

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)	Tonight
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'Bird Bit: The 'Birds have won the last four meetings and 17 of the 23 games against Indiana State.

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/KMTV)	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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12 GAME

ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (4-7, 0-3)

AT

INDIANA STATE SYCAMORES (5-6, 1-2)

Saturday, January 10, 2004 • 7:05 p.m. EST
 Hulman Center (10,200) • Terre Haute, Ind.

The Game Facts

The Probable Starters:

ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (4-7, 0-3)

						ppg	rpg	apg
F 21	Marcus Arnold	6-8	225	So.-1L	Chicago, Ill.	15.5	5.5	0.7*
F 50	Greg Dilligard	6-8	215	Fr.-HS	Labelle, Mo.	4.7	4.0	0.5*
G 2	Gregg Alexander	6-4	195	Jr.-2L	Lincoln, Ill.	7.0	2.4	1.5
G 11	Vince Greene	5-9	160	Sr.-2L	Chicago, Ill.	6.5	1.4	3.5
G 24	Trey Guidry	6-2	185	Jr.-1L	Baton Rouge, La.	15.4	2.8	1.7

INDIANA STATE SYCAMORES (5-6, 1-2)

F 13	Catrel Green	6-5	210	Sr.-1L	Aurora, Ill.	3.2	3.7	0.7
F 44	Jerod Adler	6-9	230	Jr.-2L	Monroe, Ind.	3.1	2.1	0.3*
G 21	David Moss	6-5	190	So.-1L	Chicago, Ill.	15.9	4.3	3.2
G 24	Eric Gray	6-1	172	Fr.-HS	Chicago, Ill.	4.3	0.8	0.6
G 30	Tyson Schnitker	6-2	160	Fr.-HS	Robinson, Ill.	6.1	2.2	2.6

NOTE - (*) indicates blocks per game.

About The Game: The Redbirds are riding a four-game losing streak, the longest of Porter Moser's career, but return to the site of their only road Valley win from a year ago.

Series History: This is the 88th meeting in the series between the two schools. Illinois State leads the series 49-38 and has won the last four meetings, including the last two at the Hulman Center.

Last Time They Met: For the second-straight game sophomore Trey Guidry came off the Illinois State bench to score 15 points. This time it resulted in a victory as the Redbirds cruised past Indiana State 80-50 for their first Missouri Valley Conference road victory of the season. The Redbirds took command of the game at the end of the first half thanks to a 20-2 run. The 'Birds shot 7-for-11 over the last seven minutes of the first frame and led 37-22, their largest halftime lead of the season.

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), 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 can be seen live on WMBD (CBS 31) and WYZZ (Fox 43). The game will begin at 6 p.m. CST on WMBD and will move to WYZZ at 7 p.m. due to the NFL playoff schedule. The talent for the broadcast includes Kurt Pegler (play-by-play) and Matt Taphom (color commentary).

The Coaches

Porter Moser (Creighton '90) owns a 58-41 (.586) career mark in his first season at Illinois State, including a 4-7 (.364) 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.

Royce Waltman (Slippery Rock '64) is in his seventh season at Indiana State. With the Sycamores, Waltman owns a 93-97 (.489) record and has a 282-183 (.606) mark over his 17-year coaching career. He is assisted by Dick Bender, Rick Ray and Matt Mardis.



TALE OF THE TAPE



W-L Record	4-7	5-6
ESPN/USA Today	NR	NR
AP Poll	NR	NR
Points Scored	69.3	60.1
Points Allowed	68.6	62.3
Scoring Margin	+0.6	-2.2
FG Percentage	47.9	41.1
Def. FG Percentage	45.6	44.6
3-pt. Percentage	39.3	40.1
Def. 3-pt. Percentage	35.2	34.0
FT Percentage	66.3	66.7
Offensive Rebounds	9.0	9.5
Total Rebounds	30.6	30.3
Rebounding Margin	-1.8	-5.3
Assists	15.5	11.9
Turnover Average	14.9	12.8
Turnover Margin	-0.6	+1.5
Steal Average	7.5	7.5
Block Average	2.5	2.5
Fouls	20.5	15.0

