



Redbird Basketball

GAME NOTES

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Illinois State Schedule

Date	Opponent (TV)	Time/Result
11/10	EA SPORTS (Ex.)	L, 71-78
11/16	GLOBAL SPORTS (Ex.)	W, 81-75
11/23	FLORIDA A&M	W, 87-70
11/26	@ Northern Illinois	L, 55-66
11/29	@ Utah State	L, 84-89

12/2 BELLARMINE 7:05 p.m.

'Bird Bit: Bellarmine is the first Division II team the Redbirds have faced since 1999, when ISU defeated Puerto Rico Mayaguez 82-55.

12/6	EASTERN MICHIGAN	7:05 p.m.
12/13	@ Illinois-Chicago (FSN-Chicago)	5:05 p.m.
12/16	WESTERN KENTUCKY	7:05 p.m.
12/20	NORTHERN IOWA* (FSN)	12:05 p.m.
12/28	@ Southern Illinois*	2:05 p.m.

1/3	@ Illinois	2:05 p.m.
1/7	CREIGHTON*	7:05 p.m.
1/10	@ Indiana State* (WMBD)	6:05 p.m.
1/14	@ Drake*	7:05 p.m.
1/18	SMS* (FSN)	1:05 p.m.
1/21	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*	7:05 p.m.
1/24	@ Creighton* (WMBD)	7:05 p.m.
1/28	@ Northern Iowa*	7:05 p.m.
1/31	BRADLEY* (WMBD)	4:05 p.m.

2/4	WICHITA STATE*	7:05 p.m.
2/7	@ SMS* (WMBD)	7:05 p.m.
2/11	@ Evansville*	7:05 p.m.
2/14	INDIANA STATE* (WMBD)	2:05 p.m.
2/18	@ Bradley* (WEEK)	7:35 p.m.
2/21	BRACKET BUSTER II (ESPN)	TBA
2/25	EVANSVILLE*	7:05 p.m.
2/28	@ Wichita State*	7:05 p.m.

3/1	DRAKE*	7:05 p.m.
3/5-8	@ Missouri Valley Conference Tournament	

All times listed are CST

Home games in CAPS

*=Missouri Valley Conference game

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4 GAME



ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (1-2)

VS.



BELLARMINE KNIGHTS (1-4)

Tuesday, December 2, 2003 • 7:05 p.m. CST
Redbird Arena (10,200) • Normal, Ill.

The Game Facts

The Probable Starters:

ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (1-2)

						ppg	rpg	apg
F 21	Marcus Arnold	6-8	225	So.-1L	Chicago, Ill.	17.0	6.7	1.0*
F 50	Greg Dilligard	6-8	215	Fr.-HS	Labelle, Mo.	4.3	1.7	1.3*
G 2	Gregg Alexander	6-4	195	Jr.-2L	Lincoln, Ill.	9.7	3.3	1.3
G 15	Matt Miller	5-10	175	So.-TR	Aurora, Ill.	1.3	0.0	1.3
G 25	Neil Plank	6-5	200	So.-TR	Mt. Zion, Ill.	15.3	6.3	3.3

BELLARMINE KNIGHTS (1-4)

F 25	Bruce Johnson	6-6	220	Sr.	Austin, Ind.	15.4	5.0	1.0
F 42	Troy Brown	6-6	240	Sr.	Louisville, Ky.	14.4	7.0	0.6
C 3	Caleb Halcomb	6-10	240	Sr.	Bowling Green, Ky.	8.8	5.2	3.0*
G 12	Victor Pierson	6-1	170	Jr.	Baton Rouge, La.	11.2	1.8	3.6
G 23	Alexis Osumenya	6-6	210	Sr.	Lexington, Ky.	3.4	3.4	0.8

NOTE - (*) indicates blocks per game.

About The Game: Tonight's game is the first of two straight home games at Redbird Arena. With a win tonight, Illinois State would be victorious in its first two home dates for the third time in four seasons. It is also the first meeting between the two schools.

Series History: This is the first meeting in the series.

Last Time Out: Utah State used a 11-2 run after Illinois State's Marcus Arnold drew his fourth foul at the 16:08 mark of the second half to claim an 89-84 non-conference victory at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum Saturday night. The loss dropped the 'Birds record to 1-2 on the season, while the Aggies improved to 3-0. Utah State now owns a 71-7 record in the last six years on its home court. The Redbirds shocked the home crowd by jumping out to a 17-6 lead as Neil Plank scored seven of the Redbird tallies. But in the second half, Arnold was whistled for his fourth foul forcing head coach Porter Moser to go to his bench. Mike Ahmad scored four of Utah State's points during its 11-2 run. The 'Birds got within six points three times, but that was as close as they would get.

On the Radio Dial: Dick Luedke, play-by-play; Mike Matthews, color; Bruce Evans, sideline (home only) and Tim Fisher, studio host. Affiliates: WJBC (AM 1230/Bloomington), flagship; WJEZ (FM 98.9/Dwight), WDI (AM 1510/Highland), WZOE (AM 1490/Princeton); WFMB (AM 1450/Springfield). All Redbird broadcasts can be heard via the Internet at either sports.yahoo.com or wjbc.com. WJBC also carries Porter Moser's weekly call-in show, which generally airs each Thursday from 6:07-7 pm, depending on the schedule.

On the Tube: None.

The Coaches

Porter Moser (Creighton '90) owns a 55-36 (.604) career mark in his first season at Illinois State, including a 1-2 (.333) record with the Redbirds. Prior to guiding the 'Birds, Moser served three seasons at Arkansas-Little Rock in his first head coaching position. Moser is assisted by Brian Barone, Steve Forbes and Daniyal Robinson.

Chris Pullem (Eastern Kentucky '95) leads Bellarmine in his second season. With the Knights, Pullem owns a 11-23 (.324) record in his first head coaching position. He is assisted by Shane Brown, Chris Moore and Lee DeForest.



TALE OF THE TAPE



W-L Record	1-2	1-4
ESPN/USA Today	NR	NR
AP Poll	NR	NR
Points Scored	75.3	75.4
Points Allowed	75.0	82.2
Scoring Margin	+0.3	-6.8
FG Percentage	45.7	46.4
Def. FG Percentage	49.4	45.7
3-pt. Percentage	40.0	28.8
Def. 3-pt. Percentage	34.9	49.0
FT Percentage	81.9	62.1
Offensive Rebounds	9.0	12.6
Total Rebounds	28.7	37.0
Rebounding Margin	-3.7	+1.4
Assists	12.0	11.4
Turnover Average	14.3	18.4
Turnover Margin	-0.3	-2.6
Steal Average	7.7	5.2
Block Average	2.7	3.8
Fouls	22.7	20.0

WEEKLY MEDIA CONFERENCE

All start at 3 p.m. and are located at the Redbird Arena press room off of the southwest loading dock.

- Wednesday, December 10
- Thursday, December 18
- Friday, January 2
- Monday, January 5
- Monday, January 12
- Tuesday, January 20
- Monday, January 26
- Monday, February 2
- Monday, February 9
- Monday, February 16
- Monday, February 23
- Wednesday, March 3

WHAT'S BACK

Here's a look at what ISU returns heading into the 2003-04 season by percentage in key statistical categories ...

Scoring	77.7%
Three-Point Field Goals	98.4%
Rebounding	64.5%
Assists	82.9%
Steals	72.1%
Blocks	51.4%
Minutes	72.4%

VALLEY TELECONFERENCE

Teleconferences with the Valley men's basketball head coaches will be conducted each Tuesday, with the men's briefings beginning on a weekly basis in December. To participate in either conference briefing, call **913/981-5509**. The first men's teleconference begins at 10 a.m. CST on **Tuesday, December 2**. Head coach **Porter Moser** will be available at 10:25 a.m. during the teleconference.

About the Bellarmine Knights

- Bellarmine, located in Louisville, Ky., was founded in 1950 and has an enrollment of 2,600, while competing athletically at the Division II level.
- The Knights were tabbed to finish seventh in the preseason Great Lakes Valley Conference poll, as voted on by the league coaches.
- Bellarmine has been a member of the GLVC for 21 seasons and owns one league title (1990-91).
- In Bellarmine's history, the Knights have made the NCAA Division II Tournament nine times with their last coming in 1990-91. Bellarmine boasts a 6-12 record in NCAA Tournament action.
- Senior center Caleb Halcomb transferred to Bellarmine from Western Kentucky after last season. Since he transferred to a Division II school he is eligible immediately. Halcomb played nine minutes against the Redbirds last season in a Hilltopper uniform. The 6-foot-10 shot blocker swatted five Redbird field goal attempts and finished with five points, one rebound and a steal.
- Halcomb leads the team in blocked shots with 12 through four games.
- Junior guard Victor Pierson, from Baton Rouge, La., grew up playing basketball with Illinois State's Trey Guidry. Guidry and Pierson have known each other since the age of nine.
- In four games, the Knights have had three different leading scorers. Bruce Johnson led the charge against Southern Indiana with 20 and Winston Salem State with 22, while Pierson tossed in 28 against Oakland City and Troy Brown poured in 33 against Kentucky State.

