



# 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	W, 66-65 (ot)
12/20	NORTHERN IOWA* (FSN)	TODAY

**Bird Bit:** Illinois State has won the last four meetings against UNI at Redbird Arena and owns a 17-2 home record vs. the Panthers.

12/28	@ Southern Illinois*	2:05 p.m.
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1/3	@ Illinois (ESPN+)	1:05 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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# 8 GAME



ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (4-3)

VS.



NORTHERN IOWA PANTHERS (4-3)

Saturday, December 20, 2003 • 12:07 p.m. CST  
 Redbird Arena (10,200) • Normal, Ill.

### The Game Facts

#### The Probable Starters:

#### ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (4-3)

						ppg	rpg	apg
F 21	Marcus Arnold	6-8	225	So.-1L	Chicago, Ill.	17.0	5.0	1.0*
F 50	Greg Dilligard	6-8	215	Fr.-HS	Labelle, Mo.	4.6	4.0	0.7*
G 2	Gregg Alexander	6-4	195	Jr.-2L	Lincoln, Ill.	7.1	2.4	1.6
G 11	Vince Greene	5-9	160	Sr.-2L	Chicago, Ill.	7.9	0.9	2.7
G 25	Neil Plank	6-5	200	So.-TR	Mt. Zion, Ill.	10.0	6.6	3.7

#### NORTHERN IOWA PANTHERS (4-3)

F 43	Matt Schneiderman	6-7	245	Sr.-1L	Marshalltown, Iowa	14.3	7.6	1.0
C 42	David Gruber	6-6	230	Sr.-2L	Solon, Iowa	10.9	7.0	0.9
G 5	Erik Crawford	6-3	225	So.-TR	Oakdale, Minn.	9.7	4.4	2.7
G 12	Ben Jacobson	6-3	190	So.-1L	Sioux City, Iowa	13.7	5.3	2.6
G 23	Brooks McKowen	6-2	185	Fr.-HS	Fairbank, Iowa	8.0	1.4	2.1

NOTE - (\*) indicates blocks per game.

**About The Game:** Today's game is the conference opener for both teams. Illinois State owns a 4-0 record at Redbird Arena this season, while Northern Iowa dropped their only road game to date.

**Series History:** This is the 41<sup>st</sup> meeting in the series between the two schools. Illinois State leads the series 30-10 with each team winning on their home floor last season. ISU has won six of the last seven meetings.

**Last Time They Met:** Casey Reid hit two free-throws with 3.3 seconds left in the game to seal Illinois State's first Missouri Valley Conference victory of the season over Northern Iowa, 76-71, in front of 5,099 fans at Redbird Arena. Illinois State was led by Gregg Alexander with 17 points. The win ended a nine-game losing streak for the 'Birds. Northern Iowa was paced by Chris Foster who had 17 points, 15 of which came in the second half. David Gruber chipped in 11 points on 4-5 shooting from the field.

**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), 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:** Today's game is produced by MetroSports as part of the Valley television package and will be seen live on Fox Sports Net (Chicago, Midwest and Digital Central). Talent includes Dan McLaughlin, play-by-play, and Mac McCausland, color analyst. Satellite Coordinates for the game are Galaxy 11K, TR 6 — Digital Slot A

### The Coaches

**Porter Moser** (Creighton '90) owns a 58-37 (.611) career mark in his first season at Illinois State, including a 4-3 (.571) 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.

**Greg McDermott** (Northern Iowa '88) leads his alma mater in his third season. With the Panthers, McDermott owns a 29-35 (.453) record and boasts a 160-99 (.618) record over his 10-year career. He is assisted by Ben Jacobson, Jeff Rutter and Ron Smith.



## TALE OF THE TAPE



W-L Record	4-3	4-3
ESPN/USA Today	NR	NR
AP Poll	NR	NR
Points Scored	76.1	71.4
Points Allowed	71.1	64.9
Scoring Margin	+5.0	+6.6
FG Percentage	48.3	43.6
Def. FG Percentage	46.3	41.8
3-pt. Percentage	42.2	33.6
Def. 3-pt. Percentage	35.8	28.0
FT Percentage	73.0	78.8
Offensive Rebounds	9.1	10.1
Total Rebounds	32.6	36.1
Rebounding Margin	-0.1	+2.0
Assists	16.1	12.4
Turnover Average	14.4	13.0
Turnover Margin	-0.1	-1.7
Steal Average	7.9	5.4
Block Average	3.1	2.7
Fouls	20.9	16.0

## WEEKLY MEDIA CONFERENCE

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

- 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 Northern Iowa Panthers

- Northern Iowa, located in Cedar Falls, Iowa, was founded in 1876 and has an enrollment of 13,926.
- The Panthers were tabbed to finish sixth in the league's preseason media and coaches poll.
- In the preseason publications, UNI was picked as high as fifth and as low as eighth.
- The Panthers have three players averaging double figures in scoring. Matt Schneiderman leads the team in scoring (14.3 ppg.) and rebounding (7.6 rpg.), while Ben Jacobson and David Gruber average 13.7 and 10.9 points per game respectively.
- Gruber, a preseason All-Valley selection, has been an honorable mention all-conference selection the last two seasons.
- Gruber was also tabbed as a preseason all-league player by *Lindy's College Basketball* and *Blue Ribbon College Basketball Yearbook*. He was named preseason second team all-conference by *the Sporting News* and *Basketball News College Preview*.
- Schneiderman resembles Gruber in body type, but the 6-foot-7 senior can also shoot from the perimeter. He has already attempted 35 treys on the season and is shooting 37.1 percent from behind the arc.
- Combined Gruber and Schneiderman account for 40.3 percent of UNI's rebounds (43.7 of the offensive boards).
- Erik Crawford, a transfer from Bowling Green State, is the reigning Valley Newcomer of the Week after scoring a career-high 24 points in the 77-66 win over No. 24 Iowa.

