



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	W, 87-53
12/6	EASTERN MICHIGAN	W, 80-69
12/13	@ Illinois-Chicago (FSN-Chicago)	L, 74-86

12/16 WESTERN KENTUCKY Tonight

'Bird Bit: On Dec. 3, 1979, the last time WKU played in Normal, Ron Jones led the 'Birds with 20 points in the 66-55 Illinois State victory.

12/20	NORTHERN IOWA* (FSN)	12:05 p.m.
12/28	@ Southern Illinois*	2:05 p.m.

1/3	@ Illinois (ESPN+)	2:05 p.m.
1/7	CREIGHTON* (KM3)	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* (WSIU)	7:05 p.m.
1/24	@ Creighton* (WMBD/KM3)	7:05 p.m.
1/28	@ Northern Iowa*	7:05 p.m.
1/31	BRADLEY* (WMBD)	4:05 p.m.

2/4	WICHITA STATE* (KWCH)	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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ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (3-3)

VS.

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS (1-5)

Tuesday, December 16, 2003 • 7:05 p.m. CST
Redbird Arena (10,200) • Normal, Ill.

GAME

The Game Facts

The Probable Starters:

ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (3-3)

						ppg	rpg	apg
F 21	Marcus Arnold	6-8	225	So.-1L	Chicago, Ill.	16.0	5.5	1.0*
F 50	Greg Dilligard	6-8	215	Fr.-HS	Labelle, Mo.	4.5	3.0	0.8*
G 2	Gregg Alexander	6-4	195	Jr.-2L	Lincoln, Ill.	7.8	2.8	1.7
G 11	Vince Greene	5-9	160	Sr.-2L	Chicago, Ill.	8.7	1.0	3.2
G 25	Neil Plank	6-5	200	So.-TR	Mt. Zion, Ill.	10.2	6.2	3.7

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS (1-5)

F 45	Todor Pandov	6-9	230	Sr.-2L	Plovdiv, Bulgaria	8.4	2.8	1.4
C 54	Nigel Dixon	6-11	320	Sr.-TR	Orlando, Fla.	15.2	8.0	0.0
G 3	Antonio Haynes	6-0	175	Jr.-TR	Camilla, Ga.	11.6	3.8	4.4
G 10	Anthony Winchester	6-4	200	So.-1L	Austin, Ind.	14.0	6.2	3.2
G 15	Mike Wells	6-3	190	Sr.-3L	Guthrie, Ky.	15.2	6.2	1.6

NOTE - (*) indicates blocks per game.

About The Game: Tonight's game is the return game from last season's match-up at E.A. Diddle Arena in Bowling Green, Ky. The Hilltoppers are the fourth preseason conference favorite Illinois State will have faced in its first seven games. Tonight's game also marks Western Kentucky's first trip to the Illinois State campus since 1979.

Series History: This is the fourth meeting in the series between the two schools. Illinois State leads the series 2-1, but Western Kentucky won the last meeting, which occurred last season, 63-43 in Bowling Green, Ky.

Last Time They Met: Trailing by only five points at halftime, the Illinois State men's basketball team held strong with Western Kentucky until the second half when the Hilltoppers decided to dominate en route to a 63-43 win over the Redbirds in Bowling Green, Ky. ISU was led by Gregg Alexander who had 18 points, the only Redbird player to post double digits. Vince Greene chipped in six and Trey Guidry had five. WKU was led by Nate Williams, who led all scorers with 20 points, and Patrick Sparks added 10.

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; WJEC (FM 98.9/Dwight), WDID (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 57-37 (.606) career mark in his first season at Illinois State, including a 3-3 (.500) 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.

Darrin Horn (Western Kentucky '95) leads his alma mater in his first season. With the Hilltoppers, Horn owns a 1-5 (.167) record in his first Division I head coaching position. He is assisted by William Small, Archie Miller and Paul Sanderford.



TALE OF THE TAPE



W-L Record	3-3	0-5
ESPN/USA Today	NR	NR
AP Poll	NR	NR
Points Scored	77.8	72.8
Points Allowed	72.2	86.4
FG Percentage	48.6	41.4
Def. FG Percentage	46.1	47.8
3-pt. Percentage	43.1	31.6
Def. 3-pt. Percentage	36.8	39.2
FT Percentage	74.8	71.8
Offensive Rebounds	9.3	16.0
Total Rebounds	31.5	41.2
Rebounding Margin	-1.5	+3.4
Assists	16.0	13.8
Turnover Average	13.3	17.6
Turnover Margin	+0.7	-6.8
Steal Average	8.3	4.4
Block Average	3.3	2.0
Fouls	20.7	23.2

WEEKLY MEDIA CONFERENCE

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

- 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 Western Kentucky Hilltoppers

- Western Kentucky, located in Bowling Green, Ky., was founded in 1906 and has an enrollment of 18,350.
- The Hilltoppers received eight first-place votes and were tabbed as the preseason favorite to win the East Division, according to the Sun Belt media and coaches' poll.
- Senior Mike Wells was named to the Preseason All-Sun Belt Team.
- Wells is tied for the team lead in scoring with 15.0 points per game. He also ranks No. 8 all-time in WKU history with 122 made treys.
- Wells entered this season with a .359 career percentage on treys, including a 40.7 percent clip last season. In his senior campaign, Wells owns a 23.9 percentage making 11 of his 46 attempts.
- If Western Kentucky is the Hilltoppers then Nigel Dixon is the mountain. At 6-foot-11, 320 pounds Dixon has one season of eligibility remaining after spending his first three seasons at Florida State.
- Dixon is averaging 14.2 points per game and leads the 'Toppers with eight boards per game. The big man is shooting 67.3 percent from the field, while the rest of the team is combining to shoot 37.6 percent from the floor.
- Todor Pandov returned to the Hilltoppers this season after having his junior season come to an end in the season-opening game at Arizona with a knee injury. Thus far the senior from Plovdiv, Bulgaria is averaging 8.4 points per game.

Wake Up the Echols

Illinois State's **Najeeb Echols** hadn't played over 25 minutes in a game in over four years, but the junior didn't show much rust at all in his Redbird debut at Illinois-Chicago. In front of his hometown crowd, Echols fired a career-high 13 points on 6-for-6 shooting, while logging a career-best 27 minutes. Echols, a transfer from Missouri, had to sit out a full academic year to meet NCAA transfer rules. At Mizzou, Echols logged a pair of 25 minute games after missing his entire senior season of his prep career due to a knee injury.

