



2004 TITAN FOOTBALL

Illinois Wesleyan vs. Wheaton

THE GAME: Illinois Wesleyan (2-4, 1-2 in the College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin) travels to meet No. 3-ranked Wheaton (6-0, 3-0 CCIW) at 1 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 23 on McCully Field in Wheaton.

ALL-TIME: IWU is 497-361-42 (.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 64-24 in its last 88 games (.727) since 1995. The 24 losses have come to Wheaton (6); Augustana (5); Millikin (4); North Central (2); and Mount Union, UW-LaCrosse, Washington U., Elmhurst, Carthage, UW-Eau Claire and Simpson (1)...The Titans are 62-20 (.756) at home and 50-33-1 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 48-30 (.615) in the Norm Eash era and was 1-3 in the month last season.

AT WILDER FIELD: Illinois Wesleyan is 51-13 (.797) 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).

TITAN NOTES: A 19-yard field goal with 38 seconds left proved to be the gamewinner as Augustana defeated Illinois Wesleyan, 30-28, in a CCIW game in Bloomington Oct. 16. IWU had gone ahead, 28-27, when junior **Tom Kudyba (Des Plaines, Elk Grove HS)**, making his fourth start at quarterback, ran in from 4 yards out with 9:33 to play. Augustana got the ball back with just over 4:00 to play and used 3:25 to forge a nine-play, 50 yard drive that culminated in the field goal. For the game, Kudyba completed 15 of 32 passes for 192 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for 78 more and one TD. Senior All-American **Eric White (Antioch HS)** had six grabs for 95 yards and a score and **Marcus Dunlop (Maywood, Proviso East HS)** rushed for 53 yards and a touchdown. Senior **Vince Heaton (Wheaton, Wheaton-Warrenville South HS)** had 14 total tackles for IWU and sophomore linebacker **Steve Groetsema (LaGrange Park, Lyons Township HS)** and junior linebacker **Damon Banks (Bellwood, Walther Lutheran HS)** each had nine.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: Chosen by Titan coaches to honor top players in the week's game and practices. The "Titan Award" was started in 2003 to honor a player for work ethic, loyalty and spirit.

OFFENSE: Tom Kudyba, junior, quarterback, **Des Plaines (Elk Grove HS)**

DEFENSE: Vince Heaton, senior, back, **Wheaton (Wheaton Warrenville South HS)**

SPECIAL TEAMS: Mike Berry, sophomore, kicker, **Crystal Lake (Prairie Ridge HS)**; Drew Himes, junior, punter, **Princeton (HS)**

SCOUT (Offense): Greg Gabrielsen, junior, line, **Hoffman Estates (HS)**; Greg Kaminski, sophomore, line, **Lansing (T.F. South HS)**; Pat Zeiss, freshman, line, **Bartlett (HS)**;

Jason Young, freshman, line, **Savoy (Champaign Centennial HS)**; Kolby Jackson, freshman, line, **Champaign (Centennial HS)**; Eric Van Hise, freshman, line, **Rochelle (HS)**; Dave Wells, freshman, line, **Schaumburg (Hoffman Estates HS)**

SCOUT (Defense): Wesley Butler, freshman, line, **University Park (Crete-Monee HS)**; Tim Wilkins, freshman, line, **Evanston (HS)**

TITAN AWARD: Chris Reynolds, senior, center, **Springfield (Southeast HS)**

THE SERIES VS. THE THUNDER: Wheaton has a 25-22-2 lead over IWU in a series that dates back to 1922. Wheaton won last season, 26-17, at Wheaton and, in the last 19 meetings, Wheaton has a 13-5 lead with a tie in 1991. Norm Eash is 5-11-1 vs. Wheaton.



LAST WEEK

*Augustana 30, Illinois Wesleyan 28

*Carthage 27, North Central 24

*Millikin 28, North Park 6

*Wheaton 56, Elmhurst 6

THIS WEEK

*Illinois Wesleyan at Wheaton, 1 p.m.

*Carthage at North Park, 1 p.m.

*Elmhurst at North Central, 1 p.m.

*Millikin at Augustana, 1 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

*North Park at Illinois Wesleyan, 1 p.m.

*Augustana at Elmhurst, 1 p.m.

*North Central at Millikin, 1 p.m.

*Wheaton 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
 Oct. 9 Dom Demma, QB, Elmhurst; Brad Musso, WR, Wheaton
 Oct. 16 Dante Washington, RB, Carthage; Matt Roe, QB, Augustana

DEFENSE

Kyle Grimes, Elmhurst, CB
 Benitez Brown, Elmhurst
 Brandon Fox, DB, Carthage
 Lenny Radtke, North Central
 Brett Barnes, Carthage, FS
 Ben Hare, DE, North Central
 Jason Isaacson, DE, Wheaton

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
Oct. 9	Eric White	Mike Stephens	Eric Esch	R. Ellis/J. Young	N. Roto/B. Collins
Oct. 16	Tom Kudyba	Vince Heaton	M. Berry/D. Himes	offensive line	T. Wilkins/W. Butler

