



# 2007 TITAN FOOTBALL

## Illinois Wesleyan vs. Olivet

**THE GAME:** Illinois Wesleyan looks for its first win in its 116th football season against the Olivet Comets in a 12 p.m. (Central time) kickoff at the Cutler Athletic Complex in Olivet, Mich.

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

**FOR THE RECORD:** IWU is 71-42 in its last 113 games (.640) since 1995...The 42 losses have come to Wheaton (8); Augustana (7); Millikin (6); Carthage and North Central (4); Elmhurst (3); Simpson, UW-Eau Claire and Coe (2); and Mount St. Joseph, Mount Union, UW-LaCrosse, and Washington U. (1)...The Titans are 66-27 (.710) at home and 52-44-1 on the road (.553) under Eash...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.

**SEPTEMBER:** In September, IWU is 36-18-1 (.664) in the Norm Eash era, is 0-1 this year and was 1-3 last season in the month. IWU teams won 11 straight September games (all non-league) from 1995 (loss at Simpson) until 2001 (loss to Washington U.).

**ON TO THE NEXT 500:** IWU is 504-379-42 (.569) in 114 football seasons... The 500th win came in a 23-14 win over Wheaton on Oct. 22, 2005.

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

**TITAN NOTES:** Illinois Wesleyan lost a 24-6 decision to Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on Sat., Sept. 1 in the season opener for both clubs. Coe led 17-0 in the early fourth quarter after touchdowns on a 51 yard punt return and a 92 yard interception return. The lone IWU score came on a touchdown catch by junior wide receiver **Martin Ceisel (Deerfield HS)** reception of a 16 yard pass from sophomore lefthander **Kraig Ladd (Shelbyville HS)** with 6:55 to play in the game. IWU amassed 256 total yards to 170 for the Kohawks and were led defensively by junior linebacker **Dan Souder (Elk Grove Village HS)**, who had 15 total tackles with seven solo. Senior running back **Marcus Dunlop (Maywood, Proviso East HS)** rushed for 71 yards on 26 carries.

**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:** None

**DEFENSE:** Rob Hoyland, senior, guard, **Montgomery (Oswego HS)**

**SPECIAL TEAMS:** Robert Beauchamp, freshman, defensive back, **Cerro Gordo (HS)**

**SCOUT (Offense):** William Gant, Jr., freshman, back, **Park Forest (Rich East HS)**; Chris Messina, sophomore, receiver,

**Chicago (Nazareth Academy)**

**SCOUT (Defense):** Alex Bates, freshman, linebacker, **Danville (HS)**; Mike Smith, sophomore, line, **Chicago (Leo HS)**

**TITAN AWARD:** Tim Wilkins, senior, defensive end, **Evanston (HS)**

**MARCUS DUNLOP:** With 2,001 career yards, senior running back **Marcus Dunlop (Maywood, Proviso East HS)** needs 772 rushing yards to overtake Kurt Swearingen's career total of 2,772 yards, gained from 1975-78)...Dunlop was IWU's leading rusher in 2007 with 665 yards on 173 carries with two TDs.

**KRAIG LADD:** The likely starting quarterback for this weekend's game against Olivet will be sophomore **Kraig Ladd (Shelbyville HS)**. Ladd, a 6-foot-5 lefthanded thrower, did not play varsity games last season and was 11 of 16 for 80 yards with one touchdown and one interception last week...Ladd played baseball for the conference champion Titans last spring and was 6-for-24 with one homer and five runs batted in...A business administration major at IWU, he earned seven letters and was all-conference in three sports in high school.

**COACH EASH:** Norm Eash (Illinois Wesleyan, 1975) is in his 21st season at IWU and has a career record of 119-71-1 (.629), 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 89-55-1 (.634), making him fourth all-time in victories in the league.



### THIS WEEK

Illinois Wesleyan at Olivet, Noon (Central)  
Lakeland at Carthage, 7 p.m.  
North Central at Concordia, 1:30 p.m.  
Wheaton at Albion, Noon  
Benedictine at North Park, 7 p.m.  
Millikin at Ohio Northern, 12:30 p.m.  
Augustana at Baldwin-Wallace, 1 p.m.

