

# **2004 TITAN FOOTBALL** Illinois Wesleyan vs. U. of Chicago

THE GAME: Illinois Wesleyan (0-2) plays the University of Chicago (1-1) on Sat., Sept. 25. Kickoff is at 12 p.m. at Amos Alonzo Stagg Field on the U. of Chicago campus.

TITAN NOTES: Illinois Wesleyan amassed 375 yards of total offense and had the ball for over 33 minutes, but could manage only one touchdown in losing to UW-Eau Claire, 28-7, on Sept. 11 at IWU Stadium. The BluGolds got on the board first at 6:28 in the first quarter on a 3-yard run by Joe Gast, capping a 78-yard, 17-play drive. The Blugolds added to their lead when Ryan Kolumbus returned an interception 21 yards for a score with 11:05 left in the half to make it 14-0. IWU's only score came when QB Steve Lucas (Grant Park, Kankakee HS) hooked up with Tim Snyder (Glen Ellyn, Glenbard South HS) on a 6-yard scoring pass and the extra point kick was good with 7:17 to play in the first half. The Blugolds added another first half score with 2:20 left when Nels Fredrickson found Nate Gibson for a 31-yard TD. Gast had his second TD run in the third guarter at the 6:02 mark on a 1-yarder to close out the scoring. Lucas completed 27 passes (tied for 4th most in an IWU game) for 242 yards and Eric White (Antioch HS) tied an IWU game record with 15 catches (for 133 yards). Snyder also made nine grabs for 100 yards. Senior Vince Heaton (Wheaton, Wheaton Warrenville South HS) and Damon Banks (Bellwood, Walther Lutheran HS) led IWU (0-2) with 10 tackles each.

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: Tim Snyder, senior, receiver, Glen Ellyn

(Glenbard South HS) **DEFENSE:** None selected

SPECIAL TEAMS: Ken Holub, junior, receiver, Berwyn

(Morton West HS)

SCOUT (Offense): Matt Clemens, freshman, running back, Lake Forest (HS); Jason Young, freshman, line,

Savoy (Champaign Centennial HS)

SCOUT (Defense): Brock Collins, freshman, line, Mt. Prospect (Prospect HS); Tyler Ferber, freshman, end,

Fairmont (Jamaica HS)

TITAN AWARD: Chris Reynolds, senior, center,

Springfield (Southeast HS)

THE INFIRMARY: Senior quarterback Steve Lucas (Grant Park, Kankakee HS) injured his right shoulder during practice last week, and Eash said his status is "day to day." If Lucas can't play, junior Tom Kudyba (Des Plaines, Elk Grove HS) will get the start Saturday. Kudyba played the

final two series against Eau Claire and completed 9 of 14 passes for 66 yards with one interception. Kudyba engineered a 16-play, 59-yard drive to the Eau Claire 8-yard line before the Titans turned the ball over on downs... Starting junior fullback **Rick Alvis (Metamora HS)** is "day to day" with a pulled hamstring. Senior Matt Holland (Kenney, Clinton HS) and sophomore Matt Maxwell (Tinley Park, Andrew HS) could both see action in place of Alvis...Senior center Chris Reynolds (Springfield, Southeast HS) will return to the lineup Saturday after missing the Eau Claire game with a knee injury sustained in practice. Senior Adam Houser (St. Charles, East HS) moved from right guard to center against Eau Claire.

ALL-TIME: IWU is 495-359-42 (.578) in 112 years of football. That win total is 21st among Division III schools heading into the season. The leader is Wittenberg with 644 wins in 110 seasons.

FOR THE RECORD: IWU is 62-22 in its last 84 games (.738) since 1995. The 22 losses have come to Wheaton (6); Millikin and Augustana (4 each); Mount Union, North Central, UW-LaCrosse, Washington U., Elmhurst, Carthage, UW-Eau Claire and Simpson (1 each)...The Titans are 61-19 (.763) at home and 49-32-1 on the road (.604) under Eash...IWU was 5-5 last season and finished at the .500 mark (or better) for the 10th straight year and for the 14th time in the last 15 seasons. . . Last year marked the first time in 58 years of CCIW play that IWU had two consecutive losing seasons in league play.



