

College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin Baseball Notes (3/26/08)



Augustana • Carthage • Elmhurst • Illinois Wesleyan • Millikin • North Central • North Park • Wheaton

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Upcoming Games

March 26

Wabash @ Ill. Wesleyan, 4:30 p.m.
Rockford @ North Central, 3 p.m.
Wheaton @ Concordia (Ill.), 3 p.m.
North Park @ Benedictine, 4:30 p.m.
Elmhurst vs. Williams, 9:30 a.m.

March 28

Carthage vs. Wheaton, 7 p.m.

Recent Scores

March 25, 2008

Lewis 10, North Central 1
Augustana 13, Benedictine 2
Oberlin 10, Elmhurst 9
North Park 15, Maranatha Baptist 0

March 24, 2008

Millikin 9, Dominican 2
Millikin 9, Dominican 6
Augustana 3, Concordia 2
Elmhurst 12, Middlebury 11
Elmhurst 8, Middlebury 7

March 22, 2008

Augustana 6, Aurora 5
Ill. Wesleyan 6, Washington 3
Ill. Wesleyan 9, Benedictine 6
Carthage 10, St. Norbert 4
Knox 12, Elmhurst 8
Elmhurst 10, Knox 7

March 21, 2008

Western New England 16, Elmhurst 5
Carthage 11, St. Norbert 5

March 20, 2008

Ill. Wesleyan 6, Union 2
Millikin 4, Loras 2
Loras 6, Millikin 4
North Central 11, Endicott 5
Wheaton 5, Judson 3
Wheaton 7, Judson 6
Augustana 10, Monmouth (Ill.) 3
Carthage 9, McDaniel 0
North Park 14, Dominican (Ill.) 4
North Park 11, Dominican (Ill.) 1

March 19, 2008

Carthage 16, University of Dallas 7
Carthage 12, University of Dallas 2
North Central 6, Clarkson (N.Y.) 3

March 18

Millikin 11, Plattsburgh State 7
Millikin 12, Plattsburgh State 7
Greenville 9, North Central 6
Millsaps 21, Ill. Wesleyan 16
Concordia (Ill.) 11, North Park 5

National rankings

Two College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin (CCIW) teams were recently ranked in the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA)/D3Baseball.com Top 25 Poll. Carthage, off to a 10-0 start, was ranked third in the country followed by Augustana (13th). Illinois Wesleyan was named in the "Others Receiving Votes" category with 48 votes.

CCIW Player of the Week

Illinois Wesleyan's **Mike Cunningham**, a sophomore shortstop from River Forest, Ill., and Oak Park-River Forest High School, batted .550 (11-for-20) in five games with five RBI, two walks, a sacrifice and a double. Cunningham had four hits and two RBI and scored twice in a 21-16 loss at Millsaps. He had three hits in a win over Benedictine and two hits each against Mississippi College and Union University.

CCIW Pitcher of the Week

Carthage's **Trace Ruffie**, a sophomore pitcher from Mount Prospect, Ill., and Hersey High School, went 2-0 during the Red Men's 10-0 trip to the RussMat Tampa Bay Invitational. Ruffie gave up no earned runs, one walk and had 16 strikeouts in 15.0 innings pitched. Ruffie allowed two un-earned runs in seven innings in an 11-2 win over Mount St Joseph on March 16. He also blanked McDaniel College on six hits over eight innings on March 20.

North Park's Burback leads Vikings to victory

In three games played last week, North Park sophomore **Tyler Burback (Schaumburg, Ill./H.S.)** had a strong performance at the plate. Burback tallied a .615 batting average with four runs scored and five RBI. He went four-for-five with a triple in the Vikings' 11-1 win over Dominican University, and was three-for-four with a double in North Park's 14-4 win over the Stars in the nightcap. Burback is currently second on the team in batting average with a .419 average.

Freshman lifts Thunder over Judson

Wheaton freshman **Charlie Antal (Vancouver, Wash./Portland Christian)** helped lead Wheaton to a pair of victories last week as the Thunder posted a 2-0 record. Antal hit .500 (three-for-six) for the week, with an .833 slugging percentage, two runs, two RBI and three stolen bases. In a 5-3 win to open a doubleheader against Judson last Thursday, Antal was two-for-three, with three stolen bases. To close the nightcap against the Eagles, he scored two runs, hit a triple and drove in two runs in a 7-6 victory.

Millikin's Sylvester finds success in Sunshine State

Blaise Sylvester (Matteson, Ill./Marian Catholic) played in six games with five starts during Millikin's 4-2 Florida trip. Sylvester hit .435 in Florida with 10 hits in 23 at bats including three doubles, four RBI and eight runs scored. He also stole one base. In a win over Stevens, he was three-for-five with three runs scored and a stolen base. In a win over Loras, he was two-for-three with a run scored. In a double-header sweep of Plattsburgh State, he was five-for-10 with four runs scored, four RBI and three doubles.