The Halves and Halves Not

So far this season the Redbirds have scored 40 or more points in four of the six halves of action. Last year, for the entire season, the 'Birds only had nine 40-point halves. The 'Birds are averaging 37.7 points per half.

Alexander Continues the Climb

With another three-pointer at Utah State, junior guard Gregg Alexander tied Rickey Jackson for No. 7 all-time in Illinois State history with 127 career treys. Alexander will need 12 more to tie for No. 6 with Shawn Jeppson. Tarise Bryson leads the list with 214 career three-pointers.

Double-Double Debut

It didn't take **Neil Plank** long to make an impact with the Redbirds – one game. In his debut, Plank posted his first career double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds. He also added six assists and five steals. Plank became the first Redbird since Baboucarr Bojang to record a double-double in his first Illinois State game. Bojang did it on November 16, 2001 when he had 14 points and 10 rebounds against Weber State.

Marvelous Marcus

Sophomore **Marcus Arnold** started his second season where his first left off. Arnold tossed in a career-high 21 points, on 6-for-11 shooting, and added eight boards against Florida A&M. He also sank all nine of his free throw attempts. For the season, Arnold is averaging 17.0 points and 6.7 rebounds per game, both team leaders. He has also made all 13 of his free throw attempts. Last season, Arnold became the fifth Redbird to be selected to the Valley All-Freshman Team. He averaged 8.4 points and 3.4 boards per game in his debut and also shot 50.3 percent from the floor.

It is the Time for Giving

The 'Birds got a healthy taste of charity against Florida A&M, as ISU went to the free throw line 48 times in the 87-70 win. The trips to the charity stripe and the 38 makes were both Redbird Arena records, while the made free throws were the second-highest total all-time and the attempts ranked No. 3 in school history.

116 Games With a Trey on the Board

Illinois State enters tonight's game with at least one made 3-pointer in 116 straight games. The last time the 'Birds didn't sink a single trey was an 82-43 loss at Creighton on Dec. 12, 1999.

Bellarmine Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
11/15	@ Kentucky State	L, 83-101
11/22	OAKLAND CITY [^]	W, 85-78
11/23	WINSTON-SALEM ST. [^]	L, 71-76
11/29	SOUTHERN INDIANA [*]	L, 60-71
12/1	UM-ST. LOUIS	L, 78-85 (ot)
12/2	@ Illinois State	7:05 p.m.
12/4	@ SIU-Edwardsville [*]	8:00 p.m.
12/6	@ Lewis [*]	3:00 p.m.
12/16	@ Mercyhurst	7:00 p.m.
12/21	MISSOURI-ROLLA [*]	3:00 p.m.
12/30	MERCYHURST	7:00 p.m.
1/2	ST. JOSEPH'S [*]	7:00 p.m.
1/4	INDIANAPOLIS [*]	2:00 p.m.
1/10	KY. WESLEYAN [*]	7:00 p.m.
1/15	@ Missouri-St. Louis [*]	7:45 p.m.
1/17	@ Quincy [*]	3:30 p.m.
1/22	LEWIS [*]	7:00 p.m.
1/24	UW-PARKSIDE [*]	2:00 p.m.
1/29	@ Indianapolis [*]	6:30 p.m.
1/31	@ Northern Kentucky [*]	6:45 p.m.
2/5	@ Kentucky Wesleyan [*]	8:00 p.m.
2/7	@ Southern Indiana [*]	7:00 p.m.
2/12	QUINCY [*]	7:00 p.m.
2/14	SIU-EDWARDSVILLE [*]	2:00 p.m.
2/19	@ UW-Parkside [*]	7:30 p.m.
2/21	@ St. Joseph's [*]	3:00 p.m.
2/26	N. KENTUCKY	7:00 p.m.
3/3-6	@ GLVC Tournament	

All times listed are CST

[^] Joe Reibel Tipoff Tournament (Louisville, Ky.)

^{*} Great Lakes Valley Conference game



It's Miller Time

Sophomore **Matt Miller** drew his first career starting nod for the Redbirds at Utah State. Miller played 19 minutes and finished with two points, two assists and three steals without a turnover.

Louisiana Lightning

Sophomore **Trey Guidry** opened the season as the league's player of the week after pouring in 24 points, powered by four threes, in the season opener against Florida A&M. Guidry was 4-for-6 on threes and recorded the sixth 20-point game of his career, all with ISU. He also tied an Illinois State Redbird Arena record by sinking 12 of his 14 free throw attempts against Florida A&M. Guidry's 12 charity makes tied Rico Hill's effort in 1997.

Dilly Delight

Freshman **Greg Dilligard** has made an early impact with the Redbirds. Dilligard started in both exhibition games and has started the first three games for Illinois State. In 57 minutes of action, Dilligard leads the team with four blocked shots. He also averages 4.3 points and 1.7 rebounds per game.

Gregg's Grand

By raising his scoring average by just a couple of points, junior **Gregg Alexander** could potentially add his name to the 1,000-point club this season. Alexander has 662 career points entering the campaign and would need 361 to reach the milestone. He scored 310 as a freshman and 323 last season. Alexander would be the 36th Redbird to join the 1,000-point club at Illinois State.

Porter's Presentation

With the win over Florida A&M, head coach **Porter Moser** landed a win in his Illinois State debut. Moser became the fourth ISU coach to win his first game, joining Will Robinson, Gene Smithson and Tom Richardson.

Literally the Home of Champions

Illinois State has long been known as the "Home of Champions" with its 114 Missouri Valley Conference titles, but the 2003-04 men's basketball schedule also looks like the home of champions – as far as preseason media polls are concerned. Florida A&M, Northern Illinois, Illinois-Chicago and Western Kentucky were all picked to win their respective leagues, while Illinois and Utah State were tabbed for second.

National Champs

Despite a 8-21 record, the 'Birds brought home a national championship last season in 3-point shooting. The 'Birds buried threes at a 44 percent clip, which was the highest success rate from behind the arc in the nation.

The Road to Aberration

Finishing with a sub-500 winning percentage is a rarity at Illinois State. In fact, last year was only the fourth losing season in the Redbirds' 33 years of basketball at the Division I level.

Six Straight?

The Redbirds have gone five straight seasons shooting 70 percent or better from the free throw line. Thus far this season, the Redbirds are shooting 81.9 percent from the line. The five-seasons streak ties Illinois State's longest string (1975-79) since joining the Division I level.

Letting the Tiger Loose

After the fall semester grades are recorded, Missouri transfer **Najeeb Echols** will take the court for the first time as a Redbird. Echols, who had to sit out a year to meet NCAA transfer rules, played in 10 games for the Tigers during the 2002-03 season, averaging 3.1 points and 2.8 rebounds per game. As a prep, Echols was ranked by most recruiting services among the nation's top 30 seniors.

Sudden Impact

Since joining the Division I ranks, on average, first-year Redbird coaches have won 16.7 games in their initial season, including Bob Bender's NCAA run during the 1989-90 season.

Early Signs

During the fall early signing period head coach **Porter Moser** and the Redbirds added some instant athleticism for the 2004-05 season with the signing of Nedu Onyeuku and Justin Dentmon. Ranked as the eighth best shooting guard in junior college this season by *The Sporting News*, Onyeuku (6-3 • 180 • Guard • Omaha, Neb.) averaged 13 points and shot 41 percent on three-pointers as a freshman at Iowa Western. Dentmon (6-2 • 185 • Guard • Carbondale, Ill.) averaged 17.2 points, 7.8 assists and 4.0 rebounds as a junior at Carbondale High School, which posted a 24-6 mark last season and won the regional championship.

THE LAST TIME OUT

Illinois State Outlasted by Aggies

LOGAN, Utah – Utah State used a 11-2 run after Illinois State's Marcus Arnold drew his fourth foul at the 16:08 mark of the second half to claim an 89-84 non-conference victory at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum Saturday night.

The loss dropped the 'Birds record to 1-2 on the season, while the Aggies improved to 3-0. Utah State now owns a 71-7 record in the last six years on its home court.

The Redbirds shocked the home crowd by jumping out to a 17-6 lead as Neil Plank scored seven of the Redbird tallies. Utah State closed the gap to two at 22-20, but Plank added two more baskets to push the lead back up to six, 26-20, with 6:27 left in the first half.

The Aggies tied the game at 28-28 on a Spencer Nelson basket, but a Trey Guidry 3-pointer gave the 'Birds the halftime lead, 31-30 after Utah State's Jason Williams sank a pair of free throws.

Nelson's basket 15 seconds into the second half stole the ISU lead, one the 'Birds would never get back. Chris Burras scored a pair of foul shots with 19:18 on the clock to force a 33-33 tie, but that was the closest ISU would get.

A couple minutes later, Arnold was whistled for his fourth foul forcing head coach Porter Moser to his bench. Mike Ahmad scored four of Utah State's points during its 11-2 run. The 'Birds got within six points three times, but that was as close as they would get until Guidry's three at the buzzer for the 89-84 final.