WEEKLY MEDIA CONFERENCE

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

- 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 Indiana State Sycamores

- Indiana State, located in Terre Haute, Ind., was founded in 1865 and has an enrollment of 11,484.
- The Sycamores are riding a two-game losing streak with losses at Bradley and at home to Southern Illinois. Indiana State opened the conference season with a win over Evansville.
- Indiana State ranks last in the league in rebounding margin (-5.4) and was held to only 16 in Wednesday's loss to Southern Illinois.
- Under Royce Waltman, the Sycamores own a 57-28 (.671) record at the Hulman Center.
- The Sycamores rank 10th in the conference in scoring offense with 60.1 points per game. They have only scored 70 or more points three times this season, all three were wins.
- On the flip side, Indiana State is only allowing 62.3 points per game which is third best in the conference for scoring defense. Only twice this season have Indiana State opponents scored 68 or more points.
- The Sycamores have had nine different starting line-ups in 11 games.
- Sophomore David Moss, the Valley Freshman of the Year last season, is the only Sycamore averaging double figures (15.9).
- Indiana State has 11 players that are averaging 10 or more minutes per game.
- The Sycamores rank second in the league in three-point shooting (.401) and every player except for Elliott Booe, Amani Daanish and Ted Morris has attempted a trey.

Indiana State Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
11/23	GARDNER-WEBB	W, 67-53
11/29	at DePaul	L, 66-78
11/29	vs. Penn	L, 48-86
12/6	at Eastern Illinois	W, 71-56
12/8	at Valparaiso	L, 53-59
12/13	BALL STATE	W, 66-65
12/20	at Butler	L, 39-57
12/22	TENNESSEE-MARTIN	W, 87-60
12/31	EVANSVILLE*	W, 72-52
1/3	at Bradley*	L, 42-52
1/7	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*	L, 50-67
1/10	ILLINOIS STATE*	TONIGHT
1/15	at SMS*	7:05 p.m.
1/17	at Wichita State*	7:05 p.m.
1/22	DRAKE*	6:05 p.m.
1/25	at Southern Illinois*	2:05 p.m.
1/28	CREIGHTON*	6:05 p.m.
1/31	SMS*	3:05 p.m.
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3/5-8	at Valley Tournament	TBA

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* Missouri Valley Conference game

Arnold Doubles His Pleasure

When sophomore **Marcus Arnold** pulled down a career-high 12 boards to go along with his 12 points against Creighton Wednesday night, not only did it give him his first career double-double he also took over the team lead in each category for the season. Arnold leads the team with 15.5 points and 5.5 rebounds per game.

Difficulty Excepting Charity

It's not that the Redbirds are too proud, but they have had a tough time lately capitalizing on their attempts at the charity stripe, especially during this four-game losing streak. After the first four games to open the season, the Redbirds were shooting 81.9 percent from the foul line on 68-for-83 shooting. In the last seven games, the Redbirds have made the same number of free throws as they did in the first four games (68), but on 122 attempts for a 55.7 shooting percentage.

Looking at the Glass Half-Full

Sure the Redbirds have lost four straight, but taking a closer look at these recent defeats reflects a number of positives for the future. In the loss to Northern Iowa, the Redbirds rebounded from a 16-points second half deficit and showed resiliency. Against the nation's top 25 in Illinois and Creighton, the 'Birds built double-digit second half leads and controlled the tempo for the majority of the game, but failed to come away with the win.

Coach's Century Mark

Tonight's game is the 100th for Illinois State's **Porter Moser** as a head coach. Moser booked 88 games at Arkansas-Little Rock and tonight's game marks his 12th since taking over the Illinois State program.

Trey's Also Looking at 100

With a pair of threes, junior **Trey Guidry** will have 100 three-pointers in a Redbird uniform. Guidry nailed 19 treys at North Carolina State and has 117 in his collegiate career.