Haven't Seen the Toppers in Normal Since the 15¢ Stamp

The last time Western Kentucky played on the hardwood at Illinois State was in 1979. Jimmy Carter was the president, a first-class stamp cost 15 cents and the Iran hostage crisis was taking place. Also *Apocalypse Now*, *All That Jazz*, *Kramer vs. Kramer* and *Breaking Away* were all in theaters, while Billy Joel's "Just the Way You Are" was named song of the year.

20/20 ... 20

ISU's **Trey Guidry** has posted three straight 20-point scoring games and is the first Redbird to accomplish the feat since Shawn Jeppson during the 2001-02 season. Guidry tossed in 20 tallies against Bellarmine, tied his career high with 27 against Eastern Michigan and poured in another 20 at Illinois-Chicago.

Another Trey for Trey

Holding true to his name, Illinois State's **Trey Guidry** is a long-range assassin. Guidry has already dropped 23 treys on his opponents in six games. At this pace, the Redbird sniper will finish with a school-record 107 three-pointers over Illinois State's guaranteed 28-game schedule.

Home Sweet Home

With a win tonight, the Redbirds would claim their fourth-straight victory at Redbird Arena to open the season. The last time the 'Birds opened the season with three straight home wins was 2001-02. The 2000-01 team won six straight at Redbird Arena to open the campaign.

Little Big Man

Sophomore **Neil Plank** leads the Redbirds in rebounding with 6.2 boards per game, despite only measuring in at 6-foot-5. If Plank continues this pace, he would be listed as one of the shortest rebounding leaders in Redbird history tying Shedrick Ford (2000-01), Scott Fowler (1991-92) and Jim Smith (1970-71) who also were 6-5.

Western Kentucky Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
11/21	at Auburn	L, 64-86
11/25	at Va. Commonwealth	L, 67-72
11/29	MISSISSIPPI STATE	L, 75-81
12/4	vs. Louisville ^A	L, 63-93
12/7	MURRAY STATE	L, 95-100 (2ot)
12/13	AUSTIN PEAY	W, 75-59
12/16	at Illinois State	Tonight
12/20	EVANSVILLE	4 p.m.
12/23	at Ball State	6 p.m.
12/30	at Fordham	6 p.m.
1/3	KENTUCKY STATE	4 p.m.
1/7	at Arkansas State*	7 p.m.
1/10	at South Alabama*	7 p.m.
1/15	ARK.-LITTLE ROCK*	7 p.m.
1/17	ARKANSAS STATE*	7 p.m.
1/22	at New Orleans*	7 p.m.
1/24	NEW MEXICO STATE*	3 p.m.
1/29	LA.-LAFAYETTE*	7 p.m.
1/31	at Fla. International*	6 p.m.
2/5	MIDDLE TENN. STATE*	7 p.m.
2/8	WEST VIRGINIA TECH	7 p.m.
2/12	at Denver*	7 p.m.
2/14	NORTH TEXAS*	7 p.m.
2/19	at Ark.-Little Rock*	7 p.m.
2/21	at Bracket Buster II	TBA
2/26	at Middle Tennessee State*	7 p.m.
2/28	FLA. INTERNATIONAL*	4 p.m.
3/6-9	at Sun Belt Tournament	TBA

All times listed are CST

^A Nashville, Tenn.

* Sun Belt Conference game



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. On the season, Arnold is averaging 16.0 points and 5.5 rebounds per game and has scored in double digits in all six games. Last season, Arnold became the fifth Redbird to be selected to the Valley All-Freshman Team by averaging 8.4 points and 3.4 boards per game, while shooting 50.3 percent from the floor.

Guidry, The One-Man Bench

Illinois State's **Trey Guidry** has come off the bench in all six games for the Redbirds this season. Guidry has tallied 112 points this season, eight more than the six Redbird opponent benches combined. Guidry matched a career best with 27 off the bench against Eastern Michigan. On the season, Guidry has posted four 20-point games, including three straight.

Dilly Delight

Freshman **Greg Dilligard** has made an early impact with the Redbirds. Against Eastern Michigan, Dilligard collected career highs with 10 points and nine rebounds. He has started all six games and is second on the team with five blocked shots. He also averages 4.5 points and 3.0 rebounds per game.

The Halves and Halves Not

So far this season the Redbirds have scored 40 or more points in seven of the 12 halves of action. Last year, for the entire season, the 'Birds only had nine 40-point halves. ISU is averaging 39.3 points per half.

119 Games With a Trey on the Board

After draining eight treys at Illinois-Chicago, ISU enters tonight's game with at least one made three in 119 straight games. The last time ISU didn't sink a single trey was an 82-43 loss at Creighton on Dec. 12, 1999.

Alexander Continues the Climb

With a pair of three-pointers at UIC, junior guard **Gregg Alexander** stands at No. 7 all-time in Illinois State history with 133 career treys. Alexander will need 16 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.

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 treys 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 74.8 percent from the line. The five-season streak ties Illinois State's longest string (1975-79) since joining the Division I level.

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 THEY MET

Shooting Woes Stifle 'Birds at Western Ky.

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Trailing by only five points at halftime, the Illinois State men's basketball team held strong with Western Kentucky until the second half when the Hilltoppers decided to dominate en route to a 63-43 win over the Redbirds Sunday afternoon in Bowling Green, Ky.

With the loss, the Redbirds remain winless this season, falling to 0-6 while Western Kentucky improves to 3-3. ISU was led by Gregg Alexander who had 18 points, the only Redbird player to post double digits. Vince Greene chipped in six and Trey Guidry had five. WKU was led by Nate Williams, who led all scorers with 20 points, and Patrick Sparks added 10.

The Redbirds scored 20 points in the first half and trailed 25-20 at halftime, but the Hilltoppers came out on fire in the second, taking a commanding 13-point lead before the 'Birds scored their first field goal of the half.

The Redbirds came to within 10 with twelve minutes to play but Western Kentucky answered, going on a seven-point run, leading 44-27 with nine left in the game.

ISU shot 27.6% from the field on the game, including 25% in the second half. They were 16-of-58 from the field.

