Illinois Wesleyan University Football 2006

Name of School: Illinois Wesleyan University
City/Zip: Bloomington, IL 61702
Founded: 1850
Enrollment: 2,100
Nickname: Titans
School Colors: Green and White
Field (Cap.): Illinois Wesleyan Stadium (3,500)
Affiliation: NCAA Division III
Conference: College Conf. of Illinois & Wisconsin
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Alma Mater, Year: Alderson-Broaddus, 1968
Athletic Director: Dennie Bridges
Alma Mater, Year: Illinois Wesleyan, 1961
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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Norm Eash
Alma Mater, Year: Illinois Wesleyan, 1975
Record at School, Years: 116-63-1 (.647), 19 yrs.
Career Record, Years: 116-63-1 (.647), 19 yrs.
Conference Record, Years: 87-50-1 (.634), 19 yrs.
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Best time to reach coach: Mornings
Assistant Coaches: Mike Wagner (def. coordinator, secondary); Mike Murray (off. coordinator, quarterbacks); Dirk Smid (linebackers); Billy Dicken (wide receivers); Mike Goodwin (asst. offensive line); Nick Eberle (defensive line); Jared Williamson (running backs); Paul Ronczkowski (kickers); Brett Stevens (defensive backs, linebackers).

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FOOTBALL HISTORY

First Year of Football 1887 (114 seasons)
Overall all-time record 501-371-42 (.571)
Years in postseason play 2
Last postseason appearance 1996
Result Lost, Div. III quarterfinal round (49-14 vs. Mount Union)
All-time record 2-2

TEAM INFORMATION

Overall record last year 3-7
Conference record/finish 2-5/Sixth (tie)
Final rankings last year None
Basic Offense Pro Set
Basic Defense College 4-3
Letterwinners Returning 39/14
Offense 21 Defense 17
Specialty 1 Total 39
Letterwinners Lost:
Offense 1 Defense 2
Specialty 0 Total 14

2006 SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER
2 COE 1 p.m.
9 OLIVET 1 p.m.
16 at Mount St. Joseph 12:30 p.m.
30 * at Augustana 1 p.m.

OCTOBER
7 * CARTHAGE 1:30 p.m.
(Homecoming)
14 * at Millikin 1 p.m.
21 * at Elmhurst 1 p.m.
28 * NORTH PARK 1 p.m.

NOVEMBER
4 * NORTH CENTRAL 1 p.m.
(Seniors' Day)
11 * at Wheaton 1 p.m.

* - Indicates CCIW game. Home games in bold and capitals

2006 SEASON PREVIEW
With a good number of starters returning on both sides of the ball, Illinois Wesleyan expects to improve on the 3-7 finish of the 2005 squad (2-5 in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin). The Titans, coached by Norm Eash, who has a 116-63-1 record in 19 seasons at his alma mater, return eight defensive starters and 10 offensive starters.

On defense, the Titans return first team all-CCIW end Mike Stephens, a senior who had nine quarterback sacks for -42 yards and made 43 total tackles, including 29 solo.

Also returning are senior linebackers Mike Mastro and Steve Groetsema. Mastro tied for the team lead with 90 tackles (41 solo), and had nine tackles for -22 yards with a quarterback sack and a fumble recovery. Groetsema collected 58 tackles and pounced on one enemy fumble.

All four defensive backs return, led by senior Eric Esch (56 tackles), who is also a punt return threat and was first team all-conference as a return specialist the past two seasons. He was a first team Division III All-American as a return specialist in 2004 when he was second in the national Division III statistics with a 20.6 punt return average. Joining Esch in the secondary are three juniors — Bo Osburn (second team all-CCIW; had a team-high three interceptions, two fumble recoveries, and 71 tackles), Brian Smith (two interceptions, 10 breakups, and 46 tackles) and Andrew Dulaney (34 tackles).

Offensively, there will be good competition to replace graduated quarterback Tom Kudyba, who finished his career No. 9 among all IWU players in total offense. The quarterback-to-be will have an exciting target in sophomore Martin Ceisel (first team all-CCIW as a freshman), who led IWU with 699 receiving yards on 34 catches with six TD grabs. Against Carthage, Ceisel made 10 catches for 237 yards, the fourth most in an IWU single game.

As a complement to Ceisel in the receiving corps, senior Jordan Musselman returns after making 31 catches for 403 yards and a team-high six touchdowns in 2005 and senior Nick Iovino made a team-high 36 catches for 257 yards and a TD. Senior Brock Klein returns as tight end. Junior Marcus Dunlop (second team all-CCIW) rushed for 606 yards on 141 carries and scored two TDs. The speedy Dunlop also made 10 catches for 80 yards.

The Titans’ front line returns intact with senior center Tim Murray (second team all-conference), seniors Bob Uzumecki and Kevin Hilmers at tackles, and junior Eric Van Hise and sophomore Steve Weinrauch at guards. Junior Josh Haraf also started eight games as a tackle and will be back in 2006.

Senior kicker/punter Mike Berry returns after connecting on 13 of 16 extra point kicks and five of 10 field goal tries with a long of 37 yards. As the Titans’ punter he averaged 36.6 yards per boot with a long of 56 yards and 11 landing inside the opponents’ 20.

**Returning Offense Starters**

Brock Klein, TE, 6-4, 250, Sr.
Josh Haraf, T, 6-3, 300, Jr. (started 8 games)
Bob Uzumecki, T, 6-5, 290, Sr. (started 2 games)
Eric Van Hise, G, 6-4, 240, Jr.
Tim Murray, C, 6-2, 260, Sr.
Steve Weinrauch, G, 6-3, 245, So.
Kevin Hilmers, T, 6-5, 300, Sr.
Martin Ceisel, WR, 6-3, 190, So.
Marcus Dunlop, RB, 5-9, 195, Jr.
Adam Bohr, FB, 6-1, 220, Sr.

**Returning Defense Starters**

Mike Stephens, DE, 6-4, 240, Sr.
Rob Hoyland, MG, 6-1, 250, Jr.
Steve Groetsema, LB, 6-2, 235, Sr.
Mike Mastro, LB, 5-11, 211, Sr.
Brian Smith, DB, 5-11, 175, Jr.
Bo Osburn, DB, 5-11, 200, Jr.
Eric Esch, DB, 6-1, 190, Sr.
Andrew Dulaney, DB, 5-10, 175, Jr.
Mike Berry, K/P, 5-8, 170, Sr.