Augustana's Knott, Ramos close out Concordia

Augustana's **Eric Knott (Huntley, Ill./Marian Central Catholic)** and **Mark Ramos (East Moline, Ill./United Township)** combined their pitching talents and helped the Vikings to a 3-2 win over Concordia on March 24. Knott pitched eight innings and gave up only six hits and two runs (one earned). Ramos gave up a single and two walks before earning the save. With the win, Knott moved to 3-1 on the season.

No Monday blues for Elmhurst

Elmhurst kicked off the week with a double-header sweep of Middlebury on Monday, March 24 with 12-11 and 8-7 victories at the Russmatt Tournament in Arizona. In the first game, **Tom Rhein (Worth, Ill./Brother Rice)** reached base all six times he was at the plate, going two-for-two in two official at-bats. Rhein was hit by a pitch for the winning run. In game two, **Brett Lilley (Rochester Hills, Mich./H.S.)** hit a walk-off single in the bottom of the seventh to give Elmhurst the victory.

North Central goes 4-2 in Florida

In a 6-3 win over Clarkson during North Central's 4-2 spring trip to Florida, **Justin Rezzuto (Prospect Heights, Ill./Hersey)** earned his first victory of the season in his first appearance of 2008, striking out six and allowing only two earned runs on seven hits. The senior allowed just three runners past second base in the win. At the plate, North Central's **Joe Heller (Skokie, Ill./Niles North)** finished the week hitting .461, putting up three RBI's for North Central (four-for-four). Heller knocked a two-run homer over the left field fence in the Cardinals 12-4 win over MCLA (Mass.) in addition to hitting a pair of doubles and stealing a base while posting a .562 on-base percentage.

CCIW Standings

School	CCIW	Overall
Carthage	0-0	10-0
Augustana	0-0	13-2
Wheaton	0-0	9-2
Millikin	0-0	7-2
Ill. Wesleyan	0-0	5-4
North Park	0-0	7-7
North Central	0-0	4-5
Elmhurst	0-0	4-6

as of 3/25/08

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Baseball Statistics (as of 3/25/08)

(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Team	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
Augustana.....	.360	14	478	140	172	30	13	16	125	276	.577	61	8	66	2	.433	10	8	34-44	348	158	18	.966
Carthage.....	.353	10	331	95	117	15	11	8	83	178	.538	39	12	32	7	.438	2	6	13-16	231	91	15	.955
Millikin.....	.341	7	246	54	84	20	1	4	45	118	.480	15	8	40	2	.396	1	1	4-5	165	71	16	.937
North Central.....	.340	8	300	71	102	13	3	5	61	136	.453	36	16	43	0	.434	3	7	11-15	214	101	25	.926
Wheaton.....	.328	11	308	79	101	16	3	10	72	153	.497	43	13	78	4	.427	4	9	25-31	237	110	23	.938
North Park.....	.323	13	449	106	145	23	10	6	99	206	.459	46	19	57	9	.401	10	2	9-15	326	149	17	.965
Illinois Wesleyan...	.319	9	335	59	107	24	0	5	53	146	.436	31	2	52	7	.375	5	8	7-12	234	108	16	.955
Elmhurst.....	.245	4	102	12	25	2	2	0	11	31	.304	12	2	26	4	.328	3	1	3-3	81	42	5	.961

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Team	ERA	W-L	G	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
Carthage.....	2.54	10-0	10	3	2/1	1	78.0	69	27	22	21	76	12	2	1	300	.230	7	4	2	3	3
Augustana.....	3.65	12-2	14	2	3/1	2	116.0	117	61	47	34	91	17	2	8	448	.261	5	7	2	3	6
Millikin.....	3.93	5-2	7	0	0/0	0	55.0	56	30	24	28	36	11	2	3	216	.259	5	7	0	3	3
North Central.....	4.16	4-4	8	1	1/0	1	71.1	74	54	33	28	55	14	3	7	287	.258	3	9	0	2	3
Wheaton.....	4.44	9-2	11	1	0/0	6	79.0	68	53	39	43	84	14	2	3	292	.233	8	21	1	5	5
North Park.....	5.22	6-7	13	1	0/0	0	108.2	127	76	63	55	97	23	5	12	429	.296	14	8	0	2	10
Elmhurst.....	5.33	1-3	4	0	0/0	0	27.0	32	22	16	7	18	4	0	1	108	.296	4	6	0	2	0
Illinois Wesleyan...	6.12	5-4	9	1	0/0	1	78.0	85	66	53	30	51	18	1	7	304	.280	7	25	0	8	6

