



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)	L, 61-64
12/28	@ Southern Illinois*	L, 40-57

1/3	@ #19 Illinois (ESPN+)	L, 73-80 (ot)
1/7	#23 CREIGHTON* (KMTV)	L, 55-56
1/10	@ Indiana State* (WMBD)	L, 49-56
1/14	@ Drake* (Mediacom)	L, 55-59
1/18	SMS* (Fox Sports Net)	W, 54-42
1/21	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS* (WSIU)	L, 58-71
1/24	@ #24 Creighton* (WMBD/KMTV)	L, 63-72
1/28	@ Northern Iowa*	W, 68-60
1/31	BRADLEY* (WMBD)	L, 54-57

2/4	WICHITA STATE* (KWCH)	L, 50-70
2/7	@ SMS* (WMBD)	L, 57-69
2/11	@ Evansville*	Tonight

Bird Bit: Illinois State is 6-3 in Roberts Stadium since Evansville joined the Missouri Valley Conference.

2/14	INDIANA STATE* (WMBD)	2:05 p.m.
2/18	@ Bradley* (WEEK)	7:35 p.m.
2/21	LOYOLA (ILL.)#	4:05 p.m.
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

#=ESPN Bracket Buster II Series

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21 GAME



ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (6-14, 2-10)

AT



EVANSVILLE PURPLE ACES (4-16, 3-9)

Wednesday, February 11, 2004 • 7:05 p.m. CST
 Roberts Stadium (11,600) • Evansville, Ind.

The Game Facts

The Probable Starters:

ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (6-14, 2-10)

						ppg	rpg	apg
F 21	Marcus Arnold	6-8	225	So.-1L	Chicago, Ill.	14.0	4.8	0.9*
F 33	Najeeb Echols	6-7	230	Jr.-TR	Chicago, Ill.	6.0	3.5	1.0
G 2	Gregg Alexander	6-4	195	Jr.-2L	Lincoln, Ill.	6.9	2.4	1.8
G 11	Vince Greene	5-9	160	Sr.-2L	Chicago, Ill.	7.4	1.5	3.2
G 25	Neil Plank	6-5	200	So.-TR	Mt. Zion, Ill.	6.4	4.9	1.9

EVANSVILLE PURPLE ACES (4-16, 3-9)

F 1	Deywane Lee	6-8	225	So.-1L	Memphis, Tenn.	7.1	4.6	1.4
F 22	Clint Cuffie	6-6	220	Sr.-3L	Riverton, Ill.	13.0	6.0	1.4
C 55	Bradley Strickland	6-9	200	Fr.-HS	Atlanta, Ga.	5.7	3.1	1.3*
G 2	Andre Burton	6-5	210	Jr.-1L	Memphis, Tenn.	10.1	3.2	2.7
G 4	Kyle Anslinger	6-4	205	Fr.-HS	Evansville, Ind.	7.1	2.7	1.3

NOTE - (*) indicates blocks per game.

About The Game: Tonight's match-up is the first game this season between the two programs, which are the last teams in the Valley to face each other this season. Illinois State enters the contest dropping five of its last six games, while Evansville has lost six of its last eight.

Series History: This is the 26th meeting in the series between the two schools. Illinois State leads the series 18-7 and has won six of the last seven. Evansville claimed the home date last season and swept the season series in 2000, which ended a nine-game winning streak by Illinois State.

Last Time They Met: Former Redbird Andy Strandmark notched his first career double-double, with 11 points and a career high 14 rebounds, and came up with two big rebounds down the stretch to lead Illinois State over Evansville, 65-61, at Redbird Arena. Trey Guidry led the 'Birds in scoring with a game high 22 points, 13 of those coming in the first half. Vince Greene chipped in eight points and eight assists. Evansville was paced by Clint Cuffie who had a team high 17 points on 5 of 9 shooting.

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

On the Tube: None.

The Coaches

Porter Moser (Creighton '90) owns a 60-48 (.556) career mark in his first season at Illinois State, including a 6-14 (.300) 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.

Steve Merfeld (Wisconsin-LaCrosse) is in his second season at Evansville. With the Purple Aces, Merfeld owns a 16-32 (.333) record and has a 106-89 (.544) mark over his seven-year coaching career. He is assisted by Keith Noftz, Kareem Richardson and Jason Zimmerman.



TALE OF THE TAPE



W-L Record	6-14	4-16
ESPN/USA Today	NR	NR
AP Poll	NR	NR
Points Scored	63.5	67.0
Points Allowed	65.6	74.6
Scoring Margin	-2.0	-7.6
FG Percentage	45.2	45.0
Def. FG Percentage	45.3	45.2
3-pt. Percentage	37.7	36.6
Def. 3-pt. Percentage	35.3	36.5
FT Percentage	66.1	65.1
Offensive Rebounds	9.5	8.0
Total Rebounds	30.5	32.2
Rebounding Margin	-0.8	+3.4
Assists	13.3	14.9
Turnover Average	15.3	15.0
Turnover Margin	-1.2	-2.9
Steal Average	7.1	4.2
Block Average	2.7	2.7
Fouls	20.2	21.4

WEEKLY MEDIA CONFERENCE

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

- 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 Evansville Purple Aces

- Evansville, located in Evansville, Ind., was founded in 1854 and has an enrollment of 2,400.
- The Aces own a 3-6 record at Roberts Stadium this season, including a 2-4 mark against the Valley.
- 2003-04 Preseason All-Valley First Team selection Clint Cuffle leads the Aces in scoring (13.0) and rebounding (6.0)
- Junior Andre Burton is the only other Evansville player in double digits with 10.1 points per game.
- Cuffle (50) and Burton (62) are also the only Purple Aces to get to the free throw line 50 or more times on the season.
- Nearly half of Cuffle's shots come from behind the three-point arc, while 74 percent of freshman Kyle Anslinger's shots are threes.
- Evansville has not forced a lot of turnovers with 83 steals on the season, while opponents have recorded nearly double with 151 steals.
- Nine players are averaging 10 or more minutes per game with Cuffle and Burton logging over 30 minutes per contest.
- The Aces are only averaging 8.0 offensive rebounds per game with Burton (26), Deywane Lee (23) and Bradley Strickland (21) providing most of the production.
- 63 percent of Evansville's field goals have been assisted.
- For the Aces, 11 different players have drawn at least one starting assignment with Cuffle being the only player to start in all 20 games.

Evansville Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
11/21	ILLINOIS-CHICAGO	L, 54-70
11/25	at Illinois-Chicago	L, 73-77
12/1	at Austin Peay State	L, 54-62
12/6	at Butler	L, 64-65
12/13	EASTERN ILLINOIS	W, 86-76
12/17	MISSISSIPPI	L, 66-69
12/20	at Western Kentucky	L, 82-92
12/27	at #22 Purdue	L, 62-82
12/31	at Indiana State	L, 52-72
1/3	at Northern Iowa*	L, 67-80
1/7	SMS*	L, 86-95 (2ot)
1/11	BRADLEY*	W, 84-69
1/14	at Southern Illinois*	L, 63-81
1/17	at Creighton*	L, 63-72
1/21	NORTHERN IOWA*	L, 53-67
1/24	WICHITA STATE*	L, 66-86
1/28	at SMS*	W, 68-66
2/1	CREIGHTON*	L, 70-74
2/4	at Bradley*	L, 60-68
2/7	DRAKE*	W, 77-68
2/11	ILLINOIS STATE*	TONIGHT
2/14	at Wichita State*	7:05 p.m.
2/18	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*	7:05 p.m.
2/21	at Central Michigan	2:30 p.m.
2/25	at Illinois State*	7:05 p.m.
2/28	at Drake*	2:05 p.m.
3/1	INDIANA STATE*	7:05 p.m.
3/5-8	at Valley Tournament	TBA

All times listed are CST
* Missouri Valley Conference game

In the Past, Guidry Has Played His Cards Right

Junior **Trey Guidry** has faced Evansville twice since joining the Redbirds and both times he dealt the Aces a 20-point scoring performance. Last season, the Baton Rouge, La. native, trumped the Aces with 27 points at Evansville and clubbed them for 22 tallies at Redbird Arena. Combined, Guidry anteed 49 points on 14-for-33 (.424) shooting, including 9-of-21 (.429) on treys versus Evansville. He has also been on suit from the free throw line – going 12-for-13 (.923).

No Stopping the Postman

Rain, sleet, snow or opposing defenders have not had much luck stopping sophomore **Marcus Arnold** in the post this season. Arnold is shooting 54.9 percent from the field on the year and has posted double-figures in 16 games, giving the second-year player 30 double-digit games in his career.

Sending Out an S.O.S.

There have been a few times this season when the Redbirds have felt like they've been stranded on a deserted island. But for these castaways, the cause, rather than the solution, can be found in the S.O.S. – strength of schedule. ISU's schedule ranks No. 19 as the nation's toughest according to the RPI Report.

Dilly Delight

Freshman **Greg Dilligard** has had an instant impact with the Redbirds. He has started in 14 games this season and is tied for the team lead in blocked shots with 18. In the last seven games, Dilligard has led the resurgence of the Redbirds on the glass with a team best 16 offensive rebounds. He also has had eight of his blocked shots during that span, while shooting 9-for-17 (.529) from the field.