Western Kentucky 63, ILLINOIS STATE 43
December 15, 2002 • E.A. Diddle Arena

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander, f	33	7-14	2-2	1-2	3	1	18
Bojang, f	17	1-4	1-2	0-3	0	2	3
Strandmark, c	27	0-4	2-4	5-9	1	1	2
Ford, g	22	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	2
Guidry, g	31	2-15	0-0	2-4	1	1	5
Burras	13	0-4	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Troc	12	0-1	1-2	1-2	0	2	1
Greene	19	2-6	2-2	1-4	3	1	6
Harris	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Arnold	15	2-3	0-0	0-5	0	4	4
Hill	2	1-1	0-0	1-1	0	0	2
Reid	5	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Gillan	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	16-58	8-12	15-36	9	14	43

Team Pct.: FG – .276; FT – .667

3-Pt.: 3-17, .176 (Alexander 2-6, Ford 0-1, Guidry 1-7, Greene 0-2, Reid 0-1)

Blocks: 3 (Bojang 1, Strandmark 1, Arnold 1)

Turnovers: 15 (Alexander 2, Strandmark 1, Ford 1, Guidry 1, Burras 2, Troc 2, Greene 3, Arnold 1, Reid 1, Gillan 1)

Steals: 8 (Alexander 1, Bojang 1, Ford 1, Guidry 2, Greene 2, Gillan 1)

Western Ky.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Williams, f	31	5-10	10-12	1-6	0	0	20
Boyden, f	27	1-4	0-0	0-5	1	2	2
Videnov, g	28	3-7	0-0	0-2	2	1	7
Wells, g	30	4-7	0-1	0-1	1	1	9
Sparks, g	36	5-7	0-0	0-9	10	2	10
Halcomb	9	2-3	1-1	0-1	0	2	5
Winchester	15	1-1	0-0	0-3	1	2	2
Rumph	8	2-3	0-0	0-0	3	0	6
Brown	10	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	2
Massiah	4	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
Holland	2	0-1	0-0	1-2	0	0	0
Totals	200	24-47	11-14	5-33	18	10	63

Team Pct.: FG – .511; FT – .786

3-Pt.: 4-10, .400 (Boyden 0-2, Videnov 1-3, Wells 1-2, Sparks 0-1, Rumph 2-2)

Blocks: 9 (Williams 2, Wells 2, Halcomb 5)

Turnovers: 16 (Williams 1, Boyden 1, Videnov 1, Wells 2, Sparks 5, Winchester 3, Rumph 2, Holland 1)

Steals: 9 (Williams 1, Boyden 1, Wells 3, Sparks 3, Halcomb 1)

Officials: Ron Zetcher, Eddie Jackson, Terry Davis

Attendance: 5,130

Halftime Score: Western Kentucky 25, ILLINOIS STATE 20



CHART CLIMBERS

Career Scoring Leaders

1. Doug Collins (1970-73)	2,240
35. Joe Galvin (1976-80)	1,022
- Gregg Alexander (2001-)	680

Career 3-Point FG Leaders

1. Tarise Bryson (1999-02)	214
6. Shawn Jeppson (1998-01)	148
7. Gregg Alexander (2001-)	132
Rickey Jackson (1986-90)	126
9. Maurice Trotter (1994-96)	121
10. Kyle Cartmill (1996-99)	111
- Trey Guidry (2002-)	86
- Vince Greene (2001-)	75

Career 3-Point FG Percentage

1. Matt Taphorn (1986-88)	50.4
2. Jeff Harris (1986-88)	46.6
3. Trey Guidry (2002-)	45.0
4. Vince Greene (2001-)	44.4
5. Rico Hill (1995-98)	43.7
6. Shawn Jeppson (1998-01)	42.8
7. Gregg Alexander (2001-)	42.3

CAREER STARTS/GAMES

No.	Player	Illinois St.	
		GP	GS
2	Gregg Alexander	66	63
11	Vince Greene	66	33
21	Marcus Arnold	35	26
24	Trey Guidry	35	14
3	Dana Ford	35	8
50	Greg Dilligard	6	6
25	Neil Plank	6	6
1	Chris Burras	24	2
15	Matt Miller	5	2
10	Kevin Troc	29	1
34	Kenneth Hill	10	0
51	Ronnie Carlwell	4	0
45	Michael Sams	3	0
5	Kyle Flowers	1	0
12	Micah Kirstein	1	0
33	Najeeb Echols	1	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	1	0	1.000	5	0	1.000
Wichita State	1	0	.000	6	2	.750
3. Creighton	0	0	.000	6	0	1.000
4. Bradley	0	0	.000	6	2	.750
5. Northern Iowa	0	0	.000	4	3	.571
6. Illinois State	0	0	.000	3	3	.500
Indiana State	0	0	.000	3	3	.500
8. Evansville	0	0	.000	1	4	.200
9. SMS	0	1	.000	5	4	.556
Drake	0	1	.000	3	3	.500

*Through games of Dec. 13

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	
24	Guidry, Trey	6	0	150	25.0	35	63	.556	23	40	.575	19	21	.905	3	15	18	3.0	11	0	11	12	0	5	112	18.7	
21	Arnold, Marcus	6	6	155	25.8	39	67	.582	0	0	.000	18	22	.818	15	18	33	5.5	18	1	3	15	6	1	96	16.0	
33	Echols, Najeeb	1	0	27	27.0	6	6	1.000	0	0	.000	1	4	.250	2	1	3	3.0	1	0	1	4	0	0	13	13.0	
25	Plank, Neil	6	6	180	30.0	20	54	.370	2	12	.167	19	31	.613	13	24	37	6.2	8	0	22	11	1	8	61	10.2	
11	Greene, Vince	6	4	149	24.8	17	39	.436	6	12	.500	12	14	.857	1	5	6	1.0	14	0	19	12	0	8	52	8.7	
02	Alexander, Gregg	6	6	147	24.5	16	40	.400	13	30	.433	2	3	.667	1	16	17	2.8	11	1	10	6	2	7	47	7.8	
01	Burras, Chris	6	0	126	21.0	12	27	.444	0	1	.000	15	18	.833	8	15	23	3.8	22	2	10	5	2	10	39	6.5	
50	Dilligard, Greg	6	6	117	19.5	8	14	.571	0	0	.000	11	14	.786	6	12	18	3.0	20	1	5	2	5	3	27	4.5	
10	Troc, Kevin	5	0	32	6.4	5	6	.833	0	0	.000	2	4	.500	0	5	5	1.0	5	0	8	6	0	0	12	2.4	
15	Miller, Matt	5	2	62	12.4	1	4	.250	0	1	.000	2	21	0.000	0	1	1	0.2	2	0	5	2	0	5	4	0.8	
45	Sams, Michael	3	0	7	2.3	1	1	1.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.7	
51	Carlwell, Ronnie	4	0	22	5.5	1	2	.500	0	0	.000	0	2	.000	1	4	5	1.3	6	0	0	0	2	0	2	0.5	
03	Ford, Dana	5	0	20	4.0	0	5	.000	0	3	.000	0	0	.000	1	2	3	0.6	4	0	2	2	2	3	0	0.0	
34	Hill, Kenneth	2	0	4	2.0	0	3	.000	0	3	.000	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
12	Kirstein, Micah	1	0	1	1.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0	
05	Flowers, Kyle	1	0	1	1.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
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	Opponents.....	6				149	323	.461	35	95	.368	100	143	.699	63	135	19833.0	114	5	81	84	21	33	433	72.2		

