



Illinois Wesleyan vs. Elmhurst October 25, 2008 Wilder Field at IWU Stadium, Bloomington, Ill.

THE GAME: Illinois Wesleyan (4-2, 1-2 College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin) hosts Elmhurst (5-1, 2-1 CCIW) in a 6 p.m. game at Wilder Field at IWU Stadium.

LOOKING AHEAD: IWU will play the next two weekends on the road against ranked teams – IWU is at North Central on Nov. 1 and at Wheaton on Nov. 8. Both are 1 p.m. games. The final Titan game of the year will be at home vs. North Park at 1 p.m. on Nov. 15.

ON THE AIR: The IWU/Elmhurst game will be broadcast live on WESN-FM 88.1 and on WJBC Am 1230 as well as on the Internet at www.wjbc2.com.

OCTOBER: In the Norm Eash coaching tenure, Wesleyan is 58-38 in October...IWU is 1-2 this year and the Titans were 4-0 in October in 2007.

UNDER THE LIGHTS: This is the Titans' second straight home night game and the sixth home night football game at IWU's Wilder Field since 1971. It is the latest night game on the calendar at home in at least 43 years. In 2007, IWU defeated Augustana, 22-19; in 2005, IWU topped Chicago, 20-13; in 2003, the Titans downed Chicago, 30-21, and in 2002, IWU won its first overtime game in a 31-24 decision over Washington U. The Titans were to have played Aurora at night on Sept. 15, 2001, but the game was cancelled after the national tragedies of Sept. 11. Before 2002, the last home night game was on Oct. 2, 1971, when Carthage downed the Titans, 22-19. Home night game results since 1965:

Oct. 18, 2008	Augustana 21, IWU 13
Sept. 29, 2007	IWU 22, Augustana 19
Sept. 24, 2005	IWU 20, U. of Chicago 13
Sept. 27, 2003	IWU 30, U. of Chicago 21
Sept. 21, 2002	IWU 31, Washington U. 24 (OT)
Oct. 2, 1971	Carthage 22, IWU 19
Sept. 19, 1970	IWU 21, Wheaton 21
Oct. 5, 1968	Carthage 20, IWU 13
Sept. 30, 1967	IWU 17, Augustana 3
Oct. 1, 1966	IWU 20, North Park 0
Sept. 25, 1965	IWU 34, Illinois State 7

FOR THE RECORD: IWU is 82-46 in its last 128 games (.640) since 1995...The Titans are 71-30 (.703) at home and 58-45-1 on the road (.550) under Norm Eash...The 46 losses have come to Wheaton (8); Augustana (8); Millikin (6); North Central (5); Carthage (5); Elmhurst (3); Simpson, UW-Eau Claire, Mt. St. Joseph and Coe (2); and Mount Union, UW-LaCrosse, and Washington U. (1)... Last year IWU finished 7-3 overall and earned a share of

the CCIW championship for the first time since 2001. It was IWU's 13th league title ... IWU's last three consecutive losing seasons before 2004-06 were 1941-43...2004 and 2005 were the first back-to-back losing seasons since 1987 (4-5) and 1988 (4-5)...In 2004, IWU (3-7) had its first sub-.500 season since 1993 (4-5). The Titans had been at .500 or better for 10 straight years.

ON TO THE NEXT 500: IWU is 515-383-42 (.571) in 116+ football seasons... The 500th win came in a 23-14 win over Wheaton on Oct. 22, 2005.

COACH NORM EASH: Norm Eash (Illinois Wesleyan, 1975) is in his 22nd season at IWU and has a career record of 130-75-1 (.633), making him second among IWU coaches in victories (Eash's college coach, Don Larson, had 168 wins from 1954-86). Prior to 2006, Eash ranked 50th among all-time Division III coaches in winning percentage and 67th in victories (24th among active coaches in wins). The "dean" of league coaches, Eash has been College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin "Coach of the Year" in 2007, 2001, 1996 and 1992. His career CCIW mark is 96-57-1 (.630), making him fourth all-time in victories in the league.