Keep On Tippin'

At SMS the Redbirds did something for the first time during the conference season – win the tip. In fact after opening the season by winning the tip in four of ISU's first five games, the 'Birds went on a 14-game stretch without winning the opening tip which ended Saturday at SMS.

It's Been Easy Being Greene

Senior point guard **Vince Greene** has picked up his game as of late. In the last seven games, Greene is averaging 9.7 points per game, thanks to five double-digit scoring games, and 3.3 assists per game. He is shooting 45.1 percent from the field during that span and also has 13 steals during that time, which nearly doubles the second-highest individual total.



Alexander Continues the Climb

Junior guard **Gregg Alexander** has booked 155 career treys, which ranks No. 4 in the Redbird record books. Alexander needs three more threes to surpass Jeff Harris for the No. 3 spot and will be looking ahead to Dan Muller for the No. 2 position.

Another Trey for Trey

Holding true to his name, Illinois State's **Trey Guidry** is a long-range assassin. Guidry has already dropped 57 treys on his opponents in 20 games. At this pace, the Redbird sniper would finish with 80 treys over ISU's guaranteed 28-game schedule, which would claim the Redbirds' fourth highest single season total.

133 Games With a Trey on the Board

After draining six treys at SMS, ISU enters tonight's game with at least one made three in 133 straight games. The last time ISU didn't sink a single trey was an 82-43 loss at Creighton on Dec. 12, 1999.

More on Trey's Treys

Trey Guidry ranks No. 9 nationally in the latest NCAA statistics for 3-point accuracy. He is converting the long-range bombs at a 46.3 percent clip, which ranks No. 5 for single season percentage in school history.

Little Big Man

Neil Plank leads the team in rebounding with 4.9 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.

The Three Amigos

Vince Greene, **Trey Guidry** and **Gregg Alexander** all rank in Illinois State's top 10 list for career three-point field goal percentage. Currently, Guidry is No. 3 on the list with a career percentage of 43.8 from beyond the arc. Greene ranks No. 5 at a 43.1 percent clip, while Alexander is No. 7 at 40.8 percent.

The Young Guns

As a team, the 'Birds are one of the youngest in the conference with only one senior in **Vince Greene**. But not only is the ISU roster young, so is the coaching staff. In a survey compiled by the Wofford SID Office, the ISU coaching staff ranks as the sixth youngest in Division I basketball at an average of 31.5 years per coach.

Eight is Enough

With the 68-60 win at Northern Iowa, Illinois State snapped its eight-game road losing skid. It marked the first road win of the season for the Redbirds and the first since their road finale last season at Indiana State. With the loss at SMS, the Redbirds will look for their second road win of the season tonight against Evansville.

Limit Strictly Enforced

The Redbirds have been filling their quota on limiting opponents to 60 points or less. In six of the last 10 games, the 'Birds have kept each opponent to 60 points or less, and have done it eight times on the season.

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

Redbird Rarity in League Play

For only the sixth time since joining The Valley in 1981-82, the Redbirds have dropped eight league games in a season. In the same time frame, only SMS (3), which joined in 1990-91, has had less seasons with eight or more conference losses. Evansville, which became a league member in 1995-96, also has six.

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

Strandmark Leads 'Birds Past Aces

NORMAL, Ill – Andy Strandmark notched his first career double-double, with 11 points and a career high 14 rebounds, and came up with two big rebounds down the stretch to lead Illinois State over Evansville, 65-61, Wednesday at Redbird Arena.

Illinois State (5-18, 4-11 MVC) avoided a season sweep by Evansville after falling to the Aces earlier in the year and also put an end to a two game losing streak. Trey Guidry led the 'Birds in scoring with a game high 22 points, 13 of those coming in the first half. Vince Greene chipped in eight points and eight assists.

Evansville (10-13, 6-8 MVC) was paced by Clint Cuffie who had a team high 17 points on 5 of 9 shooting. The Aces had two other players in double digits, with both Ian Hanavan and Tobias Brinkley netting 13 points apiece.

Illinois State came out to a slow start in the first half, only managing three points in the first seven minutes, but Evansville was not much better, only netting five points over the same time span. The 'Birds heated up on the strength of three first half three pointers from Guidry. Guidry and Chris Burras accounted for every basket during a 9-2 run that gave the 'Birds their first double digit lead of the half, 25-15. Evansville outscored the 'Birds 5-2 over the final minute to end the half only down eight, 31-23.

Evansville threatened early in the second half, cutting the lead to 37-34 with 14:51 remaining, on a Ian Hanavan three-point play. The Redbirds went on a 7-2 run over the next two minutes to establish a 44-36 lead. Evansville battled back throughout the rest of the second half to cut the lead to 63-61 on a Lucious Wagner three-pointer at the one minute mark. Two rebounds on consecutive possessions and two free-throws with two seconds remaining by Strandmark sealed the victory for the 'Birds.

ILLINOIS STATE 65, Evansville 61

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Evansville	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Cuffie, f	31	5-9	4-4	0-4	1	2	17
Hanavan, f	27	5-9	3-5	4-11	1	4	13
Lytle, c	19	2-4	0-0	1-2	0	3	4
Burton, g	25	3-5	1-2	0-2	4	3	8
Wagner, g	33	1-3	0-0	0-3	4	1	3
Lee	7	0-0	0-0	0-1	2	1	0
Long	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Gore	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Brinkley	24	3-11	7-7	1-4	0	2	13
Ferguson	26	1-4	1-2	0-5	1	2	3
Totals	200	20-46	16-20	6-32	14	18	61

Team Pct.: FG – .435; FT – .800

3-Pt.: 5-14, .357 (Cuffie 3-7, Hanavan 0-1, Lytle 0-1, Burton 1-1, Wagner 1-1, Brinkley 0-2, Ferguson 0-1)

Blocks: 4 (Lytle 1, Lee 2, Ferguson 1)

Turnovers: 20 (Cuffie 3, Hanavan 4, Lytle 4, Burton 3, Wagner 3, Gore 2, Brinkley 1)

Steals: 6 (Cuffie 1, Burton 2, Wagner 2, Brinkley 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Bojang, f	31	2-8	0-0	5-7	0	3	4
Reid, f	27	2-6	0-0	1-1	1	2	4
Strandmark, c	34	2-7	7-10	5-14	0	3	11
Alexander, g	16	2-6	0-0	0-1	0	1	5
Greene, g	28	3-6	2-2	0-0	8	2	8
Burras	11	3-6	0-0	0-5	0	2	6
Ford	10	2-3	1-3	0-2	0	1	5
Troc	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	3	0	0
Arnold	4	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Guidry	27	7-12	4-4	0-0	1	2	22
Totals	200	23-56	14-19	12-34	13	18	65

Team Pct.: FG – .411; FT – .737

3-Pt.: 5-11, .455 (Alexander 1-3, Greene 0-1, Guidry 4-7)

Blocks: 1 (Strandmark 1)

Turnovers: 16 (Reid 1, Strandmark 2, Alexander 3, Greene 8, Ford 1, Arnold 1)

Steals: 9 (Bojang 1, Reid 1, Alexander 3, Greene 3, Ford 1)

Officials: Ron Zetcher, Bob Staffen, Kipp Kissingner

Attendance: 4,815

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 31, Evansville 23



CHART CLIMBERS

Career Scoring Leaders

1. Doug Collins (1970-73)	2,240
35. Joe Galvin (1976-80)	1,022
- Gregg Alexander (2001-)	770

Career 3-Point FG Leaders

1. Tarise Bryson (1999-02)	214
2. Dan Muller (1994-98)	204
3. Jeff Harris (1986-88)	157
4. Gregg Alexander (2001-)	155
5. Skipp Schaeffbauer	153
6. Richard Thomas (1990-93)	149
10. Trey Guidry (2002-)	120
- Vince Greene (2001-)	85

Career 3-Point FG Percentage

1. Matt Taphorn (1986-88)	50.4
2. Jeff Harris (1986-88)	46.6
3. Trey Guidry (2002-)	43.8
4. Rico Hill (1995-98)	43.7
5. Vince Greene (2001-)	43.1
6. Shawn Jeppson (1998-01)	42.8
7. Gregg Alexander (2001-)	40.8

CAREER STARTS/GAMES

No.	Player	Illinois St.	
		GP	GS
2	Gregg Alexander	80	77
11	Vince Greene	80	46
21	Marcus Arnold	49	39
24	Trey Guidry	49	18
25	Neil Plank	20	16
50	Greg Dilligard	20	14
3	Dana Ford	42	8
33	Najeeb Echols	15	6
15	Matt Miller	17	3
1	Chris Burras	35	2
10	Kevin Troc	36	1
34	Kenneth Hill	12	0
51	Ronnie Carlwell	4	0
45	Michael Sams	5	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. Northern Iowa (1)	135
7. Illinois State	99
8. Evansville	96
9. Drake	87
10. Indiana State	55

2003-04 VALLEY STANDINGS

	VALLEY			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
1. Southern Illinois	12	0	1.000	18	2	.900
2. Creighton	9	3	.750	17	3	.850
3. Wichita State	8	4	.667	15	7	.682
4. SMS	7	5	.583	15	8	.652
Northern Iowa	7	5	.583	12	8	.600
6. Drake	5	7	.417	9	11	.450
7. Indiana State	4	8	.333	8	12	.400
8. Bradley	3	9	.250	10	13	.435
Evansville	3	9	.250	4	16	.200
10. Illinois State	2	10	.167	6	14	.300