Sons of Sams

Jeff and Sue Sams will definitely be rooting for ISU in tonight's game since the parents from Mt. Zion, Ill., have sons playing for both teams. **Michael Sams**, a true freshman with the Redbirds, has played in three games this season and is averaging 0.7 points per game. His brother, Jake, a junior at Indiana State, has played in 10 games and is averaging 0.9 points per game. Jake was also prep teammates with Illinois State's **Neil Plank**. The duo led Mt. Zion to its first-ever trip to the Class AA super-sectionals.



124 Games With a Trey on the Board

After draining five treys against Creighton, ISU enters tonight's game with at least one made three in 124 straight games. The last time ISU didn't sink a single trey was an 82-43 loss at Creighton on Dec. 12, 1999.

Life is Already Tough on the Road

As if winning on the road isn't hard enough, the Redbirds five games this season on the road have been extremely challenging. Last Saturday, the 'Birds traveled to No. 19 Illinois, which entered the game with a 43-1 record at home over the last three-plus years. Prior to that, ISU faced Southern Illinois, which was riding a 30-game home-winning streak, the second longest in the nation at the time. The Redbirds also lost to preseason conference favorites Illinois-Chicago and Northern Illinois away from home prior to opening the season at Utah State, which entered the game with a 70-7 record at home over the last six seasons.

Another Trey for Trey

Holding true to his name, Illinois State's Trey Guidry is a long-range assassin. Guidry has already dropped 35 treys on his opponents in 11 games. At this pace, the Redbird sniper would finish with 90 treys over ISU's guaranteed 28-game schedule, which would claim the Redbirds' second highest single season total.

Echols' Energizing

For the second time this season, junior transfer Najeeb Echols came off the bench against Creighton to lead the Redbirds in scoring. Echols matched his career high with 13 points on 6-for-8 shooting in the post. Since becoming eligible, Echols is averaging 7.2 points and 3.3 rebounds per game.

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, the latest coming against Western Kentucky with 23 points. He also equaled his career-high with a 23-point effort at Illinois on 7-for-11 shooting. On the season, Arnold has scored in double digits in nine of the 11 games and has been a consistent offense force for the 'Birds. 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.

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 11 games and is second on the team with six blocked shots. He's also averaged 4.7 points and 4.0 rebounds per game.

Solid Benchwork

Against Creighton, the Redbird bench outscored their opponents for the ninth time in 11 games. On the season, the Illinois State bench owns a 314-209 scoring advantage over the opposition.

Alexander Continues the Climb

With two threes against Creighton, junior guard Gregg Alexander stands at No. 7 all-time in Illinois State history with 140 career treys. Alexander needs nine more to tie for No. 6 with Shawn Jeppson. Tarise Bryson leads the list with 214 career three-pointers.

Looking for the Repeat

Illinois State 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 39.3 percent from behind the arc.

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.

Early Signs

During the fall early signing period head coach Porter Moser and the Redbirds added some instant athleticism to 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

Guidry Paces 'Birds to First Valley Road Win

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. - For the second-straight game sophomore Trey Guidry came off the Illinois State bench to score 15 points. This time it resulted in a victory as the Redbirds cruised past Indiana State 80-50 for their first Missouri Valley Conference road victory of the season.

With the win, the Redbirds improved to 7-19 overall and 5-12 in the league, while Indiana State fell to 6-22 and 2-15, respectively.

The Redbirds took command of the game at the end of the first half thanks to a 20-2 run. The 'Birds shot 7-for-11 over the last seven minutes of the first frame and led 37-22, their largest halftime lead of the season. Guidry capped off the run with two treys right before the break for six of his eight first half points.

The first half run erased a 20-17 Sycamore lead, their last of the game.

At the start of the second half, Indiana State closed the 15-point lead to nine at 43-34, but never got any closer as the 'Birds responded with a 20-2 run to push the lead to 27 points. Sophomore Kenneth Hill added some excitement as the walk-on went 3-for-3 on three-pointers in the closing minutes.