LAST WEEK: The Illinois Wesleyan football team was outscored, 14-3, in the second half and lost a 21-13 decision to Augustana on Saturday night, Oct. 18 at IWU Stadium. The Titans and Vikings are both 4-2 overall while Wesleyan is now 1-2 in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin and the Vikings are 2-1. IWU scored 3:24 into the game on a pass from Craig Ladd (Shelbyville, Ill. HS) to Tom Almanzo (Elk Grove Village, Ill., Elk Grove HS) and Augustana answered with a score 3:30 later. A 37 yard field goal by Joe Duffy (Oak Lawn, Ill., Brother Rice HS) made it 10-7 IWU at the half. After the Vikings took a 14-10 lead in the third quarter, Duffy added a 25 yard field goal to cut the margin to 14-13. The Vikings tacked on a touchdown with 5:17 to play in the game to make the final margin. Ladd was 19 of 36 for 201 yards, finding tight end Rick Podkova (Glenview, Ill., Niles Notre Dame HS) for seven catches and 83 yards. Augie had 173 yards on the ground compared to 56 for Wesleyan. Adam Crouch (Sycamore, Ill., HS) led the Titans with nine tackles while Dan Rogers (Palos Ridge, Ill., Maine South HS) contributed eight.

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

Offense – Rick Podkowa, senior, tight end, Glenview, Ill., (Niles Notre Dame HS)

Defense – Nick Nikolich, junior, linebacker, Libertyville, Ill. (HS)

Special Teams – Joe Duffy, senior, kicker, Oak Lawn, Ill. (Brother Rice HS)

Scout Offense – Sean O'Neill, sophomore, line, Chicago, Ill. (Marist HS); Sean O'Connor, sophomore, line, Chicago, Ill. (St. Francis DeSales HS)

Scout Defense – Benjamin Houk, freshman, linebacker, Willow Springs, Ill. (LaGrange Lyons HS); Michael Whittington, freshman, linebacker, Downers Grove, Ill. (North HS)

Titan Award – Mike Kotz, junior, linebacker, Elmwood Park, Ill. (St. Patrick HS)

KRAIG LADD: The junior southpaw is moving up the ranks of IWU career passing leaders. He is No. 4 in percentage (.565, 283 of 501), No. 7 in completions (283), No. 8 in yards (3,184) and No. 9 with 31 TD passes...He is also No. 11 with 3234 total offense yards...Ladd tied a school record with six touchdown passes in the 48-34 win over Alma Sept. 13. Ladd completed 17 of 26 passes for 272 yards in tying the TD passing efforts by Lon Erickson (North Park, 1995) and Brad Forsyth (Carroll, 1989).

MARTIN CEISEL: Senior Martin Ceisel (Deerfield, Ill. HS) is No. 4 all-time at IWU with 2,745 receiving yards (No. 3 is Ed Brady, 2,907, 1981-84), No. 3 with 29 receiving touchdowns and No. 4 with 181 receptions (No. 3 is Brady, 220).

THE SERIES VS. THE BLUEJAYS: In a series that dates back to 1930, Illinois Wesleyan holds a 45-10-1 lead in games vs. Elmhurst, including a 28-14 win in Bloomington last year...The Bluejays won at home in both 2006 (by a 25-13 margin) and in 2005 (20-15)...When Elmhurst beat IWU, 40-20, in 2003, it ended a 17-game winning streak against the Bluejays. The Titans have won 20 of the last 25 games between the two schools.

ABOUT THE BLUEJAYS: Elmhurst improved to 5-1 (2-1 CCIW) with a 42-21 homecoming win over North Park last week. Against the Vikings, Chris Kudyba completed 21-of-29 passes for 253 yards and four touchdowns and Jarred Sherrod rushed 16 times for 115 yards and a pair of scores. After falling behind, 7-0, Elmhurst opened up a 28-7 lead and held a 35-14 edge at the break. Elmhurst finished with 448 yards of total offense while North Park had 371. Elmhurst gained 195 yards rushing to go with the 253 air yards. Mitch Holmer caught eight passes for 106 yards and two TDs while Matt D'Angelo had five catches for 78 yards and two TDs. Griffin Gibson

also had an impressive day, rushing nine times for 60 yards. Randy Wright led the Bluejays' defense, totaling 17 tackles, including 2.5 tackles for loss and one quarterback sack. Wright also had three quarterback hurries. Jon Janus had 11 tackles, forced a fumble and broke up two passes and Brandon Jones added nine tackles... Elmhurst's Chris Kudyba is the younger brother of former Titan Tommy Kudyba, who played for a championship team in Finland this summer.

CCIW IN THE POLLS: For the second straight week, North Central is No. 6 and Wheaton is No. 7 in the AFCA Division III poll. (Oct. 21)...In the D3Football.com Top 25 rankings on Oct. 7. Wheaton is No. 4 and North Central improved to No. 7 (from No. 8). D3Football.com is a website devoted strictly to the coverage of NCAA Division III football, which releases a top 25 poll that's voted on by a panel of 25 coaches, sports information directors and media members from across the country...The Titans were No. 40 in the preseason D3football.com poll.

