



# 2004 TITAN FOOTBALL

## Illinois Wesleyan vs. UW-Eau Claire

**THE GAME:** Illinois Wesleyan (0-1) plays the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (1-0) on Sat., Sept. 11. Kickoff is at 1 p.m. at Wilder Field at Illinois Wesleyan.

**SPECIAL WEEKEND:** This is "Fall Family Weekend" at IWU and also McLean County Appreciation Day.

**ALL-TIME:** IWU is 495-358-42 (.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.

**SEPTEMBER SUCCESS:** In September, IWU is 32-11-1 in the Norm Eash era and was 2-1 last season. The loss in 2001 at Washington U. was the Titans' first in Sept. since 1995 and that loss ended a string of 11 straight regular season non-league wins, dating back to a 24-21 loss to Simpson in 1995.

**SEASON OPENERS:** IWU is now 10-8 in opening-day games under Norm Eash, including last week's loss at Simpson.

**FOR THE RECORD:** IWU is 62-21 in its last 82 games (.753) since 1995. The 21 losses have come to Wheaton (6); Millikin and Augustana (4 each); Mount Union, North Central, UW-LaCrosse, Washington U., Elmhurst, Carthage and Simpson (1 each)...The Titans are 61-18 (.769) at home and 49-32-1 on the road (.619) 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 marked the first time in 58 years of CCIW play that IWU had two consecutive losing seasons in league play.

**AT WILDER FIELD:** Illinois Wesleyan is 50-11 (.817) at Wilder Field in the last 11 years (1991-2003). 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).

**TITAN NOTES:** Illinois Wesleyan dropped a 13-7 decision at Simpson last Saturday in the season opener for both teams. The Titans, who never led in the game, outgained Simpson 137-99 on the ground, led by freshman **Marcus Dunlop (Maywood, Proviso East HS)**, who ran for a game-high 78 yards on 12 carries. Junior **Ryan Spellman (Wilmette, New Trier HS)** added 72 yards on 11 attempts. Quarterback **Steve Lucas (Grant Park, Kankakee HS)** was 15 of 27 for 110 yards. Simpson, a 2003 playoff qualifier, had a 344-247 edge in total yardage and was 10 of 18 on

third-down conversions while the Titans were 3 of 13. Simpson All-American WR Dusty Kain caught two TD passes and forced a key fumble following an IWU interception to key the win. Kain put the Storm ahead 7-0 at the 6:46 mark of the first quarter when he scored on a 68-yard pass play. Kain's 10-yard TD reception with 2:43 left in the third quarter snapped a 7-7 tie and capped a 12-play, 84-yard drive following an IWU fumble. Kain finished with 13 catches for 181 yards. The Titans tied it at 7-7 late in the first half on a 1-yard quarterback sneak by Lucas, set up by Dunlop's 49-yard dash to the 1. Midway through the fourth quarter, **Andrew Tarman (Carol Stream, Glenbard North HS)** intercepted a pass at the IWU 40 but was stripped of the ball from behind by Kain, and Simpson recovered at its own 45 with 6:50 remaining. IWU got the ball back two more times deep in its own territory but couldn't get past its own 28. IWU's defense stopped a Storm scoring threat with time running out in the opening half after an interception was returned to the IWU 17. The Storm drove to the 3 before **Eric Esch (Bloomington HS)** forced a fumble and **Levi Derber (Princeton, Spring Valley Hall HS)** recovered. Derber also had an interception earlier in the quarter. Linebacker **Damon Banks (Bellwood, Walther Lutheran HS)** had a game-high 12 tackles for IWU, and tackle **Josh Remer (Crestwood, Shepard HS)** added 10. Sophomore linebacker **Gary Modrow (Elmhurst, York HS)** blocked a 34-yard field goal attempt midway through the second quarter.



### LAST WEEK

Augustana (Ill.) 38, Central 7  
Carthage 52, Carroll (Wis.) 14  
Elmhurst 60, Benedictine (Ill.) 14  
Simpson 13, Illinois Wesleyan 7  
Wartburg 36, Millikin 21  
MacMurray 42, North Park 16

### THIS WEEK

North Park at University of Chicago, Noon  
Carthage at Lakeland, 1 p.m.  
Wisconsin-Eau Claire at Illinois Wesleyan, 1 p.m.  
Gustavus Adolphus at Wheaton (Ill.), 1 p.m.  
Elmhurst at Concordia (Ill.), 1:30 p.m.  
Benedictine (Ill.) at North Central, 1:30 p.m.  
Upper Iowa at Augustana (Ill.), 6 p.m.

