



2007 TITAN FOOTBALL

Illinois Wesleyan vs. Wheaton

THE GAME: Illinois Wesleyan (6-3, 5-1 College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin) is in its 116th football season...The Titans can claim a share of the CCIW title with a win against Wheaton (8-1, 5-1 CCIW)...IWU's five-game win streak was snapped last week and it was the first five game streak since IWU won their last five at the end of the 2001 season.

THE SENIORS: There are 16 seniors on the IWU roster to be honored this weekend - they are Joe Burgess, Wesley Butler, Brock Collins, Andrew Dulaney, Marcus Dunlop, Rob Hoyland, Jacob Jolly, Bryan Kelly, Donnie McGhee, Brett McWherter, Chad Olson, Bo Osburn, Brian Smith, Eric Van Hise, Charlie Welke, and Tim Wilkins.

ON THE AIR: The IWU/Wheaton game will be broadcast live on the Internet at www.wjbc2.com and on radio by campus station WESN (FM 88.1).

NCAA PLAYOFFS: Should the Titans earn the conference championship and the automatic bid for the NCAA Division III football playoffs, the announcements are made on Sunday, Nov. 11 at 10:30 Central time, broadcast on ESPNU.

THE SERIES VS. THE THUNDER: Wheaton has a 27-23-2 lead over IWU in a series that dates back to 1922. Wheaton claimed a 49-14 win at home last season...Norm Eash is 6-13-1 vs. Wheaton.

AT WILDER FIELD: Illinois Wesleyan is 59-21 (.738) 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).

FOR THE RECORD: IWU is 77-44 in its last 121 games (.636) since 1995...The Titans are 69-28 (.711) at home and 55-45-1 on the road (.550) under Norm Eash...The 45 losses have come to Wheaton (8); Augustana (7); Millikin (6); North Central (5); Carthage (4); Elmhurst (3); Simpson, UW-Eau Claire, Mt. St. Joseph and Coe (2); and Mount Union, UW-LaCrosse, and Washington U. (1)...IWU's last three consecutive losing seasons before 2004-06 were 1941-43...2004 and 2005 were the first back-to-back losing seasons 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.

NOVEMBER: In November, IWU is 30-18 (.625) in the Norm Eash era, is 0-1 this year and was 0-2 last season in the month. The last Titan victory in November was in 2003.

OCTOBER: In October, IWU is 57-36 (.613) in the Norm Eash era, was 4-0 this year and was 2-2 last season in the month.

ON TO THE NEXT 500: IWU is 510-381-42 (.570) in 116 football seasons... The 500th win came in a 23-14 win over Wheaton on Oct. 22, 2005.

LAST WEEK: Illinois Wesleyan lost its first CCIW game of the season, falling 23-7 at North Central on Nov. 3. The Titans and Cardinals are now 5-1 in the CCIW along with Wheaton, who lost 35-27 at home to Carthage on Nov. 3. The Titans trailed 10-0 in the third quarter before a 63-yard drive ended successfully as sophomore quarterback **Kraig Ladd (Shelbyville HS)** connected on a 6-yard touchdown pass to junior **Tom Almanzo (Elk Grove Village, Elk Grove HS)** with junior **Joe Duffy (Oak Lawn, Chicago Brother Rice HS)** adding the extra point for the only Titan points of the day. Two fourth quarter IWU turnovers led to Cardinal scores. North Central had 356 yards of total offense and was sacked six times while the Titans had 247 yards as Ladd accounted for 187 of those yards on 19 completions of 33 attempts. Senior **Rob Hoyland (Montgomery, Oswego HS)** had nine total tackles while junior **Alex Holmberg (Oak Park, Fenwick HS)**, sophomore **Nick Nikolich (Libertyville HS)** and senior **Bo Osburn (Morton HS)** each made eight total stops to pace IWU defensively.

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: Martin Ceisel, junior, wide receiver, **Deerfield (HS)**

DEFENSE: Defensive line - Tim Wilkins, senior, defensive end, **Evanston (HS)**; Brock Collins, senior, line, **Mt. Prospect (Prospect HS)**; Rob Hoyland, senior, line, **Montgomery (Oswego HS)**; Alex Holmberg, junior, line, **Oak Park (Fenwick HS)**

SPECIAL TEAMS: None selected

SCOUT (Offense): Marko Antic, freshman, back, **Deerfield (HS)**; Eli Williams, freshman, back, **Westville (HS)**; Gavin Graham, freshman, back, **South Anchorage, Alaska (HS)**

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

TITAN AWARD: Tim Wilkins, senior, defensive end, **Evanston (HS)**; Charlie Welke, senior, linebacker, **New Lenox (Lincoln Way Central HS)**



OTHER GAMES THIS WEEK (NOVEMBER 10)