## For League Openers

Despite all the success that Illinois State has had in the Missouri Valley Conference, the Redbird league openers have been mediocre. In fact, in conference openers since joining the Valley for the 1981-82 season, the Redbirds own an 11-11 record in league starts. Head coach **Porter Moser** owns a 2-1 mark in league openers after three seasons in the Sun Belt Conference. UNI on the other hand, owns a 4-8 mark in league openers since joining the Valley, while Greg McDermott is 1-1 in conference openers with the Panthers.

## Home Sweet Home

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

## Super Soph

Sophomore **Marcus Arnold** has opened up his second collegiate campaign by scoring double figures in every game this season. In fact, he ended his freshman season with three straight double digit games, giving him 10 straight double figure outings. The Redbirds haven't had a sophomore post seven straight double digit games since Shawn Jeppson during the 1999-2000 season.

## Another Trey for Trey

Holding true to his name, Illinois State's **Trey Guidry** is a long-range assassin. Guidry has already dropped 26 treys on his opponents in seven games. At this pace, the Redbird sniper will finish with a school-record 104 three-pointers over Illinois State's guaranteed 28-game schedule.

## Boarding Call

In the 66-65 overtime win over Western Kentucky, the Redbirds crashed the boards with a vengeance. ISU outrebounded the Hilltoppers 39-31, but what was even more impressive was how the 'Birds kept the much larger opponent off the offensive glass. WKU entered the game averaging 16 offensive rebounds per contest and were rebounding 45.6 percent of its missed shots. The 'Birds limited the Hilltopper offensive caroms to six, including zero in the first half, allowing them to only claim 21.4 percent of their misses.

## 120 Games With a Trey on the Board

After draining five treys vs. Western Kentucky, ISU enters today's game with at least one made three in 120 straight games. The last time ISU didn't sink a single trey was an 82-43 loss at Creighton on Dec. 12, 1999.

## Northern Iowa Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
11/21	CHICAGO STATE	W, 83-59
11/25	BUTLER	L, 54-56
11/30	at Iowa State	L, 76-79
12/2	LOUISIANA TECH	W, 75-72
12/6	FURMAN	L, 55-64
12/9	#24 IOWA	W, 77-66
12/13	UM-CROOKSTON	W, 80-58
12/20	at Illinois State*	Today
12/30	SIENA	7:05 p.m.
1/3	EVANSVILLE*	7:05 p.m.
1/8	at Wichita State*	7:05 p.m.
1/11	at SMS*	2:05 p.m.
1/14	CREIGHTON*	7:05 p.m.
1/17	DRAKE*	7:05 p.m.
1/21	at Evansville*	7:05 p.m.
1/24	BRADLEY*	7:05 p.m.
1/28	ILLINOIS STATE*	7:05 p.m.
1/31	at Southern Illinois*	7:05 p.m.
2/4	at Creighton*	7:05 p.m.
2/7	INDIANA STATE*	7:05 p.m.
2/11	SMS*	7:05 p.m.
2/14	at Bradley*	2:05 p.m.
2/18	WICHITA STATE*	7:05 p.m.
2/21	at Bracket Buster II	TBA
2/25	at Drake*	7:05 p.m.
2/28	at Indiana State*	3:05 p.m.
3/1	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*	7:05 p.m.
3/5-8	at Valley Tournament	

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\* Missouri Valley Conference 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.

## Little Big Man

Sophomore **Neil Plank** leads the 'Birds in rebounding with 6.6 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 ISU history, tying Shedrick Ford (2000-01), Scott Fowler (1991-92) and Jim Smith (1970-71) who were also 6-5.

## Marvelous Marcus

Sophomore **Marcus Arnold** started his second season where his first left off. Arnold has topped his career-best three times this season with three 20-point efforts at Redbird Arena with the latest coming Tuesday night against Western Kentucky with 23 points. On the season, Arnold is averaging 17.0 points and 5.0 rebounds per game and has scored in double digits in all seven games. Last season, Arnold became the fifth Redbird to be selected to the Valley All-Freshman Team averaging 8.4 points and 3.4 boards per game.

## Guidry, The One-Man Bench

Illinois State's **Trey Guidry** has come off the bench in all seven games for the Redbirds this season. Guidry has tallied 126 points this season, eight more than the seven 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 of the last four games.

## Dilly Delight

Freshman **Greg Dilligard** has made an early impact with the Redbirds. Against Eastern Michigan, Dilligard collected a career high 10 points and added nine rebounds. Versus Western Kentucky, Dilligard hauled in a career-best 10 boards. He has started all seven games and is second on the team with five blocked shots. He also averages 4.6 points and 4.0 rebounds per game.

## Alexander Continues the Climb

With a three against Western Kentucky, junior guard **Gregg Alexander** stands at No. 7 all-time in Illinois State history with 134 career treys. Alexander will need 15 more to tie for No. 6 with Shawn Jeppson. Tarise Bryson leads the list with 214 career three-pointers.

## 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 has also looked 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.

## Looking for the Repeat

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. This year the Redbirds are shooting 42.2 percent from behind the arc, which ranks No. 9 nationally.

