



# 2007 TITAN FOOTBALL

## Illinois Wesleyan vs. Carthage

**THE GAME:** Illinois Wesleyan (2-2, 1-0 College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin) is in its 116th football season...The Titans aim for a second consecutive win this year playing at Carthage (3-1, 0-1 CCIW) in a 1 p.m. homecoming game at Art Keller Field in Kenosha, Wis.

**FOR THE RECORD:** IWU is 73-43 in its last 116 games (.629) since 1995...The Titans are 67-28 (.705) at home and 53-44-1 on the road (.546) under Norm Eash...The 43 losses have come to Wheaton (8); Augustana (7); Millikin (6); Carthage and North Central (4); Elmhurst (3); Simpson, UW-Eau Claire, Mt. St. Joseph and Coe (2); and Mount Union, UW-LaCrosse, and Washington U. (1)...Not since 1941 (2-5-2), 1942 (4-5), 1943 (2-4-1) has IWU had three consecutive losing seasons...2004 and 2005 were the first back-to-back losing seasons at IWU since 1987 (4-5) and 1988 (4-5)...In 2004, IWU (3-7) had its first sub-.500 season since the 1993 team was 4-5. The Titans had been at .500 or better for 10 straight years.

**OCTOBER:** In October, IWU is 53-36 (.596) in the Norm Eash era, and was 2-2 last season in the month.

**AT WILDER FIELD:** Illinois Wesleyan is 57-21 (.731) at Wilder Field in the last 16 seasons (1991-2007). The Titans are 4-0 in night games since lights were brought back to the field in 2001...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).

**ON TO THE NEXT 500:** IWU is 506-380-42 (.569) in 115 football seasons... The 500th win came in a 23-14 win over Wheaton on Oct. 22, 2005.

**ON THE AIR:** The IWU/Carthage game will be broadcast live on WJBC 1230 AM and on the Internet at [www.wjbc2.com](http://www.wjbc2.com).

**THE SERIES VS. THE RED MEN:** In a series that dates back to 1926, Illinois Wesleyan holds a 33-18 lead vs. Carthage but the Red Men have won four of the last five games, including a 31-28 decision last year in Bloomington. The Titans have won 19 of the last 25 meetings, and 24 of the last 31. Prior to 2004, Carthage's last win in Bloomington was in 1981 (29-7)...The Red Men won the 2002 game in Kenosha to snap an eight-game IWU winning streak...The Red Men have won its last two games home games against IWU. The Titans' last win at Art Keller Field was a 32-0 victory in 2001.

**LAST GAME:** Illinois Wesleyan rallied from a 13-0 deficit and scored a 22-19 win over No. 29 ranked and defending conference champion Augustana on Saturday, Sept. 29 in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin opener for both teams in Bloomington. The Titans got 135 yards and two rushing touchdowns from freshman running back **Bo Lanter (Clayton, Mo. HS)** and a **Martin Ceisel (Deerfield HS)** touchdown reception from **Kraig Ladd (Shelbyville HS)** with 7:53 left was the deciding touchdown, capping a 15-play, 98-yard drive that took 6:12.

Lanter, who scored on TD runs of 57 and 3 yards, ran the ball seven times in that decisive drive. For the Titans defensively, sophomore linebacker **Nick Nikolich (Libertyville HS)** made 17 total tackles and junior linebacker **Dan Souder (Elk Grove Village, Elk Grove HS)** had 11 and senior cornerback **Brian Smith (Louisville, Ky., Trinity HS)** made 10 tackles. Augustana (2-2, 0-1 CCIW) had 262 total yards to 208 for IWU.

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

**OFFENSE:** Bo Lanter, freshman, back, **Clayton, Mo. (HS)**

**DEFENSE:** Nick Nikolich, sophomore, linebacker, **Libertyville (HS)**

**SPECIAL TEAMS:** Josh Monk, junior, linebacker, **Bloomington (Central Catholic HS)**

**SCOUT (Offense):** Dan Hall, freshman, back, **Naperville (North HS)**; Sean O'Neill, freshman, line, **Chicago (Marist HS)**

**SCOUT (Defense):** Mike Gainey, sophomore, linebacker, **Streamwood (Driscoll Catholic HS)**; Mike Smith, sophomore, line, **Chicago (Leo HS)**

**MARCUS DUNLOP:** With 2,160 career yards, senior running back **Marcus Dunlop (Maywood, Proviso East HS)** is in 7th place all-time at IWU and needs 613 rushing yards to overtake Kurt Swearingen's career total of 2,772 yards, gained from 1975-78).

**MARTIN CEISEL:** With 100 career receptions, junior **Martin Ceisel (Deerfield HS)** is in 13th place all-time at IWU and he is 11th all-time with 1,624 receiving yards. He is tied (with Ed Winkle, 1982-85, and Bruce Daydif, 1964-67) for seventh all-time with 19 touchdown catches.

**TITANS IN THE LEAGUE:** The Titans are third in the league in total defense (234.2) and lead the league in pass defense (118.8), last in the CCIW in total offense with 231.5 total yards per game and seventh in scoring (15.8). IWU is fifth in scoring



### OTHER GAMES TODAY

Elmhurst at Augustana, 1 p.m.  
Wheaton at North Central, 7 p.m.  
North Park at Millikin, 1 p.m.

