

# 2003 TITAN FOOTBALL Illinois Wesleyan vs. North Central

**THE GAME:** Illinois Wesleyan (3-2, 1-1 CCIW) plays a road game for the first time since Sept. 20 as the Titans meet North Central (4-1, 1-1 CCIW) on Sat., Oct. 18. Kickoff is at 1 p.m. at Cardinal Stadium in Naperville.

**LAST WEEK:** The Titans dropped to 3-2 overall and 1-1 in the league as they lost a 20-17 College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin decision to Augustana before a homecoming crowd of 2,250 in Bloomington. It is IWU's third straight loss to the Vikings. Augustana controlled the ball for nearly 24 minutes of the second half, staging two lengthy scoring drives to erase a 10-7 halftime deficit. Augustana rushed for 343 yards on 74 attempts and built a 415-270 edge in total offense and converted 10 of 18 third down conversions, while IWU was 2 of 10. Offensively, the Titans relied on Eric White (Antioch HS), who made eight catches for 194 yards and one touchdown that came with 6:03 to play in the game and narrowed the IWU deficit to 20-17. IWU was limited to just 35 net rushing yards, with 40 coming from Ryan Spellman (Wilmette, New Trier HS) while Rick Alvis (Metamora HS) added 14 yards, including an 11-yard TD run that tied the game (7-7) in the first quarter. Steve Lucas (Grant Park, Kankakee HS), the CCIW passing leader, was 12 of 23 for 235 yards. Brian Klesath (Peoria, Notre Dame HS) kicked a 33-yard field goal late in the first period to make it 10-7. Defensively, Josh Addis (Braidwood,

Reed-Custer HS) made 21 total tackles, including 10 solo, while Vince Heaton (Wheaton, Wheaton Warrenville South HS) had 14 tackles (seven solo) with one for a 4-yard loss. Mike Clark (Joliet, West HS) had 11 total tackles and Kyle Venvertloh (Quincy, Notre Dame HS) had 10 tackles.

**LEAGUE HONORS:** Illinois Wesleyan junior receiver Eric White (Antioch HS) was the co-winner of the CCIW "Offensive Player of the Week" honor for his play against Augustana on Oct. 11. White had eight catches for 194 yards and one touchdown in a 20-17 loss. His yardage accounted for 72 per cent of the Titans' 270 yards in the game. He shares the offinsive honor with Wheaton's Dan Price, who rushed for 202 yards and three TDs in a win over Millikin. The CCIW "Defensive Player of the Week" is Elmhurst's David Soccaras, who had nine tackles in a shutout of Carthage...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.

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:** Josh Addis, senior, back,

**Braidwood (Reed-Custer HS) SPECIAL TEAMS:** Brian Klesath, senior, kicker, **Peoria (Notre Dame HS)** 

SCOUT (Offense): Offensive line -Bob Uzumecki, freshman, line, Peru (LaSalle-Peru HS); Kevin Donlon, freshman, line, Naperville (Benet Academy); Greg Kaminski, freshman, line, Lansing (Thornton Fract. South HS); Bill Forsberg, freshman, line, Homewood (Homewood-Flossmoor HS); Kevin Hilmers, freshman, line, Glendale Heights (Glenbard East HS); Brock Klein, freshman, end, Addison (Trail HS); Tim Murray, freshman, line, Park Ridge (Maine South HS) SCOUT (Defense): Kevin Maliszewski, sophomore, end, Glen Carbon (Edwardsville HS); Jacob Kummer, freshman, line, **Bloomington (HS)** TITAN AWARD: Vince Heaton,

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).

junior, back, Wheaton (Wheaton

Warrenville South HS)

**FOR THE RECORD:** Since 1995, IWU is 60-17 in its last 77 games (.779). The 17 losses have come to Wheaton (5); Millikin and Augustana (4 each);

## **2003 CCIW STANDINGS**

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



### LAST WEEK

#### THIS WEEK

\* III. Wesleyan at North Central, 1 p.m.

\* Elmhurst at Millikin, 1 p.m.

\* Wheaton at Carthage, 1 p.m.

