

2004 TITAN FOOTBALL Illinois Wesleyan vs. Millikin

THE GAME: Illinois Wesleyan (3-6, 2-4 in the College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin) ends its regular season at Millikin (4-5, 3-3 CCIW) at 1 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 13 on Frank Lindsay Field in Decatur.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: Chosen by Titan coaches to honor top players in the week's game and practices. The "Titan Award" was started in 2003 to honor a player for work ethic, loyalty and spirit. OFFENSE: Eric White, senior, receiver, Maywood (Proviso East HS) **DEFENSE:** Josh Remer, senior, line, Crestwood (Shepard HS) SPECIAL TEAMS: Rob Hoyland, freshman, line, Oswego (HS) SCOUT (Offense): Andrew Dulaney, freshman, receiver, Eden Prairie, Minn. (HS); Pat Zeiss, freshman, line, Bartlett (HS) SCOUT (Defense): Erik McCarrin, freshman, back, Lemont (HS); Ryan Vaughn, freshman, linebacker, Mokena (Marian Catholic HS) TITAN AWARD: John Pritchard, senior, offensive line, Galesburg (HS)

LAST WEEK: After falling behind, 15-12, early in the third quarter, Carthage scored the final 21 points of the game to defeat Illinois Wesleyan, 33-15 on Nov. 6 as the Redmen won at IWU for the first time since 1981. Carthage's Ferni Garza opened the scoring with 8:59 to play in the first quarter on a 1 yard run, capping a 14 play, 88 yard drive. The extra point kick failed and the Titans went ahead 7-6 on a pass from freshman Zack Krulac (Canton HS) to senior Eric White (Antioch HS) with 45 seconds left in the first. Carthage went ahead, 12-7, at the 3:08 mark of the second on a 4 yard completion from Garza to Kyle Kalvaitis. IWU went ahead, 15-12 with 10:39 left in the third when Krulac connected with Tim Snyder (Glen Ellyn, Glenbard South HS) for a 2-yard TD pass and a two-point conversion pass was good. But Dante Washington took the next play 64 yards for a score and Carthage was ahead to stay. Washington finished with 185 yards on 42 carries. Kalvaitis caught his second TD (a 15 yarder) with :53 to play in the third and Brandon Fox returned an interception 13 yards for a score with 3:23 to play in the game. For the Titans, White caught seven passes (for 116 yards and a TD) to give him 234 catches in his career, eclipsing the old school mark of 230 held by Chris Bisaillon. In his first start, Krulac completed 23 of 47 passes for 212 yards and two TDs and was also the Titans' top rusher with 24 yards. Damon Banks (Bellwood, Walther Lutheran HS) led IWU with 15 total tackles while Vince Heaton (Wheaton, Wheaton-Warrenville South HS) had 13 and Josh Remer (Crestwood, Shepard HS) had 12.

ERIC WHITE: With 234 catches in his career, senior Eric White (Antioch **HS)** is now the all-time leader in receptions at IWU, passing the mark of 230 set by Chris Bisaillon (1989-92). In three of those seasons (1989-91) Bisaillon played a nine-game schedule...White also ranks No. 2 in career receiving yards at IWU with 3,410, still well behind (388 yards) Bisaillon (3,798, 1989-92)...White is also No. 2 in receiving touchdowns with 38 (Bisaillon has 56)...White has been kept away from long pass gains so far this season: after nine games last year White had 68 catches for 1,079 yards; he is at 63 catches for 819 yards so far in 2004...White tied a school record with 15 catches against UW-Eau Claire on Sept. 11...White is a 2004 preseason All-American in *Street &* Smith's magazine, Lindy's magazine, and Football Gazette....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.

AT WILDER FIELD: Illinois Weslevan is 52-14 (.788) 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). FOR THE RECORD: IWU is 65-26 in its last 91 games (.714) since 1995. The 26 losses have come to Wheaton (7); Augustana (5); Millikin (4); Carthage and North Central (2); and Mount Union, UW-LaCrosse, Washington U., Elmhurst, UW-Eau Claire and Simpson (1)...The Titans are 63-21 (.750) at home and 50-34-1 on the road (.604) under Eash... IWU will have its first sub-.500 season since the 1993 team was 4-5. The Titans had been at .500 or better for 10 straight years and for 14 times in the last 15 seasons. . .Last year was the first time in 58 years that IWU had two consecutive losing seasons in CCIW play. **ALL-TIME:** IWU is 498-363-42 (.575) in 112 years of football. That

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NOVEMBER: In November, IWU is 30-12 (.714) in the Norm Eash era. The Titans were 2-1 in November last season.

