



2003 TITAN FOOTBALL

Illinois Wesleyan vs. Washington U.

THE GAME: Illinois Wesleyan (0-1) plays Washington U. (1-1) on Sat., Sept. 20. Kickoff is at 1 p.m. at Francis Field on the Washington U. campus in St. Louis.

LAST WEEK: The Titans lost their season opener at home to UW-LaCrosse, 22-12. IWU saw a 12-7 lead after three quarters disappear when UW-LaCrosse scored 15 unanswered points. Offensively, IWU had 312 yards of total offense compared to 282 for the Eagles. The Titans got two field goals from **Brian Klesath (Peoria, Notre Dame HS)** (27 yards and 22 yards) and had a 240 yard passing day from **Steve Lucas (Grant Park, Kankakee HS)**, who was 15-for-28 in his first collegiate start. Lucas also led IWU with 28 rushing yards. Junior wide receiver **Eric White (Antioch HS)** made four catches for 150 yards, including an 80-yard TD grab on the first play of the game. **Rick Alvis (Metamora HS)**, a 6-foot, 250-pound transfer from Division I-A Northern Illinois, had seven carries for 20 yards. Sophomore linebacker **Damon Banks (Bellwood, Walther Lutheran HS)** had 14 total tackles (five solo) and senior **Mike Clark (Joliet, West HS)** had 11 total tackles. Senior safety **Josh Addis (Braidwood, Reed-Custer HS)** made 10 tackles and defended three passes.

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: Eric Esch, freshman, returns, **Bloomington (HS)**

SCOUT (Offense): Brad Hoogerhyde, freshman, quarterback, **Lindenhurst (Antioch HS)**; Armond Boulware, freshman, back, **Gary, Ind. (Thornridge HS)**

SCOUT (Defense): John Peterson, freshman, line, **Chicago (Niles Notre Dame HS)**; Jacob Kummer, freshman, line, **Bloomington (HS)**.

TITAN AWARD: Bob Cullen, senior, tight end, **Sycamore (HS)**

HEAD COACH: **Norm Eash** (Illinois Wesleyan, 1975) is in his 17th season as head coach at IWU and has an overall record of 105-45-1 (.703) and a CCIW mark of 80-36-1 (.688) with conference 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).

FOR THE RECORD: Since 1995, IWU is 57-16 in its last 73 games (.781). 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 57-18 (.770) at home and 48-27-1 on the road (.638) under Eash.

ALL-TIME: IWU is 490-353-42 (.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.

SEPTEMBER SUCCESS: IWU is 31-10-1 in September in the Norm Eash-coached era (17 seasons). The Titans were 3-0 last season in September. A loss at Washington U. in 2001 was the Titans' first in September since 1995 and also snapped a string of 11 straight regular season non-league wins, dating back to a 24-21 loss to Simpson in 1995.

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.

AT WILDER FIELD: Illinois Wesleyan is 46-10 (.821) at Wilder Field in the last 11 years (1991-2002). The IWU football facility is the fifth oldest football stadium in the country, behind Wesleyan [Conn.] (1881), Williams [Mass.] (1883), Sewanee [Tenn.] and Amherst [Mass.] (both 1891).



LAST WEEK

Wisconsin-La Crosse 22, Illinois Wesleyan 12
Central (Iowa) 3, Augustana 0
Lakeland 17, Carthage 16
Millikin 28, Franklin 13
North Central 55, Benedictine (Ill.) 0
University of Chicago 41, North Park 7
Wheaton 35, Alma 24

THIS WEEK

Elmhurst at U. of Chicago, 12 p.m.
Illinois Wesleyan at Washington (Mo.), 1 p.m.
North Park at Eureka, 1 p.m.
Millikin at Aurora, 1:30 p.m.
Wheaton at Rose-Hulman, 1:30 p.m.
North Central at Colorado College, 1 p.m., MST
Benedictine (Ill.) at Carthage, 7 p.m.

BRIAN KLESATH: The senior from **Peoria (Notre Dame HS)** is closing in on IWU kicking records - he has 27 career field goals, just two shy of **Dave Pearce's** IWU record of 29...He also has 161 career points, fourth all-time at IWU and five points behind **Ryan Tusek** (166, 1993-96)...He just became IWU's all-time leading kick scorer, passing **Todd Rozboril** (158, 1884-97)...Last year he 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: Junior wide receiver **Eric White (Antioch HS)**, a first team all-CCIW selection in 2002, ranks 11th all-time at IWU in catches (101) and 12th in receiving yards (1,456)...Last year he led the league in catches (77) and receiving yards (1,064) with eight TDs...His catch total was second most in an IWU season and his yardage total was third best...Was IWU's "Offensive Player of Week" (a team honor) three times last season.