## 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 73.0 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

### ISU Lands First Valley Win; 76-71 vs. UNI

**NORMAL, Ill.** – Casey Reid hit two free-throws with 3.3 seconds left in the game to seal Illinois State's first Missouri Valley Conference victory this season over Northern Iowa, 76-71, in front of 5,099 fans at Redbird Arena.

Illinois State, 2-15, 1-8 MVC, was led by Gregg Alexander with 17 points. The win ended a nine-game losing streak for the 'Birds.

Northern Iowa, 5-12, 2-7 MVC, was paced by Chris Foster who had 17 points, 15 of which came in the second half. David Gruber chipped in 11 points on 4-5 shooting from the field.

Alexander started the game off hot, hitting back-to-back three pointers on the first two possessions of the game, and never cooled down. After jumping out to a 23-15 lead in the first half, on the strength of eight points by Alexander, Northern Iowa went on an 8-0 run to tie the game at 23.

The Redbirds responded with a 12-4 run to end the half and took a 35-27 lead into the lockerroom. Illinois State was hot from behind the arc in the first half, shooting 50 percent (5-10). However, the 'Birds were not as successful from the charity stripe as they only shot 25 percent (2-8) from the line in the first frame.

Northern Iowa started the second half on a 12-4 run to knot the score at 39. The run was led by guard Chris Foster, who had nine of the 12 points during the run. The teams went back and forth until back-to-back threes by Kevin Troc and a tough lay-up by Andy Strandmark put the 'Birds up 57-49. The Panthers battled back to cut the margin to 72-71, but it would not be enough as the 'Birds hit 8-of-10 free-throws down the stretch to seal the win.

### ILLINOIS STATE 76, Northern Iowa 71

January 29, 2003 • Redbird Arena

Northern Iowa	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Jacobson, f	17	1-3	2-2	0-0	1	3	5
Schneiderman, f	34	3-10	0-0	1-6	0	2	8
Gruber, c	28	4-5	3-7	2-5	1	4	11
Little, g	29	4-6	0-0	0-2	4	5	10
Foster, g	32	8-15	0-2	0-0	6	2	17
Bennett	13	4-5	0-0	1-3	1	1	10
Paulsen	10	2-4	0-0	0-1	0	2	6
Schmit	19	1-3	0-0	0-3	2	0	2
Miller	7	1-2	0-0	0-2	0	0	2
Anderson	11	0-1	0-0	1-1	0	2	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>28-54</b>	<b>5-11</b>	<b>5-24</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>71</b>

Team Pct.: FG – .519; FT – .455

3-PT.: 8-16, .500 (Jacobson 1-1, Schneiderman 2-7, Little 2-3, Foster 1-6, Bennett 2-3, Paulsen 2-4, Schmit 0-2)

Blocks: 0

Turnovers: 10 (Jacobson 2, Gruber 1, Little 1, Foster 1, Bennett 1, Paulsen 1, Schmit 2, Miller 1)

Steals: 5 (Gruber 1, Little 2, Foster 2)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander, f	31	6-9	2-2	4-7	1	1	17
Arnold, f	23	4-8	3-5	2-2	0	0	11
Bojang, c	32	1-7	2-2	2-6	1	1	4
Greene, g	33	4-8	5-6	1-4	4	1	14
Guidry, g	26	3-9	2-2	0-6	0	1	10
Burras	6	0-1	0-2	1-2	0	0	0
Ford	8	1-2	0-2	2-2	1	1	2
Strandmark	16	3-4	0-0	1-5	0	2	6
Troc	18	2-3	4-4	0-1	1	3	10
Reid	7	0-1	2-4	0-1	0	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>24-52</b>	<b>20-29</b>	<b>14-38</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>76</b>

Team Pct.: FG – .462; FT – .690

3-PT.: 8-14, .571 (Alexander 3-3, Greene 1-2, Guidry 2-6, Troc 2-2, Reid 0-1)

Blocks: 2 (Strandmark 2)

Turnovers: 13 (Alexander 1, Bojang 3, Greene 2, Guidry 2, Ford 2, Strandmark 3)

Steals: 6 (Alexander 1, Bojang 1, Greene 1, Ford 1, Troc 1, Reid 1)

Officials: Ron Berkholtz, Jerry Seibert, Tim Hutchinson

Attendance: 5,099

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 35, Northern Iowa 27



## CHART CLIMBERS

### Career Scoring Leaders

1. Doug Collins (1970-73) .....	2,240
35. Joe Galvin (1976-80) .....	1,022
- <b>Gregg Alexander (2001-)</b> .....	<b>683</b>

### Career 3-Point FG Leaders

1. Tarise Bryson (1999-02) .....	214
6. Shawn Jeppson (1998-01) .....	148
7. <b>Gregg Alexander (2001-)</b> .....	<b>133</b>
Rickey Jackson (1986-90) .....	126
9. Maurice Trotter (1994-96) .....	121
10. Kyle Cartmill (1996-99) .....	111
- <b>Trey Guidry (2002-)</b> .....	<b>89</b>
- <b>Vince Greene (2001-)</b> .....	<b>75</b>

### Career 3-Point FG Percentage

1. Matt Taphorn (1986-88) .....	50.4
2. Jeff Harris (1986-88) .....	46.6
3. <b>Trey Guidry (2002-)</b> .....	<b>44.9</b>
4. <b>Vince Greene (2001-)</b> .....	<b>44.1</b>
5. Rico Hill (1995-98) .....	43.7
6. Shawn Jeppson (1998-01) .....	42.8
7. <b>Gregg Alexander (2001-)</b> .....	<b>42.4</b>

