

# 2003 TITAN FOOTBALL Illinois Wesleyan vs. Wheaton

**THE GAME:** Illinois Wesleyan (3-3, 1-3 CCIW) plays on the road for the second straight week as the Titans meet Wheaton (6-0, 3-0 CCIW) on Sat., Oct. 25. Kickoff is at 1 p.m. at McCully Field in Wheaton.

LAST WEEK: The Titans lost a 20-16 College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin decision to North Central in Naperville. 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, ending a 14-game losing streak to Illinois Wesleyan. The Cardinals rolled up 223 of their 376 yards in the first half and enjoyed a 13-3 halftime edge. Brian Klesath (Peoria, Notre Dame HS) kicked a 38yard field goal with 11:13 left in the second quarter for the Titans' only first half score. The Titans pulled within 13-9 early in the third quarter on a 7-yard TD run by Ryan Spellman (Wilmette, New Trier HS), then took the lead at 16-13 on a 3-yard scoring effort by Rick Alvis (Metamora HS) with 7:04 left in the game. That TD was set up by Mike Stephens (Orland Park, Providence Catholic HS), who blocked a 28-yard field goal attempt. Vince Heaton (Wheaton, Wheaton Warrenville South HS) picked up the blocked kick and returned it to the North Central 47. Spellman paced IWU with 69 yards on 18 carries. Steve Lucas (Grant Park, Kankakee HS) completed 17 of 31 passes for 240 yards. Eric

# 2003 CCIW STANDINGS

| <u>OVERALL</u>          | <u>CCIW</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Augustana (4-2)         | 3-0         |
| Wheaton (6-0)           | 3-0         |
| Millikin (5-1)          | 2-1         |
| North Central (5-1)     | 2-1         |
| Elmhurst (4-2)          | 1-2         |
| Illinois Wesleyan (3-3) | 1-2         |
| Carthage (2-4)          | 0-3         |
| North Park (2-4)        | 0-3         |
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White (Antioch HS) had seven receptions for a team-high 101 yards and senior tight end Bob Cullen (Sycamore HS) made four grabs for 72 yards. Defensively, Josh Addis (Braidwood, Reed-Custer HS) made 14 total tackles, while Mike Clark (Joliet, West HS) had 10 total tackles and Solomon Jones (Kankakee HS) had nine tackles. Freshman lineman Jacob Kummer (Bloomington HS) was elevated to the traveling squad for the first time this year and responded with eight tackles.

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:** Bob Cullen, senior, tight end, Sycamore (HS); Eric White, junior, receiver, Antioch (HS) **DEFENSE:** Jacob Kummer, freshman, line, Bloomington (HS) SPECIAL TEAMS: Mike Stephens, freshman, defensive end, Orland Park (Providence Catholic HS) SCOUT (Offense): Matt Wagner, freshman, tailback, Chicago (St. Rita HS)

**SCOUT (Defense):** Brian Kowieski, freshman, linebacker, **Elmhurst** (Immaculate Conception HS); Nick Ettema, freshman, linebacker, **Streator** (HS)

TITAN AWARD: Matt Holland, junior, fullback, Kenney (Clinton HS)

FOR THE RECORD: Since 1995, IWU is 60-18 in its last 78 games (.769). The

18 losses have come to Wheaton (5); Millikin and Augustana (4 each); Mount Union, North Central, UW-LaCrosse, Washington U., and Carthage (1 each)...The Titans are 59-18 (.766) at home and 49-28-1 on the road (.635) under Eash.

**OCTOBER GAMES:** Since 1987 (Norm Eash's first season), Illinois Wesleyan teams are 47-27 (.635) 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 108-47-1 (.704) and a CCIW mark of 81-38-1 (.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).