The Illinois State underclassmen totaled 66 of the Redbirds' 80 points. Vince Greene added 13 points and Gregg Alexander tossed in 10 to round out Illinois State's double-digit scorers. The 'Birds shot 53.7 percent from the field, while holding Indiana State to 30.8 percent. Marcus Howard and David Moss led the Sycamores with nine points apiece.

ILLINOIS STATE 80, Indiana State 50

March 1, 2003 • Hulman Center

Table with 8 columns: ILLINOIS ST., Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include Bojang, Reid, Strandmark, Alexander, Greene, Burras, Ford, Troc, Harris, Arnold, Guidry, Hill, Gillan, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .537; FT - .733

3-Pt.: 11-20, .550 (Alexander 2-3, Greene 3-6, Troc 0-1, Guidry 3-6, Hill 3-3, Gillan 0-1)

Blocks: 3 (Alexander 1, Burras 1, Hill 1)

Turnovers: 16 (Bojang 1, Reid 2, Greene 3, Burras 2, Ford 2, Troc 2, Harris 1, Arnold 1, Guidry 2)

Steals: 7 (Bojang 2, Reid 2, Alexander 1, Burras 1, Arnold 1)

Table with 8 columns: Indiana State, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include Green, Giesen, Howard, Antoine, Moss, Evans, Grimes, Morris, Adler, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .308; FT - .696

3-Pt.: 2-11, .182 (Howard 2-4, Antoine 0-3, Moss 0-2, Evans 0-1, Grimes 0-1)

Blocks: 3 (Howard 2, Morris 1)

Turnovers: 16 (Green 3, Giesen 1, Howard 4, Antoine 1, Moss 4, Grimes 3)

Steals: 8 (Green 1, Howard 3, Moss 1, Grimes 2, Adler 1)

Officials: Larry Spalding, Brad Fowler, Paul Kaster

Attendance: 4,055

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 37, Indiana State 22



CHART CLIMBERS

Career Scoring Leaders

1. Doug Collins (1970-73)	2,240
35. Joe Galvin (1976-80)	1,022
- Gregg Alexander (2001-)	710

Career 3-Point FG Leaders

1. Tarise Bryson (1999-02)	214
6. Shawn Jeppson (1998-01)	148
7. Gregg Alexander (2001-)	139
Rickey Jackson (1986-90)	126
9. Maurice Trotter (1994-96)	121
10. Kyle Cartmill (1996-99)	111
- Trey Guidry (2002-)	98
- Vince Greene (2001-)	77

Career 3-Point FG Percentage

1. Matt Taphorn (1986-88)	50.4
2. Jeff Harris (1986-88)	46.6
3. Trey Guidry (2002-)	44.3
4. Rico Hill (1995-98)	43.7
5. Vince Greene (2001-)	43.5
6. Shawn Jeppson (1998-01)	42.8
7. Gregg Alexander (2001-)	41.6

CAREER STARTS/GAMES

No.	Player	Illinois St.	
		GP	GS
2	Gregg Alexander	71	68
11	Vince Greene	71	37
21	Marcus Arnold	40	31
24	Trey Guidry	40	16
50	Greg Dilligard	11	11
25	Neil Plank	11	9
3	Dana Ford	36	8
15	Matt Miller	9	3
1	Chris Burras	28	2
10	Kevin Troc	31	1
34	Kenneth Hill	10	0
33	Najeeb Echols	6	0
41	Ronnie Carlwell	4	0
55	Michael Sams	3	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. 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. Creighton	3	0	1.000	11	0	1.000
Southern Illinois	3	0	1.000	9	2	.818
3. Drake	2	1	.667	6	5	.545
Northern Iowa	2	1	.667	7	4	.636
Wichita State	2	1	.667	9	4	.692
6. Bradley	1	2	.333	8	6	.571
SMS	1	2	.333	9	5	.643
Indiana State	1	2	.333	5	6	.455
9. Illinois State	0	3	.000	4	7	.364
Evansville	0	3	.000	1	10	.091