STEVE LUCAS: Junior **Steve Lucas (Grant Park, Kankakee HS)** will get his second start at Illinois Wesleyan as quarterback. Last season 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**.

SCOUTING THE BEARS: Washington U. improved to 1-1 with a 17-7 road win over MacMurray last Saturday, snapping the Highlanders' 19-game regular season winning streak. Senior **Matt Plotke** carried the ball 23 times for 117 yards. Junior **Adam Meranda**, making his first start at QB, was 10-of-18 for 104 yards and one touchdown. **Brad Duesing** led Bears in receiving with 67 yards on six catches. **Ben Lambert** kicked a career-long 46-yard field goal and is 4-for-4 beyond 40 yards in his career. The Bears' defense allowed 172 yards of total offense, including 67 yards rushing on 37 carries...Washington U. suffered its first season opening loss in the last 14 years, dropping a 32-29 decision at Simpson on Sept. 6. Senior QB **Matt Alley** was knocked out of the game in the third quarter, but had a career-high 236 yards on 14-of-21 passing. Duesing made seven catches for 90 yards, while **Blake Westra** had four catches for 86 yards. Plotke ran for 53 yards as the Bears had 406 yards of total offense...WU is the preseason favorite to win the University Athletic Association championship. The Bears were 6-4 last year, their 10th-consecutive winning season. The Bears posted a 4-0 record in UAA play as they won their third conference crown in the last four years...**Larry Kindbom** (Kalamazoo, 1974) is in his 15th season at Washington U. and has an 91-51 record with the Bears. He has a career mark of 119-81-1 (.595), which includes six seasons at Kenyon when his teams were 28-30-1.

THE SERIES: Dating back to 1899, Washington U. holds a 9-6 advantage in the series against IWU. The Titans won last year's game in Bloomington in the first overtime game in IWU history and the first night game in 30 seasons.

1899	.....	Washington U. 6, IWU 0
1949	.....	Washington U. 41, IWU 25
1950	.....	Washington U. 27, IWU 7
1951	.....	IWU 14, Washington U. 7
1952	.....	Washington U. 61, IWU 14
1953	.....	Washington U. 54, IWU 6
1954	.....	Washington U. 52, IWU 7
1975	.....	Washington U. 20, IWU 7
1976	.....	IWU 17, Washington U. 0
1994	.....	IWU 28, @ Washington U. 14
1995	.....	Washington U. 28, @ IWU 23
1996	.....	IWU 48, @ Washington U. 27
2000	.....	@ IWU 24, Washington U. 0
2001	.....	@Washington U. 17, IWU 14
2002	.....	@IWU 31, Washington U. 24 (OT)

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.

2002 CCIW HONORS: Three returning Illinois Wesleyan football players were chosen to the 2002 College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin first team all-league squad - junior wide receiver **Eric White**, senior linebacker **Solomon Jones**, and senior kicker **Brian Klesath**. On the all-CCIW second team were junior offensive lineman **Greg Whisler**, senior linebacker **Mike Clark**, and junior defensive back **Vince Heaton**. **White (Antioch HS)** led the league with 52 catches and 101.7 receiving yards per game. **Jones (Kankakee HS)** was 14th in the CCIW with 50 total tackles, including 30 solo. **Klesath (Peoria, Notre Dame HS)** was the league leader in kick scoring with 51 points, connecting on nine of 11 field goals and 24 of 27 extra point kicks. Overall he was sixth in CCIW scoring. **Whisler (Des Plaines, Maine West HS)** helped an offense that was second in the league in passing with 200.3 yards per game and third in scoring (30.4 points per game). **Clark (Joliet, West HS)** was 16th in the league with 47 total tackles, including 24 solo. **Heaton (Wheaton, Wheaton Warrenville South HS)** was ninth in the CCIW with 57 total tackles and had 39 solo. He also intercepted two passes for 24 return yards.

ON THE AIR: The IWU/Washington U. game will be broadcast live on the Internet and available at www.wjbc.com. **Russ Eisenstein** and **Ben Alsene** will provide the play-by-play and analysis.

LOOKING AHEAD: The Titans wrap up their non-conference schedule next Saturday (Sept. 27) with a home night game (6 p.m.) against the U. of Chicago. IWU opens CCIW play on the road Oct. 4 at 1 p.m. vs. North Park in Chicago.