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

2007 ILLINOIS WESLEYAN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	OFFENSE	DEFENSE	SPECIAL TEAMS	SCOUT (Offense)	SCOUT (Defense)
Sept. 1	None chosen	Rob Hoyland	Robert Beauchamp	Gant, Messina	A. Bates, M. Smith
Sept. 8	Martin Ceisel	Dan Souder	Robert Beauchamp	Rooney, Wells	Nachieri, Rogers
Sept. 15	Kraig Ladd	Welke, Holmberg	Sam Vizza	Moody, Balwierz	Jenkins, Chiodo
Sept. 29	Bo Lanter	Nick Nikolich	Josh Monk	Hall, O'Neill	Gainey, M. Smith
Oct. 6	Kraig Ladd	Andrew Dulaney	Donnie McGhee	Mosterd, Prancus	Jenkins, C. Cicinelli
Oct. 13	Keely Flood	Dulaney, Souder	Dan Rogers	J. Reed, L. Pope, M. Handke	Gainey, J. Watkins
Oct. 20	M. Ceisel, M. Dunlop	Rob Hoyland	Robert Beauchamp	Esch, O'Connor	M. Smith, K. Cook
Oct. 27	Dunlop, Van Hise	Tim Wilkins	Beauchamp, McGhee	Reed, Gholston, Handke	M. Smith, Jones
Nov. 3	Martin Ceisel	entire line	None chosen	Antic, Williams, Graham	M. Smith, Gainey

MARCUS DUNLOP: With 2,511 career yards, senior running back **Marcus Dunlop (Maywood, Proviso East HS)** is in second place all-time at IWU and needs 262 rushing yards to overtake **Kurt Swearingen's** career total (2,772 yards, 1975-78)...Dunlop is the school career leader in rushing attempts with 632, eclipsing the mark of 604 by **Britt Travis (1977-80)**.

1. Kurt Swearingen (1975-78)2,772 (589 att.; 4.71/rush)
2. **MARCUS DUNLOP (2004-)** ... **2,511 (632 att.; 3.98/rush)**
3. Maury Parker (1989-92)2,480 (478 att.; 5.19/rush)
4. Dick Raab (1961-64)2,475 (485 att.; 5.10/rush)
5. Max Milinkovich (1997-2000)2,284 (543 att.; 4.21/rush)

MARTIN CEISEL: Junior **Martin Ceisel (Deerfield HS)** is No. 9 all-time at IWU with 138 career receptions. He is No. 4 all-time with 2,138 receiving yards and also No. 5 with 23 TD catches... Ceisel was chosen "Offensive Player of the Week" in the CCIW in the Oct. 20 win over Elmhurst. He made 12 catches for 162 yards, catching two TDs and rushing for a third.

TITANS IN THE LEAGUE: The Titans are second in defense in the CCIW, allowing 263.5 yards per game. The Titans lead the league in pass defense (142.7) and are fifth in rush defense (120.8). IWU is fourth in total offense (336.0) and third in pass offense (212.8). Individuals in the top five in league-only statistics:

- Marcus Dunlop - Rushing (3rd, 63.7)
- Kraig Ladd - Passing Average (2nd, 204.8), Total Offense (2nd, 218.8), Pass Efficiency (4th, 125.9)
- Martin Ceisel - Receptions (2nd, 7.0/g), Receiving Yards (2nd, 92.5)
- Nick Nikolich - Tackles (6th, 54 total)
- Tim Wilkins - Sacks (2nd, 6 for -42 yards), Tackles for Loss (2nd, 12 for -54 yards)
- Alex Holmberg - Sacks (4th, 5 for -19 yards), Tackles for Loss (4th, 10 for -38 yards)

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

	D3football.com	Football Gazette
Wheaton (8-1)	10	16
North Central (7-2)	25	18
Carthage (7-2)	41	31
Mount St. Joseph (8-1)	32	32

SCOUTING THE THUNDER: Wheaton lost for the first time this season, 35-27 to Carthage on Nov. 3. Wheaton fell to No. 10 from No. 4 in the d3football.com poll. Wheaton jumped out to a

10-0 lead through the first quarter as kicker Tim Ellingsen boot- ed a 36-yard field goal and Pete Ittersagen ran a 70-yard punt return for a touchdown. Carthage put together 21-unanswered points in the second quarter and led, 21-10 lead at halftime. The Red Men extended their lead to 35-10 with two more touch- downs in the early portion of the third quarter. Thunder quar- terback Sean Norris hit Noah Dreyer on a 4-yard touchdown pass to cut the guests' lead to 35-17 with 3:49 left in the third quarter. Alex Pokorny caught a 26-yard touchdown toss from Norris with 8:32 left in the third to cut Carthage's lead to 35-24. On Wheaton's next drive, Ellingsen kicked a 28-yard field goal with 4:06 left to make the score 35-27 Carthage but in two final possessions, the Thunder was unable to get any closer. Carthage won for the first time at Wheaton in 25 years. Wheaton had 415 yards of offense (374 passing, 75 rushing) and allowed 346 yards (268 passing, 78 rushing). Norris completed 26 of his 54 passing attempts, for 374 yards, with two touchdowns. Dreyer caught 10 passes for 155 yards and a TD. Chris Fossum made seven catches for 133 yards. Tyler Langs led the Thunder defense with 11 total tackles (eight solo). Ittersagen had 10 tackles, including nine solos with three pass deflections. Steve Pagh had eight tackles, a forced fumble and an interception. Jesse Laizure, Grant Roszkowiak and Eric Theisen all recorded six tackles. Roszkowiak tallied three tackles for lost yardage, including a quarterback sack and Ben Kuenzle made two quarterback sacks.