IWU'S 2008 CCIW HONORS: Senior kicker Joe Duffy (Oak Lawn, Ill., Brother Rice High School) was CCIW special teams player of the week for his play vs. Hope Sept. 6. He had field goals of 39 and 36 yards in the 28-25 win. His 39-yard field goal came just 59 seconds into the game to give the Titans a 3-0 lead. His 36-yard field goal came with 1:51 to play to stake IWU to a 28-19 lead and proved to be the margin of victory as Hope scored a minute later. Duffy also added two extra-point kicks.

FAST START: The Titans were 3-0 for the first time since 2002 when they started with four straight wins (at Wis.-LaCrosse, 35-31; Washington U., 31-24 in OT; at Chicago, 34-16; North Park, 49-9).

CCIW VS. NON-CCIW: Teams from the CCIW were 19-5 in three weeks of nonconference play in 2008.

HOMECOMING: After the loss to Carthage, the Titans are 28-16 in their last 44 Homecoming games and have been 10-11 in the last 21 years, preceded by a six-game winning streak from 1982-87.

SEASON OPENERS: With the win at Hope on Sept. 6, IWU is 11-11 in opening-day games under Norm Eash. Prior to last weekend, the Titans had dropped their last five season openers, last winning in 2002 (35-31 at Wisconsin-LaCrosse).

CCIW PRESEASON POLL: Illinois Wesleyan was picked to finish third in the 2008 CCIW preseason coaches' poll. The Titans got 33 points from the league coaches. North Central got six first place votes (and 48 points) to finish first in the poll, followed by Wheaton (two first place votes, 44 points). After Wesleyan comes Augustana, Carthage, Elmhurst, Millikin and North Park.

Illinois Wesleyan Football 2008
 Illinois Wesleyan Overall Individual Statistics (as of Oct 22, 2008)
 All games

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Winston, C.	3	80	338	18	320	4.0	0	23	106.7
Lanter, Bo	6	67	249	40	209	3.1	2	26	34.8
Rooney, Brien	5	29	178	17	161	5.6	1	24	32.2
Brubaker, T.	5	10	64	0	64	6.4	1	26	12.8
Meacham, John	5	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	0.6
Williams, Eli	6	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.2
Bailey, Cedric	2	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
TEAM	4	2	0	4	-4	-2.0	0	0	-1.0
Ladd, Kraig	6	23	37	104	-67	-2.9	0	11	-11.2
Total.....	6	214	870	183	687	3.2	4	26	114.5
Opponents.....	6	203	821	180	641	3.2	7	28	106.8

PASSING	GP	Effic	Cmp-Att-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Ladd, Kraig	6	133.81	115-196-8	58.7	1315	16	67	219.2
Rooney, Brien	5	131.86	12-25-0	48.0	171	2	35	34.2
Total.....	6	133.59	127-221-8	57.5	1486	18	67	247.7
Opponents.....	6	119.26	121-213-9	56.8	1405	10	44	234.2

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Ceisel, Martin	6	39	551	14.1	6	67	91.8
Almanzo, Tom	6	31	305	9.8	5	35	50.8
Scalcucci, Jack	6	19	220	11.6	1	26	36.7
Podkowa, Rick	6	16	211	13.2	2	35	35.2
Williams, Eli	6	13	91	7.0	1	12	15.2
Lanter, Bo	6	3	19	6.3	0	8	3.2
Winston, C.	3	2	48	24.0	1	32	16.0
Meacham, John	5	2	16	8.0	1	10	3.2
Messina, Chris	5	1	15	15.0	1	15	3.0
Lofthus, Neal	6	1	10	10.0	0	10	1.7
Total.....	6	127	1486	11.7	18	67	247.7
Opponents.....	6	121	1405	11.6	10	44	234.2

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Williams, Eli	16	159	9.9	0	18
Monk, Josh	1	27	27.0	0	0
Messina, Chris	0	15	0.0	1	15
Total.....	17	201	11.8	1	18
Opponents.....	15	65	4.3	0	16

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Hunter, Roman	4	0	0.0	0	0
Crouch, Adam	2	99	49.5	1	90
Rogers, Dan	2	59	29.5	0	41
Nikolich, Nick	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	9	158	17.6	1	90
Opponents.....	8	167	20.9	3	40

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Williams, Eli	11	268	24.4	0	55
Winston, C.	7	156	22.3	0	35
Beauchamp, R.	7	121	17.3	0	63
Total.....	25	545	21.8	0	63
Opponents.....	31	679	21.9	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