### NEXT WEEK

Carthage at Whittier, 9 p.m.  
Mt. St. Joseph at Illinois Wesleyan, 1 p.m.  
Wabash at Millikin, 1 p.m.  
Benedictine at North Central, 7 p.m.  
North Park at Eureka, 1 p.m.  
Wheaton at Washington U., Noon  
Elmhurst at Chicago, 6 p.m.

## 2007 CONFERENCE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

### OFFENSE

Sept. 1 Emmanuel Minter, RB, Millikin

### DEFENSE

Kyle Maple and, DB, Elmhurst

### SPECIAL TEAMS

Tyler Lomnicki, K, Elmhurst

## 2007 ILLINOIS WESLEYAN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Sept. 1 OFFENSE  
None

DEFENSE  
Rob Hoyland

SPECIAL TEAMS  
R. Beauchamp

SCOUT (Offense)  
Gant, Messina

SCOUT (Defense)  
A. Bates, M. Smith



**SCOUTING OLIVET:**  
Olivet returns 47 letterwinners, including 18 starters, from last year's team that was 6-4 overall and tied for second in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association with a 5-2 mark.

Coach Dominic Livedoti is entering his seventh season with an overall record of 32-30-3...Leading the way for Olivet are captains Rod Sanders, Chris Smith and DeRan Thomas...The Comets were picked third in the 2007 MIAA preseason poll in voting by the coaches and media. Defending MIAA champion Hope College was picked as the preseason favorite.

**THE SERIES VS. THE COMETS:** Illinois Wesleyan has a 1-0 lead in the series over Olivet after a 21-6 win on Sept. 9, 2006 at IWU Stadium. The Titans' Steve Groetsema returned a blocked field goal 80 yards for one score and IWU got a safety when a punt was blocked out of the end zone. Mike Berry kicked field goals of 43 and 34 yards and Marcus Dunlop, who rushed for 117 yards on 29 carries, caught an 8-yard TD pass. The Titans limited the Comets to 166 total yards and only 35 in the first half. Olivet's lone score came on a 53 yard pass play with 7:07 left in the third quarter when Calvin McNamara connected with Carl Mulder. Mike Mastro led the IWU defense with eight tackles and a forced fumble while Eric Esch, Charlie Welke and Brian Smith all had interceptions. Nate Hughes had nine tackles for the Comets and DeRan Thomas had eight.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** The Titans play their first home game of

the season against Mt. St. Joseph next Sat., Sept. 15, at 1 p.m. It will be McLean County Appreciation Day at IWU...The Lions have been 9-2 the past two seasons and lost to Wheaton in the first round of the NCAA playoffs last season, 42-28. The lost to Mount Union in the first round of the 2005 playoffs.

**AT WILDER FIELD:** Illinois Wesleyan is 56-20 (.737) at Wilder Field in the last 15 seasons (1991-2006). 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).

**EARLY START:** In a check of records since 1965, this marks the earliest football start (Sept. 1) in the modern era at Illinois Wesleyan. . . In 2006 the Titans hosted Coe on Sept. 2, the earliest season start ever prior to this year. Other early season openers have been on Sept. 3, 2005 (Simpson); Sept. 4, 2004 (at Simpson); Sept. 7, 1985 (DePauw at IWU); Sept. 8, 2001 (IWU at Washington U.) and Sept. 8, 1984 (IWU at DePauw) and Sept. 9, 2000 (Washington U. at IWU). What a difference 42 years makes - the IWU season in 1965 started on Sept. 25 with a home game against Illinois State.

**CCIW PRESEASON POLL:** The Illinois Wesleyan football team was picked seventh in the 2007 College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin preseason coaches' poll. The Titans got 16 points from the league coaches. Wheaton got six first place votes to finish first in the poll, followed by Augustana and North Central. IWU was 3-7 overall and 2-5 in the league last season.

## 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	0-1	x	x	x	x	0-1	x	x	0-1
TOTALS	36-18-1	53-36	30-17	0-0	67-27	52-44-1	0-0	89-55-1	119-71-1