## 2004 CONFERENCE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

### OFFENSE

Sept. 4 Bryan Bergamn, Carthage, TE

### DEFENSE

Kyle Grimes, Elmhurst, CB

## 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

**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:** None selected

**DEFENSE:** Josh Remer, senior, line, **Crestwood (Shepard HS)**

**SPECIAL TEAMS:** Adam Bohr, sophomore, defensive end, **North Aurora (Central Catholic HS)**

**SCOUT (Offense):** Bryan Kelly, freshman, quarterback, **Evanston (HS)**

**SCOUT (Defense):** Tim Wilkins, freshman, end, **Evanston (HS)**; Billy Spieth, freshman, back, **Homewood (Homewood-Flossmoor HS)**

**TITAN AWARD:** Brandon Cotter, sophomore, quarterback, **Bradley (Bradley-Bourbonnais HS)**

**THE COACHES:** **Norm Eash** (Illinois Wesleyan, 1975) is in his 18th season as head coach at IWU and has an overall record of 110-50-1 (.693) and a CCIW mark of 82-40-1 (.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)...**Todd Hoffner** (Valley City State U., N.Dak.) has a 30-21 record in his sixth year at UW-Eau Claire. Under Hoffner, the Blugolds have finished .500 or better over the last four years going 27-13 during that stretch. The 2002 squad was 8-2, highlighted by wins over national semifinalist St. John's. Hoffner spent eight years as an assistant at UW-Stevens Point. He was a graduate assistant at the U. of North Dakota while working on his master's. His only previous head football coaching post was at North Central H.S. in Rogers, N. Dak. in 1988. He spent three summers with the Swedish American Football Federation.

**THE SERIES VS. THE BLUGOLDS:** This is the first meeting between the two schools in football and it represents the first time UW-Eau Claire has ever played a team from the College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin.



### SCOUTING THE BLUGOLDS:

UW-Eau Claire dominated defending national champion St. John's for three quarters, carrying a 30-7 lead into the fourth quarter, and held off a late charge as the Blugolds topped St. John's 30-28 on the road last Saturday. In the preseason, the

Johnnies were in the top four in five major polls, including No. 1 in Football Gazette and No. 2 in D3Football.com. The regular season loss is the first for St. John's since 2002 (again UW-EC in OT) and the loss snaps St. John's 19-game regular season win streak and 22-game home win streak. The Blugolds have defeated St. John's three of the last four seasons. The game got off to an inauspicious start as **Nels Fredrickson** threw an interception on the first play from scrimmage that was returned for a St. John's TD and a 7-0 lead. The Blugoldsscored on an **Andy Schneider** 24-yard FG to make the score 7-3. UW-EC took the lead for good with 11:37 left in the second quarter, when **Joe Gast** ran for a 2-yard TD to put UW-EC ahead 10-7. After a three-and-out by the Johnnies, Fredrickson connected with **Darin Kryzanowski** for a 30-yard TD pass. The point after missed wide but the Blugolds still held a 16-7 lead. With less than five minutes left in the first half, **Marc Moonen** picked off a pass to give the Blugolds the ball at the St. John's 44-yard line. UW-EC drove to the 17, then set up to try a 34-yard field goal. The field goal attempt proved to be a broken play, causing **Jesse Kryzanowski** to scramble before finding tight end **Don Kahl** in the end zone for a 17-yard touchdown to give UW-EC a 23-7 lead at halftime. On St. John's opening drive of the second half, **Zach Paul** intercepted a pass, then the Blugolds marched to the 3-yard line behind a 12-yard run by Gast and an 11-yard run by fullback **Mike Hennessey** before Fredrickson hooked up with Kahl for a 3-yard touchdown pass to put Eau Claire up 30-7. Eau Claire dominated in time of possession, holding the ball for nearly 37 minutes to St. John's 23. The Blugolds rushed for 226 yards as Gast led the way with 86 while **Eddy Kaiser** gained 54 yards on 11 carries. The Blugold defense recorded four sacks on the day, led by **Brent Crank** with two. **Dave Maas** led the team with eight tackles, including two for a loss.

**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.

**ERIC WHITE:** Senior **Eric White (Antioch HS)** 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...Finished with 74 catches and 14 TDs...After three seasons, he is third in touchdowns (28) and fourth in scoring (170) in school history...White started the season third in career receptions (171, behind Ed Brady at 220 in second place and Chris Bisailon with 230 in first) and receiving yards (2,591; Brady is second at 2907 and Bisailon is first with 3798) and second in receiving touchdowns (28; Bisailon has 56) at IWU.

**MARCUS DUNLOP:** A freshman who will see significant playing time is 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.

**ON THE AIR:** The IWU/UW-Eau Claire game will be broadcast live on [www.wjbc2.com](http://www.wjbc2.com)...The game will be rebroadcast on Insight channel 5 for Bloomington-Normal cable subscribers five times:

Saturday, Sept. 11 - 8 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 12 - 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 13 - 5 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 16 - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 24 - 6 p.m.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** The Titans will be off next week and will play next at the University of Chicago in a nonconference game on Sat., Sept. 25 at 12 noon. IWU opens CCIW play at home with the annual Homecoming game on Oct. 2 at 1:30 vs. Elmhurst.

### 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	0-1	x	x	x	x	0-1	x	x	0-1
TOTALS	33-11-1	47-28	30-11	0-0	61-18	49-32-1	0-0	83-40-1	110-50-1

\* - Indicates CCIW champion.