



# 2003 TITAN FOOTBALL

## Illinois Wesleyan vs. North Park

**THE GAME:** Illinois Wesleyan (2-1) plays North Park (2-1) on Sat., Oct. 4. Kickoff is at 1 p.m. at Wilder Field in Illinois Wesleyan Stadium. The game was originally to be played in Chicago, but construction delays have prevented the new North Park facility (the Holmgren Athletic Complex) from being completed...This is the second of three straight home games for IWU.

**LAST WEEK:** After a frustrating, turnover-filled first half, the Illinois Wesleyan football team rallied for a 30-21 non-conference win over the University of Chicago on Sept. 27. Offensively, it was junior QB **Steve Lucas (Grant Park, Kankakee HS)** connecting for three second-half TD passes to junior WR **Eric White (Antioch HS)**. The TD passes were of 20, 6, and 12 yards as White finished with 12 catches (second straight week) for 139 yards. Lucas completed 21-of-42 passes for 207 yards. **Ryan Spellman (Wilmette, New Trier HS)** rushed for a game-high 71 yards on 16 carries to help IWU build a 357-156 edge in total offense. Sophomore FB **Rick Alvis (Metamora HS)**, a transfer from Division I-A Northern Illinois, scored his first TD for IWU on a 15-yard run to put the Titans ahead 7-0 midway through the first quarter. The Titans trailed 14-7 at halftime after committing four turnovers and lost their third fumble early in the second half. IWU lost two fumbles and had two passes intercepted in the first half, leading to both Chicago scores. Senior **Mike Clark (Joliet, West HS)**, who led IWU with 11 tackles (five solo), intercepted a pass in the third quarter, leading to a 22-yard field goal by **Brian Klesath (Peoria, Notre Dame HS)**. It was Klesath's 29th career field goal, tying the school record held by **Dave Pearce**. Defensively, sophomore LB **Damon Banks (Bellwood, Walther Lutheran HS)** had eight total tackles (four solo) and freshman **Mike Stephens (Orland Park, Providence Catholic HS)** was among three players with six tackles and was involved in three quarterback sacks.

**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, wide receiver, **Antioch (HS)**

**DEFENSE:** Mike Stephens, freshman, end, **Orland Park (Providence Catholic HS)**

**SPECIAL TEAMS:** Drew Himes, sophomore, punter, **Princeton (HS)**; Adam Bohr, freshman, linebacker, **North Aurora (Aurora Central Catholic HS)**

**SCOUT (Offense):** Tyler Noonan, freshman, line, **Bloomington (HS)**

**SCOUT (Defense):** Pat Beary, freshman, linebacker, **New Lenox (Providence Catholic HS)**

**TITAN AWARD:** Andrew Tarman, junior, defensive back, **Carol Stream (Glenbard North HS)**

**AT WILDER FIELD:** Illinois Wesleyan is 47-10 (.825) 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).

**FOR THE RECORD:** Since 1995, IWU is 59-16 in its last 75 games (.787). The 16 losses have come to Wheaton (5); Millikin (4); Augustana (3); Mount Union, UW-LaCrosse, Washington U., and Carthage (1 each)...The Titans are 58-18 (.763) at home and 49-27-1 on the road (.643) under Eash.

**OCTOBER GAMES:** Since 1987 (Norm Eash's first season), Illinois Wesleyan teams are 46-25 (.648) 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 107-45-1 (.703) and a CCIW mark of 80-36-1 (.688) 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).



### LAST WEEK

Illinois Wesleyan 30, University of Chicago 21  
 Augustana 27, Wisconsin-Platteville 26  
 Carthage 56, Minnesota-Morris 12  
 Elmhurst 55, Rockford 14  
 Millikin 51, Anderson 19  
 North Central 17, Franklin 14  
 Wheaton 43, Hope 26

### THIS WEEK

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

### RECORDS

Millikin	3-0 overall	0-0 CCIW
Elmhurst	3-0 overall	0-0 CCIW
Wheaton	3-0 overall	0-0 CCIW
North Central	3-0 overall	0-0 CCIW
Carthage	2-1 overall	0-0 CCIW
Illinois Wesleyan	2-1 overall	0-0 CCIW
North Park	2-1 overall	0-0 CCIW
Augustana	1-2 overall	0-0 CCIW

## 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

### DEFENSE

Donnie Snyder, Elmhurst  
 Lenny Radtke, North Central  
**Mike Clark, Illinois Wesleyan, LB**  
 Derek Stephens, Millikin, DB