\*North Park at Augustana, 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

## **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

## ILLINOIS WESLEYAN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

|          | OFFENSE       | DEFENSE        | SPECIAL TEAMS    | SCOUT (Offense)        | SCOUT (Defense)       |
|----------|---------------|----------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sept. 14 | Eric White    | Josh Addis     | Eric Esch        | Hoogerhyde/Boulware    | J. Peterson/J. Kummer |
| Sept. 20 | Steve Lucas   | Mike Clark     | Drew Himes       | Ryan Ellis/Isaac Monts | A. Bohr/L. Masarsky   |
| Sept. 27 | Eric White    | Mike Stephens  | D. Himes/A. Bohr | Tyler Noonan           | Pat Beary             |
| Oct. 4   | Ryan Spellman | Mike Cafferata | none selected    | Armond Boulware        | Kowieski/O'Hara       |
| Oct. 11  | Eric White    | Josh Addis     | Brian Klesath    | offinsive linemen      | Maliszewski/J. Kummer |
|          |               |                |                  |                        |                       |

Mount Union, UW-LaCrosse, Washington U., and Carthage (1 each)...The Titans are 59-18 (.766) at home and 49-27-1 on the road (.643) under Eash.

**ALL-TIME:** IWU is 493-354-42 (.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.

**OCTOBER GAMES:** Since 1987 (Norm Eash's first season), Illinois Wesleyan teams are 47-26 (.644) in games played in October.

HEAD COACH: Norm Eash (Illinois Wesleyan, 1975) is in his 17th season as head coach at IWU and has an overall record of 108-46-1 (.704) and a CCIW mark of 81-37-1 (.691) 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).

SCOUTING THE CARDINALS: North Central has built its 4-1 record with wins over Benedictine (55-0), Colorado College (21-0), Franklin (17-14), and last week against North Park (33-13). The Cardinals lost at Augustana, 27-7, on Oct. 4...Last week North Central limited North Park to 43 rushing yards and 168 total yards while amassing 152 rushing yards and 330 total yards. Steve Holden ran for 95 yards on 30 carries and a TD and kicker Mike Augustine booted field goals of 26 and 29 yards and has made 5-of-6 this year...The Cardinals are second in the league in total defense, allowing 250.8 yards per game, and are sixth in the CCIW in total offense (355.6)...Head coach John Thorne, a 1969 IWU grad, has a 10-5 mark midway through his second year at North Central. Prior to 2002, he spent 22 years as coach of Wheaton Warrenville South HS. There he had a 181-64 record with state titles in 1992, 1995, 1996, 1998 and two runner-up finishes. He also captured six DuPage Valley Conference titles and earned DuPage Area "Coach of the Year" honors five times.

| 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<br>2-2 | 1-1        | 0-0        | 1-3        | 1-4          | 0-0        | 2-6          | 2-7           |
| 1989<br>1990                          | 2-1          | 2-2<br>2-2 | 1-1        | 0-0        | 4-1        | 1-3<br>4-0   | 0-0        | 4-4<br>6-2   | 5-4<br>7-2    |
| 1990                                  | 3-0<br>2-0-1 | 3-1        | 2-0<br>2-0 | 0-0<br>0-0 | 3-2<br>4-0 | 3-1-1        | 0-0<br>0-0 | 6-2<br>6-1-1 | 7-2<br>7-1-1  |
| 1991                                  | 2-0-1        | 5-1<br>5-0 | 2-0<br>3-1 | 0-0        | 4-0<br>6-0 | 3-1-1<br>4-1 | 0-0        | 7-0 *        | 7-1-1<br>10-1 |
| 1993                                  | 1-1          | 2-3        | 3-1<br>1-1 | 0-0        | 3-1        | 1-4          | 0-0        | 3-4          | 4-5           |
| 1993                                  | 2-0          | 4-1        | 2-0        | 0-0        | 3-1<br>4-1 | 4-0          | 0-0        | 6-1 *        | 8-1           |
| 1995                                  | 1-2          | 3-1        | 2-0        | 0-0        | 2-2        | 4-0<br>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          | 1-1        | X          | X          | 2-2        | 1-0          | X          | 1-1          | 3-2           |
| TOTALS                                | 33-10-1      | 47-26      | 28-10      | 0-0        | 59-19      | 49-27-1      | 0-0        | 81-37-1      | 108-46-1      |
| * - Indicates CCIW champion.          |              |            |            |            |            |              |            |              |               |

**THE SERIES:** In a series that dates back to 1945, IWU leads North Central, 36-14-3. The Titans have won 14 in a row and 20 of the last 22 games vs. North Central since 1983, including a 33-24 win in Bloomington last season.