*Through games of Jan. 8

2003-04 ILLINOIS STATE STATISTICS

#	Player	GP	GS	Min	Avg	TOTAL			3-PTS			REBOUNDS			PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg					
						FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct									Off	Def	Tot	Avg	
21	Arnold, Marcus	11	11	312	28.4	72	130	.554	0	0	.000	26	42	.619	20	41	61	5.5	32	1	9	29	8	8	170	15.5	
	Conference-Only...	3	3	88	29.3	12	25	.480	0	0	.000	4	11	.364	4	19	23	7.7	6	0	3	6	1	6	28	9.3	
24	Guidry, Trey	11	2	310	28.2	53	113	.469	35	70	.500	28	30	.933	5	26	31	2.8	24	0	19	24	0	10	169	15.4	
	Conference-Only...	3	1	86	28.7	10	33	.303	5	16	.313	2	21.000	1	5	6	2.0	7	0	4	4	0	3	27	9.0		
25	Plank, Neil	11	9	301	27.4	34	84	.405	5	22	.227	21	35	.600	20	36	56	5.1	20	1	30	20	1	13	94	8.5	
	Conference-Only...	3	2	67	22.3	9	17	.529	2	6	.333	2	6	2.000	2	4	6	2.0	7	1	4	6	0	4	22	7.3	
33	Echols, Najeeb	6	0	135	22.5	19	31	.613	0	0	.000	5	21	.238	8	12	20	3.3	12	0	7	15	1	3	43	7.2	
	Conference-Only...	3	0	60	20.0	11	20	.550	0	0	.000	2	11	.182	4	6	10	3.3	7	0	4	10	0	2	24	8.0	
02	Alexander, Gregg	11	11	296	26.9	27	71	.380	20	52	.385	3	4	.750	2	24	26	2.4	17	1	17	14	5	11	77	7.0	
	Conference-Only...	3	3	94	31.3	5	19	.263	3	13	.231	0	0	.000	1	7	8	2.7	4	0	5	6	3	1	13	4.3	
11	Greene, Vince	11	8	290	26.4	24	57	.421	8	20	.400	16	20	.800	1	14	15	1.4	26	1	39	24	0	11	72	6.5	
	Conference-Only...	3	2	83	27.7	5	12	.417	2	5	.400	0	0	.000	0	5	5	1.7	9	1	10	5	0	0	12	4.0	
01	Burras, Chris	10	0	176	17.6	22	42	.524	0	1	.000	18	23	.783	13	19	32	3.2	34	3	12	10	2	11	62	6.2	
	Conference-Only...	2	0	30	15.0	5	7	.714	0	0	.000	3	4	.750	3	3	6	3.0	6	0	1	2	0	0	13	6.5	
50	Dilligard, Greg	11	11	212	19.3	20	31	.645	0	0	.000	12	17	.706	20	24	44	4.0	34	1	10	9	6	6	52	4.7	
	Conference-Only...	3	3	54	18.0	8	12	.667	0	0	.000	0	1	.000	8	4	12	4.0	8	0	1	6	1	1	16	5.3	
10	Troc, Kevin	7	0	61	8.7	5	7	.714	0	0	.000	2	5	.400	0	10	10	1.4	10	0	16	9	0	1	12	1.7	
	Conference-Only...	1	0	6	6.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0.0	
15	Miller, Matt	9	3	102	11.3	1	5	.200	0	2	.000	5	6	.833	0	2	2	0.2	4	0	9	3	0	6	7	0.8	
	Conference-Only...	2	1	32	16.0	0	1	.000	0	1	.000	1	2	.500	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	4	0	0	1	1	0.5	
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	
	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	
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	
03	Ford, Dana	7	0	20	2.9	0	5	.000	0	3	.000	0	0	.000	1	2	3	0.4	4	0	2	2	2	3	0	0.0	
	Conference-Only...	1	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	
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	
	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	
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	
TM TEAM.....																											
	Conference-Only...																										
Total.....	11					279	582	.479	68	173	.393	136	205	.663	99	238	337	30.6	225	8	170	164	27	83	762	69.3	
Conference-Only...	3					65	146	.445	12	41	.293	14	33	.424	26	57	83	27.7	56	2	38	46	5	18	156	52.0	
Opponents.....	11					259	568	.456	58	165	.352	179	253	.708	112	245	357	32.5	201	-	134	157	27	69	755	68.6	
Conference-Only...	3					63	142	.444	10	32	.313	41	55	.745	33	65	98	32.7	45	0	29	43	6	22	177	59.0	