## CAREER STARTS/GAMES

No.	Player	GP	GS
	<b>Illinois St.</b>		
2	Gregg Alexander	67	64
11	Vince Greene	67	34
21	Marcus Arnold	36	27
24	Trey Guidry	36	14
3	Dana Ford	35	8
50	Greg Dilligard	7	7
25	Neil Plank	7	7
1	Chris Burras	25	2
15	Matt Miller	6	2
10	Kevin Troc	30	1
34	Kenneth Hill	10	0
51	Ronnie Carlwell	4	0
45	Michael Sams	3	0
33	Najeeb Echols	2	0
5	Kyle Flowers	1	0
12	Micah Kirstein	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. <b>Illinois State</b> .....	<b>99</b>
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	6	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. <b>Illinois State</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.571</b>
Northern Iowa	0	0	.000	4	3	.571
7. 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. 16

## 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	7	0	186	26.6	38	70	.543	26	47	.553	24	26	.923	3	19	22	3.1	13	0	13	18	0	5	126	18.0	
21	Arnold, Marcus	7	7	193	27.6	49	88	.557	0	0	.000	21	29	.724	15	20	35	5.0	22	1	4	18	7	1	119	17.0	
25	Plank, Neil	7	7	221	31.6	24	65	.369	3	16	.188	19	31	.613	16	30	46	6.6	12	0	26	14	1	9	70	10.0	
33	Echols, Najeeb	2	0	48	24.0	7	8	.875	0	0	.000	2	6	.333	3	3	6	3.0	5	0	2	5	1	0	16	8.0	
11	Greene, Vince	7	5	165	23.6	17	40	.425	6	13	.462	15	18	.833	1	5	6	0.9	15	0	19	14	0	9	55	7.9	
02	Alexander, Gregg	7	7	164	23.4	17	42	.405	14	32	.438	2	3	.667	1	16	17	2.4	11	1	11	7	2	7	50	7.1	
01	Burras, Chris	7	0	131	18.7	14	29	.483	0	1	.000	15	19	.789	8	16	24	3.4	23	2	10	7	2	10	43	6.1	
50	Dilligard, Greg	7	7	140	20.0	10	17	.588	0	0	.000	12	16	.750	10	18	28	4.0	22	1	7	2	5	5	32	4.6	
10	Troc, Kevin	6	0	55	9.2	5	7	.714	0	0	.000	2	5	.400	0	10	10	1.7	9	0	14	8	0	1	12	2.0	
15	Miller, Matt	6	2	67	11.2	1	4	.250	0	1	.000	4	4	1.000	0	2	2	0.3	2	0	5	2	0	5	6	1.0	
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	
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	
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	
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	
	TM TEAM.....																										
	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>7</b>				<b>184</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>.483</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>.422</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>.730</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>76.1</b>	
	<b>Opponents.....</b>	<b>7</b>				<b>174</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>.463</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>.358</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>.665</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>32.7</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>71.1</b>	

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	Total
Illinois State	231	292	10 533
Opponents	224	265	9 498

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Illinois State	17	0	17
Opponents	24	0	24

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	4-3	4-0	0-3	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	4-3	4-0	0-3	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
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	at UIC Flames	74-86 L	5978	(20)Guidry, Trey	(6)Guidry, Trey
					(6)Plank, Neil	
12-16-03	7:05 pm CST	WESTERN KY	WOT 66-65	4367	(23)Arnold, Marcus	(10)Dilligard, Greg

\* - Conference game

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY	GAMES	TOTALS	AVG/GAME
HOME	4	23981	5995
AWAY	3	15050	5017
NEUTRAL	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>39031</b>	<b>5576</b>



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), 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), 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), 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), 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), SMS, 1-15-03
A player had 10 assists ... ILLINOIS ST. .... Vince Greene (11) vs. Jacksonville, 12-18-02
Opponent ..... Martell Bailey (12), Illinois-Chicago, 12-13-03
A player had five steals ... ILLINOIS ST. .... Chris Burras (5) vs. Bellarmine, 12-2-03
Opponent ..... Demarcus Wilkins (6), 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), Bellarmine, 12-2-03

TEAM

A team scored 100 points ... ILLINOIS ST. .... vs. Southern Illinois (105), 1-10-98
Opponent ..... Oklahoma (112), 12-28-90
A team made 35 field goals ... ILLINOIS ST. .... vs. Bellarmine (35-71), 12-2-03
Opponent ..... 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 ..... 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 ..... 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 ..... 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 ..... 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 ..... 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 ..... 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 ..... Creighton (18), 12-12-99
A team had blocked 10 shots ... ILLINOIS ST. .... 10 vs. Evansville, 1-17-79
Opponent ..... 11, Northern Illinois, 11-26-03

BENCH SCORING (ISU-OPP)

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Points. Includes Florida A&M, Northern Illinois, Utah State, Bellarmine, Eastern Michigan, Illinois-Chicago, Western Kentucky, Northern Iowa, Southern Illinois, Creighton, Indiana State, Drake, SMS, Southern Illinois, Creighton, Northern Iowa, Bradley, Wichita State, SMS, Evansville, Indiana State, Bradley, Bracket Buster II, Evansville, Wichita State, Drake, Total 231-118.