**ALL-TIME:** IWU is 493-355-42 (.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.

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),

## LAST WEEK

\* North Central 20, Illinois Wesleyan 16 \* Millikin 47, Elmhurst 37 \* Wheaton 63, Carthage 14 \*Augustana 48, North Park 17

#### THIS WEEK

\* Illinois Wesleyan at Wheaton, 1 p.m. \* Augustana at Millikin, 1 p.m.

\* North Central at Carthage, 1 p.m. \*North Park at Elmhurst, 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
- Oct. 18 Brad Spencer, North Central; Andy Beals, Millikin

#### 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 Jason McDearmon, Wheaton, LB

# ILLINOIS WESLEYAN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Williams [Mass.] (1883), Sewanee [Tenn.] and Amherst [Mass.] (both 1891).

SCOUTING THE THUNDER: The Wheaton football team (6-0 overall and 3-0 in the CCIW), ranked fifth in this week's D3Football.com Top 25, gave an impressive performance last weekend in a 63-14 win at Carthage. The Thunder looked strong on both sides of the ball as Wheaton amassed a season-high 508 yards of offense with 250 rushing yards and 258 passing yards, racking up 6.3 yards per play and 31 first downs. The Wheaton defense held Carthage to 294 of offense with 151 passing yards and 143 rushing yards...Chad Bradley completed 16 of 22 for 231 yards with a TD pass to Brad Musso, who caught five passes for 90 yards and returned three punts for 97 yards with a touchdown return. Bradley is No. 8 on Wheaton's career passing list with 3,747 yards in three seasons, while Musso is No. 6 on the all-time receiving list with 2,199 yards. Also vs. Carthage, Andrew King had six catches for

87 yards, **Dan Price** had 113 yards and two TDs on 22 carries while **Garrett Granberg** had 12 carries for 55 yards with one touchdown....**Jason McDearmon** was named the CCIW "Defensive Player of the Week" for his play vs. Carthage. McDearmon made five solo tackles, including three for lost yardage of -11 yards. He had a quarterback sack of -5 yards and forced a fumble to set up a Wheaton TD two plays later. ..With a record of 55-19, **Mike Swider** is in his eighth season as Wheaton's head coach after 11 seasons as defensive coordinator, a position he still holds. A 1977 Wheaton graduate, Swider is a former Wheaton quarterback and still ranks 10th in career passing yards at the school.

**THE SERIES:** Wheaton has a 24-22-2 lead over IWU in a series that dates back to 1922. Wheaton won last season, 35-21, in Bloomington and, in the last 18 meetings, Wheaton has an 12-5 lead with a tie in 1991. Norm Eash is 5-10-1 vs. Wheaton.

# 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       | 1-2    | х     | х   | 2-2   | 1-1     | Х       | 1-2     | 3-3      |
| TOTALS        | 33-10-1   | 47-27  | 28-10 | 0-0 | 59-19 | 49-28-1 | 0-0     | 81-38-1 | 108-47-1 |
| * - Indicates | CCIW cham | ipion. |       |     |       |         |         |         |          |

**ERIC WHITE: Eric White (Antioch HS)** now ranks No. 3 all-time at IWU with 2,183 yards and is No. 6 in receptions with 143...He has seven TD catches this season and 21 career TD receptions, making him No. 5 all-time at the school...White's 807 receiving yards this year is already 11th best in an IWU single season and 300 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 33 (of 49 attempts, .673 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 25 field goals in CCIW games, just one away from tying the league record of 26, also held by IWU's Pearce...Klesath has 191 career points, third most at IWU and just 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 92 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)** is third in the CCIW in passing yards and total offense through games of Oct. 18...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 comple-

tions 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**.

**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 vs. Augustana Oct. 11. White had eight catches for 194 yards and one TD in a 20-17 loss. His yardage accounted for 72 per cent of the Titans' 270 yards in the game. He shared the offensive honor with Wheaton's Dan Price, who rushed for 202 yards and three TDs against Millikin...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.

**ON THE AIR:** The IWU/Wheaton game will be broadcast live on WJBC Radio. **Art Kimball** and **Russ Eisenstein** will provide the play-by-play.