Plank led all scorers with 21 points, including 12 in the first half. Guidry tossed in 18 points off the bench, while Arnold finished with 14 points in just 23 minutes of play. Vince Greene and Burras each added 12 points off the bench.

Mark Brown led the Aggies with 20 points and 13 assists. Cardell Butler scored 14 and Nelson added 13. Williams and Nate Harris each tossed in 11 points.

Utah State 89, ILLINOIS STATE 84

November 29, 2003 • Dee Glen Smith Spectrum

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Arnold, f	23	7-8	0-0	3-3	0	5	14
Dilligard, f	20	1-1	0-0	1-2	0	5	2
Alexander, g	25	1-3	0-0	0-2	1	2	3
Miller, g	19	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	2	2
Plank, g	33	7-13	7-10	2-5	4	1	21
Burras	29	3-7	6-7	2-3	0	4	12
Troc	3	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0
Greene	19	4-7	2-2	0-0	2	4	12
Guidry	27	7-11	0-0	0-2	0	1	18
Sams	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Carlwell	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Totals	200	31-53	15-19	9-19	10	26	84

Team Pct.: FG – .585; FT – .789

3-Pt.: 7-17, .412 (Plank 0-1, Alexander 1-3, Miller 0-1, Burras 0-1, Greene 2-4, Guidry 4-7)

Blocks: 3 (Arnold 1, Dilligard 1, Alexander 1)

Turnovers: 8 (Arnold 2, Plank 4, Alexander 1, Guidry 1)

Steals: 8 (Plank 1, Alexander 1, Miller 3, Burras 2, Guidry 1)

Utah State	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Williams, f	25	4-7	2-2	1-2	1	0	11
Nelson, f	29	6-7	1-2	2-7	2	5	13
Ahmad, c	21	3-3	3-4	1-4	1	1	9
Butler, g	26	4-8	5-6	0-0	1	2	14
Brown, g	33	6-9	7-8	1-2	13	1	20
Harvey	13	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	3
Harris	28	3-5	5-8	0-4	0	2	11
Huber	19	3-4	0-0	0-1	1	3	8
Neil	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Evans	5	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Totals	200	30-45	23-30	10-27	19	16	89

Team Pct.: FG – .667; FT – .767

3-Pt.: 6-9, .667 (Williams 1-3, Butler 1-2, Brown 1-1, Harvey 1-1, Huber 2-2)

Blocks: 1 (Ahmad 1)

Turnovers: 12 (Williams 2, Nelson 1, Ahmad 1, Butler 2, Brown 2, Harvey 1, Harris 1, Huber 1, Neil 1)

Steals: 3 (Butler 2, Brown 1)

Officials: Bob Staffen, Don McAllister, Mike Peterson

Attendance: 6,184

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 31, Utah State 30



CHART CLIMBERS

Career Scoring Leaders

1. Doug Collins (1970-73)	2,240
35. Joe Galvin (1976-80)	1,022
- Gregg Alexander (2001-)	662

Career 3-Point FG Leaders

1. Tarise Bryson (1999-02)	214
6. Shawn Jeppson (1998-01)	148
7. Gregg Alexander (2001-)	126
Rickey Jackson (1986-90)	126
9. Maurice Trotter (1994-96)	121
10. Kyle Cartmill (1996-99)	111
- Trey Guidry (2002-)	72
- Vince Greene (2001-)	71

Career 3-Point FG Percentage

1. Matt Taphorn (1986-88)	50.4
2. Jeff Harris (1986-88)	46.6
3. Rico Hill (1995-98)	43.7
4. Vince Greene (2001-)	43.6
5. Trey Guidry (2002-)	43.1
6. Shawn Jeppson (1998-01)	42.8
7. Gregg Alexander (2001-)	42.1

CAREER STARTS/GAMES

No.	Player	Illinois St.	
		GP	GS
2	Gregg Alexander	63	60
11	Vince Greene	63	31
21	Marcus Arnold	32	23
24	Trey Guidry	32	14
3	Dana Ford	32	8
50	Greg Dilligard	3	3
25	Neil Plank	3	3
1	Chris Burras	21	2
10	Kevin Troc	28	1
15	Matt Miller	3	1
34	Kenneth Hill	9	0
45	Michael Sams	2	0
51	Ronnie Carlwell	2	0
33	Najeeb Echols	0	0
5	Kyle Flowers	0	0

2003-04 VALLEY PRESEASON POLL

1. Wichita State (24)	290
2. Creighton (4)	254
3. Bradley	224
4. SMS (1)	210
5. Southern Illinois	200
6. UNI (1)	135
7. Illinois State	99
8. Evansville	96
9. Drake	87
10. Indiana State	55

2003-04 VALLEY STANDINGS

	VALLEY			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
1. Southern Illinois	0	0	.000	3	0	1.000
Creighton	0	0	.000	2	0	1.000
3. Bradley	0	0	.000	4	1	.800
4. Wichita State	0	0	.000	3	1	.750
5. SMS	0	0	.000	3	2	.600
6. Indiana State	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
7. Drake	0	0	.000	1	2	.333
Illinois State	0	0	.000	1	2	.333
Northern Iowa	0	0	.000	1	2	.333
10. Evansville	0	0	.000	0	2	.000

*Through games of Nov. 30

2003-04 ILLINOIS STATE STATISTICS

#	Player	GP	GS	Min	Avg	TOTAL			3-PTS			REBOUNDS			PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg					
						FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct									Off	Def	Tot	Avg	
21	Arnold, Marcus	3	3	85	28.3	19	33	.576	0	0	.000	13	131	0.000	9	11	20	6.7	11	1	1	12	3	0	51	17.0	
25	Plank, Neil	3	3	99	33.0	14	33	.424	2	8	.250	16	24	.667	6	13	19	6.3	5	0	10	9	0	6	46	15.3	
24	Guidry, Trey	3	0	80	26.7	12	23	.522	9	16	.563	12	14	.857	0	5	5	1.7	4	0	2	3	0	3	45	15.0	
02	Alexander, Gregg	3	3	82	27.3	10	21	.476	7	17	.412	2	3	.667	0	10	10	3.3	4	0	5	3	1	4	29	9.7	
11	Greene, Vince	3	2	69	23.0	5	16	.313	2	6	.333	7	8	.875	1	1	2	0.7	11	0	5	6	0	2	19	6.3	
01	Burras, Chris	3	0	69	23.0	4	13	.308	0	1	.000	8	9	.889	5	8	13	4.3	13	1	3	3	0	3	16	5.3	
50	Dilligard, Greg	3	3	57	19.0	3	7	.429	0	0	.000	7	8	.875	3	2	5	1.7	10	1	4	1	4	1	13	4.3	
15	Miller, Matt	3	1	42	14.0	1	3	.333	0	1	.000	2	21	0.000	0	0	0	0.0	2	0	4	2	0	4	4	1.3	
10	Troc, Kevin	3	0	9	3.0	1	1	1.000	0	0	.000	1	2	.500	0	2	2	0.7	2	0	2	3	0	0	3	1.0	
51	Carlwell, Ronnie	2	0	3	1.5	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
34	Hill, Kenneth	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	.000	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
03	Ford, Dana	2	0	2	1.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
45	Sams, Michael	2	0	2	1.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
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	Opponents.....	3				77	156	.494	15	43	.349	56	76	.737	32	65	97	32.3	66	-	42	42	13	16	225	75.0	

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	Total
Illinois State	85	141	226
Opponents	93	132	225

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Illinois State	6	0	6
Opponents	7	0	7

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	1-2	1-0	0-2	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-2	1-0	0-2	0-0

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTEND	HIGH POINTS	HIGH REBOUNDS
11-23-03	2:05 pm CST	FLORIDA A&M	W 87-70	6689	(24)Guidry, Trey	(10)Plank, Neil
11-26-03	7:05	at Northern Illinois	55-66 L	2888	(20)Alexander, Gregg	(9)Arnold, Marcus
11-29-03	7:05 pm	at Utah State	84-89 L	6184	(21)Plank, Neil	(5)Plank, Neil

* - Conference game

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY	GAMES	TOTALS	AVG/GAME
HOME	1	6689	6689
AWAY	2	9072	4536
NEUTRAL	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	15761	5254



THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

INDIVIDUAL

A player scored 40 points ... ILLINOIS ST. Tarise Bryson (41) at C. Michigan, 12-3-00
Opponent Anthony Roberts (48), Oral Roberts, 1-6-75
A player scored 30 points ... ILLINOIS ST. Tarise Bryson (38) at Purdue, 3-15-01
Opponent Jermaine Boyette (31), Weber St., 11-16-01
A player grabbed 20 rebounds ... ILLINOIS ST. Ron deVries (24) vs. Pacific, 1-19-74
Opponent Anthony Bonner (21), St. Louis, 2-6-90
A player grabbed 15 rebounds ... ILLINOIS ST. Baboucarr Bojang (15) vs. UNI, 1-30-02
Opponent Marvin Black (18) at Marshall, 2-22-03
A player had a double-double ... ILLINOIS ST. Neil Plank (17p, 10r) vs. Florida A&M, 11-23-03
Opponent Mark Brown (20p, 13a) at Utah State, 11-29-03
A player made five 3-pointers ... ILLINOIS ST. Gregg Alexander (6-11) at N. Illinois, 11-26-03
Opponent Phillip Gilbert (5-8) at Bradley, 2-12-03
A player made 10 free throws ... ILLINOIS ST. Trey Guidry (12-14) vs. Florida A&M, 11-23-03
Opponent Terrance McGee (11-15) at SMS, 1-15-03
A player had 15 free throw attempts ... ILLINOIS ST. Tarise Bryson (12-15) at Purdue, 3-14-01
Opponent Terrance McGee (11-15) at SMS, 1-15-03
A player had 10 assists ... ILLINOIS ST. Vince Greene (11) vs. Jacksonville, 12-18-02
Opponent Mark Brown (13) at Utah State, 11-29-03
A player had five steals ... ILLINOIS ST. Neil Plank (5) vs. Florida A&M, 11-23-03
Opponent Demarcus Wilkins (6) vs. Florida A&M, 11-23-03
A player blocked five shots ... ILLINOIS ST. LeRoy Watkins (5) vs. Alcorn State, 12-2-98
Opponent Marcus Smallwood (5) at N. Illinois, 11-26-03

TEAM

A team scored 100 points ... ILLINOIS ST. vs. Southern Illinois (105), 1-10-98
Opponent vs. Oklahoma (112), 12-28-90
A team made 35 field goals ... ILLINOIS ST. at Southern Illinois (35-53), 2-28-98
Opponent vs. UT-San Antonio (35-65), 12-17-00
A team had 75 field goal attempts ... ILLINOIS ST. vs. Lewis (31-78), 12-2-92
Opponent vs. Akron (27-80), 11-20-98
A team shot 50 percent from the field ... ILLINOIS ST. at Utah State (.585, 31-53), 11-29-03
Opponent at Utah State (.667, 30-45), 11-29-03
A team made 10 3-point field goals ... ILLINOIS ST. at Indiana State (11-20), 3-1-03
Opponent vs. Bradley (13-22), 2-1-03
A team had 25 3-point field goal attempts ... ILLINOIS ST. at Drake (8-27), 1-10-02
Opponent vs. Northern Iowa (10-26), 1-29-03
A team shot 50 percent on 3-pointers ... ILLINOIS ST. at Indiana State (.550, 11-20), 3-1-03
Opponent at Utah State (.667, 6-9), 11-29-03
A team made 30 free throws ... ILLINOIS ST. vs. Florida A&M (38-48), 11-23-03
Opponent at Drake (37-52), 1-17-01
A team had 25 assists ... ILLINOIS ST. vs. Hofstra (25), 11-25-01
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A team had 15 steals ... ILLINOIS ST. vs. Weber State (15), 11-16-01
Opponent at Creighton (18), 12-12-99
A team had blocked 10 shots ... ILLINOIS ST. 10 vs. Evansville, 1-17-79
Opponent 11 at Northern Illinois, 11-26-03

BENCH SCORING (ISU-OPP)

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Points. Lists various teams and their bench scoring records, including Florida A&M, at Northern Illinois, at Utah State, Bellarmine, Eastern Michigan, at Illinois-Chicago, Western Kentucky, Northern Iowa*, at Southern Illinois*, at Illinois*, Creighton*, at Indiana State*, at Drake*, SMS*, Southern Illinois*, at Creighton*, at Northern Iowa*, Bradley*, Wichita State*, at SMS*, at Evansville*, Indiana State*, at Bradley*, Bracket Buster II, Evansville*, at Wichita State*, Drake*, and Total 78-60.

2003-04 VALLEY RANKINGS

*As of November 30

Table with 2 columns: Team and Rank. Lists various statistics such as Scoring Offense (4th), Scoring Defense (9th), Scoring Margin (7th), Free Throw Pct (2nd), Field Goal Pct (3rd), FG Pct. Defense (8th), 3-Point FG Pct (2nd), 3-Point FG Pct. Def (16th), Rebounding Offense (10th), Rebounding Defense (4th), Rebounding Margin (8th), Blocked Shots (6th), Assists (8th), Steals (6th), Turnover Margin (6th), Assist/Turnover Ratio (8th), Offensive Rebounds (10th), Defensive Rebounds (8th), and 3-Point Field Goals Made (13rd).

INDIVIDUAL

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Rank. Lists individual player statistics: Marcus Arnold (7th), Neil Plank (10th), Trey Guidry (4th), Gregg Alexander (14th), Greg Dillgard (4th), Marcus Arnold (15th), and Marcus Arnold (4th).

ILLINOIS STATE'S 2003-04 RECORD WHEN

Table with 2 columns: Record Type and Count. Lists various records such as Overall (1-2), Missouri Valley Conference (0-0), Playing Nationally Ranked Teams (0-0), Leading at the Half (1-1), Trailing at the Half (0-1), Tied at the Half (0-0), Leading with 5:00 to Play (1-0), Trailing with 5:00 to Play (0-2), In Overtime (0-0), ISU out-rebounds opponent (1-0), Opponents out-rebounds ISU (0-2), ISU has 15 or fewer Turnovers (0-2), ISU has fewer Turnovers than opp. (0-0), ISU shoots 50 Percent or Better (0-1), ISU shoots 40 Percent or Better (1-1), Opponents shoot less than 40 Percent (1-0), Opponents shot 40 Percent or Better (0-2), ISU shoots better than Opponent (1-0), Opponent shoots better than ISU (0-2), ISU has more FG Attempts (0-2), Opponent has more FG Attempts (1-0), ISU Shoots better than 35% on 3's (1-1), ISU Attempts more 3's (0-1), Opponents Attempt more 3's (1-0), ISU has more FT Attempts (1-0), Opponent has more FT Attempts (0-1), ISU Scores 100 or More (0-0), ISU Scores 90 or More (0-0), ISU Scores 80 or More (1-1), ISU Scores 70 or More (1-1).

Table with 2 columns: Record Type and Count. Lists various records such as ISU Scores 60 or More (1-1), ISU Scores less than 60 (0-1), Opponent Scores 100 or More (0-0), Opponent Scores 90 or More (0-0), Opponent Scores 80 or More (0-1), Opponent Scores 70 or More (1-1), Opponent Scores 60 or More (1-2), Opponent Scores less than 60 (0-0), In Games Decided by 5 or less (0-1), In Games Decided by 6-10 Points (0-0), In Games Decided by 11-20 Points (1-1), In Games Decided by 21+ Points (0-0), Day Games (1-0), Night Games (0-2), Home Court (1-0), Away Games (0-2), Neutral Games (0-0), When ISU Scores First (1-0), When ISU Wins Tip (1-1), In November (1-2), In December (0-0), In January (0-0), In February (0-0), In March (0-0), On Sunday (1-0), On Monday (0-0), On Tuesday (0-0), On Wednesday (0-1), On Thursday (0-0), On Friday (0-0), On Saturday (0-1).



Gregg Alexander 2
G/F • 6-4 • 195 • Jr.-2L • Lincoln, Ill. (Lincoln)

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 24 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01/20 at NIU, 11-26-03
Rebounds – 10 vs. Bradley, 2-1-03/5 at NIU, 11-26-03
Assists – 4, five times/3 vs. FAMU, 11-23-03
Blocked Shots – 1, six times/1 at Utah State, 11-29-03
Steals – 5 at Drake, 2-26-03/2 vs. FAMU, 11-23-03
Minutes – 42 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01/29 vs. FAMU, 11-23-03

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has made seven of his last 14 three-point attempts.
- Scored six points in the opener against Florida A&M, but held last season's national most prolific three-point shooter, Terrance Woods, to a 3-for-12 effort from behind the arc.
- Tossed in 15 points against Global Sports with five rebounds.
- Against EA Sports, posted 11 points and three boards.
- Swiped seven steals in the two exhibition games.
- Shot 6-for-15 on treys in the preseason matchups.