SCOUTING THE THUNDER: Wheaton, ranked third in this week's American Football Coaches Association Division III Top 25, is 6-0 overall and 3-0 in the CCIW, as the Thunder improved its school-record regular season winning streak to 25 games, in addition to a 20-game winning streak against CCIW opponents. Wheaton topped Elmhurst, 56-6 last weekend as the Thunder amassed 526 yards of total offense with 283 rushing and 243 passing. Wide receiver **Brad Musso** caught 10 passes for 140 yards with two TDs and in his career, he has 3,694 yards on 211 receptions to eclipse the previous school record of 3,601 receiving yards accumulated by Mark Loeffler (1993-96)...Sophomore QB **Jeremy Chupp** completed 13 of his 18 passing attempts for 194 yards, with three TD tosses. **Colin Sinclair** had two catches for 46 yards and **Joe Chupp** had two catches for 39 yards with a touchdown. Senior TB **Garrett Granberg** ran 17 times for 92 yards to move into fourth on Wheaton's career rushing list with 2,412 yards in his career. Senior FB **Drew Thornfeldt** carried the ball seven times for 84 yards, with three TD runs and senior TB **Mark Hamstra** had eight rushes for 55 yards and a TD...The Wheaton defense held the Bluejays to 174 yards of total offense (90 passing and 84 rushing) as the Thunder recorded four quarterback sacks. Junior FS **Todd Travis** led the Thunder with a team-high nine tackles. Sophomore DEs **Jason Isaacson** was named CCIW "Defensive Player of the Week" as he made seven tackles with 1 1/2 QB sacks for -7 yards. **Michael Ware** also made seven total tackles and added 1-1/2 tackles for lost yardage (-8 yards), including a sack (-7). Senior LB **Jared Heckendorn** led Wheaton with 2-1/2 tackles for lost yardage (-10 yards), including 1-1/2 quarterback sacks (-5 yards).

THE COACHES: **Norm Eash** (Illinois Wesleyan, 1975) is in his 18th season as head coach at IWU and has an overall record of 112-53-1 (.682) and a CCIW mark of 84-42-1 (.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 **Mike Swider** has a 67-20 record in his ninth season as head coach at Wheaton and his 20th year as a member of their football staff. His .770 winning percentage is first all-time among Wheaton's 21 head football coaches. Last year, he led the team to its second straight playoff appearance, a school-record 12 wins and the program's first-ever appearance in the NCAA Division III playoffs quarterfinal round. Swider was CCIW Coach of the Year for the second straight year and was named the D-III North Region "Coach of the Year" by the AFCA and *Football Gazette*. Wheaton is 139-52-1 since Swider joined the staff in 1985. A former quarterback who threw for 1,933 yards and 15 TDs in four seasons, Swider graduated from Wheaton in 1977.

ERIC ESCH: Sophomore DB **Eric Esch (Bloomington HS)** is the NCAA Division III leader in punt returns with an average of 31.4 over nine returns...He was 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 STATISTICS: After six games, Illinois Wesleyan ranks sixth in total offense with 347.3 yards per game and is fifth in defense, allowing 350.3 yards per game. The Titans' **Eric Esch (Bloomington HS)** leads the league with a 34.1 punt return average and **Eric White (Antioch HS)** is third in receptions per game (6.83) and fourth in receiving yards per game (85.3). **Tim Snyder (Glen Ellyn, Glenbard South HS)** is sixth in receptions per game (5.5) and 10th in receiving yards per game (57.2). Quarterback **Tom Kudyba**

(Des Plaines, Elk Grove HS) is sixth in passing yardage per game with 141.7 and is fifth in total offense at 177.7 yards per game. Freshman **Marcus Dunlop (Maywood, Proviso East HS)** is ninth in rushing with a 60.2 average per game...**Drew Himes (Princeton HS)** is eighth in the CCIW with a 35.6 punt average but the team is first in the league with a net 34.6 yard average on punts (includes 0.2 return against average).

ERIC WHITE: Senior **Eric White (Antioch HS)** currently ranks No. 2 in career receiving yards at IWU with 3,103, having 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 34 (Bisailon has 56) and No. 3 in career receptions (with 212, 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 six games last year White had 46 catches for 807 yards; he is at 41 catches for 512 yards so far in 2004...White 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.

TIM SNYDER: Senior **Tim Snyder (Glen Ellyn, Glenbard South HS)** has 100 career receptions with 1,241 yards. He is 12th 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.

ON THE AIR: The IWU/Wheaton game will be broadcast live on www.wjbc2.com.

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.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD: The Titans continue CCIW play next week (Oct. 30) at home against North Park. IWU will also play a home game the next weekend (Nov. 6) against Carthage, whose running back **Dante Washington** set a league record with 52 rushing attempts last weekend. Game time the rest of the season is 1 p.m.

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	1-2	x	x	1-2	1-2	x	1-2	2-4
TOTALS	34-12-1	48-30	30-11	0-0	62-20	50-33-1	0-0	84-42-1	112-53-1

* - Indicates CCIW champion.