*Through games of Feb. 10

2003-04 ILLINOIS STATE RESULTS

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	6-14	5-5	1-9	0-0
CONFERENCE	2-10	1-5	1-5	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	4-4	4-0	0-4	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 pm CST	at Northern Illinois	55-66 L	2888	(20)Alexander, Gregg	(9)Arnold, Marcus
11-29-03	7:05 pm MST	at Utah State	84-89 L	6184	(21)Plank, Neil	(5)Plank, Neil
12-02-03	7:05 pm CST	BELLARMINE	W 87-53	6016	(20)Guidry, Trey	(6)Plank, Neil
12-06-03	7:05 pm CST	EASTERN MICHIGAN	W 80-69	6909	(27)Guidry, Trey	(9)Dilligard, Greg
12-13-03	5:00 pm CST	at Illinois-Chicago	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
12-20-03	12:07 pm CST	*NORTHERN IOWA	61-64 L	5213	(13)Guidry, Trey	(7)Arnold, Marcus
12-28-03	2:05 pm CST	*at Southern Illinois	40-57 L	5892	(9)Echols, Najeeb	(5)Echols, Najeeb
01-03-04	1:00 pm CST	at #19 Illinois	73-80 LOT	16618	(23)Arnold, Marcus	(4)Echols, Najeeb (4)Dilligard, Greg (4)Greene, Vince
01-07-04	7:05 pm CST	*#23 CREIGHTON	55-56 L	5282	(13)Echols, Najeeb	(12)Arnold, Marcus
01-10-04	7:05 pm EST	*at Indiana State	49-56 L	4188	(15)Arnold, Marcus	(7)Burras, Chris (7)Dilligard, Greg
01-14-04	7:05 pm CST	* at Drake	55-59 L	5069	(12)Echols, Najeeb	(5)Echols, Najeeb
01-18-04	1:07 pm CST	* SMS	W 54-42	6585	(16)Arnold, Marcus	(6)Alexander, Gregg
01-21-04	7:05 pm CST	*SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	58-71 L	7124	(18)Arnold, Marcus	(11)Plank, Neil
01-24-04	7:07 p.m.	*at Creighton	63-72 L	14313	(16)Guidry, Trey	(5)Plank, Neil (5)Echols, Najeeb (5)Arnold, Marcus
01-28-04	7:05 p.m.	*at Northern Iowa	W 68-60	2684	(17)Guidry, Trey	(7)Arnold, Marcus
01-31-04	4:05 pm CST	* BRADLEY	54-57 L	9074	(15)Arnold, Marcus	(6)Dilligard, Greg
02-04-04	7:05 pm CST	*WICHITA STATE	50-70 L	5867	(16)Guidry, Trey	(6)Dilligard, Greg
02-07-04	7:05 p.m.	* at SMS	57-69 L	6854	(17)Arnold, Marcus	(5)Plank, Neil

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY	GAMES	TOTALS	AVG/GAME
HOME	10	63126	6313
AWAY	10	70668	7067
NEUTRAL	0	0	0
TOTAL	20	133794	6690

* - Conference game



2003-04 ILLINOIS STATE STATISTICS

##	Player	GP	GS	Min	Avg	TOTAL			3-PTS			FT	FTA	Pct	REBOUNDS				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
						FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct				Off	Def	Tot	Avg								
24	Guidry, Trey	20	4	574	28.7	88	208	.423	57	123	.463	49	58	.845	11	51	62	3.1	54	2	27	44	1	19	282	14.1
	Conference-Only...	12	3	350	29.2	45	128	.352	27	69	.391	23	30	.767	7	30	37	3.1	37	2	12	24	1	12	140	11.7
21	Arnold, Marcus	20	19	531	26.6	112	204	.549	0	0	.000	55	83	.663	37	59	96	4.8	62	3	17	55	18	13	279	14.0
	Conference-Only...	12	11	307	25.6	52	99	.525	0	0	.000	33	52	.635	21	37	58	4.8	36	2	11	32	11	11	137	11.4
11	Greene, Vince	20	17	561	28.1	50	115	.435	16	40	.400	32	38	.842	1	29	30	1.5	45	2	64	47	0	26	148	7.4
	Conference-Only...	12	11	354	29.5	31	70	.443	10	25	.400	16	18	.889	0	20	20	1.7	28	2	35	28	0	15	88	7.3
02	Alexander, Gregg	20	20	530	26.5	48	127	.378	36	98	.367	5	6	.833	5	42	47	2.4	43	2	36	22	7	18	137	6.9
	Conference-Only...	12	12	328	27.3	26	75	.347	19	59	.322	2	2	1.000	4	25	29	2.4	30	1	24	14	5	8	73	6.1
25	Plank, Neil	20	16	511	25.6	45	122	.369	9	34	.265	29	50	.580	26	71	97	4.9	35	1	38	36	1	20	128	6.4
	Conference-Only...	12	9	277	23.1	20	55	.364	6	18	.333	10	17	.588	8	39	47	3.9	22	1	12	22	0	11	56	4.7
33	Echols, Najeeb	15	7	338	22.5	37	71	.521	0	0	.000	16	44	.364	20	32	52	3.5	33	0	15	40	2	5	90	6.0
	Conference-Only...	12	7	263	21.9	29	60	.483	0	0	.000	13	34	.382	16	26	42	3.5	28	0	12	35	1	4	71	5.9
01	Burras, Chris	17	0	264	15.5	29	64	.453	0	1	.000	26	33	.788	22	33	55	3.2	44	3	17	14	2	14	84	4.9
	Conference-Only...	9	0	118	13.1	12	29	.414	0	0	.000	11	14	.786	12	17	29	3.2	16	0	6	6	0	3	35	3.9
50	Dilligard, Greg	20	14	372	18.6	32	52	.615	0	0	.000	17	29	.586	39	39	78	3.9	48	1	16	16	18	12	81	4.1
	Conference-Only...	12	6	214	17.8	20	33	.606	0	0	.000	5	13	.385	27	19	46	3.8	22	0	7	13	13	7	45	3.8
10	Troc, Kevin	12	0	95	7.9	5	8	.625	0	1	.000	5	12	.417	1	14	15	1.3	14	0	17	11	0	5	15	1.3
	Conference-Only...	6	0	40	6.7	0	1	.000	0	1	.000	3	7	.429	1	4	5	0.8	5	0	3	3	0	4	3	0.5
45	Sams, Michael	5	0	13	2.6	2	2	1.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	2	1	3	0.6	2	0	1	0	0	0	4	0.8
	Conference-Only...	2	0	6	3.0	1	1	1.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	2	1	3	1.5	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1.0
03	Ford, Dana	13	0	59	4.5	5	19	.263	0	7	.000	0	0	.000	1	7	8	0.6	7	0	3	3	2	3	10	0.8
	Conference-Only...	7	0	39	5.6	5	14	.357	0	4	.000	0	0	.000	0	5	5	0.7	3	0	1	1	0	0	10	1.4
34	Hill, Kenneth	4	0	10	2.5	1	5	.200	0	4	.000	1	2	.500	0	1	1	0.3	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	0.8
	Conference-Only...	2	0	6	3.0	1	2	.500	0	1	.000	1	2	.500	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	1.5
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
	Conference-Only...	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
15	Miller, Matt	17	3	168	9.9	1	10	.100	0	5	.000	5	6	.833	0	4	4	0.2	10	0	14	10	0	7	7	0.4
	Conference-Only...	10	1	98	9.8	0	6	.000	0	4	.000	1	2	.500	0	2	2	0.2	7	0	9	7	0	2	1	0.1
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
	Conference-Only...	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
12	Kirstein, Micah	1	0	1	1.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
	Conference-Only...	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TM	TEAM.....														23	33	56	2.8	1			5				
	Conference-Only...														18	15	33	2.8	0			1				
	Total.....	20				456	1009	.452	118	313	.377	240	363	.661	189	421	610	30.5	405	14	265	305	53	142	1270	63.5
	Conference-Only...	12				242	573	.422	62	181	.343	118	191	.618	116	240	356	29.7	236	8	133	187	31	77	664	55.3
	Opponents.....	20				445	982	.453	103	292	.353	318	445	.715	188	438	626	31.3	359	-	244	280	46	135	1311	65.6
	Conference-Only...	12				249	556	.448	55	159	.346	180	247	.729	109	258	367	30.6	203	1	139	166	25	88	733	61.1

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Illinois State	558	697	15	1270
Opponents	566	724	21	1311

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Illinois State	49	4	53
Opponents	51	0	51



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. Marcus Arnold (12p, 12r) vs. Creighton, 1-7-04
Opponent Stetson Hairston (16p, 10r), Southern Illinois, 1-21-04
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 David Moss (12-15), Indiana State, 1-10-04
A player had 15 free throw attempts ... ILLINOIS ST. Tarise Bryson (12-15) at Purdue, 3-14-01
Opponent David Moss (12-15), Indiana State, 1-10-04
A player had 10 assists ... ILLINOIS ST. Vince Greene (10) at Illinois, 1-3-04
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 #24 Creighton (.522, 24-46), 1-24-04
Opponent SMS (.525, 21-40), 2-7-04
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 Northern Iowa (.545, 6-11), 1-28-04
Opponent Wichita State (.533, 8-15), 2-4-04
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
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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. Lists various teams and their bench scores, including Florida A&M, Northern Illinois, Utah State, Bellarmine, Eastern Michigan, Illinois-Chicago, Western Kentucky, Northern Iowa, Southern Illinois, #19 Illinois, #23 Creighton, Indiana State, Drake, SMS, Southern Illinois, #24 Creighton, Northern Iowa, Bradley, Wichita State, SMS, Evansville, Indiana State, Bradley, Bracket Buster II, Evansville, Wichita State, Drake, and a Total score of 488-371.