2003-04 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Florida A&M	29	2-6	0-3	2-3	3	0	3	1	0	2	6
at Northern Illinois	28	7-12	6-11	0-0	5	2	1	1	0	1	20
at Utah State	25	1-3	1-3	0-0	2	2	1	1	1	1	3
Bellarmine											
Eastern Michigan											
at Illinois-Chicago											
Western Kentucky											
Northern Iowa*											
at Southern Illinois*											
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Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Bracket Buster II											
Evansville*											
at Wichita State*											
Drake*											

BOLD indicates games started
 * Missouri Valley Conference game



Marcus Arnold 21
F • 6-8 • 225 • So.-1L • Chicago, Ill. (Morgan Park)

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 21 vs. FAMU, 11-23-03/21 vs. FAMU, 11-23-03
Rebounds – 9 at NIU, 11-26-03/9 at NIU, 11-26-03
Assists – 3, twice/1 vs. FAMU, 11-23-03
Blocked Shots – 4 vs. UIC, 11-30-02/1, three times
Steals – 3 vs. SIU, 3-8-03/None
Minutes – 36 at SIU, 1-4-03/35 at NIU, 11-26-03

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Scored 14 points in just 23 minutes, after fouling out at Utah State.
- Has converted 13 straight free throws to open the season.
- For the second-straight game set a new career-best with nine rebounds at NIU. Added 16 points, on 6-for-14 shooting, but had five turnovers.
- Posted a career high 21 points and a career-best eight boards against Florida A&M. Also added a 9-for-9 effort from the free throw line.
- Rebounded from a 6-for-21 effort against EA Sports with a game-high 24 points on 11-for-13 shooting against Global Sports.
- Finished the game against EA Sports with 16 points and six rebounds.
- Averaged 20 points and 5.5 rebounds in the two exhibition games.

2003-04 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Florida A&M	27	6-11	0-0	9-9	8	3	1	5	1	0	21
at Northern Illinois	35	6-14	0-0	4-4	9	3	0	5	1	0	16
at Utah State	23	7-8	0-0	0-0	3	5	0	2	1	0	14
Bellarmine											
Eastern Michigan											
at Illinois-Chicago											
Western Kentucky											
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Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Bracket Buster II											
Evansville*											
at Wichita State*											
Drake*											

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Chris Burras

1

F • 6-5 • 210 • So.-1L • Chicago, Ill. (Leo)

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 12 at Utah State, 11-29-03/12 at Utah State, 11-29-03
Rebounds – 9 vs. SIU, 3-8-03/6 at NIU, 11-26-03
Assists – 2, three times/2 vs. FAMU, 11-23-03
Blocked Shots – 1, three times/None
Steals – 2, three times/2 at Utah State, 11-29-03
Minutes – 29 at Utah State, 11-29-03/29 at Utah State, 11-29-03

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Tossed in a career-high 12 points off the bench at Utah State.
- Hauled in six boards in 16 minutes of action at NIU. Added two points.
- Logged 24 minutes off the bench in the season opener with two points and four rebounds.
- Pulled down a combined 13 rebounds in the two exhibition games with 10 coming off the offensive glass.
- Scored eight points against EA Sports in 20 minutes of action.
- Dropped in 14 points and added three steals in 29 minutes of play against Global Sports.

2003-04 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Florida A&M	24	1-3	0-0	0-0	4	5	2	3	0	1	2
at Northern Illinois	16	0-3	0-0	2-2	6	4	1	0	0	0	2
at Utah State	29	3-7	0-1	6-7	3	4	0	0	0	2	12
Bellarmino											
Eastern Michigan											
at Illinois-Chicago											
Western Kentucky											
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at Evansville*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Bracket Buster II											
Evansville*											
at Wichita State*											
Drake*											

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Ronnie Carlwell

51

C • 6-10 • 250 • Fr.-HS • Maywood, Ill. (Proviso East)

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 0/0
Rebounds – 0/0
Assists – 0/0
Blocked Shots – 0/0
Steals – 0/0
Minutes – 2 at NIU, 11-26-03/2 at NIU, 11-26-03

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Made his collegiate debut at Northern Illinois. Played two minutes with two fouls.
- Did not see action against Florida A&M.
- Played a combined six minutes in both exhibitions.

2003-04 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Florida A&M											
at Northern Illinois	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
at Utah State	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bellarmino											
Eastern Michigan											
at Illinois-Chicago											
Western Kentucky											
Northern Iowa*											
at Southern Illinois*											
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at Bradley*											
Bracket Buster II											
Evansville*											
at Wichita State*											
Drake*											

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Greg Dilligard 50
F • 6-8 • 215 • Fr.-HS • Labelle, Mo. (Highland)

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 7 vs. FAMU, 11-23-03/7 vs. FAMU, 11-23-03
Rebounds – 3 at NIU, 11-26-03/3 at NIU, 11-26-03
Assists – 3 at NIU, 11-26-03/3 at NIU, 11-26-03
Blocked Shots – 3 vs. FAMU, 11-23-03/3 vs. FAMU, 11-23-03
Steals – 7 vs. FAMU, 11-23-03/7 vs. FAMU, 11-23-03
Minutes – 20 at Utah State, 11-29-03/20 at Utah State, 11-29-03

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has started each game this season. Finished with two points and two boards in 20 minutes at Utah State.
- In 19 minutes at NIU had four points, all from the free throw line, three rebounds and three assists.
- Made his first career start against Florida A&M. Finished with seven points and three blocked shots.
- Started both exhibition games - his first collegiate action.
- Saw 21 minutes against EA Sports with four points and two boards.
- Played 26 minutes vs. Global Sports and contributed four points, six rebounds and five assists.

2003-04 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Florida A&M	18	2-3	0-0	3-4	0	2	1	0	3	1	7
at Northern Illinois	19	0-3	0-0	4-4	3	3	3	1	0	0	4
at Utah State	20	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	5	0	0	1	0	2
Bellarmine											
Eastern Michigan											
at Illinois-Chicago											
Western Kentucky											
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Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Bracket Buster II											
Evansville*											
at Wichita State*											
Drake*											

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Najeeb Echols 33
F • 6-7 • 230 • Jr.-TR • Chicago, Ill. (Morgan Park/Missouri)

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 9 vs. Southern, 12-6-01/None
Rebounds – 7, twice/None
Assists – 2, six times/None
Blocked Shots – 1, four times/None
Steals – 2 vs. Sacramento St., 12-2-02/None
Minutes – 25, twice/None

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Transfer from Missouri that will be eligible at the completion of the fall semester when all grades are posted.

2003-04 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Florida A&M											
at Northern Illinois											
at Utah State											
Bellarmine											
Eastern Michigan											
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at Evansville*											
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at Bradley*											
Bracket Buster II											
Evansville*											
at Wichita State*											
Drake*											

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Kyle Flowers 5

F • 6-8 • 210 • Jr.-TR • Alexis, Ill. (Alexis/Southeastern CC)

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 0/0
Rebounds – 0/0
Assists – 0/0
Blocked Shots – 0/0
Steals – 0/0
Minutes – 0/0

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Did not dress in the season opener due to a back injury.
- Did not see action in either exhibition.

2003-04 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Florida A&M						Did not play					
at Northern Illinois						Did not play					
at Utah State						Did not play					
Bellarmine											
Eastern Michigan											
at Illinois-Chicago											
Western Kentucky											
Northern Iowa*											
at Southern Illinois*											
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Bradley*											
Wichita State*											
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at Evansville*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Bracket Buster II											
Evansville*											
at Wichita State*											
Drake*											

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Dana Ford 3

G • 6-4 • 185 • So.-1L • Tamms, Ill. (Egyptian)

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 9 at UNI, 1-7-03/None
Rebounds – 8 at Southern Illinois, 1-4-03/None
Assists – 3, three times/None
Blocked Shots – 2, twice/None
Steals – 3 at Southern Illinois, 1-4-03/None
Minutes – 31, twice/1, three times

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has seen a minute of action in each game this season.
- Played a combined seven minutes in the exhibition games with no points and a rebound.

2003-04 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Florida A&M	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
at Northern Illinois	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
at Utah State	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bellarmine											
Eastern Michigan											
at Illinois-Chicago											
Western Kentucky											
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at Evansville*											
Indiana State*											
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Bracket Buster II											
Evansville*											
at Wichita State*											
Drake*											

BOLD indicates games started
* Missouri Valley Conference game



Vince Greene 11

G • 5-9 • 160 • Sr.-2L • Chicago, Ill. (Brother Rice)

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 29 at Bradley, 2-12-03/12 at Utah State, 11-29-03
Rebounds – 7 at SMS, 1-15-03/1, twice
Assists – 11 vs. Jacksonville, 12-18-03/2, twice
Blocked Shots – 1 at SMS, 2-2-02/None
Steals – 7 at Evansville, 1-25-03/2 at NIU, 1-26-03
Minutes – 40 vs. Wichita State, 1-18-03/28 at NIU, 1-26-03

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Did not start at Utah State, but came off the bench with 12 points and two assists in 19 minutes.
- Went 0-for-6 with four turnovers at Northern Illinois.
- Logged 22 minutes against Florida A&M, after missing the second half of the first period with a left ankle injury.
- Combined in the two exhibition games, posted a 10-to-4 assist-to-turnover ratio.
- Tossed in seven points against EA Sports.
- Against Global Sports was 1-for-10 from the field, but 6-of-6 from the free throw line and finished with nine points.
- The 2003-04 Will Robinson Endowed Scholarship recipient.