SCORE BY PERIODS:

	1st	2nd	Total
Illinois State	202	265	467
Opponents	198	235	433

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:

	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Illinois State	14	0	14
Opponents	20	0	20

RECORD:

	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	3-3	3-0	0-3	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-3	3-0	0-3	0-0

DATE

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 pm CST	at Northern Illinois	55-66 L	2888	(20)Alexander, Gregg	(9)Arnold, Marcus
11-29-03	7:05 pm MST	at Utah State	84-89 L	6184	(21)Plank, Neil	(5)Plank, Neil
12-02-03	7:05 pm CST	BELLARMINE	W 87-53	6016	(20)Guidry, Trey	(6)Plank, Neil
12-06-03	7:05 pm CST	EASTERN MICHIGAN	W 80-69	6909	(27)Guidry, Trey	(9)Dilligard, Greg
12-13-03	5:00pm CST	at Illinois-Chicago	74-86 L	5978	(20)Guidry, Trey	(6)Guidry, Trey

* - Conference game

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

	GAMES	TOTALS	AVG/GAME
HOME	3	19614	6538
AWAY	3	15050	5017
NEUTRAL	0	0	0
TOTAL	6	34664	5777



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. Trey Guidry (5-9) at Illinois-Chicago, 12-13-03
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 Martell Bailey (12) at Illinois-Chicago, 12-13-03
A player had five steals ... ILLINOIS ST. Chris Burras (5) vs. Bellarmine, 12-2-03
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 Caleb Halcomb (5) vs. Bellarmine, 12-2-03

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. vs. Bellarmine (35-71), 12-2-03
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 Illinois-Chicago (.544, 31-57), 12-13-03
Opponent at Illinois-Chicago (.545, 30-55), 12-13-03
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 Illinois-Chicago (.533, 8-15), 12-13-03
Opponent at Illinois-Chicago (.529, 9-17), 12-13-03
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
Opponent na
A team had 15 steals ... ILLINOIS ST. vs. Bellarmine (16), 12-2-03
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 Score. Lists various teams and their bench scores, including Florida A&M, Northern Illinois, Utah State, Bellarmine, Eastern Michigan, Illinois-Chicago, Western Kentucky, Northern Iowa, Southern Illinois, Creighton, Indiana State, Drake, SMS, and Wichita State.

2003-04 VALLEY RANKINGS

*As of December 14

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Ranking. Lists various teams and their rankings in different categories such as Scoring Offense, Scoring Defense, Scoring Margin, Free Throw Pct, Field Goal Pct, FG Pct. Defense, 3-Point FG Pct, 3-Point FG Pct. Def, Rebounding Offense, Rebounding Defense, Rebounding Margin, Blocked Shots, Assists, Steals, Turnover Margin, Assist/Turnover Ratio, Offensive Rebounds, Defensive Rebounds, and 3-Point Field Goals Made.

INDIVIDUAL

SCORING

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Points. Lists Trey Guidry and Marcus Arnold with their respective points.

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Percentage. Lists Marcus Arnold and Trey Guidry with their field goal percentages.

ASSISTS

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Assists. Lists Neil Plank with his assists.

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Percentage. Lists Trey Guidry and Vince Greene with their free throw percentages.

STEALS

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Steals. Lists Chris Burras with his steals.

3-POINT FG PERCENTAGE

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Percentage. Lists Trey Guidry, Vince Greene, and Gregg Alexander with their 3-point field goal percentages.

3-POINT FG MADE

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Points. Lists Trey Guidry and Gregg Alexander with their 3-point field goals made.

BLOCKED SHOTS

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Points. Lists Marcus Arnold and Greg Dilligard with their blocked shots.

ASSIST/TURNOVER RATIO

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Ratio. Lists Neil Plank and Vince Greene with their assist/turnover ratios.

OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Points. Lists Marcus Arnold with his offensive rebounds.

ILLINOIS STATE'S 2003-04 RECORD WHEN

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

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



SUPERLATIVES

STARTING LINEUPS – F, F, G, G, G (2):

- Arnold, Dilligard, Alexander, Greene, Plank (2-2)
W – Florida A&M, Eastern Michigan
L – at Northern Illinois, at Illinois-Chicago
- Arnold, Dilligard, Alexander, Miller, Plank (1-1)
W – Bellarmine
L – at Utah State

FIRST POINTS:

Alexander 3, Arnold 2, Plank 1

DOUBLE-DIGIT SCORERS (22):

Arnold 6, Guidry 5, Plank 3, Greene 3, Burras 2, Alexander 1, Dilligard 1, Echols 1

DOUBLE-DIGIT REBOUNDING:

Plank 1

LEADING SCORER:

Guidry 4, Alexander 1, Plank 1

LEADING REBOUNDER:

Plank 4, Arnold 1, Dilligard 1, Guidry 1

DOUBLE-DOUBLES (1):

Plank 1

DUNKS (11):

Arnold 4, Guidry 2, Burras 2, Carlwell 1, Plank 1, Echols 1

FIRST SUBSTITUTION:

Burras 6

CHARGES DRAWN (12):

Guidry 3, Burras 3, Arnold 2, Alexander 2, Dilligard 2

MOST MINUTES:

- 37, Neil Plank vs. Eastern Michigan, 12-6-03
- 35, Marcus Arnold at Northern Illinois, 11-26-03
- 34, Vince Greene vs. Eastern Michigan, 12-6-03
- 33, Neil Plank vs. Florida A&M, 11-23-03
- 33, Neil Plank at Northern Illinois, 11-26-03
- 33, Neil Plank at Utah State, 11-29-03
- 30, Greg Dilligard vs. Eastern Michigan, 12-6-03

VALLEY PLAYER OF WEEK

Nov. 24 Trey Guidry

INDIVIDUAL GAME-BY-GAME (PTS-REB-ASTS)

