	4-0	4-1	0-0	5-0	5-1	0-0	7-0 *	10-1
1997	2-0	2-2	3-0	0-0	3-1	4-1	0-0	5-2	7-2
1998	2-0	4-1	1-1	0-0	4-1	3-1	0-0	5-2	7-2
1999	2-0	3-2	1-1	0-0	3-1	3-2	0-0	4-3	6-3
2000	4-0	3-1	2-0	0-0	5-0	4-1	0-0	6-1 *	9-1
2001	2-1	3-1	2-0	0-0	3-1	4-1	0-0	6-1 *	7-2
2002	3-0	2-2	1-2	0-0	4-1	2-3	0-0	3-4	6-4
2003	2-1	1-3	х	х	2-2	1-2	х	1-3	3-4
TOTALS	33-10-1	47-28	28-10	0-0	59-19	49-29-1	0-0	81-39-1	108-48-1
* - Indicates	CCIW cham	ipion.							

last season, 21-20, in Kenosha to snap an eight-game IWU winning streak. The Titans have won 18 of the last 21 meetings, and 23 of the last 27. Carthage last won in Bloomington in 1981 - a 29-7 victory.

ERIC WHITE: With eight catches for 104 yards and a TD against Wheaton, **Eric White (Antioch HS)** now ranks No. 3 all-time at IWU with 2,287 yards and is No. 4 in receptions with 151...He has eight TD catches this season and 22 career TD receptions, tying him for No. 4 all-time at the school with Ed Brady (1981-84)...White's 911 receiving yards this year is already sixth best in an IWU single season and 196 yards from the record of 1107, set in 1992 by **Chris Bisaillon**... Against both Chicago and Washington U., he had 12 catches in a game, tied for seventh most in an IWU game (see updated records below)...He had 12 grabs for 203 yards and two TDs at Washington U. and the 203 yards is eighth best at IWU.

BRIAN KLESATH: The senior from Peoria (Notre Dame

HS) is the all-time field goal leader in IWU football history with 34 (of 50 attempts, .680 percentage). With two vs. North Park, he eclipsed the IWU mark of 29, held for 21 seasons by Dave Pearce, who kicked from 1979-82...Klesath has 26 field goals in CCIW games and has tied Pearce for the league record in career field goals...Klesath has 196 career points, second most at IWU, passing third place Dick Raab (192, 1961-64)...This year he became IWU's all-time leading kick scorer, passing Todd Rozboril (158, 1994-97)...Klesath has 94 career extra point kicks, making him second in IWU career records, but behind Rozboril's record of 116...Last year Klesath led the CCIW in kick scoring...Tied school record with 12 field goals in 2002...His career long is 44 yards (UW-LaCrosse, 2002)... His four FG vs. North Central (2002) tied an IWU game record.

STEVE LUCAS: Junior Steve Lucas (Grant Park,

Kankakee HS) is third in the CCIW in passing yards and total offense through games of Oct. 25...Lucas had a big passing day at Washington U. on Sept. 20, completing 28 of 49 passes for three TDs and 343 yards. The 28 completions is tied for second most in an IWU game and the 343 yards is 11th best all-time at IWU...Last year, as backup to **Josh Akin**, Lucas was 3-for-4 passing for 21 yards...His first completion this season (on the first play from scrimmage) was for 80 yards and a touchdown to **Eric White**.

LEAGUE HONORS: Junior receiver **Eric White (Antioch HS)** was the co-winner of the CCIW "Offensive Player of the Week" honor for his play vs. Augustana Oct. 11. White had eight catches for 194 yards and one TD in a 20-17 loss. His yardage accounted for 72 per cent of the Titans' 270 yards in the game. He shared the offensive honor with Wheaton's Dan Price, who rushed for 202 yards and three TDs against Millikin...IWU senior linebacker **Mike Clark (Joliet, West HS)** was the CCIW "Defensive Player of the Week" for his play vs. Washington U. on Sept. 20. He also won the league honor once (vs. Millikin) in 2001.

ON THE AIR: The IWU/Carthage game will be broadcast live on the Internet at www.wjbc.com. **Art Kimball** and **Russ Eisenstein** will provide the play-by-play.

LOOKING AHEAD: The Titans will have their final road game of the season next weekend, traveling to Elmhurst to meet the surprising Bluejays, who are 5-2, 2-2 CCIW. The Titans' final game of the season will be at home on Nov. 15 vs. Millikin...IWU needs two wins to finishing at the .500 mark (or better) for the 10th straight year and for the 14th time in the last 15 seasons.

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