2003-04 VALLEY RANKINGS

\*As of December 16

Table with 2 columns: Team and Rank. Includes Scoring Offense (2nd), Scoring Defense (9th), Scoring Margin (5th), Free Throw Pct (3rd), Field Goal Pct (2nd), FG Pct. Defense (8th), 3-Point FG Pct. (1st), 3-Point FG Pct. Def (9th), Rebounding Offense (9th), Rebounding Defense (4th), Rebounding Margin (8th), Blocked Shots (3rd), Assists (2nd), Steals (5th), Turnover Margin (6th), Assist/Turnover Ratio (3rd), Offensive Rebounds (9th), Defensive Rebounds (8th), 3-Point Field Goals Made (11st).

INDIVIDUAL

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Points. Includes SCORING (Trey Guidry 3rd, Marcus Arnold 6th), REBOUNDING (Neil Plank 10th), FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE (Marcus Arnold 8th, Trey Guidry 9th), ASSISTS (Neil Plank 8th), FREE THROW PERCENTAGE (Trey Guidry 4th, Vince Greene 10th), 3-POINT FG PERCENTAGE (Trey Guidry 2nd, Gregg Alexander 18th), 3-POINT FG MADE (Trey Guidry 1st, Gregg Alexander 4th), BLOCKED SHOTS (Marcus Arnold 2nd), ASSIST/TURNOVER RATIO (Neil Plank 5th), OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS (Neil Plank 9th).

ILLINOIS STATE'S 2003-04 RECORD WHEN

Table with 2 columns: Record Type and Count. Includes Overall (4-3), Missouri Valley Conference (0-0), Playing Nationally Ranked Teams (0-0), Leading at the Half (4-1), Trailing at the Half (0-2), Tied at the Half (0-0), Leading with 5:00 to Play (4-0), Trailing with 5:00 to Play (0-3), Tied with 5:00 to Play (0-0), In Overtime (1-0), ISU out-rebounds opponent (3-0), Opponents out-rebounds ISU (1-3), ISU has 15 or fewer Turnovers (2-2), ISU has fewer Turnovers than opp. (0-0), ISU shoots 50 Percent or Better (1-2), ISU shoots 40 Percent or Better (3-1), Opponents shoot less than 40 Percent (2-0), Opponents shoot 40 Percent or Better (2-3), ISU shoots better than Opponent (3-0), Opponent shoots better than ISU (1-3), ISU has more FG Attempts (2-3), Opponent has more FG Attempts (2-0), ISU Shoots better than 35% on 3's (4-2), ISU Attempts more 3's (2-1), Opponents Attempt more 3's (1-1), ISU has more FT Attempts (3-0), Opponent has more FT Attempts (0-2), ISU Scores 100 or More (0-0), ISU Scores 90 or More (0-0), ISU Scores 80 or More (3-1), ISU Scores 70 or More (3-2).

Table with 2 columns: Record Type and Count. Includes ISU Scores 60 or More (4-2), 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 (0-2), Opponent Scores 70 or More (1-2), Opponent Scores 60 or More (3-3), Opponent Scores less than 60 (1-0), In Games Decided by 5 or less (1-1), In Games Decided by 6-10 Points (0-0), In Games Decided by 11-20 Points (2-2), In Games Decided by 21+ Points (1-0), Day Games (1-0), Night Games (3-3), Home Court (4-0), Away Games (0-3), Neutral Games (0-0), When ISU Scores First (3-0), When ISU Wins Tip (3-1), In November (1-2), In December (3-1), In January (0-0), In February (0-0), In March (0-0), On Sunday (1-0), On Monday (0-0), On Tuesday (2-0), On Wednesday (0-1), On Thursday (0-0), On Friday (0-0), On Saturday (1-2).



## SUPERLATIVES

### STARTING LINEUPS – F, F, G, G, G (2):

- Arnold, Dilligard, Alexander, Greene, Plank (3-2)  
W – Florida A&M, Eastern Michigan, Western Kentucky  
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, Echols 1

### DOUBLE-DIGIT SCORERS (24):

Arnold 7, Guidry 6, Plank 3, Greene 3, Burras 2, Alexander 1, Dilligard 1, Echols 1

### DOUBLE-DIGIT REBOUNDING:

Plank 1, Dilligard 1

### LEADING SCORER:

Guidry 4, Alexander 1, Plank 1, Arnold 1

### LEADING REBOUNDER:

Plank 4, Dilligard 2, Arnold 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, Troc 1

### CHARGES DRAWN (15):

Arnold 4, Guidry 3, Burras 3, Alexander 2, Dilligard 2, Plank 1

### MOST MINUTES:

- 41, Neil Plank vs. Western Kentucky, 12-16-03
- 38, Marcus Arnold vs. Western Kentucky, 12-16-03
- 37, Neil Plank vs. Eastern Michigan, 12-6-03
- 36, Trey Guidry vs. Western Kentucky, 12-16-03
- 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
<b>Florida A&amp;M</b>	6-3-3*	21-8-1*	2-4-2	DNP	7-0-1*	DNP	DNP
<b>at N. Illinois</b>	20-5-1*	16-9-0*	2-6-1	0-0-0	4-3-3*	DNP	DNP
<b>at Utah State</b>	3-2-1*	14-3-0*	12-3-0	0-0-0	2-2-0*	DNP	DNP
<b>Bellarmino</b>	6-1-0*	12-4-0*	17-5-5	2-4-0	4-4-1*	DNP	0-1-0
<b>Eastern Michigan</b>	6-1-0*	22-7-1*	4-4-2	0-1-0	10-9-0*	DNP	DNP
<b>at Illinois-Chicago</b>	6-5-5*	11-2-1*	2-1-0	DNP	0-0-0	13-3-1	DNP
<b>Western Kentucky</b>	3-0-1*	23-2-1*	4-1-0	DNP	5-10-2*	3-3-1	DNP
<b>Northern Iowa*</b>							
<b>at S. Illinois*</b>							
<b>at Illinois Creighton*</b>							
<b>at Indiana State*</b>							
<b>at Drake*</b>							
<b>SMS*</b>							
<b>Southern Illinois*</b>							
<b>at Creighton*</b>							
<b>at Northern Iowa*</b>							
<b>Bradley*</b>							
<b>Wichita State*</b>							
<b>at SMS*</b>							
<b>at Evansville*</b>							
<b>Indiana State*</b>							
<b>at Bradley*</b>							
<b>Bracket Buster II</b>							
<b>Evansville*</b>							
<b>at Wichita State*</b>							
<b>Drake*</b>							