Opponent	Alexander	Arnold	Burras	Carlwell	Dilligard	Echols	Flowers
Florida A&M	6-3-3*	21-8-1*	2-4-2	DNP	7-0-1*	DNP	DNP
at N. Illinois	20-5-1*	16-9-0*	2-6-1	0-0-0	4-3-3*	DNP	DNP
at Utah State	3-2-1*	14-3-0*	12-3-0	0-0-0	2-2-0*	DNP	DNP
Bellarmine	6-1-0*	12-4-0*	17-5-5	2-4-0	4-4-1*	DNP	0-1-0
Eastern Michigan	6-1-0*	22-7-1*	4-4-2	0-1-0	10-9-0*	DNP	DNP
at Illinois-Chicago	6-5-5*	11-2-1*	2-1-0	DNP	0-0-0	13-3-1	DNP

Western Kentucky

Northern Iowa*

at S. 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*

Opponent	Ford	Greene	Guidry	Hill	Miller	Plank	Sams	Troc
Florida A&M	0-0-0	5-1-1*	24-3-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	17-10-6*	0-0-0	3-0-1
at N. Illinois	0-0-0	2-1-2*	3-0-2	DNP	0-0-2	8-4-0*	DNP	0-1-0
at Utah State	0-0-0	12-0-2	18-2-0	DNP	2-0-2*	21-5-4*	0-0-0	0-1-1
Bellarmine	0-2-1	14-3-4	20-4-3	0-0-0	0-1-1*	10-6-5*	2-0-0	0-1-2
Eastern Michigan	0-1-0	8-0-6*	27-3-1	DNP	0-0-0	3-6-5*	DNP	DNP
at Illinois-Chicago	0-0-1	11-1-4*	20-6-5	DNP	DNP	2-6-2*	DNP	9-2-4



Gregg Alexander²

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, twice
Assists – 5 at UIC, 12-13-03/Same
Blocked Shots – 1, seven times/1, twice
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:

- Dished out a career-best five assists at Illinois-Chicago.
- Has been 7-for-22 (.318) from the field in the last four games.
- 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	24	2-8	2-6	0-0	1	0	0	1	0	1	6
Eastern Michigan	14	2-7	2-4	0-0	1	2	0	1	0	1	6
at Illinois-Chicago	27	2-4	2-3	0-0	5	5	5	1	1	1	6
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*											

BOLD indicates games started

* Missouri Valley Conference game



Marcus Arnold²¹

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

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 22 vs. Eastern Michigan, 12-6-03/Same
Rebounds – 9 at NIU, 11-26-03/9 at NIU, 11-26-03
Assists – 3, twice/1, twice
Blocked Shots – 4 vs. UIC, 11-30-02/3 vs. Eastern Michigan, 12-6-03
Steals – 3 vs. SIU, 3-8-03/None
Minutes – 36 at SIU, 1-4-03/35 at NIU, 11-26-03

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has scored double digits in every game this season.
- Tossed in a career-high 22 points in just 23 minutes of action against Eastern Michigan.
- Scored 14 points in just 23 minutes, before fouling out at Utah State.
- Set a new career-best with nine rebounds at NIU. Added 16 points, on 6-for-14 shooting, but had five turnovers.
- Posted 21 points and 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	22	6-14	0-0	0-0	4	0	0	1	0	1	12
Eastern Michigan	23	9-12	0-0	4-7	7	3	1	0	3	0	22
at Illinois-Chicago	25	5-8	0-0	1-2	2	4	1	2	0	0	11
Western Kentucky											
Northern Iowa*											
at Southern Illinois*											
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Creighton*											
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Bracket Buster II											
Evansville*											
at Wichita State*											
Drake*											

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Chris Burras

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

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 17 vs. Bellarmine, 12-2-03/Same
Rebounds – 9 vs. SIU, 3-8-03/6 at NIU, 11-26-03
Assists – 5 vs. Bellarmine, 12-2-03/Same
Blocked Shots – 2 vs. Bellarmine, 12-2-03/Same
Steals – 5 vs. Bellarmine, 12-2-03/Same
Minutes – 29 at Utah State, 11-29-03/Same

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Posted a career high in scoring with 17 points against Bellarmine. Also added six rebounds, five assists and five steals.
- Tossed in 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
Bellarmine	26	5-8	0-0	7-9	5	1	5	0	2	5	17
Eastern Michigan	19	2-3	0-0	0-0	4	3	2	2	0	1	4
at Illinois-Chicago	12	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	5	0	0	0	1	2
Western Kentucky											
Northern Iowa*											
at Southern Illinois*											
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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 – 2 vs. Bellarmine, 12-2-03/Same
Rebounds – 4 vs. Bellarmine, 12-2-03/Same
Assists – 0/0
Blocked Shots – 2 vs. Eastern Michigan, 12-6-03/Same
Steals – 0/0
Minutes – 12 vs. Bellarmine, 12-2-03/Same

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Tallied two blocked shots in seven minutes of action against Eastern Michigan.
- Scored the first points of his career with a dunk in the low post against Bellarmine. Also added a career-best four rebounds.
- 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	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bellarmine	12	1-1	0-0	0-0	4	2	0	0	0	0	2
Eastern Michigan	7	0-1	0-0	0-2	1	1	0	0	2	0	0
at Illinois-Chicago											
Western Kentucky											
Northern Iowa*											
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Greg Dilligard 50
 F • 6-8 • 215 • Fr.-HS • Labelle, Mo. (Highland)

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 10 vs. E. Michigan, 12-6-03/Same
 Rebounds – 9 vs. E. Michigan, 12-6-03/Same
 Assists – 3 at NIU, 11-26-03/Same
 Blocked Shots – 3 vs. FAMU, 11-23-03/Same
 Steals – 1, three times/Same
 Minutes – 30 vs. Eastern Michigan, 12-6-03/Same

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has started every game this season.
- Posted career highs in scoring (10) and rebounds (9) against Eastern Michigan.
- Scored four points with a career-best four boards in 15 minutes of action against Bellarmine.
- 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	15	2-3	0-0	0-0	4	3	1	1	1	0	4
Eastern Michigan	30	3-4	0-0	4-6	2-9	4	0	0	0	1	10
at Illinois-Chicago	15	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0
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 * Missouri Valley Conference game



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

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 13 at UIC, 12-13-03/Same
 Rebounds – 7, twice/3 at UIC, 12-13-03
 Assists – 2, six times/1 at UIC, 12-13-03
 Blocked Shots – 1, four times/None
 Steals – 2 vs. Sacramento St., 12-2-02/None
 Minutes – 27 at UIC, 12-13-03/Same

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Made his Redbird debut at Illinois-Chicago. Tallied a career-best 13 points on 6-for-6 shooting. Also logged a career-high 27 minutes.