#### LAST WEEK

Carthage 42, Benedictine (Ill.) 0 Elmhurst 39, University of Chicago 27 Millikin 63, Franklin 14 North Central 31, Augsburg 24 North Park 14, Eureka 7 Wheaton (Ill.) 65, Greenville 6

#### THIS WEEK

Illinois Wesleyan at University of Chicago, Noon Millikin at Albion, 12 p.m. Wheaton at Hope, 12 p.m. Augustana at Wisconsin-Platteville, 1 p.m. Washington (Mo.) at North Central, 7 p.m.

## 2004 CONFERENCE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

#### **OFFENSE**

### Sept. 4 Bryan Bergamn, Carthage, TE

Sept. 11 Garrett Granberg, Wheaton, RB; Steve Holden, No. Central, RB

Sept. 18 Dom Demma, QB, Elmhurst; Steve Holden, No. Central, RB

## DEFENSE

Kyle Grimes, Elmhurst, CB Benitez Brown, Elmhurst Brandon Fox, DB, Carthage

## 2004 ILLINOIS WESLEYAN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	OFFENSE	DEFENSE	SPECIAL TEAMS	SCOUT (Offense)	SCOUT (Defense)
Sept. 4	none selected	Josh Remer	Adam Bohr	Bryan Kelly	T. Wilkins/B. Spieth
Sept. 11	Tim Snyder	none selected	Ken Holub	M. Clemens/J. Young	B. Collins/T. Ferber

AT WILDER FIELD: Illinois Wesleyan is 50-12 (.806) at Wilder Field in the last 14 seasons (1991-2004). 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).

**SEPTEMBER:** In September, IWU is 32-12-1 in the Norm Eash era and was 2-1 last season. The Titans haven't been winless in September since 1988 when they were 0-2. The loss in 2001 at Washington U. was the Titans' first in Sept. since 1995 and that loss ended a string of 11 straight regular season non-league wins, dating back to a 24-21 loss to Simpson in 1995.

**SEASON OPENERS:** IWU is 10-8 in opening-day games under Norm Eash, including the loss at Simpson Sept. 4.

THE COACHES: Norm Eash (Illinois Wesleyan, 1975) is in his 18th season as head coach at IWU and has an overall record of 110-51-1 (.682) and a CCIW mark of 82-40-1 (.676) 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)... Dick Maloney is in his 11th season at the helm of the University of Chicago football program and has a career record of 54-40, including a 33-14 record at Stagg Field. His .576 winning percentage ranks second all-time at Chicago, behind only the legendary Amos Alonzo Stagg. He is a three-time University Athletic Association Coach of the Year and Chicago has won two UAA championships with six winning seasons.

**SCOUTING THE MAROONS:** The University of Chicago (1-1) turned the ball over six times in losing at Elmhurst, 39-27, last Saturday. Elmhurst QB Dom Demma and TE Todd Evans hooked up on three TD completions in the second quarter and held a 25-7 halftime advantage.



Chicago scored the first points of the game late in the first quarter when sophomore QB **Phil Marino** hit junior WR **Tom Guardi** from 37 yards out. On their first possession of the second