2003-04 VALLEY RANKINGS

*As of February 10

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

INDIVIDUAL

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Points/Percentage. Lists individual players and their stats for SCORING, FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE, ASSISTS, FREE THROW PERCENTAGE, 3-POINT FG PERCENTAGE, 3-POINT FG MADE, BLOCKED SHOTS, ASSIST/TURNOVER RATIO, and OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS.

ILLINOIS STATE'S 2003-04 RECORD WHEN

Table with 2 columns: Record Description and Count. Lists various record categories such as Overall, Missouri Valley Conference, Playing Nationally Ranked Teams, Leading at the Half, Trailing at the Half, Tied at the Half, Leading with 5:00 to Play, Trailing with 5:00 to Play, In Overtime, ISU out-rebounds opponent, Opponents out-rebounds ISU, ISU has 15 or fewer Turnovers, ISU has fewer Turnovers than opp., ISU shoots 50 Percent or Better, ISU shoots 40 Percent or Better, Opponents shoot less than 40 Percent, Opponents shot 40 Percent or Better, ISU shoots better than Opponent, Opponent shoots better than ISU, ISU has more FG Attempts, Opponent has more FG Attempts, ISU Shoots better than 35% on 3's, ISU Attempts more 3's, Opponents Attempt more 3's, ISU has more FT Attempts, Opponent has more FT Attempts, ISU Scores 100 or More, ISU Scores 90 or More, ISU Scores 80 or More, ISU Scores 70 or More, ISU Scores 60 or More, ISU Scores less than 60, Opponent Scores 100 or More, Opponent Scores 90 or More, Opponent Scores 80 or More, Opponent Scores 70 or More, Opponent Scores 60 or More, Opponent Scores less than 60, In Games Decided by 5 or less, In Games Decided by 6-10 Points, In Games Decided by 11-20 Points, In Games Decided by 21+ Points, Day Games, Night Games, Home Court, Away Games, Neutral Games, When ISU Scores First, When ISU Wins Tip, In November, In December, In January, In February, In March, On Sunday, On Monday, On Tuesday, On Wednesday, On Thursday, On Friday, On Saturday.



Gregg Alexander 2

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CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 24 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01/20 at NIU, 11-26-03
Rebounds – 10 vs. Bradley, 2-1-03/6 vs. SMS, 1-18-04
Assists – 5, twice/Same
Blocked Shots – 3 vs. Northern Iowa, 12-20-03/Same
Steals – 5 at Drake, 2-26-03/3 at Illinois, 1-3-04
Minutes – 42 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01/38 at Illinois, 1-3-04

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has made only three of his last 16 (.188) three-point attempts.
- Held scoreless for the third time in his career against Bradley.
- Posted his third double-digit scoring game of the season at Northern Iowa with 11 points.
- Scored double digits for the second time this season with 14 points at Illinois.
- Swatted a career-high three shots against Northern Iowa.
- Dished out a career-best five assists at Illinois-Chicago.
- 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.

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*	34	2-6	1-4	0-0	2	3	0	1	3	1	5
at Southern Illinois*	27	1-8	0-6	0-0	4	0	0	4	0	0	2
at Illinois	38	5-10	3-7	1-1	1	2	1	1	0	3	14
Creighton*	33	2-5	2-3	0-0	2	1	5	1	0	0	6
at Indiana State*	23	3-8	1-6	2-2	1	4	1	1	0	0	9
at Drake*	33	2-4	1-3	0-0	1	3	5	0	1	3	5
SMS*	30	3-6	3-5	0-0	6	1	2	1	0	0	9
Southern Illinois*	19	3-6	3-6	0-0	1	2	2	1	0	0	9
at Creighton*	32	3-7	2-6	0-0	2	4	3	1	0	1	8
at Northern Iowa*	27	4-7	3-4	0-0	3	2	3	1	0	1	8
Bradley*	19	0-3	0-2	0-0	2	3	0	1	0	0	0
Wichita State*	27	1-8	1-8	0-0	1	2	1	0	1	0	3
at SMS*	24	2-7	2-6	0-0	4	5	2	2	0	1	6
at Evansville*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Loyola (Ill.)											
Evansville*											
at Wichita State*											
Drake*											

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Marcus Arnold 21

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CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 23, twice/Same
Rebounds – 12 vs. Creighton, 1-7-03/Same
Assists – 3, twice/2, twice
Blocked Shots – 4 vs. UIC, 11-30-02/3, three times
Steals – 4 vs. Northern Iowa, 12-20-03/Same
Minutes – 38 vs. Western Ky., 12-16-03/Same

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Scored in double digits 16 times this season.
- Missed his first start of the season at Northern Iowa – coach's decision.
- Posted his first career double-double at home against Creighton with 12 points and a career-high 12 rebounds.
- Equaled a season-high with 23 points at Illinois on 11-for-17 shooting.
- 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.
- Posted 21 points and eight boards against Florida A&M. Also added a 9-for-9 effort from the free throw line.

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*	27	3-7	0-0	3-6	7	1	1	1	1	0	4
at Southern Illinois*	26	3-9	0-0	1-2	4	2	1	2	0	1	7
at Illinois	31	11-17	0-0	1-2	3	4	2	5	0	1	23
Creighton*	35	6-9	0-0	0-3	12	3	1	3	1	1	12
at Indiana State*	25	5-9	0-0	5-6	6	5	2	4	0	0	15
at Drake*	11	1-3	0-0	2-2	2	3	0	2	0	0	4
SMS*	34	5-10	0-0	6-9	2	4	0	1	3	3	16
Southern Illinois*	35	5-8	0-0	8-9	4	1	1	2	0	0	18
at Creighton*	31	4-7	0-0	2-2	5	4	0	6	3	0	10
at Northern Iowa*	13	1-4	0-0	1-4	7	5	1	1	0	0	3
Bradley*	29	7-13	0-0	1-3	3	1	2	4	2	0	15
Wichita State*	14	4-8	0-0	3-3	2	3	1	1	2	0	11
at SMS*	27	8-12	0-0	1-3	4	4	1	5	0	2	17
at Evansville*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Loyola (Ill.)											
Evansville*											
at Wichita State*											
Drake*											

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Chris Burras

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CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 17 vs. Bellarmine, 12-2-03/Same
Rebounds – 9 vs. SIU, 3-8-03/7 at Indiana State, 1-10-04
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:

- Collected eight points and three boards in the win at Northern Iowa.
- 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.
- Pulled down a combined 13 rebounds in the two exhibition games with 10 coming off the offensive glass.

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*	13	5-6	0-0	0-0	2	4	0	1	0	0	10
at Southern Illinois*	17	0-1	0-0	3-4	4	2	1	1	0	0	3
at Illinois	15	3-6	0-0	0-0	2	5	1	1	0	1	6
Creighton*											
at Indiana State*	26	2-5	0-0	6-8	7	1	2	2	0	2	10
at Drake*	10	0-3	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0
SMS*	10	1-3	0-0	0-0	3	4	0	0	0	0	2
Southern Illinois*	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
at Creighton*											
at Northern Iowa*	21	3-6	0-0	2-2	3	1	0	0	0	0	8
Bradley*	13	1-2	0-0	0-0	4	2	2	1	0	0	2
Wichita State*	3	0-2	0-0	0-0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
at SMS*											
at Evansville*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Loyola (Ill.)											
Evansville*											
at Wichita State*											
Drake*											

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Ronnie Carlwell

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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:

- Has been battling tendonitis in his knee.
- 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*											
at Drake*											
SMS*											
Southern Illinois*											
at Creighton*											
at Northern Iowa*											
Bradley*											
Wichita State*											
at SMS*											
at Evansville*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Loyola (Ill.)											
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 – 4 at Drake, 1-14-04/Same
Steals – 2, twice/Same
Minutes – 31 vs. Wichita State, 2-4-04/Same

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Coming off a 3-for-3 effort at SMS.
- Logged a career-high 31 minutes against Wichita State.
- Set a career high in blocked shots with four at Drake on 1/14.
- Pulled down a career-best 10 boards against Western Kentucky.
- Posted a career high in scoring (10) against Eastern Michigan.
- Made his first career start against Florida A&M, finishing with seven points and three blocked shots.