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	27	6-6	0-0	1-4	3	1	1	4	0	0	13
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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Kyle Flowers 5

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

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 0/0
Rebounds – 1 vs. Bellarmine, 12-2-03/Same
Assists – 0/0
Blocked Shots – 0/0
Steals – 0/0
Minutes – 1 vs. Bellarmine, 12-2-03/Same

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Saw his first action of the season against Bellarmine. Pulled down a board.
- 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	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Michigan						Did not play					
at Illinois-Chicago						Did not play					
Western Kentucky											
Northern Iowa*											
at Southern Illinois*											
at Illinois											
Creighton*											
at Indiana State*											
at Drake*											
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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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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, 1-4-03/2 vs. Bellarmine, 12-2-03
Assists – 3, three times/1, twice
Blocked Shots – 2, twice/1, twice
Steals – 3, twice/3 vs. Bellarmine, 12-2-03
Minutes – 31, twice/12 vs. Bellarmine, 12-2-03

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has played in all six games, but has yet to score a point on the season.
- Logged four minutes of action vs. Eastern Michigan with one rebound.
- Played his longest stint, 12 minutes, of the season against Bellarmine.
- 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	12	0-3	0-2	0-0	1-2	1	1	2	1	3	0
Eastern Michigan	4	0-2	0-1	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
at Illinois-Chicago	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
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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Vince Greene 11

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

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 29 at Bradley, 2-12-03/14 vs. Bellarmine, 12-2-03
Rebounds – 7 at SMS, 1-15-03/3 vs. Bellarmine, 12-2-03
Assists – 11 vs. Jacksonville, 12-18-03/6 vs. Eastern Michigan, 12-6-03
Blocked Shots – 1 at SMS, 2-2-02/None
Steals – 7 at Evansville, 1-25-03/3 vs. Bellarmine, 12-2-03
Minutes – 40 vs. Wichita State, 1-18-03/34 vs. Eastern Michigan, 12-6-03

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Returned to the starting line-up against Eastern Michigan and posted a season-best six assists in 34 minutes of action.
- In the two games where he came off the bench, he scored 26 points with six assists and no turnovers.
- 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	20	5-7	3-3	1-2	3	1	4	0	0	3	14
Eastern Michigan	34	2-6	0-1	4-4	0	1	6	3	0	2	8
at Illinois-Chicago	26	5-10	1-2	0-0	1	1	4	3	0	1	11
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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Trey Guidry 24

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

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 27, twice/27 vs. E. Michigan, 12-6-03
Rebounds – 6, twice/6 at UIC, 12-13-03
Assists – 11 at Kent State, 12-7-02/5 at UIC, 12-13-03
Blocked Shots – 1, three times/None
Steals – 2, five times/2 vs. Bellarmine, 12-2-03
Minutes – 38, twice/29 at UIC, 12-13-03

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has posted 20-plus points in his last three games.
- Tied a career-high with six rebounds at Illinois-Chicago.
- Tied his career high with 27 points off the bench against Eastern Michigan.
- Has made 18 of his last 28 treys (.643).
- Tossed in a game-high 20 points in 15 minutes against Bellarmine.
- 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	15	8-13	4-7	0-0	4	2	3	2	0	2	20
Eastern Michigan	26	8-13	5-8	6-6	3	2	1	4	0	0	27
at Illinois-Chicago	29	7-14	5-9	1-1	6	3	5	3	0	0	20
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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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, 3-3-03/3 vs. Bellarmine, 12-2-03

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Saw three minutes of action against Bellarmine and missed a pair of three-point attempts.
- 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	3	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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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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 – 1 vs. Bellarmine, 12-2-03/Same

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Saw a minute of action against Bellarmine.
- 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	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
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/Same
Rebounds – 1 vs. Bellarmine, 12-2-03/Same
Assists – 2, twice/Same
Blocked Shots – 0/0
Steals – 3 at Utah State, 11-29-03/Same
Minutes – 19 at Utah State, 11-29-03/Same

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Came off the bench and played six minutes against Eastern Michigan.
- Started for a second time against Bellarmine. Had one assist and one rebound in 14 minutes.
- 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	14	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Eastern Michigan	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
at Illinois-Chicago					Did not play						
Western Kentucky					Did not play						
Northern Iowa*					Did not play						
at Southern Illinois*					Did not play						
at Illinois					Did not play						
Creighton*					Did not play						
at Indiana State*					Did not play						
at Drake*					Did not play						
SMS*					Did not play						
Southern Illinois*					Did not play						
at Creighton*					Did not play						
at Northern Iowa*					Did not play						
Bradley*					Did not play						
Wichita State*					Did not play						
at SMS*					Did not play						
at Evansville*					Did not play						
Indiana State*					Did not play						
at Bradley*					Did not play						
Bracket Buster II					Did not play						
Evansville*					Did not play						
at Wichita State*					Did not play						
Drake*					Did not play						

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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/Same
Rebounds – 10 vs. FAMU, 11-23-03/Same
Assists – 6 vs. FAMU, 11-23-03/Same
Blocked Shots – 1 vs. Bellarmine, 12-2-03/Same
Steals – 5 vs. FAMU, 11-23-03/Same
Minutes – 37 vs. E. Michigan, 12-6-03/Same

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has scored a combined five points in the last two games after posting double-figure scoring in three of the first four games.
- Has made one of his last 11 field goal attempts.
- Leads the team lead in rebounding with 6.2 boards per game.
- Against Bellarmine posted his third double-digit scoring effort of the season. Also led the team with six boards.
- 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	24	5-10	0-1	0-0	6	2	5	1	1	1	10
Eastern Michigan	37	0-4	0-2	3-7	6	1	5	0	0	0	3
at Illinois-Chicago	20	1-7	0-1	0-0	6	0	2	1	0	1	2
Western Kentucky					Did not play						
Northern Iowa*					Did not play						
at Southern Illinois*					Did not play						
at Illinois					Did not play						
Creighton*					Did not play						
at Indiana State*					Did not play						
at Drake*					Did not play						
SMS*					Did not play						
Southern Illinois*					Did not play						
at Creighton*					Did not play						
at Northern Iowa*					Did not play						
Bradley*					Did not play						
Wichita State*					Did not play						
at SMS*					Did not play						
at Evansville*					Did not play						
Indiana State*					Did not play						
at Bradley*					Did not play						
Bracket Buster II					Did not play						
Evansville*					Did not play						
at Wichita State*					Did not play						
Drake*					Did not play						