2003-04 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Florida A&M	22	1-3	0-1	3-4	1	4	1	2	0	0	5
at Northern Illinois	28	0-6	0-1	2-2	6	4	1	0	0	0	2
at Utah State	19	4-7	2-4	2-2	0	4	2	0	0	0	12
Bellarmine											
Eastern Michigan											
at Illinois-Chicago											
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at Wichita State*											
Drake*											

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Trey Guidry 24

G • 6-2 • 185 • Jr.-1L • Baton Rouge, La. (Central/NC State)

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 27 at Evansville, 1-25-03/24 vs. FAMU, 11-23-03
Rebounds – 6 vs. UNI, 1-29-03/3 vs. FAMU, 11-23-03
Assists – 11 at Kent State, 12-7-02/2 at NIU, 11-26-03
Blocked Shots – 1, three times/None
Steals – 2, four times/1, three times
Minutes – 38, twice/27, twice

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Came off the bench with 18 points at Utah State.
- Contained at NIU with only five shot attempts and three points in 26 minutes.
- Named the Valley Player of the Week on 11/24.
- Scored a game-high 24 points off the bench against Florida A&M.
- Made 12-of-14 free throws against the Rattlers to tie the Illinois State record for most made free throws in Redbird Arena.
- Poured in 15 points against Global Sports powered by a 5-for-6 shooting effort behind the arc, that included four straight treys in the first half.
- Tossed in nine points against EA Sports on a 3-for-10 effort, but collected five rebounds.

2003-04 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Florida A&M	27	4-7	4-6	12-14	3	0	0	1	0	1	24
at Northern Illinois	26	1-5	1-3	0-0	0	3	2	1	0	1	3
at Utah State	27	7-11	4-7	0-0	2	1	0	1	0	1	18
Bellarmine											
Eastern Michigan											
at Illinois-Chicago											
Western Kentucky											
Northern Iowa*											
at Southern Illinois*											
at Illinois											
Creighton*											
at Indiana State*											
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at Northern Iowa*											
Bradley*											
Wichita State*											
at SMS*											
at Evansville*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Bracket Buster II											
Evansville*											
at Wichita State*											
Drake*											

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Kenneth Hill 34

F • 6-6 • 190 • So.-1L • Naperville, Ill. (Central)

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 9 at Indiana State, 3-1-03/0
Rebounds – 1, four times/0
Assists – 0/0
Blocked Shots – 1, twice/0
Steals – 0/0
Minutes – 5 vs. Southern Illinois, 3-3-03/0

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Played in the final minute against Florida A&M.
- Did not see action in either exhibition game.

2003-04 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Florida A&M	1	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Northern Illinois											
at Utah State											
Bellarmine											
Eastern Michigan											
at Illinois-Chicago											
Western Kentucky											
Northern Iowa*											
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Creighton*											
at Indiana State*											
at Drake*											
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at Northern Iowa*											
Bradley*											
Wichita State*											
at SMS*											
at Evansville*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Bracket Buster II											
Evansville*											
at Wichita State*											
Drake*											

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Micah Kirstein 12

G • 6-3 • 185 • Fr.-HS • Herscher, Ill. (Bishop McNamara)

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 0/0
Rebounds – 0/0
Assists – 0/0
Blocked Shots – 0/0
Steals – 0/0
Minutes – 0/0

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Walk-on that joined the team in October.
- Did not see action in either exhibition game.

2003-04 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Florida A&M											
at Northern Illinois											
at Utah State											
Bellarmine											
Eastern Michigan											
at Illinois-Chicago											
Western Kentucky											
Northern Iowa*											
at Southern Illinois*											
at Illinois											
Creighton*											
at Indiana State*											
at Drake*											
SMS*											
Southern Illinois*											
at Creighton*											
at Northern Iowa*											
Bradley*											
Wichita State*											
at SMS*											
at Evansville*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Bracket Buster II											
Evansville*											
at Wichita State*											
Drake*											

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Matt Miller 15
 G • 5-10 • 175 • So.-TR • Aurora, Ill. (Waubonsie Valley/Rend Lake CC)

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 2, twice/2, twice
Rebounds – 0/0
Assists – 2, twice/2, twice
Blocked Shots – 0/0
Steals – 3 at Utah State, 11-29-03/3 at Utah State, 11-29-03
Minutes – 19 at Utah State, 11-29-03/19 at Utah State, 11-29-03

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Posted his first career start at Utah State. Played 19 minutes with two points, two assists, three steals and zero turnovers.
- Logged 11 minutes of spot duty at the point against Northern Illinois. Had two assists without a turnover.
- Played 12 minutes against Florida A&M after Vince Greene went down with an ankle injury. Scored two points.
- Spotted Vince Greene at the point in both exhibition games. Played nine minutes against EA Sports and five vs. Global Sports.
- Did not score in either game, but combined for two assists, two steals and a turnover.

2003-04 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Florida A&M	12	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	2	0	1	2
at Northern Illinois	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
at Utah State	19	1-3	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	3	2
Bellarmine											
Eastern Michigan											
at Illinois-Chicago											
Western Kentucky											
Northern Iowa*											
at Southern Illinois*											
at Illinois											
Creighton*											
at Indiana State*											
at Drake*											
SMS*											
Southern Illinois*											
at Creighton*											
at Northern Iowa*											
Bradley*											
Wichita State*											
at SMS*											
at Evansville*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Bracket Buster II											
Evansville*											
at Wichita State*											
Drake*											

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Neil Plank 25
 G/F • 6-5 • 200 • So.-TR • Mt. Zion (Mt. Zion/Wisconsin)

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 21 at Utah State, 11-29-03/21 at Utah State, 11-29-03
Rebounds – 10 vs. FAMU, 11-23-03/10 vs. FAMU, 11-23-03
Assists – 6 vs. FAMU, 11-23-03/6 vs. FAMU, 11-23-03
Blocked Shots – 0/0
Steals – 5 vs. FAMU, 11-23-03/5 vs. FAMU, 11-23-03
Minutes – 33, three times/33, three times

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Scored a career-high 21 points at Utah State on 7-for-13 shooting.
- At NIU was 2-for-10 from the floor in 33 minutes.
- Posted first career double-double with 17 points and 10 boards against Florida A&M. Also added six assists and five steals.
- Game's leading scorer against EA Sports with 18 tallies. Also added six rebounds.
- Was 0-for-4 from the floor against Global Sports
- Shot 1-for-8 on treys in the two exhibition games

2003-04 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Florida A&M	33	5-10	1-3	6-10	10	2	6	4	0	5	17
at Northern Illinois	33	2-10	1-4	3-4	4	2	0	1	0	0	8
at Utah State	33	7-13	0-1	7-10	5	1	4	4	0	1	21
Bellarmine											
Eastern Michigan											
at Illinois-Chicago											
Western Kentucky											
Northern Iowa*											
at Southern Illinois*											
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Wichita State*											
at SMS*											
at Evansville*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Bracket Buster II											
Evansville*											
at Wichita State*											
Drake*											

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Michael Sams 45
F • 6-7 • 203 • Fr.-HS • Decatur, Ill. (Mt. Zion)

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 0/0
Rebounds – 0/0
Assists – 0/0
Blocked Shots – 0/0
Steals – 0/0
Minutes – 1, twice/1, twice

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Played a minute against Florida A&M and at Utah State.
- Saw a minute of action against the EA Sports All-Stars only recording a personal foul.
- Didn't see action in the second exhibition against Global Sports.

2003-04 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Florida A&M	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Northern Illinois											
at Utah State	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bellarmine											
Eastern Michigan											
at Illinois-Chicago											
Western Kentucky											
Northern Iowa*											
at Southern Illinois*											
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Bradley*											
Wichita State*											
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at Evansville*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Bracket Buster II											
Evansville*											
at Wichita State*											
Drake*											

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Kevin Troc 10
G • 6-4 • 190 • So.-1L • Lockport, Ill. (Lockport)

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 10 vs. UNI, 1-29-03/3 vs. FAMU, 11-23-03
Rebounds – 5 vs. Bradley, 2-1-03/1 at Utah State, 11-29-03
Assists – 5 vs. Utah St., 11-23-02/1, twice
Blocked Shots – 1, twice/None
Steals – 2 at Wichita State, 2-4-03/None
Minutes – 30 vs. Bradley, 2-1-03/5 vs. FAMU, 11-23-03

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Played nine minutes this season with one field goal attempt.
- Saw his first action of the season with five minutes against Florida A&M. Tossed in three points with one assist.
- Missed the two exhibition games with fluid in his right knee.
- The 2003-04 Milt Weisbecker Endowed Scholarship recipient.

2003-04 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Florida A&M	5	1-1	0-0	1-2	0	2	1	2	0	0	3
at Northern Illinois	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
at Utah State	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Bellarmine											
Eastern Michigan											
at Illinois-Chicago											
Western Kentucky											
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at Evansville*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Bracket Buster II											
Evansville*											
at Wichita State*											
Drake*											

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** Missouri Valley Conference game*



EXHIBITION 1

Second-Half Lapse Sinks 'Birds in First Exhibition

NORMAL, III. – Sophomore Neil Plank tossed in a game-high 18 points for Illinois State, but it wasn't enough as the Redbirds fell 78-71 to the EA Sports All-Stars Monday night at Redbird Arena in exhibition basketball.

