



2007 TITAN FOOTBALL

Illinois Wesleyan vs. Millikin

THE GAME: Illinois Wesleyan (3-2, 2-0 College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin) is in its 116th football season...The Titans aim for their third consecutive win this year hosting Millikin (2-3, 1-1 CCIW) in a 1 p.m. game at Wilder Field, IWU Stadium...The Titans have not won three consecutive games since 2003 (Washington U., Chicago, North Park) and have won three games in each of the last three previous seasons.

FOR THE RECORD: IWU is 74-43 in its last 117 games (.632) since 1995...The Titans are 67-28 (.705) at home and 54-43-1 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 54-36 (.600) in the Norm Eash era, is 1-0 this year 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 507-380-42 (.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/Millikin game will be broadcast live on the Internet at www.wjbc2.com and

at WESN-FM 88.1

THE SERIES VS. THE BIG BLUE: Dating back to 1904, Millikin has a 53-39-7 lead over IWU but the Titans have won four of the last seven meetings. Last season, IWU won by a 12-6 score in overtime as Martin Ceisel caught an 11 yard TD pass from Nick Panno in the extra session...Millikin won nine consecutive games in the series from 1982-90...Despite being 99 games old, the rivalry isn't in the top 15 of Division III longest series.

LAST WEEK: Illinois Wesleyan sophomore left-hander **Kraig Ladd (Shelbyville HS)** completed 27 of 37 passes for 404 yards and five touchdowns to lead the Titans over Carthage, 35-31, in Kenosha, Wis., on Saturday, Oct. 6. With 52 rushing yards, Ladd had 456 yards of total offense (see more on Ladd below). Sophomore **Jack Scalcucci (Batavia HS)** made seven catches for 164 yards and two TDs and **Martin Ceisel (Deerfield HS)** had 11 grabs for 123 yards. Scalcucci's total is fourth most in an IWU single game. Sophomore **Matt Sandrik (Riverside, Riverside-Brookfield HS)** also had two TD catches as the Titans accumulated 454 yards of total offense. On defense IWU was led by sophomore linebacker **Nick Nikolich (Libertyville HS)** and senior **Andrew Dulaney (Eden Prairie, Minn., HS)** with nine tackles each and **Robert Beauchamp (Cerro Gordo HS)** had two quarterback sacks.

KRAIG LADD: The **Shelbyville High School** product was named "Offensive Player of the Week" in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin after his record-book entry day in a 35-31 win at Carthage on Oct. 6. Ladd completed 27 of 37 passes for 404 yards and five touchdowns and had 52 rushing yards for a total offense day of 456 yards, second only to the IWU mark of 458 set by **Brad Forsyth** against Carroll in 1989. Ladd's 404 passing yards is the third most in an IWU single game, behind only **John Rooney** (426, Elmhurst 1983) and **Chad Beaty** (409, North Central 1997) and the 27 completions is the fourth best single game total. Ladd's .730 completion total is third best

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
Oct. 6	Kraig Ladd	Andrew Dulaney	Donnie McGhee	Mosterd, Pranckus	Jenkins, C. Cicinelli

in an IWU game, behind two efforts by **Lon Erickson** (.871, 27-31 vs. Millikin in 1996 and .750, 21-28 vs. North Park in 1995)...The 6-foot-5 Ladd 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.

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: Kraig Ladd, sophomore, quarterback, **Shelbyville (HS)**

DEFENSE: Andrew Dulaney, senior, cornerback, **Eden Prairie, Minn. (HS)**

SPECIAL TEAMS: Donnie McGhee, senior, line-backer, **Hazel Crest (Hillcrest HS)**

SCOUT (Offense): James Mosterd, freshman, line, **Tinley Park (Andrew HS)**; Sam Pranckus, freshman, receiver, **Mokena (New Lenox Lincoln Way East HS)**

SCOUT (Defense): Ryan Jenkins, freshman, line-backer, **Richton Park (Rich South HS)**; Chris Cicinelli, freshman, line, **Elmhurst (York HS)**

TITAN AWARD: Brian Smith, senior, cornerback, **Louisville, Ky., (Trinity HS)**

MARTIN CEISEL: With 111 career receptions, junior **Martin Ceisel (Deerfield HS)** is in 12th place all-time at IWU and he is 10th all-time with 1,747 receiving yards. He is tied (with Eric Larsen, 1993-97) for sixth all-time with 20 touchdown catches.