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

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 2 vs. Bellarmine, 12-2-03/Same
Rebounds – 0/0
Assists – 0/0
Blocked Shots – 0/0
Steals – 0/0
Minutes – 5 vs. Bellarmine, 12-2-03/Same

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Scored his first career points against Bellarmine. Finished with two points in five minutes of action.
- 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	5	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Eastern Michigan											
at Illinois-Chicago											
Western Kentucky											
Northern Iowa*											
at Southern Illinois*											
at Illinois											
Creighton*											
at Indiana State*											
at Drake*											
SMS*											
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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Kevin Troc 10
G • 6-4 • 190 • So.-1L • Lockport, Ill. (Lockport)

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 10 vs. UNI, 1-29-03/9 at UIC, 12-13-03
Rebounds – 5 vs. Bradley, 2-1-03/2 at UIC, 12-13-03
Assists – 5 vs. Utah St., 11-23-02/4 at UIC, 12-13-03
Blocked Shots – 1, twice/None
Steals – 2 at Wichita State, 2-4-03/None
Minutes – 30 vs. Bradley, 2-1-03/17 at UIC, 12-13-03

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Coming off his most productive game of the season at Illinois-Chicago. In a season-high 17 minutes, posted season bests nine points, two rebounds and four assists.
- 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	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
Eastern Michigan											
at Illinois-Chicago	17	4-5	0-0	1-2	2	3	4	3	0	0	9
Western Kentucky											
Northern Iowa*											
at Southern Illinois*											
at Illinois											
Creighton*											
at Indiana State*											
at Drake*											
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Southern Illinois*											
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Bradley*											
Wichita State*											
at SMS*											
at Evansville*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Bracket Buster II											
Evansville*											
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Drake*											

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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 • Convocation Center

Table with 8 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 8 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, 22-20, 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 four 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 8 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 8 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

GAME 4

'Birds Win Big As Guidry Leads Way

NORMAL, Ill. - Trey Guidry had 20 points and Chris Burras set a new career high with 17, as Illinois State cruised to a 87-53 win over the Bellarmine Knights Tuesday night at Redbird Arena, improving their record to 2-2. Illinois State used a harassing defense to frustrate Bellarmine, as the 'Birds notched Redbird Arena high 16 steals, which lead to 27 points off Knight turnovers. Illinois State came barreling out of the gate in the first half and when the dust cleared, the 'Birds would find themselves up by as many as 23 in the opening period. Bellarmine would hang close for the first few minutes, however Illinois State scored 10 points in under a minute, capped off by a Vince Greene jumper at the 13:32 mark to take a 12-point lead. The 'Birds would also reel off a 9-0 run, concluding at the 5:35 mark with a Guidry three that gave Illinois State their biggest first half lead at 34-11. The Redbirds headed to the locker room with a 40-23 lead. Marcus Arnold continued to play well early in the season, as he scored the Redbirds' first eight points, and lead all scorers with 12 at half. Trey Guidry was also in double-digits early, as he had 10 in the first frame. Along with Guidry and Burras, Illinois State placed five players in double figures, as Vince Greene had 14, Marcus Arnold had 12, and Neil Plank dropped in 10. Illinois State shot 49% from the field for the game. Victor Pierson was the lone Knight in double digits, as he had 18.

ILLINOIS STATE 87, Bellarmine 53
December 2, 2003 • Redbird Arena

Table with 8 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Bellarmine players including Johnson, Etienne, Halcomb, Pierson, Brown, Otte, Evans, J. Johnson, Meagher, Cornell, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .323; FT - .750
3-Pt.: 5-20, .250 (B. Johnson 1-9, Etienne 0-1, Pierson 2-6, Cornell 2-4)
Blocks: 5 (Halcomb 5)
Turnovers: 21 (B. Johnson 2, Etienne 2, Halcomb 1, Pierson 7, Brown 7, J. Johnson 1, Cornell 1)
Steals: 3 (B. Johnson 1, Etienne 2)

Table with 8 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, Ford, Flowers, Troc, Greene, Kirstein, Guidry, Hill, Sams, Carlwell, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .493; FT - .727
3-Pt.: 9-21, .429 (Alexander 2-6, Plank 0-1, Ford 0-2, Greene 3-3, Guidry 4-7, Hill 0-2)
Blocks: 5 (Dilligard 1, Plank 1, Burras 2, Ford 1)
Turnovers: 9 (Arnold 1, Dilligard 1, Alexander 1, Plank 1, Ford 2, Kirstein 1, Guidry 2)
Steals: 16 (Arnold 1, Alexander 1, Plank 1, Burras 5, Ford 3, Greene 3, Guidry 2)

Officials: Eddie Jackson, Gerry Pollard, Don Daily
Attendance: 6,016
Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 40, Bellarmine 23



GAME 5

Guidry Stays Hot as 'Birds Shoot Down EMU

NORMAL, Ill. – Trey Guidry tied his career high with 27 points off the bench and Greg Dillgard had career highs with 10 points and 9 rebounds, in the Redbirds 80-69 win against Eastern Michigan Saturday night at Redbird Arena. Marcus Arnold also set a new career high with 22 points.

The Redbirds never trailed, as Gregg Alexander opened the game up with a 3-point shot that gave Illinois State the lead, which they would never relinquish.

The Redbirds held their biggest lead of the first half with just under 12 minutes to play, as Neil Plank knocked in two free throws to give the Redbirds a 9-point lead.

Trey Guidry came off the bench to provide the spark again for Illinois State, as he lead all scorers with 11 in the first half. Freshman Greg Dillgard had a huge first half, as he reached career highs in points (8) and rebounds (8) in only one half of play.

In the second half, the Eagles received a heavy dose of Redbird sophomore Marcus Arnold, as Arnold had 16 of his career high 22 in the second frame. As a team, the Redbirds shot 50% for the game.

Eastern Michigan tied the game at 41 with just over 16 minutes to play and remained within striking distance throughout most of the second half. However an 8-0 Redbird run concluding with a Guidry bucket at the 5:19 mark gave Illinois State a 10-point lead and some breathing room. Illinois State led by as many as 14 in the second half.