  

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



2003-04 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with 15 columns: Team, Final, FG, FG%, 3FG, 3%, FT, FT%, O-D-T Reb., Fouls, Assists, Turnovers, Blocks, Steals, Halftime. Rows include Florida A&M @ Illinois State, Illinois State @ Northern Illinois, Illinois State @ Utah State, Bellarmine @ Illinois State, Eastern Michigan @ Illinois State, Illinois State @ Illinois-Chicago, Western Kentucky @ Illinois State, Northern Iowa @ Illinois State, Illinois State @ Southern Illinois, Illinois State @ Illinois, Creighton @ Illinois State, Illinois State @ Indiana State, Illinois State @ Drake, SMS @ Illinois State, Southern Illinois @ Illinois State, Illinois State @ Creighton, Illinois State @ Northern Iowa, Bradley @ Illinois State, Wichita State @ Illinois State, Illinois State @ SMS, Illinois State @ Evansville, Indiana State @ Illinois State, Illinois State @ Bradley, TBA @ Illinois State, Evansville @ Illinois State, Illinois State @ Wichita State, Drake @ Illinois State.



## 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, 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 8-for-24 (.333) from the field in the last five games.
- Scored six points in the opener against Florida A&M, but held last season's most prolific three-point shooter in the nation, 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	17	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3
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 Arnold 21

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

### CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

**Points** – 23 vs. Western Ky., 12-16-03/Same  
**Rebounds** – 9 at NIU, 11-26-03/9 at NIU, 11-26-03  
**Assists** – 3, twice/1, three times  
**Blocked Shots** – 4 vs. UIC, 11-30-02/3 vs. Eastern Michigan, 12-6-03  
**Steals** – 3 vs. SIU, 3-8-03/None  
**Minutes** – 38 vs. Western Ky., 12-16-03/Same

### UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has scored double digits in every game this season.
- Poured in a career-high 23 points to lead the 'Birds to an overtime win over Western Kentucky.
- Tossed in 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	38	10-21	0-0	3-7	2	4	1	3	1	0	23
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





# 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	5	2-2	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	2	0	0	4
Northern Iowa*											
at Southern Illinois*											
at Illinois											
Creighton*											
at Indiana State*											
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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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# 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*											
at Southern Illinois*											
at Illinois											
Creighton*											
at Indiana State*											
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Wichita State*											
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at Evansville*											
Indiana State*											
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** – 10 vs. E. Michigan, 12-6-03/Same  
**Rebounds** – 10 vs. Western Ky., 12-16-03/Same  
**Assists** – 3 at NIU, 11-26-03/Same  
**Blocked Shots** – 3 vs. FAMU, 11-23-03/Same  
**Steals** – 2 vs. Western Ky., 12-16-03/Same  
**Minutes** – 30 vs. Eastern Michigan, 12-6-03/Same

**UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:**

- Has started every game this season.
- Pulled down a career-best 10 boards against Western Kentucky.
- Posted career highs in scoring (10) 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
Western Kentucky	23	2-3	0-0	1-2	10	2	2	0	0	2	5
Northern Iowa*											
at Southern Illinois*											
at Illinois											
Creighton*											
at Indiana State*											
at Drake*											
SMS*											
Southern Illinois*											
at Creighton*											
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Bradley*											
Wichita State*											
at SMS*											
at Evansville*											
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** – 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:**

- Averaging 24 minutes per game since becoming eligible.
- 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	21	1-2	0-0	1-2	3	4	1	1	1	0	3
Northern Iowa*											
at Southern Illinois*											
at Illinois											
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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# 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											
at Northern Illinois											
at Utah State											
Bellarmine	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	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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# 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 six of seven 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:**

- Nailed a pair of free throws with 4.3 seconds left on the clock in overtime to claim the win over Western Kentucky.
- 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	16	0-1	0-1	3-4	0	1	0	2	0	1	3
Northern Iowa*											
at Southern Illinois*											
at Illinois											
Creighton*											
at Indiana State*											
at Drake*											
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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/36 vs. Western Ky., 12-16-03

**UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:**

- Has posted 20-plus points in three games of the last four games and has six double-digit scoring games this season.
- 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 21 of his last 35 treys (.600).
- 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	36	3-7	3-7	5-5	4	2	2	6	0	0	14
Northern Iowa*											
at Southern Illinois*											
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Creighton*											
at Indiana State*											
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Southern Illinois*											
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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					Did not play						
at Utah State					Did not play						
Bellarmine	3	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Michigan					Did not play						
at Illinois-Chicago					Did not play						
Western Kentucky					Did not play						
Northern Iowa*											
at Southern Illinois*											
at Illinois											
Creighton*											
at Indiana State*											
at Drake*											
SMS*											
Southern Illinois*											
at Creighton*											
at Northern Iowa*											
Bradley*											
Wichita State*											
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at Evansville*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Bracket Buster II											
Evansville*											
at Wichita State*											
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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*											
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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, three times/Same  
**Rebounds** – 1, twice/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:**

