



2004 TITAN FOOTBALL

Illinois Wesleyan vs. North Central

THE GAME: Illinois Wesleyan (2-2, 1-0 CCIW) plays North Central (3-1, 0-1 CCIW) at 6 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 9 at Benedetti-Wehrli Stadium in Naperville.

THE SERIES VS. THE CARDINALS: In a series that dates back to 1945, IWU leads North Central, 36-15-3 and have won 20 of the last 23 meetings. The Titans had a 14 game winning streak snapped last year, falling 20-16 at North Central. A 14-play, 64-yard drive that chewed up most of the last 3:24 of the game ended with a Kam Kniss 6-yard TD pass to Brad Spencer with six seconds remaining to give North Central the win.

ALL-TIME: IWU is 497-359-42 (.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 64-22 in its last 86 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 62-19 (.763) at home and 50-32-1 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 was the first time in 58 years that IWU had two consecutive losing seasons in CCIW play.

OCTOBER: In October, IWU is 48-28 in the Norm Eash era and was 1-3 in the month last season.

TITAN NOTES: The Illinois Wesleyan Titans amassed 480 total yards and topped Elmhurst, 44-26, in the opening of College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin play. IWU got 84 yards rushing from junior **Rick Alvis (Metamora HS)**, who scored on TD runs of 34 and 30 yards, and junior **Tom Kudyba (Des Plaines, Elk Grove HS)**, making his second start at quarterback, passed for 230 yards (20-31) and a touchdown and rushed for another TD. The Titans went ahead (14-0) with Kudyba and Alvis TD runs in the first quarter before Elmhurst's Eric Luna ran in from 7 yards out to make it 14-6. Alvis got his second TD and **Mike Berry (Crystal Lake, Prairie Ridge HS)** kicked a 28-yard field goal to make it 24-6 IWU before an Elmhurst score made it 24-12 at the half. Luna, who ran for a total of 93 yards on 29 carries, opened the second half scoring with a 4-yard TD run and the Bluejays went ahead, 26-24, at the 8:39 mark of the third quarter when Demma found Todd Evans for a 10-yard TD pass and connected with Luna for the double extra point. But the Titans scored the final 20

points, first on a 34 yard pass from Kudyba to **Eric White (Antioch HS)** [:30, 3rd quarter], then on fourth quarter TD runs from **Ryan Spellman (Wilmette, New Trier HS)** [2 yards, 11:00] and freshman **Marcus Dunlop (Maywood, Proviso East HS)** [1 yard, 3:22]. **Damon Banks (Bellwood, Walther Lutheran HS)** had 15 tackles and junior **Levi Derber (Princeton, Spring Valley Hall HS)** and senior **Josh Remer (Crestwood, Shepard HS)** each had seven for Illinois Wesleyan.

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: Rick Alvis, junior, fullback, **Metamora (HS)**

DEFENSE: Damon Banks, junior, linebacker, **Bellwood (Walther Lutheran HS)**

SPECIAL TEAMS: Blake Schulenberg, junior, defensive end, **Springfield (Sacred Heart Griffin HS)**

SCOUT (Offense): Ryan Ellis, sophomore, back, **Vernon Hills (HS)**

SCOUT (Defense): Donnie McGhee, freshman, back, **Hazel Crest (Hillcrest HS)**; Josh Rundle, freshman, linebacker, **Mt. Vernon, Iowa (HS)**

TITAN AWARD: Tyler Noonan, sophomore, offensive line, **Bloomington (HS)**



LAST WEEK

*Augustana (Ill.) 42, North Park 10

*Carthage 31, Millikin 13

*Illinois Wesleyan 44, Elmhurst 26

*Wheaton (Ill.) 17, North Central 7

THIS WEEK

*Illinois Wesleyan at North Central, 6 p.m.

*Carthage at Augustana, 1 p.m.

*North Park at Elmhurst, 1 p.m.

*Wheaton at Millikin, 1 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

*Augustana at Illinois Wesleyan, 1 p.m.

*Elmhurst at Wheaton, 1 p.m.

*Millikin at North Park, 1 p.m.