**RANKINGS:** Two CCIW teams are in the top 30 of *Don Hansen's Football Gazette* - Wheaton is No. 4 and Augustana is at No. 27.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** The Titans will two of their final three games at home, beginning with a 1 p.m. match vs. Carthage on Sat., Nov. 1.

| RECEIVING RECORDS   | RECEIVING YARDS   | PASSING RECORDS   |  |  |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| current through games of Oct. 18, 2003<br>RECEPTIONS<br>Game<br>1. 15 Zac Williams 1999, DePauw<br>1. 15 Ed Brady 1983, Wheaton<br>1. 15 Chris Bisaillon 1989, Carroll<br>4. 14 Zac Williams 1998, Wheaton<br>4. 14 Ed Brady 1985, Wheaton<br>4. 14 Ed Brady 1985, Wheaton<br>7. 12 ERIC WHITE 2003, U. OF CHICAGO<br>7. 12 ERIC WHITE 2003, U. OF CHICAGO<br>7. 12 Eric Larsen 1997, No. Central<br>7. 12 Ryan Tusek 1996, Millikin<br>7. 12 Don Strohfus 1970, Augustana<br>7. 12 Ed Brady 1983, Elmhurst<br>7. 12 Rory O'Connor 1982, Carthage<br>Receptions in Career | Game           1. 287         Chris Bisaillon         1989, Carroll           2. 260         Chris Bisaillon         1991, Carroll           3. 244         Eric Larsen         1997, North Central           4. 227         Chris Bisaillon         1991, Quincy           5. 226         Ed Brady         1983, Wheaton           5. 226         Ed Brady         1985, North Park           7. 222         Don Strohfus         1971, No. Central           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. 2183         ERIC WHITE, 2001-         143           4. 2071         Shawn Emerson, 1997-2000         152           5. 1929         Ed Winkle, 1982-85         150           6. 1911         Ryan Tusek, 1993-96         147 | PASSING YARDSGame1. 426John Rooney1983, Elmhurst2. 409Chad Beaty1997, No. Central3. 392Lon Erickson1996, Millikin4. 388Brad Forsyth1989, Carroll5. 359Tom Monken1992, Milikin6. 358W. Kistenfeger1971, No. Central7. 356Steve Laub1964, Millikin8. 355Chad Beaty1998, Wheaton9. 348John Rooney1982, Wheaton9. 348Lon Erickson1995, Washington U.11. 343STEVE LUCAS 2003, WASHINGTON U.12. 341John Rooney1985, CarrollPASS COMPLETIONSGame1. 33Chad Beaty1998, Wheaton |  |  |
| 1. 230 Chris Bisaillon 1989-92  | 7. 1765 Zac Williams, 1996-99 139   | 1. 55Chad Beaty1998, Wheaton2. 28Steve Lucas 2003, Washington U.  |  |  |
| 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. 143       ERIC WHITE       2001-         7. 139       Zac Williams       1996-99         8. 138       Don Strohfus       1970-73         9. 129       Bruce Daydif       1964-67   | RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS           Career TD Receptions           1. 56         Chris Bisaillon           2. 27         Ryan Tusek           3. 24         Zac Williams           4. 22         Ed Brady           5. 21         ERIC WHITE           6. 20         Eric Larsen   | <ol> <li>2. 28 Brian Shemansky 1999, DePauw</li> <li>4. 27 Lon Erickson 1996, Millikin</li> <li>5. 26 Brian Shemansky 1999, Wheaton</li> <li>5. 26 Wally Kistenfeger 1971, Elmhurst</li> <li>5. 26 Lon Erickson 1995, Washington U.</li> <li>8. 25 Chad Beaty 1997, No. Central</li> <li>8. 25 Wally Kistenfeger 1970, Elmhurst</li> <li>10. 24 Brad Forsyth 1989, Carroll</li> </ol>   |  |  |