- Has logged 11 minutes of action in the last three games.
- 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
<b>at Utah State</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Bellarmine</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Eastern Michigan	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
at Illinois-Chicago				Did not play							
Western Kentucky	5	0-0	0-0	2-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
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/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** – 41 vs. Western Ky., 12-16-03/Same

**UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:**

- Just missed his second career double-double with nine points and nine boards against Western Kentucky.
- Has made five of his last 22 field goal attempts (.227).
- Leads the team in rebounding with 6.6 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
<b>Bellarmine</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5-10</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>
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	41	4-11	1-4	0-0	9	4	4	3	0	1	9
Northern Iowa*											
at Southern Illinois*											
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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					Did not play						
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					Did not play						
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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**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, twice/5 vs. Western Ky., 12-16-03  
**Assists** – 6 vs. Western Ky., 12-16-03/Same  
**Blocked Shots** – 1, twice/None  
**Steals** – 2 at Wichita State, 2-4-03/1 vs. Western Ky., 12-16-03  
**Minutes** – 30 vs. Bradley, 2-1-03/23 vs. Western Ky., 12-16-03

**UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:**

- Played 40 minutes in the last two games after playing 15 in the first five contests.
- Dished out a career-best six assists against Western Kentucky.
- 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					Did not play						
at Illinois-Chicago	17	4-5	0-0	1-2	2	3	4	3	0	0	9
Western Kentucky	23	0-1	0-0	0-1	5	4	6	2	0	1	0
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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## 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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>23-50</b>	<b>23-38</b>	<b>12-48</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>78</b>

**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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>27-69</b>	<b>11-18</b>	<b>10-32</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>71</b>

**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 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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>27-47</b>	<b>14-17</b>	<b>6-22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>75</b>

**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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>30-58</b>	<b>12-14</b>	<b>14-30</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>81</b>

**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 ball game 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-for-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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>25-64</b>	<b>16-20</b>	<b>12-34</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>70</b>

**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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>22-45</b>	<b>38-48</b>	<b>7-35</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>87</b>

**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

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Arnold, f	35	6-14	4-4	4-9	0	3	16
Dilligard, f	19	0-3	4-4	2-3	3	3	4
Alexander, g	28	7-12	0-0	0-5	1	2	20
Greene, g	28	0-6	2-2	1-1	2	3	2
Plank, g	33	2-10	3-4	1-4	0	2	8
Burras	16	0-3	2-2	2-6	1	4	2
Ford	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Troc	1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Miller	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0
Guidry	26	1-5	0-0	0-0	2	3	3
Carlwell	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>16-53</b>	<b>15-16</b>	<b>11-32</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>55</b>

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)

N. Illinois	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Smallwood, f	32	6-13	4-7	2-9	1	4	16
Peterson, f	31	6-9	3-4	0-2	0	0	19
Hughes, c	22	4-7	3-4	3-6	0	3	11
Maestranzi, g	34	0-2	2-3	0-1	7	3	2
Smith, g	24	3-7	2-3	2-3	0	3	9
Thompson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Sanders	5	1-1	0-0	0-2	1	1	2
Paradise	16	0-1	3-4	0-3	1	0	3
McKinney	19	2-3	0-1	1-2	2	1	4
Sewasciuk	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Paulsen	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Byrd	12	0-4	0-0	0-4	0	3	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>22-47</b>	<b>17-26</b>	<b>10-36</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>66</b>

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 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

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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>31-53</b>	<b>15-19</b>	<b>9-19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>84</b>

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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>30-45</b>	<b>23-30</b>	<b>10-27</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>89</b>

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 a Redbird Arena high 16 steals, which led 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 led 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 percent from the field for the game.

Victor Pierson was the lone Knight in double digits, as he had 18.

### ILLINOIS STATE 87, Bellarmine 53

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Bellarmine	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
B. Johnson, f	38	4-14	0-0	0-1	1	2	9
Ettienne, f	23	1-6	0-0	0-6	0	1	2
Halcomb, c	27	1-6	2-2	3-7	0	1	4
Pierson, g	37	6-15	4-4	1-2	5	3	18
Brown, g	33	2-10	0-2	7-14	0	2	4
Otte	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Evans	3	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
J. Johnson	4	0-2	0-0	1-1	1	0	0
Meagher	14	3-5	0-0	4-5	0	2	6
Cornell	19	4-6	0-0	0-1	1	2	10
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>21-65</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>18-43</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>53</b>

Team Pct.: FG – .323; FT – .750

3-Pt.: 5-20, .250 (B. Johnson 1-9, Ettienne 0-1, Pierson 2-6, Cornell 2-4)

Blocks: 5 (Halcomb 5)

Turnovers: 21 (B. Johnson 2, Ettienne 2, Halcomb 1, Pierson 7, Brown 7, J. Johnson 1, Cornell 1)

Steals: 3 (B. Johnson 1, Ettienne 2)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Arnold, f	22	6-14	0-0	2-4	0	0	12
Dilligard, f	15	2-3	0-0	1-4	1	3	4
Alexander, g	24	2-8	0-0	1-1	0	0	6
Miller, g	14	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	0
Plank, g	24	5-10	0-0	4-6	5	2	10
Burras	26	5-8	7-9	1-5	5	1	17
Ford	12	0-3	0-0	1-2	1	1	0
Flowers	1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Troc	6	0-0	0-0	0-1	2	0	0
Greene	20	5-7	1-2	0-3	4	1	14
Kirstein	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Guidry	15	8-13	0-0	1-4	3	2	20
Hill	3	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Sams	5	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	2
Carlwell	12	1-1	0-0	1-4	0	2	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>35-71</b>	<b>8-11</b>	<b>13-40</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>87</b>

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 led 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 percent 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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>21-47</b>	<b>21-30</b>	<b>6-29</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>69</b>

**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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>22-47</b>	<b>17-26</b>	<b>10-36</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>66</b>

**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.

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

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.