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	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*	24	4-6	0-0	0-0	5	2	1	2	1	0	8
at Southern Illinois*	16	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	2	0	1	2
at Illinois	18	2-2	0-0	0-0	4	4	2	1	0	0	4
Creighton*	14	3-4	0-0	0-1	6	4	0	2	0	0	6
at Indiana State*	16	0-1	0-0	0-0	7	2	0	0	0	1	0
at Drake*	18	3-3	0-0	1-1	3	3	0	2	4	2	7
SMS*	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Southern Illinois*	8	0-1	0-0	0-1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
at Creighton*	22	3-4	0-0	0-2	3	2	1	1	1	1	6
at Northern Iowa*	20	2-3	0-0	3-4	3	1	1	1	2	1	7
Bradley*	22	1-3	0-0	0-0	6	2	2	0	3	0	2
Wichita State*	31	0-3	0-0	1-2	6	1	2	0	2	1	1
at SMS*	20	3-3	0-0	0-2	2	1	0	2	0	0	6
at Evansville*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Loyola (Ill.)											
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, three times/Same
Rebounds – 7, twice/6 vs. S. Illinois, 1-21-04
Assists – 3 vs. SMS 1-18-04/Same
Blocked Shots – 1, five times/1 at SMS, 2-7-04
Steals – 2 vs. Sacramento St., 12-2-02/1, five times
Minutes – 27, four times/Same

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has made four of his last 15 field goal attempts (.267).
- Twice matched his career high with 13 points against Creighton, at Omaha, Neb., and in Redbird Arena.
- Made his first Redbird start against SMS.
- At Drake, led the 'Birds in scoring with 12 points and five boards off the bench.
- Led the 'Birds in scoring at SIU with nine points off the bench.
- 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*	15	1-4	0-0	0-4	2	2	0	2	0	1	2
at Southern Illinois*	18	4-8	0-0	1-3	5	3	2	3	0	1	9
at Illinois	27	1-3	0-0	1-4	4	0	1	0	0	1	3
Creighton*	27	6-8	0-0	1-4	3	2	2	5	0	0	13
at Indiana State*	12	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0
at Drake*	29	5-8	0-0	2-4	5	3	2	5	0	0	12
SMS*	26	1-3	0-0	1-2	2	3	3	5	0	0	3
Southern Illinois*	24	2-5	0-0	0-0	6	2	0	4	0	1	4
at Creighton*	26	6-7	0-0	1-4	5	4	1	2	0	0	13
at Northern Iowa*	22	1-5	0-0	0-0	4	4	0	3	0	0	2
Bradley*	14	2-4	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Wichita State*	23	1-4	0-0	3-7	3	1	1	3	0	1	5
at SMS*	27	0-2	0-0	4-6	4	2	1	1	1	0	4
at Evansville*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Loyola (Ill.)											
Evansville*											
at Wichita State*											
Drake*											

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Kyle Flowers 5
 F • 6-8 • 210 • Jr.-TR • Alexis, Ill. (Alexis/Southeastern CC)

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

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

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Saw his first action of the season against Bellarmine. Pulled down a board.
- Did not dress in the season opener due to a back injury.
- Did not see action in either exhibition.

2003-04 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Florida A&M					Did not play						
at Northern Illinois					Did not play						
at Utah State					Did not play						
Bellarmine	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Michigan					Did not play						
at Illinois-Chicago					Did not play						
Western Kentucky					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						
Loyola (Ill.)					Did not play						
Evansville*					Did not play						
at Wichita State*					Did not play						
Drake*					Did not play						

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Dana Ford 3
 G • 6-4 • 185 • So.-1L • Tamms, Ill. (Egyptian)

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 9 at UNI, 1-7-03/6 vs. Wichita State, 2-4-04
 Rebounds – 8 at Southern Illinois, 1-4-03/3 at Indiana State, 1-10-04
 Assists – 3, three times/1, three times
 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:

- Tossed in a season-best six points against Wichita State in seven minutes of action
- Saw 11 minutes of action at Northern Iowa, his second-longest stint of the season.
- Played 10 minutes at Indiana State, and also scored his first points of 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					Did not play						
Northern Iowa*	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Southern Illinois*					Did not play						
at Illinois					Did not play						
Creighton*					Did not play						
at Indiana State*	10	1-4	0-2	0-0	3	1	0	1	0	0	2
at Drake*					Did not play						
SMS*					Did not play						
Southern Illinois*	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Creighton*					Did not play						
at Northern Iowa*	11	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bradley*	4	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Wichita State*	7	3-5	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
at SMS*	6	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
at Evansville*					Did not play						
Indiana State*					Did not play						
at Bradley*					Did not play						
Loyola (Ill.)					Did not play						
Evansville*					Did not play						
at Wichita State*					Did not play						
Drake*					Did not play						

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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, 1-15-03/4 at Illinois, 1-3-04
Assists – 11 vs. Jacksonville, 12-18-02/10 at Illinois, 1-3-04
Blocked Shots – 1 at SMS, 2-2-02/None
Steals – 7 at Evansville, 1-25-03/4 vs. Bradley, 1-31-04
Minutes – 42 at Illinois, 1-3-04/Same

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has scored double figures in five of the last seven games.
Dished out a season best 10 assists at Illinois.
Nailed a pair of free throws with 4.3 seconds left in overtime to claim the win over Western Kentucky.
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

Table with columns: Opponent, M, FG-A, 3FG-A, FT-A, R, PF, A, TO, BLK, S, TP. Rows include Florida A&M, Northern Illinois, Utah State, Bellarmine, Eastern Michigan, Illinois-Chicago, Western Kentucky, Northern Iowa, Southern Illinois, Illinois, Creighton, Indiana State, Drake, SMS, Southern Illinois, Creighton, Northern Iowa, Bradley, Wichita State, SMS, Evansville, Indiana State, Bradley, Loyola (Ill.), Evansville, 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, three times/6, twice
Assists – 11 at Kent State, 12-7-02/5 at UIC, 12-13-03
Blocked Shots – 1, four times/1 vs. SMS, 1-18-04
Steals – 2, nine times/2, six times
Minutes – 38, three times/38 at Illinois, 1-3-04

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has made at least one trey in his last 21 games, including multiple three-point games in the last six.
Had a streak of 25 straight free throws this season.
Scored double figures in 15 games this season.
Prior to the Creighton game, injured during pre-game warm-ups when he took an elbow between his eyes. He needed six stitches and was scratched from the starting line-up.
Tied a career-high with six rebounds at Illinois-Chicago.
Tied his career high with 27 points off the bench against Eastern Michigan.
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.

2003-04 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Table with columns: Opponent, M, FG-A, 3FG-A, FT-A, R, PF, A, TO, BLK, S, TP. Rows include Florida A&M, Northern Illinois, Utah State, Bellarmine, Eastern Michigan, Illinois-Chicago, Western Kentucky, Northern Iowa, Southern Illinois, Illinois, Creighton, Indiana State, Drake, SMS, Southern Illinois, Creighton, Northern Iowa, Bradley, Wichita State, SMS, Evansville, Indiana State, Bradley, Loyola (Ill.), Evansville, 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, 3-1-03/3 at SMS, 2-7-04
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, three times

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Scored his first points of the season with three tallies at SMS.
- Played three minutes against Wichita State..
- 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*					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*	3	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
at SMS*	3	1-1	0-0	1-2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
at Evansville*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Loyola (Ill.)											
Evansville*											
at Wichita State*											
Drake*											

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Micah Kirstein 12
G • 6-3 • 185 • Fr.-HS • Herscher, Ill. (Bishop McNamara)

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

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

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Saw a minute of action against Bellarmine.
- Walk-on who joined the team in October.
- Did not see action in either exhibition game.

2003-04 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Florida A&M											
at Northern Illinois											
at Utah State											
Bellarmine	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Eastern Michigan											
at Illinois-Chicago											
Western Kentucky											
Northern Iowa*											
at Southern Illinois*											
at Illinois											
Creighton*											
at Indiana State*											
at Drake*											
SMS*											
Southern Illinois*											
at Creighton*											
at Northern Iowa*											
Bradley*											
Wichita State*											
at SMS*											
at Evansville*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Loyola (Ill.)											
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, three times/Same
Assists – 4 vs. Creighton, 1-7-04/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:

- Had a career-best four assists off the bench at home against No. 23 Creighton.
- Returned to the starting lineup at Southern Illinois.
- Started for a second time against Bellarmine. Had one assist and one rebound in 14 minutes.
- Posted his first career start at Utah State. Played 19 minutes with two points, two assists, three steals and zero turnovers.
- Logged 11 minutes of spot duty at the point against Northern Illinois. Had two assists without a turnover.
- Played 12 minutes against Florida A&M after Vince Greene went down with an ankle injury. Scored two points.
- Spotted Vince Greene at the point in both exhibition games. Played nine minutes against EA Sports and five vs. Global Sports.
- Did not score in either game, but combined for two assists, two steals and a turnover.

2003-04 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Florida A&M	12	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	2	0	1	2
at Northern Illinois	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
at Utah State	19	1-3	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	3	2
Bellarmine	14	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Eastern Michigan	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
at Illinois-Chicago											
Western Kentucky	5	0-0	0-0	2-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Northern Iowa*											
at Southern Illinois*	14	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
at Illinois	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Creighton*	18	0-1	0-1	1-2	0	0	4	0	0	1	1
at Indiana State*	9	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0
at Drake*	10	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0
SMS*	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Southern Illinois*	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
at Creighton*	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
at Northern Iowa*	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Bradley*											
Wichita State*	13	0-2	0-1	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
at SMS*	7	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
at Evansville*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Loyola (Ill.)											
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 – 11 vs. S. Illinois, 1-21-04/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:

- Held scoreless for the first time as a Redbird at SMS.
- Collected a career-best 11 rebounds against SIU in Redbird Arena.
- Scored double digits in three of the first four games this season, but has not repeated the feat in the last 15 outings.
- Just missed his second career double-double with nine points and nine boards against Western Kentucky.
- 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.
- 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.