THE SERIES: Dating back to 1904, Millikin has a 51-38-7 lead over IWU. IWu won last season, 49-31, and has won three of the last four meetings. Before that Millikin had won three straight. Prior to that, the Titans had won three in a row and five of the last six. Millikin won nine consecutive games from 1982-90. Despite being 95 meetings old, the rivalry isn't in the top 15 of Division III longest series.

2004 CCIW STANDINGS

<u>OVERALL</u>	CCIW
Carthage (8-1)	5-1
Wheaton (8-1)	5-1
Augustana (7-2)	5-1
Millikin (4-5)	3-3
North Central (5-4)	2-4
Illinois Wesleyan (3-6)	2-4
Elmhurst (4-5)	1-5
North Park (1-8)	0-6



LAST WEEK

*Carthage 33, Illinois Wesleyan 15 *Millikin 28, Elmhurst 21 *North Central 31, Augustana (III.) 10 *Wheaton (III.) 56, North Park 14

NEXT WEEK

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

2004 CONFERENCE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE DEFENSE

Sept. 4	Bryan Bergamn, Carthage, TE	Kyle Grimes, Elmhurst, CB
Sept. 11	Garrett Granberg, Wheaton, RB; Steve Holden, No. Central, RB	Benitez Brown, Elmhurst
Sept. 18	Dom Demma, QB, Elmhurst; Steve Holden, No. Central, RB	Brandon Fox, DB, Carthage
Sept. 25	Kam Kniss, QB, and Tyke Spencer, WR, North Central	Lenny Radtke, LB, North Central
Oct. 2	J.J. McDowell, Augustana, RB	Brett Barnes, Carthage, FS
Oct. 9	Dom Demma, QB, Elmhurst; Brad Musso, WR, Wheaton	Ben Hare, DE, North Central
Oct. 16	Dante Washington, RB, Carthage; Matt Roe, QB, Augustana	Jason Isaacson, DE, Wheaton
Oct. 23	Jeremy Chupp, QB, Wheaton	Brett Barnes, Carthage, FS
Oct. 30	Dante Washington, RB, Carthage; Mike Albin, QB, Millikin	Beau Biagi, Augustana

Nov. 6 Kam Kniss, QB, North Central; Colin Sinclair, Wheaton, WR Lenny Radtke, LB, North Central; Brett Barnes, Carthage, FS

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
Sept. 25	Tom Kudyba	J. Remer/V.Heaton	Eric Esch	B. Kelly/A. Dulaney	R. Vaughan/B. Collins
Oct. 2	Rick Alvis	Damon Banks	Blake Schulenberg	Ryan Ellis	D. McGhee/J. Rundle
Oct. 9	Eric White	Mike Stephens	Eric Esch	R. Ellis/J. Young	N. Roto/B. Collins
Oct. 16	Tom Kudyba	Vince Heaton	M. Berry/D. Himes	offensive line	T. Wilkins/W. Butler
Oct. 23	Tom Kudyba	Mike Stephens	Mike Berry	Dulaney/Cotter Hoyl	and/Ferber/McCarrin
Oct. 30	Marcus Dunlop	Brian Smith	none selected	B. Cotter/B. McWherter	R. Grady/D. Summers
Nov. 6	Eric White	Josh Remer	Rob Hoyland	A. Dulaney/P. Zeiss	E. McCarrin/R. Vaughan

THE INFIRMARY: Junior quarterback Tom Kudyba (Des Plaines, Elk Grove HS), who had started the previos six games, did not play against Carthage due to a deep thigh bruise that continues to hamper him. His status is day-to-day for the Millikin game.

ERIC ESCH: Sophomore Eric Esch (Bloomington HS) has slipped to second in the national NCAA Division III in punt returns with an average of 19.6 (15 for 294 yards)...He was CCIW "Special Teams Player of the Week" (vs. Chicago) Sept. 25 as he returned two punts for 120 yards, including an 80-yard TD return. That is tied for the third longest punt return for a TDat IWU, behind Kevin Kaplan (85 yards vs. Carthage, 2001) and Bill Faulkner (83 yards vs. Lakeland, 1963) ...Esch is the first Titan to win the new "Special Teams" honor from the league.

TIM SNYDER: Senior Tim Snyder (Glen Ellyn, Glenbard South HS) has 118 career receptions with 1,352 yards. He is 10th all-time in receiving and 14th all-time in receiving yards...Snyder joins 16 others as Titans who have amassed over 1,000 receiving yards in a career.