The Flames, who 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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>31-57</b>	<b>4-9</b>	<b>7-28</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>74</b>

**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	2	2	0
Poole	21	2-2	4-8	3-7	1	0	8
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>30-55</b>	<b>17-29</b>	<b>7-29</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>86</b>

**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

## GAME 7

### Greene's Free Throws Sink Hilltoppers

**NORMAL, Ill.** – Marcus Arnold scored a career-high 23 points, and Vince Greene knocked down a pair of free throws with 4.3 seconds left in overtime to give Illinois State a 66-65 victory over Western Kentucky Tuesday night in Redbird Arena.

The Redbirds started the game off slow, turning the ball over four times in the first four minutes of the game and did not score until the 16:00 mark when Kevin Troc assisted Najeeb Echols (3 points) on a fast break, making the score 10-2.

However, the 'Birds stayed close because of deadly accuracy from the three-point arc. Illinois State scored nine of their first 11 points on threes from Neil Plank (9 points), Gregg Alexander and Trey Guidry (14 points).

The 'Birds tied the game again when a jumper by Plank made the score 20-20, and a Marcus Arnold fade-away gave Illinois State their first lead of the night with 1:36 left in the first half. Arnold, who was fouled on the play, sank the ensuing free throw, giving his team a 27-24 lead.

Illinois State took a 29-26 lead into the second half and Arnold extended the advantage with his strong play inside. He scored six points in the first three minutes, all inside the paint.

After a free throw by Greg Dillgard (10 rebounds) put the Redbirds up 37-32, the Hilltoppers took the lead back on the strength of a 9-0 run that included four points from Nigel Dixon and five from Anthony Winchester to give Western Kentucky a 41-37 lead.

A three-pointer by Guidry with 3:20 left in the game extended the ISU lead to 52-45, and a rebound basket by Dillgard made the score 54-47.

But Western Kentucky stepped up the tempo on defense after a fast break lay-up by Arnold made the score 56-48. The Hilltoppers scored the next eight points, with four coming off of two Antonio Haynes steals.

Haynes split a pair of free throws with 25 seconds left, tying the game 56-56 and sending the contest into overtime.

A lay-up by Mike Wells with 10.7 seconds left in overtime gave the Hilltoppers a 65-64 lead, setting up Greene's game-winning free throws.

**ILLINOIS STATE 66, Western Kentucky 65 (ot)**  
December 16, 2003 • Redbird Arena

Western Ky.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Winchester, f	41	5-11	2-4	1-4	5	2	14
Lambert, f	27	2-4	0-0	1-7	1	5	4
Dixon, c	27	5-8	3-7	1-6	1	5	13
Rumph, g	33	2-4	0-2	0-1	1	1	4
Wells, g	43	7-15	0-1	1-4	0	4	16
Haynes	30	4-11	5-8	1-3	4	2	13
Holland	1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Higgins	15	0-0	1-2	0-2	1	3	1
Hill	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>25-53</b>	<b>11-24</b>	<b>6-31</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>65</b>

**Team Pct.:** FG – .472; FT – .458

**3-Pt.:** 4-14, .286 (Winchester 2-3, Rumph 0-1, Wells 2-7, Haynes 0-3)

**Blocks:** None

**Turnovers:** 16 (Winchester 3, Dixon 5, Rumph 3, Wells 3, Holland 1, Higgins 1)

**Steals:** 8 (Winchester 1, Dixon 1, Rumph 1, Wells 3, Haynes 2)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Arnold, f	38	10-21	3-7	0-2	1	4	23
Dillgard, f	23	2-3	1-2	4-10	2	2	5
Alexander, g	17	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	3
Greene, g	16	0-1	3-4	0-0	0	1	3
Plank, g	41	4-11	0-0	2-9	4	4	9
Burras	5	2-2	0-1	0-1	0	1	4
Troc	23	0-1	0-1	0-5	6	4	0
Miller	5	0-0	2-2	0-1	0	0	2
Guidry	36	3-7	5-5	0-4	2	2	14
Echols	21	1-2	1-2	1-3	1	4	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>23-50</b>	<b>15-24</b>	<b>8-39</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>66</b>

**Team Pct.:** FG – .460; FT – .625

**3-Pt.:** 5-14, .357 (Alexander 1-2, Greene 0-1, Plank 1-4, Guidry 3-7)

**Blocks:** 2 (Arnold 1, Echols 1)

**Turnovers:** 21 (Arnold 3, Alexander 1, Greene 2, Plank 3, Burras 2, Troc 2, Guidry 6, Echols 1, Team 1)

**Steals:** 5 (Dillgard 2, Greene 1, Plank 1, Troc 1)

**Officials:** Eddie Jackson, Mike Sanzere, Gerry Pollard  
**Attendance:** 4,367

**Halftime Score:** ILLINOIS STATE 29, Western Kentucky 26