2003-04 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Florida A&M	33	5-10	1-3	6-10	10	2	6	4	0	5	17
at Northern Illinois	33	2-10	1-4	3-4	4	2	0	1	0	0	8
at Utah State	33	7-13	0-1	7-10	5	1	4	4	0	1	21
Bellarmine	24	5-10	0-1	0-0	6	2	5	1	1	1	10
Eastern Michigan	37	0-4	0-2	3-7	6	1	5	0	0	0	3
at Illinois-Chicago	20	1-7	0-1	0-0	6	0	2	1	0	1	2
Western Kentucky	41	4-11	1-4	0-0	9	4	4	3	0	1	9
Northern Iowa*	20	4-5	1-1	0-0	2	1	1	2	0	1	9
at Southern Illinois*	20	2-4	1-2	0-0	4	5	1	3	0	3	5
at Illinois	13	1-2	0-0	0-2	4	1	0	0	0	0	2
Creighton*	27	3-8	0-3	2-2	0	1	2	1	0	0	8
at Indiana State*	16	0-1	0-1	1-2	0	1	1	2	0	0	1
at Drake*	16	2-4	0-1	4-6	3	2	0	2	0	0	8
SMS*	29	1-4	1-1	1-2	5	4	0	1	0	2	4
Southern Illinois*	34	1-4	0-1	1-2	11	2	3	2	0	0	3
at Creighton*	21	1-5	0-1	0-0	5	1	0	0	0	0	2
at Northern Iowa*	24	3-8	1-2	0-1	3	0	0	1	0	2	7
Bradley*	26	1-4	1-2	0-0	4	1	1	3	0	1	3
Wichita State*	21	2-5	1-3	1-2	5	3	1	1	0	1	6
at SMS*	23	0-3	0-0	0-0	5	1	2	4	0	1	0
at Evansville*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Loyola (Ill.)											
Evansville*											
at Wichita State*											
Drake*											

BOLD indicates games started
* Missouri Valley Conference game



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CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 2 vs. Bellarmine, 12-2-03/Same
Rebounds – 2 vs. Wichita State, 2-4-04/Same
Assists – 1 vs. Wichita State, 2-4-04/Same
Blocked Shots – 0/0
Steals – 0/0
Minutes – 5, twice/Same

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Logged five minutes against Wichita State at home with a pair of rebounds and an assist.
- In the final minute against SIU, had a put back off an offensive rebound.
- 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*	1	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
at Creighton*				Did not play							
at Northern Iowa*				Did not play							
Bradley*				Did not play							
Wichita State*	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
at SMS*				Did not play							
at Evansville*				Did not play							
Indiana State*				Did not play							
at Bradley*				Did not play							
Loyola (Ill.)				Did not play							
Evansville*				Did not play							
at Wichita State*				Did not play							
Drake*				Did not play							

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 * Missouri Valley Conference game



Kevin Troc 10
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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 – 3 at Drake, 1-14-04/Same
Minutes – 30 vs. Bradley, 2-1-03/23 vs. Western Ky., 12-16-03

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- At Drake, logged 21 minutes while sharing time at point guard and No. 2 guard.
- 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*	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0
at Southern Illinois*				Did not play							
at Illinois				Did not play							
Creighton*				Did not play							
at Indiana State*	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Drake*	21	0-1	0-1	3-5	3	2	1	2	0	3	3
SMS*				Did not play							
Southern Illinois*	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
at Creighton*				Did not play							
at Northern Iowa*	1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bradley*	6	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
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							
Loyola (Ill.)				Did not play							
Evansville*				Did not play							
at Wichita State*				Did not play							
Drake*				Did not play							

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 * Missouri Valley Conference game



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

Table with columns: E. Michigan, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists player stats for Jackson, Austin, Bowler, Hart, McElhinny, Ross, Cottrill, Douglas, Cashen, Amatosero, Redder, and Totals.

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)

Table with columns: ILLINOIS STATE, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists player stats for Arnold, Dillgard, Alexander, Greene, Plank, Burras, Ford, Miller, Guidry, Carlwell, and Totals.

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

Table with columns: ILLINOIS STATE, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists player stats for Arnold, Dillgard, Alexander, Greene, Plank, Burras, Troc, Guidry, Ford, Echols, and Totals.

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)

Table with columns: Illinois-Chicago, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists player stats for Williams, Carr, Scott, Bailey, Banks, McGee, Bowen, Harris, Poole, and Totals.

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

Table with columns: Western Ky., Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists player stats for Winchester, Lambert, Dixon, Rumph, Wells, Haynes, Holland, Higgins, Hill, and Totals.

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)

Table with columns: ILLINOIS STATE, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists player stats for Arnold, Dillgard, Alexander, Greene, Plank, Burras, Troc, Miller, Guidry, Echols, and Totals.

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



GAME 11

Redbirds Come Up Short Against #23 Creighton

NORMAL, Ill. - Creighton guard Johnny Mathies sank one of two free throws with 1.4 seconds left to lead the 23rd ranked Bluejays to a 56-55 win over Illinois State Wednesday night in Redbird Arena.

Creighton stays undefeated, moving to 11-0, 3-0 in the Missouri Valley Conference, while the Redbirds dropped to 4-7, 0-3 in the Valley.

Illinois State held a 16-10 advantage midway through the first half after a jumper by Neil Plank. Mike Grimes cut into the Redbird lead with a three-pointer, then, a pair of free throws by Kellen Miliner trimmed the lead to 16-15.

Gregg Alexander's three-pointer extended the Redbird lead to 19-15. The three also extended the team's streak to 124 straight games with a made three-pointer.

The Redbirds held the Creighton offense in check during the first half, limiting them to 30 percent shooting from the field, and 25 percent from beyond the arc. Illinois State held a 20-19 advantage at halftime.

Both teams picked up the tempo in the second half as Creighton and Illinois State traded baskets each time down the court. A reverse by Marcus Arnold gave the Redbirds their biggest lead at 34-27, but it was short lived, as Joe Dabbert answered with a dunk.

A Michael Lindeman three-pointer came in between two Arnold layups, and a pair of Brody Deren free throws cut the Redbird lead to 38-34. Illinois State increased its lead to 10 at 46-36 after Najeeb Echols muscled in a layup over Deren and sank the ensuing free throw.

Echols' basket with seven minutes left gave the Redbirds a 12-point lead at 50-38, but Creighton answered with a 12-0 run on the strength of three-pointers by Lindeman and Miliner and layups by Deren and Mathies. A pair of Dabbert free throws tied the score at 50.

Lindeman and Trey Guidry traded three-point baskets, tying the game at 55 when Vince Greene fouled Mathies, setting up the game-winning free throw.

Echols equaled his career high in points with 13, while Marcus Arnold chipped in 12. Deren was the only Bluejay in double figures with 12 points.

#23 Creighton 56, ILLINOIS STATE 55

January 7, 2004 • Redbird Arena

Table with 7 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for #23 Creighton players including Lindeman, Grimes, Deren, Funk, Mathies, Miliner, Dabbert, McKinney, Motz, Tolliver, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .419; FT - .750

3-Pt.: 5-11, .455 (Lindeman 1-2, Funk 1-2, Mathies, 0-1, Miliner 1-1, Dabbert 0-2, McKinney 2-2, Motz 0-1)

Blocks: 4 (Deren 3, Miliner 1)

Turnovers: 13 (Grimes 3, Deren 3, Funk 1, Miliner 1, Dabbert 1, McKinney 4)

Steals: 5 (Deren 1, Funk 1, Miliner 2, Motz 1)

Table with 7 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for ILLINOIS STATE players including Arnold, Plank, Dilligard, Alexander, Greene, Miller, Guidry, Echols, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .511; FT - .333

3-Pt.: 5-13, .385 (Plank 0-3, Alexander 2-3, Miller 0-1, Guidry 3-6)

Blocks: 1 (Arnold 1)

Turnovers: 16 (Arnold 3, Plank 1, Dilligard 2, Alexander 1, Greene 1, Guidry 3, Echols 5)

Steals: 3 (Arnold 1, Miller 1, Guidry 1)

Officials: Ron Zetcher, Frank Spencer, Ron Berkholtz

Attendance: 5,282

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 20, #23 Creighton 19

GAME 12

Sycamores Keep Redbirds Winless in Valley

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. - Sophomore Marcus Arnold tossed in a game-high 15 points to lead Illinois State in scoring, but it was a 17-8 second half run by Indiana State that proved to be the difference as the Sycamores walked away with a 56-49 Missouri Valley Conference win Saturday at the Hulman Center.

With the loss, the Redbirds dropped their fifth straight as their record fell to 4-8 overall and 0-4 in the league. Indiana State improved to 6-6 and 2-2, respectively.

With 16:13 left, the Redbirds took their third lead of the game and their first since the 10:01 mark of the first half, when Chris Burras hit a jump shot to put the 'Birds up 29-28.

On the ensuing possession, Indiana State's Eric Gray sank a jumper to reclaim the lead, but at the 15:22 mark, Burras was fouled and sank both free throws to give Illinois State the 30-29 edge.