SCORING	TD	FGs	PATs							Points
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf		
Duffy, Joe	0	5-5	22-23	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	37	
Ceisel, Martin	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	36	
Almanzo, Tom	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30	
Messina, Chris	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	
Podkowa, Rick	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12	
Rooney, Brien	1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0-0	0	0	8	
Brubaker, T.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Scalcucci, Jack	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Winston, C.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Meacham, John	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	
Williams, Eli	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Total.....	24	5-5	22-23	1-1	0	0-0	0	0	183	
Opponents.....	20	0-3	14-19	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	134	

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Ladd, Kraig	6	219	-67	1315	1248	208.0
Rooney, Brien	5	54	161	171	332	66.4
Winston, C.	3	80	320	0	320	106.7
Lanter, Bo	6	67	209	0	209	34.8
Brubaker, T.	5	10	64	0	64	12.8
Meacham, John	5	1	3	0	3	0.6
Williams, Eli	6	1	1	0	1	0.2
TEAM	4	2	-4	0	-4	-1.0
Total.....	6	435	687	1486	2173	362.2
Opponents.....	6	416	641	1405	2046	341.0

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Duffy, Joe	5-5	100.0	0-0	1-1	4-4	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

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Zic, Dennis	28	898	32.1	47	2	2	9	1
TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Total.....	29	898	31.0	47	2	2	9	1
Opponents.....	31	1127	36.4	50	3	1	9	1

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net
Tiefenbruck, B.	36	2106	58.5	3	1		
Total.....	36	2106	58.5	3	1	679	38.0
Opponents.....	24	1319	55.0	0	0	545	32.2

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	(4-2)	(1-2)	(3-0)	(0-0)
CONFERENCE	(1-2)	(0-2)	(1-0)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE	(3-0)	(1-0)	(2-0)	(0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
Sep 6, 2008	at Hope College	W	28-25	4050
Sep 13, 2008	ALMA	W	48-34	1550
Sep 20, 2008	at Aurora University	W	31-28	800
*Oct 04, 2008	CARTHAGE	L	21-26	2150
*Oct 11, 2008	at Millikin	W	42-0	3500
*Oct 18, 2008	AUGUSTANA	L	13-21	2000

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Illinois Wesleyan Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Oct 22, 2008)
All games

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	Tackles			TFL/Yds	Sacks	Pass Def			Fumbles	Blkd		
		Solo	Ast	Total			No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp		QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf
44 Nikolich, Nick	6	35	16	51	4.5-33	4.5-9	1-0	1	2	.	2	.	.
47 Souder, Dan	6	22	20	42	4.0-10	0.5-3	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
51 Rogers, Dan	6	28	13	41	0.5-1	.	2-59	.	.	.	.	.	.
24 Beauchamp, R.	6	26	8	34	2.0-6	.	.	4	.	.	1	.	.
20 Loftus, Neal	6	18	7	25	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
91 Jenkins, Ryan	6	17	6	23	0.5-3	3.5-24	.	2	.	1-0	.	.	.
90 Brooks, Max	6	14	5	19	5.5-26	3.0-15	.	.	1	1-0	1	.	.
22 Crouch, Adam	5	13	6	19	.	.	2-99	.	.	.	.	.	.
92 Ammirati, Mike	6	10	8	18	3.0-13	1.0-7	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
41 Kotz, Mike	6	6	7	13	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93 Boyd, Andrew	6	10	2	12	3.0-15	2.0-14	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.
11 Bushong, Erich	5	10	1	11	3.5-0	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
3 Hunter, Roman	4	8	2	10	0.5-1	.	4-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
25 Monk, Josh	6	10	.	10	1.0-2	.	.	3	.	.	.	1	.
36 Messina, Chris	5	9	.	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95 Cicinelli, C.	4	5	2	7	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM TEAM	4	4	.	4	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	4-0	2	2	.
46 Gresko, Ryan	5	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39 Edwards, Evan	3	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
1 Foster, Jeremy	1	2	1	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
94 Franco, Thomas	3	3	.	3	1.0-2	2.0-3	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.
14 McCain, Todd	5	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13 Tiefenbruck, B.	6	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19 Spoerl, Lucas	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50 Holmberg, Alex	2	1	1	2	0.5-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
37 Winston, C.	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45 Cicinelli, Joe	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34 Brubaker, T.	5	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32 Gant, William	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31 Williams, Eli	6	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
83 Handke, Michael	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56 Gainey, Mike	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28 Bailey, Cedric	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
71 Cook, Kindred	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27 Konovodoff, J.	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98 Rice, Chris	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16 Watkins, Jerry	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52 Kirk, Steven	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10 Ladd, Kraig	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
35 Berg, Matt	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
Total.....	6	273	117	390	32-116	10-53	9-158	17	4	10-0	9	3	.
Opponents.....	6	-	-	-	-	9-88	8-167	22	4	6-0	4	1	.