THE COACHES: **Norm Eash** (Illinois Wesleyan, 1975) is in his 21st season at IWU and has a career record of 125-73-1 (.634), making him second among IWU coaches in victories (Eash's col- lege 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 94-56-1 (.630), making him fourth all-time in victories in the league...**Mike Swider** is in his 12th year as head coach and his 23rd as a member of the Wheaton football staff and has a 96-28 record (.774), the best winning percentage among Wheaton's 21 head football coaches. He also holds the seventh-highest winning percentage of any active D-III coach and the 12th-highest win- ning percentage of any coach in D-III history with 10 or more years of experience. In 2006 Swider was the CCIW "Coach of the Year" for the fourth time in his career, leading the Thunder to their fourth CCIW title in five seasons and a return to the NCAA Division III Playoffs.

KRAIG LADD: The **Shelbyville High School** product was "Offensive Player of the Week" in the CCIW and one of 11 national Division III "Players of the Week" chosen by *Don Hansen's Football Gazette* after his record-book entry day in a 35-31 win at Carthage 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 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 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)...Ladd

played baseball for the CCIW champion Titans last spring and was 6-for-24 with one HR and five RBI.

ROGERS EARNS CCIW HONOR: Freshman linebacker **Dan Rogers (Palos Ridge, Maine South HS)** was named CCIW "Special Teams Player of the Week" for his play in the 24-7 win over Millikin Oct. 13. He had six total tackles, including two solo, and recovered a fumble on a Millikin punt return with 4:54 to play in the game that gave the ball back to IWU, who scored a TD on a 26 yard pass three plays later.

WHEATON (23-27-2)		1972	IWU 49, Wheaton 6	1990	IWU 34, Wheaton 19
1947	Wheaton 49, IWU 13	1973	IWU 22, @ Wheaton 0	1991	(tie) IWU 24, @ WC 24
1948	IWU 20, Wheaton 6	1974	IWU 21, Wheaton 7	1992	IWU 33, @ Wheaton 19
1949	Wheaton 13, IWU 7	1975	IWU 16, @ Wheaton 15	1993	Wheaton 13, IWU 9
1952	Wheaton 32, IWU 6	1976	IWU 21, Wheaton 7	1994	IWU 27, @ Wheaton 17
1954	IWU 9, Wheaton 7	1977	@ Wheaton 10, IWU 9	1995	Wheaton 42, IWU 28
1955	Wheaton 14, IWU 0	1978	@ Wheaton 31, IWU 14	1996	IWU 64, @ Wheaton 35
1956	Wheaton 14, IWU 6	1979	IWU 14, @ Wheaton 7	1997	Wheaton 39, IWU 29
1957	Wheaton 67, IWU 6	1980	IWU 20, Wheaton 17	1998	@ Wheaton 42, IWU 28
1958	Wheaton 37, IWU 14	1981	IWU 19, @ Wheaton 6	1999	Wheaton 22, IWU 20
1959	Wheaton 44, IWU 0	1982	IWU 21, Wheaton 20	2000	@ Wheaton 35, IWU 21
1962	Wheaton 33, IWU 14	1983	@ Wheaton 16, IWU 14	2001	IWU 31, Wheaton 13
1965	IWU 33, @ Wheaton 0	1984	IWU 34, Wheaton 10	2002	Wheaton 35, IWU 21
1966	IWU 20, Wheaton 18	1985	@ Wheaton 30, IWU 29	2003	@ Wheaton 26, IWU 17
1968	IWU 21, @ Wheaton 0	1986	Wheaton 35, IWU 12	2004	@ Wheaton 42, IWU 25
1970	(tie) IWU 21, WC 21	1987	@ Wheaton 27, IWU 21	2005	IWU 23, Wheaton 14
1971	IWU 33, @ Wheaton 14	1988	Wheaton 27, IWU 10	2006	@ Wheaton 49, IWU 14
		1989	@ Wheaton 27, IWU 0		

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	4-0	0-1	x	3-1	3-2	x	5-1	6-3
TOTALS	37-19-1	57-36	30-18	0-0	69-28	55-45-1	0-0	94-56-1	125-73-1