half, the Maroons went 64 yards in seven plays capped by a 34-yard touchdown pass from Marino to Guardi to cut the gap to 25-14. Elmhurst increased its lead to 32-14 with 1:26 left in the third quarter when Demma threw his fifth touchdown pass of the day. The scored stayed 32-14 until late in the contest when the Maroons scored two TDs less than a minute apart. Sophomore QB Marc Zera hit sophomore WR Micah Dawson from 16 yards out with 2:43 remaining in the game, then one play after the Maroons recovered an Elmhurst fumble, Zera and Dawson linked up again, this time from 63 yards out to make the score 32-27 at the 2:14 mark. Elmhurst put the game out of reach on its next possession when Young scored on a 60-yard run with 1:47 to go...For the Maroons, Marino was 21-of-40 for 255 yards and two touchdowns, but was picked off on four occasions. Zera completed eight of 12 tries for 110 yards with one interception. Dawson caught 10 passes for 148 yards. Guardi had seven catches for 103 yards. The teams combined for 977 yards of total offense, 495 for Elmhurst and 482 for the Maroons...For his play vs. Elmhurst, Chicago freshman LB Gabriel Fernandez was named the University Athletic Association Athlete of the Week for football (defense). Fernandez made 12 tackles, including 10 solo stops and two for lost yardage.

THE SERIES VS. THE MAROONS: Illinois Wesleyan is 2-1 against the U. of Chicago in football. The Titans won last season's game, 30-21, in Bloomington and won in 2002 by a score of 34-16 at Chicago. The only other game in the series was played in 1901 and was won by the Maroons, 22-0.

**ERIC WHITE:** Senior **Eric White (Antioch HS)** is a 2004 preseason All-American in *Street & Smith's* magazine, *Lindy's* magazine, and *Football Gazette...*Currently ranks No. 3 in career receptions (191, behind **Ed Brady** at 220 in second place and **Chris Bisaillon** with 230 in first), receiving yards (2770; Brady is second at 2907 and Bisaillon is first with 3798) and second in receiving touchdowns with 28 (Bisaillon has 56)...White tied a school record with 15 catches against UW-Eau Claire on Sept. In 2003, he was a third team Division III All-American on both the *Football Gazette* and the Sports Information Directors teams as he set an IWU season record with 1,215 receiving yards.

**TIM SNYDER:** Senior **Tim Snyder (Glen Ellyn, Glenbard South HS)** has 83 career receptions with 1,047 yards. He is 14th all-time in receiving and 17th all-time in receiving yards...Snyder has become the 17th member of the 1,000-yard club for receiving yards.

MARCUS DUNLOP: A freshman who will see significant playing time is running back Marcus Dunlop (Maywood, Proviso East HS). As a high school senior, Dunlop rushed for 837 yards and had 384 receiving yards and scored nine touchdowns for the Pirates,...He was an all-West Suburban Gold conference selection and his team's "MVP" in 2003...Dunlop was coached in high school by Bo Flowers...He also lettered twice in track and once in wrestling and was all-conference in both sports...Marcus is the son of Ruthie Dunlop.

**CCIW PRESEASON POLL:** IWU was picked to finish fifth in the annual preseason College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin coaches' poll. Wheaton, Millikin, Augustana and North Central were picked ahead of IWU, in that order.

**ON THE AIR:** The IWU/University of Chicago game will be broadcast live on www.wjbc2.com.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** The Titans will open CCIW play at home with the annual Homecoming game on Oct. 2 at 1:30 vs. Elmhurst. The Bluejays are 3-0 under new head coach **Tom Journell**. Journell, an assistant head coach at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls for the past 15 years, inherited a Bluejay football team that's coming off its most successful season in 16 years. The Bluejays finished the 2003 season with a 6-4 overall record.

ADDING THEM UP: Illinois Wesleyan head coach Norm Eash's 51st birthday is on September 24.

MONTHLY BREAKDOWN OF NORM EASH RECORD												
<b>YEAR</b> 1987	<b>SEPT</b> 1-2	OCT 3-2	<b>NOV</b> 0-1	<b>DEC</b> 0-0	<b>HOME</b> 3-1	<b>AWAY</b> 1-4	NEUTRAL 0-0	CCIW 4-4	<b>TOTAL</b> 4-5			
1988 1989 1990	0-2 2-1 3-0	1-4 2-2 2-2	1-1 1-1 2-0	0-0 0-0 0-0	1-3 4-1 3-2	1-4 1-3 4-0	0-0 0-0 0-0	2-6 4-4 6-2	2-7 5-4 7-2			
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