### NEXT WEEK

Augustana at Wheaton, 6 p.m.  
Carthage at North Park, 1 p.m.  
Millikin at Illinois Wesleyan, 1 p.m.  
North Central at Elmhurst, 1 p.m.

## 2007 ILLINOIS WESLEYAN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	OFFENSE	DEFENSE	SPECIAL TEAMS	SCOUT (Offense)	SCOUT (Defense)
Sept. 1	None	Rob Hoyland	R. Beauchamp	Gant, Messina	A. Bates, M. Smith
Sept. 8	Martin Ceisel	Dan Souder	R. Beauchamp	Rooney, Wells	Nachieri, Rogers
Sept. 15	Kraig Ladd	Welke, Holmberg	Sam Vizza	Moody, Balwierz	Jenkins, Chiodo
Sept. 29	Bo Lanter	Nick Nikoloich	Josh Monk	Hall, O'Neill	Gainey, M. Smith

### 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 (1st)	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 (1st)	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 (1st)	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 (1st)	9-1
2001	2-1	3-1	2-0	0-0	3-1	4-1	0-0	6-1 (1st)	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	2-3	0-2	0-0	2-3	1-4	0-0	2-5	3-7
2005	1-2	2-3	0-2	0-0	2-3	1-4	0-0	2-5	3-7
2006	1-3	2-2	0-2	0-0	2-3	1-4	0-0	2-5	3-7
2007	2-2	x	x	x	1-1	1-1	x	1-0	2-2
TOTALS	37-19-1	53-36	30-17	0-0	67-28	53-44-1	0-0	90-55-1	121-72-1

defense (19.2), sixth in pass offense (137.0), seventh in rush defense (115.5), and sixth in turnover margin. Senior **Marcus Dunlop (Maywood, Proviso East HS)** is fifth in the CCIW with 57.5 rushing yards per game. Sophomore **Kraig Ladd (Shelbyville HS)** is fifth in passing with 124.0 yards per game. Sophomore **Sam Vizza (Crestwood, Shepard HS)** is fourth in the CCIW with a 37.6 punt average.

**COACH EASH:** Norm Eash (Illinois Wesleyan, 1975) is in his 21st season at IWU and has a career record of 121-72-1 (.626), making him second among IWU coaches in victories (Eash's college coach, Don Larson, had 168 wins from 1954-86). Prior to 2006, Eash ranked 50th among all-time Division III coaches in winning percentage and 67th in victories (24th among active coaches in wins). The "dean" of league coaches, Eash has been College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin "Coach of the Year" in 2001, 1996 and 1992. His career CCIW mark is 90-55-1 (.620), making him fourth all-time in victories in the league.

**THE RANKINGS:** Five IWU foes have earned national rankings this week.

<u>.....D3football.com ....Football Gazette</u>	
Wheaton .....	5 .....9
North Central .....	29 .....26
Elmhurst .....	33 .....nr
Mount St. Joseph .....	36 .....24
Coe .....	42 .....33

**SCOUTING THE RED MEN:** Carthage is 3-1 overall and lost their CCIW opener to Elmhurst 30-15. In that game, the Red Men had three fumbles, three passes intercepted, and had their quarterback sacked eight times. Carthage had 222 total yards (62 rushing and 160 passing) and Elmhurst had 235 total offensive

yards (60 rushing, 175 passing) and the Bluejays totaled one fumble and four interceptions. Against Elmhurst, quarterback Brennan O'Boyle completed 13-of-28 passes for 134 yards and rushed for 47 yards on 20 carries...Running back Andy Bures is 10th in CCIW rushing (47.0 yards/game), quarterback Dan DeBouef is third in passing (166.2 yards/game), and wide receiver Jeff Koeneman is fourth in receiving yards (80.8 per game). Danny O'Donnell is third in punt returns (10.5 yards per return). Donovan Moore leads the league in punting (41.2 yards per kick). As a team, Carthage is ranked fifth in scoring offense (30.0), sixth in scoring defense (20.2), fourth in passing offense (233.0 yards per game), seventh in passing defense (189.5 yards per game), sixth in rushing offense (87.8 yards per game), third in rushing defense (70.5 yards per game), sixth in total offense (320.8 yards per game), sixth in total defense (260.0 yards per game) and third in turnover margin (+1.25).

**KRAIG LADD:** IWU's starting quarterback will be sophomore **Kraig Ladd (Shelbyville HS)**....A 6-foot-5 lefthander, did not play varsity games last season...Ladd played baseball for the conference champion Titans last spring and was 6-for-24 with one homer and five RBI...A business administration major at IWU, he earned seven letters and was all-conference in three sports in high school.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** The Titans return home for the next two weekends, playing Millikin in a 1 p.m. game next Saturday (Oct. 13) then hosting Elmhurst at 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 20, IWU's Homecoming.

**SEASON OPENERS:** IWU has lost five straight opening season games and is 10-11 in opening-day games under Norm Eash, including this season's 24-6 loss at Coe.