## ILLINOIS WESLEYAN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

### OFFENSE

Sept. 14 Eric White  
 Sept. 20 Steve Lucas  
 Sept. 27 Eric White

### DEFENSE

Josh Addis  
 Mike Clark  
 Mike Stephens

### SPECIAL TEAMS

Eric Esch  
 Drew Himes  
 D. Himes/A. Bohr

### SCOUT (Offense)

Hoogerhyde/Boulware  
 Ryan Ellis/Isaac Monts  
 Tyler Noonan

### SCOUT (Defense)

J. Peterson/J. Kummer  
 A. Bohr/L. Masarsky  
 Pat Beary

**SCOUTING THE VIKINGS:** North Park opened the season with a win at Greenville (24-17), then lost to the U. of Chicago (41-7), before defeating Eureka (23-21) on Sept. 20. The Vikings were idle last weekend...At Eureka, a 7-yard touchdown on a keeper by quarterback **Phil DeWald** with 23.7 seconds left gave North Park the win. North Park rallied from a 7-0 deficit to tie the game at the half, 7-7, on a 14-yard pass from DeWald to **Jon Harris** and took its first lead with 2:56 left in the third quarter on a 40-yard touchdown run by **Dante Britten**. **Christian Thomsen** kicked a 21-yard field goal to make the lead 17-14 with 8:48 to play in the game...DeWald is 23-of-54 for 338 yards and two TDs this season and Britten is eighth in the CCIW with 214 rushing yards on 28 carries...As a team, North Park averages 293 yards of total offense and 18 points per game while allowing opponents 404.3 yards of offense and 26.3 points...North Park played their Sept. 13 home game vs. Chicago at Elmhurst.

**THE SERIES:** Dating back to 1960, IWU leads the series vs. North Park, 40-3. The Titans have won 17 in a row and 22 of the last 23, including a 49-9 win in the IWU Homecoming game in Bloomington on Oct. 5, 2002.

**COOPER RETURNS: Robin Cooper** (Illinois Wesleyan '75), a teammate of Eash's at IWU, has a 5-18 record (.217) in his third year at North Park. Cooper, a quarterback at IWU, had a 13-8 record at College of DuPage from 1999-2000, where he started the program. Cooper was 36-33 as head coach at Evansville and his first college head coaching job had him starting the football program in 1984 at MacMurray College. He led the Highlanders to a 20-8 mark over three years...He is one of three IWU graduates coaching the eight CCIW teams; in addition to Eash and Cooper, North Central's **John Thorne** is an IWU grad (class of 1969)...A Bloomington High product, Cooper grew up a block from the IWU campus.

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

**LAST SEASON:** The Titans were 6-4 in 2002 and 3-4 in the College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin...With six victories last year, IWU had its ninth straight winning season and its 13th in the last 14 seasons.

## 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	x	x	x	1-1	1-0	x	x	2-1
TOTALS	33-10-1	46-25	28-10	0-0	58-18	49-27-1	0-0	80-36-1	107-45-1

\* - Indicates CCIW champion.

**BRIAN KLESATH:** When the senior from **Peoria (Notre Dame HS)** kicks his next field goal, he will become the school's all-time leader. He now has 29, which is tied with **Dave Pearce**, who kicked 29 from 1979-82...Klesath also has 173 career points, third most all-time at IWU...This season he became IWU's all-time leading kick scorer, passing **Todd Rozboril** (158, 1994-97)...Klesath has 86 career extra point kicks, tying him for second with **Bill Farrar** in IWU career records, but behind Rozboril's record of 116...Last year Klesath led the CCIW in kick scoring...Made 35 of 39 extra points and tied school record with 12 of 17 field goals...His career long is 44 yards (UW-LaCrosse, 2002)...His four FG vs. North Central (2002) tied an IWU game record.

**ERIC WHITE:** For the second straight week, junior wide receiver **Eric White (Antioch HS)** had 12 catches in a game, which is 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...For his career, White has 125 catches and 1,868 receiving yards, which rank him No. 9 and No. 6, respectively, in IWU history... With three TD grabs last week, he now has 19 career TD receptions, tying him for sixth all-time at the school.

**STEVE LUCAS:** Junior **Steve Lucas (Grant Park, Kankakee HS)** will get his fourth start at Illinois Wesleyan as quarterback...Lucas had a huge 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 comple-

tion this season (on the first play from scrimmage) was for 80 yards and a touchdown to **Eric White**.

**LEAGUE HONORS:** This week, Augustana's Mike Clark and Millikin's Derek Stephens were the offensive and defensive "Players of the Week", respectively, in the College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin. Clark booted a 54-yard field goal as the time expired to give Augie a 27-26 win over UW-Platteville. The school-record boot is the longest game-winning field goal in NCAA Division III history...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.