MARCUS DUNLOP: Freshman Marcus Dunlop

(Maywood, Proviso East HS) had the sixth most yards in a single game at IWU with 222 against North Park on Oct. 30. His 33 carries is also the sixth most in a single game as a Titan...As a high school senior, Dunlop ran for 837 yards and had 384 receiving yards and scored nine TDs for the Pirates,...He was an all-West Suburban Gold conference selection and his team's "MVP" in 2003...High school coach: 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 STATISTICS: After nine games, Illinois Wesleyan ranks seventh in total offense with 346.7 yards per game and is sixth in defense, allowing 386.3 yards per game. The Titans' Eric Esch (Bloomington HS) leads the league with a 19.6 punt return average and Eric White (Antioch HS) is fifth in receptions per game (7.0) and receiving yards per game (91.0). Tim Snyder (Glen Ellyn, Glenbard South HS) is sixth in receptions per game (5.67). Quarterback Tom Kudyba (Des Plaines, Elk Grove HS) is fifth in passing yardage per game with 152.1 and is fifth in total offense at 195.8 yards per game. Freshman Marcus Dunlop (Maywood, Proviso East HS) is eighth in rushing

with a 67.3 average per game and ninth in all-purpose yards (110.2)...Punter **Drew Himes (Princeton HS)** is seventh in the CCIW with a 36.4 average but the team is second in the league with a net 34.2 yard average on punts (includes 1.7 return against average)...**Damon Banks (Bellwood, Walther Lutheran HS)** is fourth in the CCIW with 9.9 tackles per game and **Vince Heaton (Wheaton, Wheaton-Warrenville South HS)** is sixth with 8.9 per game.

SCOUTING THE BIG BLUE: Millikin got a road win at Elmhurst last Saturday, 28-21. Millikin took a 14-0 halftime lead and held off the Bluejays charge in the second half. The Big Blue started early with Nathan Wallick rushing 2 yards into the end zone from two yards out with 11 minutes remaining in the first quarter. With 3:17 left in the first, Mike Kenders ran in from 1-yard out and a twopoint conversion made it 14-0. In the third quarter, the Bluejays opened the scoring with a 5-yard run with 10:40 left in the third. Millikin responded immediately after an Elmhurst penalty on the kick. The Bluejays recovered its own onsides kick before the ball had traveled 10 yards, setting the Big Blue up from the Elmhurst 44. The Big Blue needed just four plays to convert on a Kenders 1-yard run. Wallick opened up the fourth quarter with a 4-yard TD run with 13:11 remaining in the game to give Millikin a 28-7 lead. On the day, Wallick collected 132 yards on the ground in 27 tries with two TDs. Kenders also had a two TD day, running 12 times for 74 yards. QB Joe Albin completed 11-of-19 passes for 181 yards in his first start. His long pass of 51 yards went to Justin Stessman, who started Oct. 30 at quarterback and last week at wide receiver He made three catches for 71 yards and Jim Barry had two catches for 58 yards. Defensively, Michael Doggan, Jason Lynch, Kyle Hemenover and Nick Daniels led the team

with seven tackles each. Hemenover had three tackles for losses of 12 yards including a 7-yard sack. On special teams, **Seantaé Holland** returned two kickoffs for 47 yards with a long of 33 yards. **Aaron McLean** averaged 44.0 yards per punt and was 2-for-3 on extra point kicks.

THE COACHES: Norm Eash (Illinois Wesleyan, 1975) is in his 18th season as head coach at IWU and has an overall record of 113-55-1 (.682) and a CCIW mark of 85-44-1 (.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). . Doug Neibuhr (Millikin, 1974) is in his ninth year at Millikin and has an overall mark of 57-30 and 40-22 in the CCIW. Neibuhr coached at Wittenberg for seven years prior to Millikin and was 50-18-1 there and led the Tigers to a playoff appearance in 1995. He is 101-43-1 overall as a college coach.

BERRY'S BOOT: Sophomore Mike Berry (Crystal Lake (Prairie Ridge HS) kicked a 47-yard field goal at Wheaton on Oct. 23, the second longest in IWU history, behind Dave Pearce, who kicked a 48-yarder vs. North Central on Nov. 10, 1979. Berry's kick was the longest at IWU since Chris Johnson's 46-yarder vs. Elmhurst on Oct. 30, 1993.

ON THE AIR: The IWU/Millikin game will be broadcast live on WJBC AM-1230. **Jim Williams** and **Ben Alsene** will provide the play-by-play and analysis.

STATISTICS AND RESULTS: For a complete package of Illinois Wesleyan 2004 football statistics, check out this Web page: http://www.iwu.edu/%7eiwunews/sports/fb2004/teamstat.htm

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	2-1	0-0	4-2	1-3	0-0	3-4	5-5
2004	1-2	2-3	0-1	0-0	2-3	1-3	0-0	2-4	3-6
TOTALS	34-12-1	49-31	30-12	0-0	63-21	50-34-1	0-0	85-44-1	113-55-1