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### **St. Charles' Ben Zeitz Headed to Illinois Wesleyan**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- St. Charles High School's Ben Zeitz has decided to attend Illinois Wesleyan University to continue his athletic and academic career, IWU head basketball coach Dennie Bridges announced today.

A 6-foot-4, 195-pound forward, Zeitz (*rhymes with "kites"*) averaged 13.3 points, 9.1 rebounds, and shot 51.4 per cent from the field for the Fighting Saints as a senior. He was his team's most valuable player as a junior and senior and was a first team all-Upstate Eight Conference selection as a senior.

"Ben is a versatile player with unlimited ability who is a great college prospect," said St. Charles head coach Ron Johnson.

"The thing that excites me about Ben's game is how well he plays the boards," said Bridges, whose IWU team was 19-8 last season and advanced to the final 16 of the NCAA Division III playoffs. "He gets rebounds above the basket, and is a smart player who will get nothing but better."

Zeitz finished second in the Illinois Class AA slam dunk contest held at the Assembly Hall in Champaign in March.

Illinois Wesleyan, founded in 1850, enrolls about 1,800 students in a College of Liberal Arts, College of Fine Arts, and a four-year professional School of Nursing. For the last five years, *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked IWU No. 1 among Midwest regional colleges and universities in its annual "America's Best Colleges" issue. *U.S. News* also rated IWU as a "best buy" in higher education in its first survey, "Paying for College," published in October 1993.