**ALL-TIME:** IWU is 492-353-42 (.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.

**CCIW PRESEASON POLL:** IWU was picked in a third place tie (with Millikin) in the preseason College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin coaches' poll. Wheaton and Augustana were picked in a first place tie.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** The Titans will play their third straight home game and their second College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin contest next Saturday (Oct. 11) with a 1:30 p.m. game against preseason CCIW co-favorite Augustana...It will be the annual Homecoming game at IWU. The Titan teams are 26-12 in Homecoming games since 1965.

## RECEIVING RECORDS

*current through games of Sept. 27, 2003*

### RECEPTIONS

#### Game

1. 15	Zac Williams	1999, DePauw
1. 15	Ed Brady	1983, Wheaton
1. 15	Chris Bisaiillon	1989, Carroll
4. 14	Zac Williams	1998, Wheaton
4. 14	Ed Brady	1985, Millikin
6. 13	Ed Winkle	1985, Wheaton
7. 12	<b>ERIC WHITE</b>	<b>2003, WASHINGTON U.</b>
7. 12	<b>ERIC WHITE</b>	<b>2003, U. OF CHICAGO</b>
7. 12	Eric Larsen	1997, No. Central
7. 12	Ryan Tusek	1996, Millikin
7. 12	Don Strohufus	1970, Augustana
7. 12	Ed Brady	1983, Elmhurst
7. 12	Rory O'Connor	1982, Carthage

#### Receptions in Career

1. 230	Chris Bisaiillon	1989-92
2. 220	Ed Brady	1981-84
3. 152	Shawn Emerson	1997-2000
4. 150	Ed Winkle	1982-85
5. 147	Ryan Tusek	1993-96
6. 139	Zac Williams	1996-99
7. 138	Don Strohufus	1970-73
8. 129	Bruce Daydif	1964-67
9. 125	<b>ERIC WHITE</b>	<b>2001-</b>

## RECEIVING YARDS

### Game

1. 287	Chris Bisaiillon	1989, Carroll
2. 260	Chris Bisaiillon	1991, Carroll
3. 244	Eric Larsen	1997, North Central
4. 227	Chris Bisaiillon	1991, Quincy
5. 226	Ed Brady	1983, Wheaton
5. 226	Ed Brady	1985, North Park
7. 222	Don Strohufus	1971, No. Central
8. 203	<b>ERIC WHITE</b>	<b>2003, WASHINGTON U.</b>

### Career

YDS.	PLAYER, YRS.	REC.
1. 3798	Chris Bisaiillon, 1989-92	230
2. 2907	Ed Brady, 1981-84	220
3. 2071	Shawn Emerson, 1997-2000	152
4. 1929	Ed Winkle, 1982-85	150
5. 1911	Ryan Tusek, 1993-96	147
6. 1868	<b>ERIC WHITE, 2001-</b>	<b>125</b>
7. 1765	Zac Williams, 1996-99	139

## RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

### Career TD Receptions

1. 56	Chris Bisaiillon	1989-92
2. 27	Ryan Tusek	1993-96
3. 24	Zac Williams	1996-99
4. 22	Ed Brady	1981-84
5. 20	Eric Larsen	1993-97
6. 19	<b>ERIC WHITE</b>	<b>2001-</b>
6. 19	Ed Winkle	1982-85
6. 19	Bruce Daydif	1964-67

## PASSING RECORDS

### PASSING YARDS

#### Game

1. 426	John Rooney	1983, Elmhurst
2. 409	Chad Beaty	1997, No. Central
3. 392	Lon Erickson	1996, Millikin
4. 388	Brad Forsyth	1989, Carroll
5. 359	Tom Monken	1992, Milikin
6. 358	W. Kistenfeger	1971, No. Central
7. 356	Steve Laub	1964, Millikin
8. 355	Chad Beaty	1998, Wheaton
9. 348	John Rooney	1982, Wheaton
9. 348	Lon Erickson	1995, Washington U.
11. 343	<b>STEVE LUCAS</b>	<b>2003, WASHINGTON U.</b>
12. 341	John Rooney	1985, Carroll

### PASS COMPLETIONS

#### Game

1. 33	Chad Beaty	1998, Wheaton
2. 28	<b>STEVE LUCAS</b>	<b>2003, WASHINGTON U.</b>
2. 28	Brian Shemansky	1999, DePauw
4. 27	Lon Erickson	1996, Millikin
5. 26	Brian Shemansky	1999, Wheaton
5. 26	Wally Kistenfeger	1971, Elmhurst
5. 26	Lon Erickson	1995, Washington U.
8. 25	Chad Beaty	1997, No. Central
8. 25	Wally Kistenfeger	1970, Elmhurst
10. 24	Brad Forsyth	1989, Carroll