James Jackson led the way for Eastern Michigan with 16, while Danny McElhinny added 14.

ILLINOIS STATE 80, Eastern Michigan 69

December 6, 2003 • Redbird Arena

E. Michigan	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Jackson, f	22	5-6	6-9	3-9	0	4	16
Austin, f	23	1-2	2-2	2-3	2	2	4
Bowler, f	21	0-7	4-7	0-3	1	4	4
Hart, g	19	3-5	2-2	0-4	2	5	8
McElhinny, g	37	4-8	2-2	0-1	2	4	14
Ross	5	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Cottrill	20	3-9	0-0	0-0	1	1	8
Douglas	19	3-4	0-2	0-3	0	2	6
Cashen	9	1-3	0-0	0-1	0	0	2
Amatosero	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Redder	22	1-1	5-6	1-2	0	2	7
Totals	200	21-47	21-30	6-29	8	25	69

Team Pct.: FG – .447; FT – .700

3-Pt.: 6-15, .400 (Austin 0-1, Hart 0-1, McElhinny 4-7, Cottrill 2-4, Cashen 0-2)

Blocks: 1 (Redder 1)

Turnovers: 13 (Jackson 2, Austin 1, Bowler 2, Hart 2, Douglas 2, Redder 3, Team 1)

Steals: 7 (Bowler 2, Hart 1, Cottrill 1, Douglas 3)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Arnold, f	23	9-12	4-7	4-7	1	3	22
Dillgard, f	30	3-4	4-6	2-9	0	4	10
Alexander, g	14	2-7	0-0	0-1	0	2	6
Greene, g	34	2-6	4-4	0-0	6	1	8
Plank, g	37	0-4	3-7	1-6	5	1	3
Burras	19	2-3	0-0	1-4	2	3	4
Ford	4	0-2	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Miller	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Guidry	26	8-13	6-6	1-3	1	2	27
Carlwell	7	0-1	0-2	0-1	0	1	0
Totals	200	22-47	17-26	10-36	12	18	66

Team Pct.: FG – .500; FT – .656

3-Pt.: 7-16, .438 (Alexander 2-4, Greene 0-1, Plank 0-2, Ford 0-1, Guidry 5-8)

Blocks: 5 (Arnold 3, Carlwell 2)

Turnovers: 10 (Alexander 1, Greene 3, Burras 2, Guidry 4)

Steals: 6 (Dillgard 1, Alexander 1, Greene 2, Burras 1, Miller 1)

Officials: Kyle Ingram, Chris Beaver, Rob Kruger

Attendance: 6,909

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 39, Eastern Michigan 32

GAME 6

Redbird Rally Falls Short Against Flames

CHICAGO, Ill. – Illinois State fought back from a 22-point deficit to close the lead to eight, but that was as close as the Redbirds could get as they dropped an 86-74 decision to Illinois-Chicago at the UIC Pavilion in non-conference action Saturday night.

Once again it was Trey Guidry leading the way with 20 points off the bench, but Missouri transfer Najeeb Echols poured in 13 points on 6-for-6 shooting in his Redbird debut.

With the loss the 'Birds fell to 3-3 on the season, while UIC improved to 8-2 on the year.

The Flames, which never trailed, jumped out to a 12-point advantage in the first half thanks to a 12-3 run at the nine-minute mark of the first half. UIC pushed the lead to 16 in the first frame, but settled for a 12-point edge, 50-38, thanks to 20 first half points by Cedric Banks.

In the second half, the 'Birds came out cold as UIC jumped out on a 11-1 run to take a 61-39 lead with 15:40 left in the game. The Redbirds battled back with a 17-3 run and closed the gap to 68-60 powered by six points from Guidry.

The Flames pushed the lead back up to 13 points and again the Redbirds closed the gap to 78-71 with 2:11 left on the clock, but that was as close as ISU would get.

Guidry also led the Redbirds with six boards and five assists, while Marcus Arnold and Vince Greene each chipped in 11 points apiece.

Aaron Carr led all scorers with 23 points for the Flames, including 21 points in the second half. Banks finished with 22 and Martell Bailey tossed in 13 points and 12 assists.

Illinois-Chicago 86, ILLINOIS STATE 74

December 13, 2003 • UIC Pavilion

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Arnold, f	25	5-8	1-2	0-2	1	4	11
Dillgard, f	15	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	3	0
Alexander, g	27	2-4	0-0	0-5	5	5	6
Greene, g	26	5-10	0-0	0-1	4	1	11
Plank, g	20	1-7	0-0	2-6	2	0	2
Burras	12	1-3	0-0	1-1	0	5	2
Troc	17	4-5	1-2	0-2	4	3	9
Guidry	29	7-14	1-1	1-6	5	3	20
Ford	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Echols	27	6-6	1-4	2-3	1	1	13
Totals	200	31-57	4-9	7-28	23	25	74

Team Pct.: FG – .544; FT – .444

3-Pt.: 8-15, .533 (Plank 0-1, Greene 1-2, Alexander 2-3, Guidry 5-9)

Blocks: 2 (Alexander 1, Ford 1)

Turnovers: 18 (Arnold 2, Plank 1, Greene 3, Alexander 1, Troc 3, Guidry 3, Echols 4, Team 1)

Steals: 5 (Plank 1, Dillgard 1, Greene 1, Alexander 1, Burras 1)

Illinois-Chicago	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Williams, f	38	4-8	1-4	0-4	5	1	9
Carr, f	23	8-14	4-5	2-4	1	0	23
Scott, c	16	1-3	1-2	1-2	1	4	3
Bailey, g	32	3-5	5-6	0-5	12	0	13
Banks, g	38	9-16	0-0	1-2	1	2	22
McGee	9	1-3	2-2	0-0	1	0	4
Bowen	19	2-4	0-2	0-3	1	1	4
Harris	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Poole	21	2-2	4-8	3-7	1	0	8
Totals	200	30-55	17-29	7-29	23	10	86

Team Pct.: FG – .545; FT – .586

3-Pt.: 17-29, .529 (Carr 3-7, Bailey 2-2, Banks 4-6, McGee 0-2)

Blocks: 2 (Carr 1, Harris 1)

Turnovers: 8 (Williams 1, Carr 1, Bailey 4, Banks 1, Bowen 1)

Steals: 7 (Williams 3, Scott 2, Bailey 2)

Officials: Lamar Simpson, Sam Banks, Chris Beaver

Attendance: 5,978

Halftime Score: Illinois-Chicago 50, ILLINOIS STATE 38