The Redbirds overcame a one-point halftime deficit in the first minute of the second frame to take a four-point lead, 33-29, their largest of the game. Gregg Alexander tossed in a three-pointer at the 18:51 mark to put the 'Birds up by two. After an Alexander steal, Marcus Arnold dropped in a layup for the lead.

The Redbirds held their four-point edge on another trey by Alexander at the 16:44 mark, but a 14-4 run by the EA Sports All-Stars gave the visitors a 51-42 advantage and a lead they would never relinquish. The Redbirds closed the gap to 61-57 after a Plank layup at the 5:48 mark, but again the All-Stars responded with a 9-0 run to put the game away.

With 10:07 left in the first half, an Arnold basket gave the Redbirds their only lead of the frame at 15-13. The 'Birds managed to stay close in the first 20 minutes, despite only shooting 2-for-10 on treys, overcoming their largest deficit of six points to close within one, 29-28, at the half. The Redbird defense was largely responsible for forcing EA Sports into 18 first-half turnovers.

Arnold finished with 16 points and six boards, but was 6-for-21 from the field. Alexander chipped in 11. EA Sports was led by Robert O'Kelley's 16 tallies off the bench, while Clay Tucker and Cory Largent tossed in 11 and 10 points respectively.

EA Sports 78, ILLINOIS STATE 71

November 10, 2003 • Redbird Arena

EA Sports	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Johnson, f	29	3-6	2-3	2-5	4	4	9
Brownlee, f	23	2-5	1-3	1-6	3	1	7
Gibbs, f	18	3-3	1-6	5-12	1	2	7
Largent, g	28	4-10	0-0	1-3	1	2	10
Tucker, g	30	4-13	1-2	1-7	2	3	11
O'Kelley	20	2-5	10-10	0-3	0	3	16
Fountain	21	2-4	5-8	0-1	0	2	9
Rodgers	11	1-2	3-6	0-4	0	5	5
Evans	20	2-2	0-0	2-7	0	1	4
Totals	200	23-50	23-38	12-48	11	23	78

Team Pct.: FG – .460; FT – .605

3-Pt.: 9-23, .391 (Johnson 1-2, Brownlee 2-5, Largent 2-6, Tucker 2-5, O'Kelley 2-4, Rodgers 0-1)

Blocks: 4 (Johnson 2, Rodgers 1, Evans 1)

Turnovers: 26 (Johnson 4, Brownlee 6, Gibbs 2, Largent 1, Tucker 4, O'Kelley 4, Fountain 1, Rodgers 1, Evans 3)

Steals: 13 (Johnson 3, Brownlee 3, Gibbs 1, Tucker 2, Fountain 3, Rodgers 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Arnold, f	29	6-21	4-8	1-6	0	5	16
Dilligard, f	21	1-1	0-0	1-2	1	4	2
Alexander, g	28	4-8	0-2	0-3	1	1	11
Greene, g	31	2-6	2-2	0-0	5	5	7
Plank, g	30	7-14	3-4	3-6	4	0	18
Burras	20	4-7	0-0	4-6	1	5	8
Ford	4	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Miller	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	1	0
Guidry	25	3-10	2-2	0-5	2	4	9
Sams	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Carlwell	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	27-69	11-18	10-32	16	26	71

Team Pct.: FG – .391; FT – .611

3-Pt.: 6-21, .286 (Alexander 3-7, Greene 1-3, Plank 1-5, Ford 0-1, Guidry 1-5)

Blocks: 2 (Arnold 1, Burras 1)

Turnovers: 15 (Arnold 3, Dilligard 2, Alexander 3, Greene 1, Plank 2, Burras 2, Miller 1, Guidry 1)

Steals: 11 (Alexander 5, Greene 1, Burras 2, Miller 2, Guidry 1)

Officials: Dave Draucker, Jerry Seibert, Mark Mayhood

Attendance: 4,772

Halftime Score: EA Sports 29, ILLINOIS STATE 28

EXHIBITION 2

Arnold Leads 'Birds Past Global Sports

NORMAL, III. – Marcus Arnold scored 24 points to lead four Redbirds in double figures as Illinois State defeated Global Sports 81-75 Sunday night at Redbird Arena.

The Redbirds shot well all night, as they hit 52 percent from the field and 41 percent from behind the 3-point arc. Not to be outdone, Global Sports shot 57 percent from the field and 41 percent from three point range.

In the first half, Mark Green opened the game with a three for Global Sports, however the 'Birds came out on fire, following Green's three up with a 12-0 Redbird run. Arnold was a force early for Illinois State, as he scored all 12 of his first half points in the first seven minutes.

As Global Sports drew within one at 18-17, the Redbird sharpshooters took center stage, as a Gregg Alexander's field goal was followed up by four straight Trey Guidry three's.

The Redbirds and the All-Stars would go toe-to-toe for the rest of the half, as Global Sports would get its second lead of the game with just over a minute left. However, Chris Burras was able to convert two straight three-point plays, including an acrobatic shot with under one second to go, giving the 'Birds the lead heading into the locker room at 44-41.

In the second half, Illinois State used a 7-0 run midway through to get a little breathing room, as they extended their lead to seven at 68-61. Much like the first half, Global Sports kept it close, as they would tie the Redbirds at 58 and 61, but the 'Birds never trailed in the second half.

Other Redbirds in double figures included Alexander (15), Guidry (15), and Burras (14). Burras was relentless all night on the glass, leading the way with seven rebounds, including six on the offensive end.

ILLINOIS STATE 81, Global Sports 75

November 16, 2003 • Redbird Arena

Global Sports	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Davis, f	34	5-8	4-5	1-5	2	4	15
Warner, f	23	5-7	1-1	1-1	0	1	11
Coleman, c	29	5-6	1-2	2-7	1	4	11
Garner, g	27	5-12	2-3	0-2	2	4	15
Green, g	20	3-7	0-0	1-2	0	0	7
Patterson	13	2-2	0-0	0-1	3	1	5
Nash	20	2-4	0-0	0-1	1	0	5
Bennett	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Ross	27	0-1	6-6	0-1	3	3	6
Totals	200	27-47	14-17	6-22	12	17	75

Team Pct.: FG – .574; FT – .824

3-Pt.: 7-17, .412 (Davis 1-1, Garner 3-8, Green 1-4, Patterson 1-1, Nash 1-3)

Blocks: 3 (Warner 1, Coleman 2)

Turnovers: 17 (Davis 5, Warner 3, Coleman 3, Green 1, Patterson 1, Nash 4)

Steals: 10 (Davis 1, Warner 1, Garner 2, Green 2, Patterson 2, Nash 1, Ross 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Arnold, f	21	11-13	2-4	1-5	2	3	24
Dilligard, f	26	2-4	0-0	3-6	5	2	4
Alexander, g	32	5-10	2-2	1-5	2	3	15
Greene, g	32	1-10	6-6	1-2	5	2	9
Plank, g	21	0-4	0-0	1-1	2	1	0
Burras	29	6-8	2-2	6-7	0	2	14
Ford	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0
Miller	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Guidry	27	5-8	0-0	0-2	2	1	15
Carlwell	4	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	2	0
Totals	200	30-58	12-14	14-30	19	17	81

Team Pct.: FG – .517; FT – .857

3-Pt.: 9-22, .409 (Alexander 3-8, Greene 1-5, Plank 0-3, Guidry 5-6)

Blocks: 1 (Dilligard)

Turnovers: 15 (Arnold 2, Dilligard 1, Alexander 3, Greene 3, Plank 2, Burras 1, Ford 1, Guidry 1, Carlwell 1)

Steals: 7 (Alexander 2, Greene 1, Plank 1, Burras 3)

Officials: Sam Banks, David Warfel, Scott Savage

Attendance: 3,958

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 44, Global Sports 41

GAME 1

Arnold Leads 'Birds Past Global Sports

NORMAL, III. – Trey Guidry led the way with 24 points as Illinois State set three Redbird Arena free throw records in an 87-70 win over Florida A&M, giving first year head coach Porter Moser his first win as the Redbird boss.

In the first half, the 'Birds came out full of energy, as they used a 9-0 run over the first 3:30 to gain control. Florida A&M would chip away at the lead, and eventually take their first lead of the ballgame at 7:00 following a 9-0 Rattler run. The 'Birds would quickly regain the lead and rebuild a 9-point cushion following a 10-0 run, fueled by two Guidry threes and a pair of Neil Plank buckets.

Kevin Troc saw his first action of the season the last two minutes of the first half, and would score ISU's final three points, giving the Redbirds a 42-32 lead at the half, their biggest advantage of the half. Guidry led the way in the first half with 15, while Plank added 12. Terrance Woods led the Rattlers with 13 in the first half.

Rattler head coach Mike Gillespie was ejected at the 14:05 mark, and within a minute, ISU would hold their biggest lead of the game at 64-41. Marcus Arnold had an outstanding second half, as he would score 17 in the second frame, and 22 for the game, setting a new career high.

Plank showed the Redbird Arena crowd his versatility, as he had 17 points, 10 rebounds and 6 assists for his first career double-double.