That turned out to be the final Redbird lead, as the Sycamores rallied off eight straight points, including three-pointers by Tyson Schnitker and Russell Trudeau. The 8-0 Sycamore run fed the eventual 17-8 run that amassed over nine minutes off the clock and gave Indiana State a 45-38 lead.

Trey Guidry closed the lead to 3-points with a trey of his own at the 4:30 mark, but that was as close as the 'Birds would get.

Arnold added six boards to go along with his 15 points, while Burras, the only other Redbird in double figures, added 10 off the bench, on 6-for-8 shooting from the foul line. Gregg Alexander and Guidry each chipped in nine points.

David Moss led the Sycamores with 14 points and Amani Daanish tossed in 11.

Indiana State 56, ILLINOIS STATE 49

January 10, 2004 • Hulman Center

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

Team Pct.: FG - .333; FT - .778

3-Pt.: 5-18, .278 (Alexander 1-6, Greene 1-2, Guidry 3-6, Ford 0-2, Miller 0-1, Plank 0-1)

Blocks: None

Turnovers: 15 (Alexander 1, Greene 2, Arnold 4, Guidry 1, Burras 2, Ford 1, Plank 2, Echols 2)

Steals: 6 (Greene 2, Dilligard 1, Burras 2, Miller 1)

Table with 7 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Indiana State players including Daanish, Adler, Trudeau, Moss, Schnitker, Evans, Green, Antoine, Gray, Morris, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .450; FT - .640

3-Pt.: 4-13, .308 (Trudeau 2-3, Schnitker 1-3, Antoine 0-2, Gray 1-5)

Blocks: 3 (Moss 2, Evans 1)

Turnovers: 9 (Trudeau 1, Moss 1, Schitker 1, Green 3, Anoine 1, Gray 2)

Steals: 8 (Trudeau 1, Moss 2, Daanish 2, Schnitker 1, Adler 1, Green 1)

Officials: Randy McCall, Bob Staffen, Kyle Ingram

Attendance: 4,188

Halftime Score: Indiana State 26, ILLINOIS STATE 24

GAME 13

Late Run Not Enough, 'Birds Fall at Drake

DES MOINES, Iowa - In a game which both teams had double-digit leads, Illinois State's comeback attempt came up just short, as they fell to Drake 59-55 Wednesday night at the Knapp Center in Des Moines, Iowa. Illinois State, which ended the game on a 15-6 run, was led by Najeeb Echols' 12 points and five rebounds off the bench.

The Redbirds shot 51.4 percent to Drake's 32.6 percent from the field for the game. However, the Bulldogs shot and made twice as many free throws (26-38 to 13-19) and won the battle of the glass, 35-27, including a 15-4 advantage on the offensive end. Drake scored 23 points of 24 Illinois State turnovers.

Illinois State pulled ahead in the first half and led by as many as 10 on a Greg Dilligard lay-up with just over three minutes to go. The Bulldogs kept it close and went to the locker room down five at 25-20, following three made free throws by Chaun Brooks with no time remaining, as he was fouled by Kevin Troc on a three-point attempt at the buzzer.

Illinois State played all but one minute of the first half without center Marcus Arnold, who picked up two fouls in the first 1:07 of the game.

Illinois State played outstanding defense throughout the first half, harassing the Bulldogs to 4-23 shooting (17 percent) from the field. Despite Drake's poor shooting, Illinois State was not able to control the defensive glass, as they allowed 12 offensive rebounds in the first half. Najeeb Echols led Illinois State with eight in the first half.

ISU would build their five-point halftime lead up to nine early in the second half, however Drake stormed back and would take the lead for good on a Quantel Murphy hoop at the 12 minute mark at 37-36. Drake would extend its lead to 53-40 with under six minutes to go before the Redbirds would mount a comeback and end the game on a 15-6 run.

Trailing by two with under a minute to go, Illinois State's Neil Plank was called for a charge with five seconds to go. Illinois State would then foul Brooks on the inbounds pass and he sank both free throws to give Drake the win. Brooks and Murphy led all scorers with 13 points.

Drake 59, ILLINOIS STATE 55

January 14, 2004 • Knapp Center

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

Team Pct.: FG - .514; FT - .684

3-Pt.: 4-11, .364 (Alexander 1-3, Greene 1-1, Guidry 2-5, Troc 0-1, Plank 0-1)

Blocks: 5 (Dilligard 4, Alexander 1)

Turnovers: 24 (Arnold 2, Dilligard 2, Greene 1, Guidry 6, Burras 1, Troc 2, Miller 2, Plank 2, Echols 5, Team 3)

Steals: 10 (Dilligard 2, Alexander 3, Guidry 2, Troc 3)

Table with 7 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Drake players including Murphy, Powell, Eggers, Randolph, Brooks, Tracy, Grant, Richie, Korver, Bancroft, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .326; FT - .684

3-Pt.: 3-12, .250 (Eggers 1-3, Randolph 0-1, Grant 0-2, Richie 1-3, Korver 1-3)

Blocks: 1 (Powell 1)

Turnovers: 19 (Murphy 1, Powell 2, Randolph 7, Brooks 1, Tracy 1, Grant 4, Richie 1, Korver 1, Team 1)

Steals: 7 (Eggers 2, Randolph 2, Brooks 2, Grant 1)

Officials: Steve Morris, Brad Gaston, Brad Fowler

Attendance: 5,069

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 25, Drake 20



GAME 17

Redbirds Claim First Road Win

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa – The Illinois State men's basketball team knocked down seven of eight free throws in the final minute of play against Northern Iowa Wednesday night, topping the Panthers 68-60 for their first road victory of the season.

The win was the first on the road since an 80-50 victory over Indiana State on March 1, 2003, and it moved the 'Birds' record to 6-11, 2-7 in Missouri Valley Conference play.

Northern Iowa jumped all over Illinois State early, taking a 14-5 lead to start the game. However, the Redbirds answered with a 21-4 run to take an eight-point lead.

Illinois State led 32-22 at the half after Trey Guidry knocked down a long two from inside the three-point arc as time expired.

The 'Birds out-rebounded the Panthers in the first half 24-11, including an 11-1 advantage on the offensive glass. Marcus Arnold led the way with six offensive rebounds in the first half. Illinois State held the rebounding edge for the game, 38-26.

The Redbird lead rose to 42-29 after a three-pointer from Neil Plank at the 15:48 mark. However, Chris Foster closed the gap to 45-42 with his three at the 9:37 mark.

Foster again came through for the Panthers, knocking down a three with 3:09 left in the game, cutting the Redbird lead to 54-51. Matt Schneiderman closed the gap to four by hitting a trey with 29 seconds left, but Vince Greene and Guidry went a combined 4-of-4 from the free throw line in those final 29 seconds for the game's final score.

Guidry led all Redbird scorers with 17 points off the bench, while Greene had 13 and Gregg Alexander chipped in 11. Ben Jacobson was the only Northern Iowa player in double figures with 21 points.

ILLINOIS STATE 68, Northern Iowa 60

January 28, 2004 • UNI-Dome

Table with 8 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Illinois State players including Echols, Dilligard, Alexander, Greene, Plank, Burras, Ford, Troc, Miller, Arnold, Guidry, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .436; FT - .700

3-Pt.: 6-11, .545 (Alexander 3-4, Greene 0-1, Plank 1-2, Ford 0-1, Guidry 2-3)

Blocks: 2 (Dilligard 2)

Turnovers: 14 (Dilligard 1, Echols 3, Alexander 1, Greene 2, Plank 1, Miller 2, Arnold 1, Guidry 3)

Steals: 10 (Dilligard 1, Alexander 2, Greene 3, Plank 2, Troc 1, Guidry 1)

Table with 8 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Northern Iowa players including Schniederman, Gruber, Crawford, Jacobson, McKowen, Bennett, Little, Foster, Schmit, Stout, Godfread, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .426; FT - .733

3-Pt.: 9-24, .375 (Schniederman 2-5, Crawford 1-2, Jacobson 3-7, Bennett 0-1, Little 0-2, Foster 3-6, Schmit 0-1)

Blocks: 2 (Schniederman 1, Crawford 1)

Turnovers: 17 (Schniederman 1, Gruber 3, Crawford 3, McKowen 3, Little 1, Foster 4, Schmit 1, Stout 1)

Steals: 6 (Gruber 2, Foster 2, Schmit 2)

Officials: Dave Drauker, Brad Fowler, Kipp Kissinger

Attendance: 2,684

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 32, Northern Iowa 22

GAME 18

Redbirds Fall to Bradley at Home

NORMAL, Ill. – Trey Guidry missed a 30-foot three-pointer with two seconds remaining that would have sent Illinois State's game with Bradley into overtime, but his attempt fell short, giving the Braves a 57-54 win over the Redbirds, Saturday at Redbird Arena.

The loss drops the 'Birds to 6-12 overall and 2-8 in the Missouri Valley Conference. The win brings the Braves to 9-12 overall and 2-8 in the Valley. The Braves added to their all-time series lead with Illinois State, increasing their series edge to 53-43.

The Redbirds struggled early, as Bradley jumped out to an early 7-0 lead, but the 'Birds battled back to take their first lead of the game, 10-9, on a Neil Plank three at the 11:27 mark. Back-to-back threes by James Gillingham ignited a 10-2 Bradley run over six minutes, giving the Braves their biggest lead of the game, 23-14. Guidry hit a three with 46 seconds remaining to close the lead to 28-21 as the teams went into the half.