*North Central at Carthage, 1 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
 Sept. 25 Kam Kniss, QB, and Tyke Spencer, WR, North Central
 Oct. 2 J.J. McDowell, Augustana, RB

DEFENSE

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

SCOUTING THE CARDINALS: In the latest NCAA III football polls, North Central is ranked 36th in Don Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette Top 40. The Cardinals also received four votes in D3football.com's Top 25, which would place them 49th...Despite missing its

leading rusher (**Steve Holden**) and leading passer (**Kam Kniss**), North Central managed to give No. 3-ranked Wheaton (4-0, 1-0) all it could handle in losing 17-7 on Oct. 2. Wheaton took a 14-7 lead at the end of the third quarter when Jeremy Chupp connected with receiver Colin Sinclair on a 46-yard TD. The Thunder threatened to extend the lead even more midway through the third quarter, but **Mario Smith** intercepted Chupp in the end zone. North Central was unable to capitalize on the turnover or any of its second-half possessions, and Wheaton's Andrew Day kicked a 48-yard field goal with 2:02 left to end the scoring...Kniss was out due to illness and Holden was out because of an ankle sprain. **Adam Duerr** filled in for Kniss, completing 10 of 26 for 145 yards passing and rushed for 33 yards on 17 carries. Freshman **Israel Brown** and senior **Matt Edgcomb** had 37 and 27 yards rushing respectively. Junior wide receiver **Tyke Spencer** led the receiving corps with five catches for 60 yards while senior wide receiver **Chuck Earnest** finished with three catches for 60 yards. In the first half, North Central relied on its defense to hold Wheaton to seven points and 121 yards of offense. The Cardinals picked off two passes on drives in which Wheaton threatened to score. Smith intercepted the first Chupp pass inside the North Central 15, and **Chris Bazant** picked off the second to set up the Cardinals' first score. Duerr heaved a 50-yard bomb to Earnest to tie the game at 7s with 4:52 left in the first half. **Lenny Radtke** led North Central's defense, finishing with 16 tackles (10 solo), one for a loss of 3 yards and one pass breakup. **Timm Bellazzini** had 11 tackles, and Smith had two interceptions, two pass breakups, and a forced fumble.



THE COACHES: **Norm Eash** (Illinois Wesleyan, 1975) is in his 18th season as head coach at IWU and has an overall record of 112-51-1 (.682) and a CCIW mark of 84-40-1 (.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)... Head coach **John Thorne**, a 1969 Illinois Wesleyan grad, has a 16-8 mark in his third 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.

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. 2 in career receiving yards at IWU with 2,909, having just passed **Ed Brady** (2,907 from 1981-84) but still well behind Chris Bisailon (3,798, 1989-92)...White is also No. 2 in receiving touchdowns with 31 (Bisailon has 56) and No. 3 in career receptions (with 200, behind **Brady** at 220 in second place and **Bisailon** with 230 in first)...White tied a school record with 15 catches against UW-Eau Claire on Sept. 11...White has been kept away from long pass gains so far this season - after four games last year White had 31 catches for 512 yards; he is at 29 catches for 318 yards so far in 2004...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 93 career receptions with 1,162 yards. He is 13th all-time in receptions 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: Seeing significant playing time is freshman 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.

ERIC ESCH: Sophomore defensive back **Eric Esch (Bloomington HS)** was the CCIW "Special Teams Player of the Week" (vs. Chicago) Sept. 25. Esch returned two punts for 120 yards, including an 80-yard TD return. That is tied for the third longest punt return for a TD at IWU, behind **Kevin Kaplan** (85 yards vs. Carthage, 2001) and **Bill Faulkner** (83 yards vs. Lakeland, 1963). Kaplan also returned a punt 80 yards for a TD vs. Carthage in 2000...Esch is the first Titan to win the new "Special Teams" honor from the league.

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.

AT WILDER FIELD: Illinois Wesleyan is 51-12 (.810) 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).

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

LOOKING AHEAD: The Titans continue CCIW play next week (Oct. 16) at home against Augustana in a 1 p.m. game at Wilder Field. Last year the Titans lost to Augustana, 20-17, before a homecoming crowd of 2,250 in Bloomington. It was IWU's third straight loss to the Vikings, who 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.

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

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	2-1	0-0	4-2	1-3	0-0	3-4	5-5
2004	1-2	1-0	x	x	1-1	1-1	x	1-0	2-2
TOTALS	34-12-1	48-28	30-11	0-0	62-19	50-32-1	0-0	84-40-1	112-51-1

* - Indicates CCIW champion.