Woods led the Rattlers with 22, however the Redbird defense harassed him all game, forcing one of the top three-point shooters in the nation to a 3-12 performance from behind the arc.

ILLINOIS STATE 87, Florida A&M 70

November 23, 2003 • Redbird Arena

Florida A&M	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Zamore, f	10	0-2	0-0	2-3	0	1	0
Russell, f	19	2-4	3-4	1-2	0	4	7
White, g	22	3-6	1-2	0-2	4	5	7
Wilkins, g	29	2-8	1-2	2-4	2	5	5
Woods, g	28	8-19	3-3	0-3	2	4	22
Tate	24	2-7	6-6	0-2	1	2	11
Henderson	1	0-1	0-0	1-1	0	1	0
Kelly	15	3-4	2-2	1-2	0	1	8
Sams	6	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Ayodele	16	1-2	0-0	0-2	1	4	2
Harper	20	4-8	0-0	0-2	0	1	8
Sumter	10	0-2	0-1	0-3	1	4	0
Totals	200	25-64	16-20	12-34	11	32	70

Team Pct.: FG – .391; FT – .800

3-Pt.: 4-23, .174 (Russell 0-1, White 0-1, Wilkins 0-2, Woods 3-12, Tate 1-4, Ayodele 0-1, Harper 0-2)

Blocks: 1 (Zamore 1)

Turnovers: 17 (Zamore 1, White 6, Wilkins 2, Woods 1, Tate 3, Kelly 1, Ayodele 2, Harper 1)

Steals: 9 (Wilkins 6, Woods 1, Kelly 1, Sams 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Arnold, f	27	6-11	9-9	2-8	1	3	21
Dilligard, f	18	2-3	3-4	0-0	1	2	7
Alexander, g	29	2-6	2-3	0-3	3	0	6
Greene, g	22	1-3	3-4	0-1	1	4	5
Plank, g	33	5-10	6-10	3-10	6	2	17
Burras	24	1-3	0-0	1-4	2	5	2
Ford	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Troc	5	1-1	1-2	0-0	1	2	3
Miller	12	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	0	2
Guidry	27	4-7	12-14	0-3	0	0	24
Hill	1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Sams	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	22-45	38-48	7-35	15	19	87

Team Pct.: FG – .489; FT – .792

3-Pt.: 5-14, .357 (Alexander 0-3, Greene 0-1, Plank 1-3, Guidry 4-6, Hill 0-1)

Blocks: 4 (Arnold 1, Dilligard 3)

Turnovers: 20 (Arnold 5, Alexander 1, Greene 2, Plank 4, Burras 3, Troc 2, Miller 2, Guidry 1)

Steals: 11 (Dilligard 1, Alexander 2, Plank 5, Burras 1, Miller 1, Guidry 1)

Officials: Mark McMullen, Jerry Seibert, Brad Gaston

Attendance: 6,689

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 42, Florida A&M 32



GAME 2

Slow Start Sinks 'Birds at NIU

DEKALB, Ill. - Junior Gregg Alexander sank four consecutive 3-pointers in the second half, but it wasn't enough to overcome the first half deficit as Illinois State fell 66-55 to Northern Illinois in non-conference action at the Convocation Center.

With the loss the Redbirds fell to 1-1 on the season, while Northern Illinois improved to 2-1.

The Redbirds opened the game with a five-minute scoring drought and the offensive production didn't pick-up over the final 15 minutes of the first half. Neil Plank scored the 'Birds first five points, but another six minute slump pushed the NIU lead to 16-5 with less than nine minutes remaining in the half.

ISU's woes continued as the 'Birds found themselves down 31-12 at the half. Illinois State's 12 first half points marked the lowest halftime total in the Division I era, two less than ISU's 14 points in a loss to Tulsa on January 28, 1988.

Alexander sparked the 'Birds in the second half with his four-straight treys closing the Huskie lead to 35-28, but that was as close as they would get.

Alexander finished with a game-high 20 points, all in the second half, with a 6-for-11 effort on treys. Marcus Arnold overcame a 1-for-7 first half performance to score 16.

Todd Peterson led the Huskies with 19 points. Marcus Smallwood added 16 tallies and nine boards, while James Hughes tossed in 11.

Northern Illinois 66, ILLINOIS STATE 55

November 26, 2003 • Redbird Arena

Table with 7 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Illinois State players including Arnold, Dilligard, Alexander, Greene, Plank, Burras, Ford, Troc, Miller, Guidry, Carlwell, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .302; FT - .938

3-Pt.: 8-19, .421 (Plank 1-4, Alexander 6-11, Greene 0-1, Guidry 1-3)

Blocks: 1 (Arnold 1)

Turnovers: 15 (Arnold 5, Plank 1, Dilligard 1, Alexander 1, Greene 4, Troc 1, Guidry 1, Team 1)

Steals: 4 (Alexander 1, Greene 2, Guidry 1)

Table with 7 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Northern Illinois players including Smallwood, Peterson, Hughes, Maestranzi, Smith, Thompson, Sanders, Paradise, McKinney, Sewasciuk, Paulsen, Byrd, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .468; FT - .654

3-Pt.: 5-11, .455 (Peterson 4-6, Maestranzi 0-2, Smith 1-2, Paradise 0-1)

Blocks: 11 (Smallwood 5, Hughes 3, Sanders 1, Paradise 1, Byrd)

Turnovers: 13 (Peterson 1, Hughes 1, Maestranzi 3, Smith 2, Sanders 2, McKinney 1, Paulsen 1, Byrd 1, Team 1)

Steals: 4 (Smallwood 1, Peterson 1, Maestranzi 1, Byrd 1)

Officials: Tom Clark, Sam Lickliter, Mike Sanzere

Attendance: 2,888

Halftime Score: Northern Illinois 31, ILLINOIS STATE 12

GAME 3

Illinois State Outlasted by Aggies

LOGAN, Utah - Utah State used a 11-2 run after Illinois State's Marcus Arnold drew his fourth foul at the 16:08 mark of the second half to claim an 89-84 non-conference victory at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum Saturday night.

The loss dropped the 'Birds record to 1-2 on the season, while the Aggies improved to 3-0. Utah State now owns a 71-7 record in the last six years on its home court.

The Redbirds shocked the home crowd by jumping out to a 17-6 lead as Neil Plank scored seven of the Redbird tallies. Utah State closed the gap to two at 22-20, but Plank added two more baskets to push the lead back up to six, 26-20, with 6:27 left in the first half.

The Aggies tied the game at 28-28 on a Spencer Nelson basket, but a Trey Guidry 3-pointer gave the 'Birds the halftime lead, 31-30 after Utah State's Jason Williams sank a pair of free throws.

Nelson's basket 15 seconds into the second half stole the ISU lead, one the 'Birds would never get back. Chris Burras scored a pair of foul shots with 19:18 on the clock to force a 33-33 tie, but that was the closest ISU would get.

A couple minutes later, Arnold was whistled for his fourth foul forcing head coach Porter Moser to his bench. Mike Ahmad scored four of Utah State's points during its 11-2 run. The 'Birds got within six points three times, but that was as close as they would get until Guidry's three at the buzzer for the 89-84 final.

Plank led all scorers with 21 points, including 12 in the first half. Guidry tossed in 18 points off the bench, while Arnold finished with 14 points in just 23 minutes of play. Vince Greene and Burras each added 12 points off the bench.

Mark Brown led the Aggies with 20 points and 13 assists. Cardell Butler scored 14 and Nelson added 13. Williams and Nate Harris each tossed in 11 points.

Utah State 89, ILLINOIS STATE 84

November 29, 2003 • Dee Glen Smith Spectrum

Table with 7 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Illinois State players including Arnold, Dilligard, Alexander, Miller, Plank, Burras, Troc, Greene, Guidry, Sams, Carlwell, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .585; FT - .789

3-Pt.: 7-17, .412 (Plank 0-1, Alexander 1-3, Miller 0-1, Burras 0-1, Greene 2-4, Guidry 4-7)

Blocks: 3 (Arnold 1, Dilligard 1, Alexander 1)

Turnovers: 8 (Arnold 2, Plank 4, Alexander 1, Guidry 1)

Steals: 8 (Plank 1, Alexander 1, Miller 3, Burras 2, Guidry 1)

Table with 7 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Utah State players including Williams, Nelson, Ahmad, Butler, Brown, Harvey, Harris, Huber, Neil, Evans, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .667; FT - .767

3-Pt.: 6-9, .667 (Williams 1-3, Butler 1-2, Brown 1-1, Harvey 1-1, Huber 2-2)

Blocks: 1 (Ahmad 1)

Turnovers: 12 (Williams 2, Nelson 1, Ahmad 1, Butler 2, Brown 2, Harvey 1, Harris 1, Huber 1, Neil 1)

Steals: 3 (Butler 2, Brown 1)

Officials: Bob Staffen, Don McAllister, Mike Peterson

Attendance: 6,184

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 31, Utah State 30