(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT
Rhein, Tom, ELMHURST.....	.545	4-4	11	4	6	0	2	0	0	10	.909	2	1	2	0	.643	0	0	0-0
Acevado, Josh, CARTHAGE....	.541	10-10	37	13	20	7	4	2	19	41	1.108	2	2	0	0	.571	1	0	0-0
John Wagle, AUGIE.....	.500	14-14	56	17	28	5	4	4	26	53	.946	6	1	6	1	.547	1	0	3-5
Josephson, Brady, NPU.....	.488	12-12	41	18	20	1	1	0	8	23	.561	4	4	2	1	.571	0	0	1-4
Vargas, Omar, WHEATON.....	.464	8-8	28	8	13	4	0	1	11	20	.714	3	0	3	0	.516	0	0	0-1
Herzau, Steve, CARTHAGE....	.464	10-10	28	6	13	0	0	0	5	13	.464	2	1	2	0	.500	1	1	1-1
Munch, Luke, WHEATON.....	.464	10-10	28	15	13	4	0	1	1	20	.714	11	0	6	0	.615	0	2	6-6
Sabatino, Dom, NCC.....	.462	7-7	26	7	12	2	0	0	6	14	.538	4	2	3	0	.563	0	0	1-1
Bastien, Tom, MILLIKIN.....	.448	7-7	29	7	13	7	0	1	10	23	.793	0	0	3	0	.433	1	0	1-1
Aaron Hopson, AUGIE.....	.447	13-12	47	14	21	3	3	4	21	42	.894	1	0	3	0	.449	1	1	2-3
Kolb, Brian, WHEATON.....	.438	10-9	32	10	14	2	2	2	8	26	.813	2	1	6	0	.472	1	1	3-3
Kosack, Ryan, NCC.....	.438	8-8	32	8	14	2	0	2	8	22	.688	3	2	6	0	.514	0	1	0-0
Cunningham, Mike, IWU.....	.433	9-9	30	8	13	1	0	0	6	14	.467	2	1	3	1	.471	1	2	1-1
Sylvester, Blaise, MILLIKIN.	.429	7-6	28	10	12	4	0	0	4	16	.571	1	0	3	0	.448	0	0	1-2
Burback, Tyler, NPU.....	.419	12-12	43	16	18	2	3	0	9	26	.605	4	5	4	1	.509	1	0	0-0
Rdzok, Tony, CARTHAGE.....	.415	10-10	41	16	17	2	3	1	12	28	.683	5	0	5	0	.478	0	0	0-1

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Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK
Ruffie, Trace, CARTHAGE....	0.00	2-0	2	2	1	0/1	0	15.0	12	2	0	1	16	3	1	0	58	.207	1	0	0
Wilson, Jim, MILLIKIN.....	0.00	2-0	3	2	0	0/0	0	9.0	6	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	37	.162	1	1	0
Munch, Luke, WHEATON.....	0.64	2-0	3	2	0	0/0	0	14.0	9	3	1	8	15	1	1	0	47	.191	0	1	0
Husing, Jacob, CARTHAGE....	0.69	2-0	2	2	1	1/0	0	13.0	9	2	1	3	19	2	0	0	51	.176	1	0	0
Krok, Matt, NCC.....	0.90	1-0	2	1	0	0/0	0	10.0	6	5	1	3	5	1	0	2	36	.167	0	0	0
Aronson, Matt, IWU.....	1.59	2-0	2	2	1	0/0	0	17.0	11	4	3	1	12	3	1	0	65	.169	1	0	0
Nowaczyk, Steve, NCC.....	1.59	2-0	3	3	1	1/0	0	17.0	7	5	3	6	14	2	0	0	57	.123	1	4	0
Seroka, Matt, ELMHURST.....	2.25	0-0	1	1	0	0/0	0	4.0	3	1	1	2	2	1	0	0	15	.200	0	0	0
Giovenco, Mike, NPU.....	2.28	3-1	4	4	1	0/0	0	27.2	17	11	7	19	35	2	2	1	93	.183	3	1	0
Mike Pagano, AUGIE.....	2.66	2-0	3	3	1	1/0	0	20.1	17	7	6	4	23	1	0	1	73	.233	1	1	0
Brandon Engle, AUGIE.....	3.00	3-0	4	4	1	1/0	0	27.0	23	9	9	8	18	4	0	0	99	.232	0	0	0
Weaver, Josh, WHEATON.....	3.00	2-0	4	3	1	0/0	1	18.0	10	11	6	8	24	3	0	0	67	.149	4	5	0
Perez, Mario, CARTHAGE....	3.65	2-0	2	2	1	0/0	0	12.1	10	6	5	3	6	0	0	1	46	.217	0	0	0
Foster, Jesse, IWU.....	3.86	0-1	2	2	0	0/0	0	9.1	8	4	4	2	3	1	0	1	33	.242	0	8	0
Kentos, Joe, MILLIKIN.....	4.00	0-1	3	1	0	0/0	0	9.0	11	6	4	3	4	5	0	1	36	.306	0	0	0
Neckopulos, Tom, NPU.....	4.12	1-1	4	4	0	0/0	0	24.0	33	14	11	11	15	8	1	1	96	.344	3	0	0