The Redbirds started the second half on a 9-4 run that was capped off by a Guidry three at the 15:14 mark, closing the Bradley lead to 32-30. Bradley held off multiple runs by the 'Birds over the next eight minutes, thanks in large part to nine points from Marcellus Sommerville during that stretch. The Redbirds trailed 52-46 with under a minute remaining, but six points from Vince Greene, and poor foul shooting by the Braves gave the 'Birds an opportunity to send the game into overtime. Marcus Arnold led the 'Birds with 15 points, and Guidry added 14. Guidry also moved into the No. 10 spot on the all-time three-point list for the Redbirds with four in the game. The Braves were led by Sommerville and Gillingham, who each chipped in 19 points.

Bradley 57, ILLINOIS STATE 54

January 31, 2004 • Redbird Arena

Table with 8 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Bradley players including Sommerville, Suggs, Paul, Robinson, Gillingham, Rember, Tauai, Jones, Gilbert, Faulknor, Adams, Heemsker, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .457; FT - .714

3-Pt.: 5-15, .333 (Sommerville 2-6, Paul 0-1, Robinson 0-2, Gillingham 3-3, Gilbert 0-3)

Blocks: 1 (Sommerville 1)

Turnovers: 15 (Sommerville 3, Suggs 3, Paul 2, Robinson 2, Gillingham 2, Rember 1, Tauai 1, Team 1)

Steals: 8 (Sommerville 1, Suggs 1, Robinson 2, Gillingham 3, Gilbert 1)

Table with 8 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Illinois State players including Arnold, Echols, Alexander, Greene, Plank, Burras, Ford, Troc, Guidry, Dilligard, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .423; FT - .556

3-Pt.: 5-15, .333 (Plank 1-2, Alexander 0-2, Greene 0-2, Guidry 4-9)

Blocks: 5 (Arnold 2, Dilligard 3)

Turnovers: 15 (Arnold 4, Plank 3, Alexander 1, Greene 3, Burras 1, Guidry 3)

Steals: 5 (Plank 1, Greene 4)

Officials: Ron Zetcher, Sam Lickliter, Steve Skiles

Attendance: 9,074

Halftime Score: Bradley 28, ILLINOIS STATE 21

GAME 19

Sharp-Shooting Shockers Beat 'Birds

NORMAL, Ill. – Trey Guidry led all scorers with 16 points for Illinois State, but it wasn't enough to prevent a balanced, sharp-shooting Wichita State team from beating the Redbirds 70-50 in a Missouri Valley Conference basketball game Wednesday at Redbird Arena.

The Redbirds, 6-13, 2-9, shot a season-low 29.8 percent from the field. Wichita State, 14-7, 7-4, made 10 of its first 15 second-half shots to build a 20-point lead in the first 11 minutes after halftime. Rob Kampman led WSU with 14 points. Aaron Hogg added 11 and Paul Miller had 10. Marcus Arnold was the only other Redbird in double figures with 11 points. WSU made 18 of 21 free throws, including 15 of 17 in the second half. ISU was 11 for 17 from the free throw line.

WSU had a 38-29 rebounding edge behind six by Jamar Howard and Miller. Greg Dilligard led Illinois State with six rebounds. The Redbirds turned the ball over just 10 times in the game, but the Shockers converted those to 15 points.

Making 8 of 15 three-point shots, Wichita State won for only the third time in 16 tries in Redbird Arena and just the sixth time in 24 games in Normal.

WSU took an early 15-6 lead on the strength of a pair of Rob Kampman three-point shots. A trio of Trey Guidry treys helped Illinois State bounce back to 18-16 with 8:51 left after a 10-3 run. ISU chased the Shockers the rest of the half before trailing at halftime 27-20 when the Shockers scored the last two baskets of the half. Guidry had 11 of Illinois State's 20 points at intermission.

The Shockers started the second half hitting their first five field goals to stretch the lead to 41-27 in the first five minutes as the Shockers began to pull away.

Wichita State 70, ILLINOIS STATE 50

February 4, 2004 • Redbird Arena

Table with 8 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Wichita State players including Howard, Kampman, Miller, Burns, Clark, Rogers, Hogg, Ledford, Liberty, Holman, Wise, Walls, Simmons, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .468; FT - .857

3-Pt.: 8-15, .533 (Howard 0-1, Kampman 3-4, Burns 2-3, Clark 1-2, Hogg 1-2, Holman 1-3)

Blocks: 2 (Howard 2)

Turnovers: 14 (Howard 3, Kampman 2, Miller 1, Burns 2, Clark 3, Holman 1, Simmons 1, Team 1)

Steals: 5 (Howard 1, Kampman 1, Miller 1, Clark 1, Rogers 1)

Table with 8 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Illinois State players including Arnold, Echols, Alexander, Greene, Plank, Burras, Ford, Miller, Guidry, Hill, Sams, Dilligard, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .298; FT - .647

3-Pt.: 5-22, .227 (Plank 1-3, Alexander 1-8, Greene 0-1, Ford 0-1, Miller 0-1, Guidry 3-7, Hill 0-1)

Blocks: 5 (Arnold 2, Alexander 1, Dilligard 2)

Turnovers: 10 (Arnold 1, Plank 1, Echols 3, Greene 2, Guidry 2, Hill 1)

Steals: 4 (Plank 1, Echols 1, Greene 1, Dilligard 1)

Officials: Steve Morris, Jerry Seibert, Paul Kaster

Attendance: 5,867

Halftime Score: Wichita State 27, ILLINOIS STATE 20



GAME 20

Redbird Turnovers Costly in SMS Win

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Illinois State sophomore Marcus Arnold tossed in a team-high 17 points, but it wasn't enough as SMS forced 19 Redbird turnovers in a 69-57 Missouri Valley Conference win Saturday night at the Hammons Student Center.

With the loss Illinois State falls to 6-14 overall and 2-10 in the conference, while the Bears improved to 15-8 and 7-5 respectively.

The 'Birds jumped out to a 7-4 lead in the first half, thanks to a pair of baskets by Arnold. But a 7-0 SMS run gave the Bears a lead that they would never relinquish.

SMS pushed the first half lead to nine points and led by as much as 16 points in the second half. The 'Birds were able to close the gap to nine, 46-37, at the 10:44 mark, but never got any closer.

Trey Guidry chipped in 11 points off the bench and Vince Greene tossed in 10 to join Arnold in double figures.

Blake Ahearn led the way for SMS with 17 points, while Tyler Chaney added 12 and Merrill Andrews tossed in 10.

SMS 69, ILLINOIS STATE 57

February 7, 2004 • Hammons Center

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Arnold, f	27	8-12	1-3	3-4	1	4	17
Echols, f	27	0-2	4-6	2-4	1	2	4
Alexander, g	24	2-7	0-0	2-4	2	5	6
Greene, g	33	3-9	2-2	0-2	4	4	10
Plank, g	23	0-3	0-0	1-5	2	1	0
Ford	6	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	0
Miller	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	2	0
Guidry	30	3-9	3-4	1-4	1	4	11
Hill	3	1-1	1-2	0-0	0	1	3
Dilligard	20	3-3	0-2	1-2	0	1	6
Totals	200	20-48	11-19	11-28	14	24	57

Team Pct.: FG – .417; FT – .579

3-Pt.: 6-18, .333 (Alexander 2-6, Greene 2-6, Miller 0-1, Guidry 2-5)

Blocks: 1 (Echols 1)

Turnovers: 19 (Alexander 2, Echols 1, Arnold 5, Greene 3, Plank 4, Guidry 2, Dilligard 2)

Steals: 8 (Alexander 1, Arnold 2, Greene 2, Plank 1, Guidry 2)

SMS	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Bilyeu, f	25	2-3	3-4	2-3	1	3	7
Mitchell, f	26	3-7	2-2	1-4	2	0	8
Maclin, c	9	0-2	0-0	0-1	2	4	0
Andrews, g	27	3-5	4-6	0-3	4	2	10
Ahearn, g	27	3-5	8-8	0-1	1	2	17
Chaney	26	3-5	5-8	2-5	3	1	12
Smith	10	2-4	0-1	0-0	0	1	4
Paradoski	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Colwell	19	2-3	0-0	0-3	3	1	4
Fisher	5	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	0	1
Randle	16	2-5	0-0	0-3	0	4	4
Easley	10	1-1	0-0	1-4	0	2	2
Totals	200	21-40	23-31	8-30	16	20	69

Team Pct.: FG – .525; FT – .742

3-Pt.: 4-10, .400 (Bilyeu 0-1, Mitchell 0-1, Andrews 3-5, Chaney 1-3)

Blocks: 3 (Maclin 1, Smith 1, Colwell 1)

Turnovers: 17 (Bilyeu 3, Maclin 1, Andrews 3, Ahearn 3, Chaney 2, Smith 2, Randle 2, Easley 1)

Steals: 13 (Bilyeu 1, Mitchell 4, Ahearn 2, Chaney 2, Smith 2, Colwell 1, Randle 1)

Officials: Sam Lickliter, Frank Spencer, Sam Banks

Attendance: 6,854

Halftime Score: SMS 34, ILLINOIS STATE 27