ERIC WHITE: Eric White (Antioch HS) continues to lead the CCIW in catches and receiving yards per game...In his career, White now ranks No. 3 all-time at IWU with 2,082 yards and is No. 8 in receptions with 136...With one TD grab against Augustana last week, he has seven this season and 21 career TD receptions, making him No. 5 all-time at the school...White's 706 receiving yards this year is already 18th best in an IWU single season and 401 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 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 32 (of 47 attempts, .681 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 24 field goals in CCIW games, just two away from tying the league record of 26, also held by IWU's Pearce...Klesath has 187 career points, third most at IWU and five short of second place Dick Raab (192, 1961-64)...This season he became IWU's all-time leading kick scorer, passing Todd Rozboril (158, 1994-97)...Klesath has 91 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) leads the CCIW in passing yards and total offense through games of Oct. 4...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.

IWU ALUM COACHES: Three of the CCIW coaches are Illinois Wesleyan graduates - the Titans' Norm Eash and North Park's Robin Cooper, both from the class of 1975, and North Central's John Thorne, who graduated in 1969. Four other coaches are the head mentors at their own alma maters - Jim Barnes (Augustana), Doug Niebuhr (Millikin), Mike Swider (Wheaton), and Tim Rucks (Carthage), while Elmhurst's Paul Krohn is a Mankato State graduate.

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

**RANKINGS:** Three CCIW teams are in the top 33 of *Don Hansen's Football Gazette* - Wheaton is No. 5, Augustana is at No. 27 and surprising Elmhurst is No. 33.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** After three straight home games, the Titans will play their second straight game away from home as they travel to face the preseason CCIW cofavorite Wheaton Thunder. Gametime is 1 p.m.

| RECEPT Game 1. 15 1. 15 1. 15 1. 15 4. 14 4. 14 6. 13 7. 12 7. 12 7. 12 7. 12 7. 12 7. 12 7. 12 Reception 1. 230 2. 220 3. 152 4. 150 5. 147 6. 139 7. 138 8. 136 | Zac Williams 1999, DePauw Ed Brady 1983, Wheaton Chris Bisaillon 1989, Carroll Zac Williams 1998, Wheaton Ed Brady 1985, Millikin Ed Winkle 1985, Wheaton ERIC WHITE 2003, WASHINGTON U. ERIC WHITE 2003, U. OF CHICAGO Eric Larsen 1997, No. Central Ryan Tusek 1996, Millikin Don Strohfus 1970, Augustana Ed Brady 1983, Elmhurst Rory O'Connor 1982, Carthage ons in Career Chris Bisaillon 1989-92 Ed Brady 1981-84 Shawn Emerson 1997-2000 Ed Winkle 1982-85 Ryan Tusek 1993-96 Zac Williams 1996-99 Don Strohfus 1970-73 ERIC WHITE 2001- | RECEIVING YARDS  Game  1. 287 Chris Bisaillon 1989, Carrol 2. 260 Chris Bisaillon 1991, Carrol 3. 244 Eric Larsen 1997, North Centra 4. 227 Chris Bisaillon 1991, Quincy 5. 226 Ed Brady 1983, Wheator 5. 226 Ed Brady 1985, North Parl 7. 222 Don Strohfus 1971, No. Centra 8. 203 Eric White 2003, Washington U Career  YDS. PLAYER, YRS. REC 1. 3798 Chris Bisaillon, 1989-92 230 2. 2907 Ed Brady, 1981-84 220 3. 2082 Eric White, 2001- 130 4. 2071 Shawn Emerson, 1997-2000 155 5. 1929 Ed Winkle, 1982-85 156 6. 1911 Ryan Tusek, 1993-96 145 7. 1765 Zac Williams, 1996-99 135  RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS  Career TD Receptions 1. 56 Chris Bisaillon 1989-95 2. 27 Ryan Tusek 1993-96 3. 24 Zac Williams 1996-99 4. 22 Ed Brady 1981-84 | 1. 426   |
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| 7. 138  | Don Strohfus 1970-73   |   | 8. 25 Chad Beaty 1997, No. Central<br>8. 25 Wally Kistenfeger 1970, Elmhurst |