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...Dunlop did not play at Carthage due to a respiratory ailment.

THE COACHES: **Norm Eash** (Illinois Wesleyan, 1975) is in his 21st season at IWU and has a career record of 122-72-1 (.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 91-55-1 (.620), making him fourth all-time in victories in the league...**Doug Neibuhr** (Millikin, 1974) is in his 12th year at Millikin and has an overall mark of 118-63-1 and is 68-45 (.602) overall and 45-32 (.584) CCIW at Millikin alone. He was 50-18-1 at Wittenberg in seven years prior to Millikin and led the Tigers to a playoff appearance in 1995.

SCOUTING THE BIG BLUE: The Big Blue football team got its first CCIW win of the season in a Homecoming 34-7 victory over North Park...Millikin also has a win over Illinois College (23-21) in the season opener before losing three straight - to Ohio Northern (42-0), Wabash (28-6) and Wheaton (29-7)...For their play vs. North Park, the Big Blue got two of the CCIW's "Player of the Week" selections. Sophomore defensive back **Tim Hoette** was named



OTHER GAMES TODAY

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

NEXT WEEK (OCTOBER 20)

Augustana at Carthage, 6 p.m.
Elmhurst at Illinois Wesleyan, 1:30 p.m.
Millikin at North Central, 1 p.m.
North Park at Wheaton, 6 p.m.

“Defensive Player of the Week” while freshman **Kody Smith** earned “Special Teams Player of the Week” honors. Hoette led the Big Blue with 11 tackles (seven solo) and recorded a tackle for loss when Millikin’s defense held the Vikings on North Park’s final series of the game inside the 10 yard line. Hoette then picked up an interception with 47 seconds left that allowed Millikin to run out the clock. He forced a fumble as well. Smith scored his first career TD by returning a punt 62 yards in the second quarter. On the day, he returned four punts 81 yards and one kickoff 19 yards. He also caught one pass for 45 yards...Also against the Vikings, junior wide receiver **Matt Kormelink** made six catches for 122 yards and became the 12th player in Big Blue history to record 1,000 career receiving yards. Quarterback **Justin Livingston** completed 8-of-15 passes for 212 yards with no interceptions.

TITANS IN THE LEAGUE: The Titans are second in the league in total defense (331.0), second in pass defense (130.5) and second in pass offense (249.0). They are also second in scoring (28.5) and sixth in total offense (331.0). Individuals in the top five in league-only statistics:

- Bo Lanter - Rushing (4th, 81.0), Scoring TDs (Tied 5th, 6.0)
- Kraig Ladd - Passing Average (2nd, 249.0), Total Offense (1st, 267.5), Pass Efficiency (3rd, 154.2)
- Martin Ceisel - Receptions (2nd, 15), Receiving Yards (3rd, 82.5), Scoring TDs (Tied 5th, 6.0)
- Jack Scalcucci - Receiving Yards (2nd, 85.5), Scoring TDs (Tied 5th, 6.0)
- Matt Sandrik - Scoring (Tied 5th, 7.0)

- Nick Nikolich - Tackles (2nd, 21), Tackles For Loss (Tied 5th, 3.0)
- Dan Souder - Fumble Recoveries (Tied 2nd, 0.5)
- Robert Beauchamp - Sacks (Tied 3rd, 2.0)
- Tim Wilkins - Tackles For Loss (Tied 1st, 4.5)
- Rob Hoyland - Fumble Recoveries (Tied 2nd, 0.5)
- Chad Olson - Fumble Recoveries (Tied 2nd, 0.5)

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

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LOOKING AHEAD: The Titans are home again next weekend, playing Elmhurst at 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 20, IWU’s Homecoming. The Titans are 27-15 in their last 42 Homecoming games and have been 9-10 in the last 19 years, preceded by a six-game winning streak from 1982-87. The Titans play at North Park (Oct. 27) and at North Central (Nov. 3) before the last game of the season against Wheaton at home Nov. 10.

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	1-0	x	x	1-1	2-1	x	2-0	3-2
TOTALS	37-19-1	54-36	30-17	0-0	67-28	54-44-1	0-0	91-55-1	122-72-1