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Illinois State	328	419	15	762
Opponents	335	399	21	755

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Illinois State	28	4	32
Opponents	29	0	29

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	4-7	4-2	0-5	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-3	0-2	0-1	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	L 55-66	2888	(20)Alexander, Gregg	(9)Arnold, Marcus
11-29-03	7:05 pm MST	at Utah State	L 84-89	6184	(21)Plank, Neil	(5)Plank, Neil
12-02-03	7:05 pm CST	BELLARMI	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	L 74-86	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	L 61-64	5213	(13)Guidry, Trey	(7)Arnold, Marcus
12/28/03	2:05 pm	* at Southern Illinois	L 40-57	5892	(9)Echols, Najeeb	(5)Echols, Najeeb
01/03/04	1:00 PM	at #19 Illinois	L 73-80	16618	(23)Arnold, Marcus	(4)Echols, Najeeb
					(4)Dilligard, Greg	(4)Greene, Vince
1-07-04	7:05 p.m.	* #23 CREIGHTON	L 55-56	5282	(13)Echols, Najeeb	(12)Arnold, Marcus
* - Conference game						

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY	GAMES	TOTALS	AVG/GAME
HOME	6	34476	5746
AWAY	5	37560	75



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 David Gruber (11p, 10r), Northern Iowa, 12-20-03
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 (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. vs. Creighton (.511, 23-45), 1-7-04
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. Lists various teams and their bench scores, including Florida A&M, Northern Illinois, Utah State, Bellarmine, Eastern Michigan, etc.

2003-04 VALLEY RANKINGS

*As of January 7

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Rank/Points. Lists various teams and their rankings in categories like Scoring Offense, Scoring Defense, Free Throw Pct, etc.

INDIVIDUAL

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Points/Percentage. Lists individual players and their stats, including Marcus Arnold, Trey Guidry, Vince Greene, etc.

ILLINOIS STATE'S 2003-04 RECORD WHEN

Table with 2 columns: Record Type and Count. Lists various record types like Overall, Missouri Valley Conference, Playing Nationally Ranked Teams, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Record Type and Count. Lists various record types like ISU Scores 60 or More, ISU Scores less than 60, Opponent Scores 100 or More, etc.



SUPERLATIVES

STARTING LINEUPS – F, F, G, G, G (4):

- Arnold, Dilligard, Alexander, Greene, Plank (3-4)
W – Florida A&M, Eastern Michigan, Western Kentucky
L – at Northern Illinois, at Illinois-Chicago, Northern Iowa, #23 Creighton
- Arnold, Dilligard, Alexander, Miller, Plank (1-1)
W – Bellarmine
L – at Utah State
- Arnold, Dilligard, Alexander, Miller, Guidry (0-1)
L – at Southern Illinois
- Arnold, Dilligard, Alexander, Greene, Guidry (0-1)
L – at #19 Illinois

FIRST POINTS:

Alexander 4, Arnold 3, Plank 2, Echols 1, Dilligard 1

DOUBLE-DIGIT SCORERS (28):

Arnold 9, Guidry 8, Plank 3, Greene 3, Burras 3, Alexander 2, Echols 2, Dilligard 1

DOUBLE-DIGIT REBOUNDING:

Plank 1, Dilligard 1, Arnold 1

LEADING SCORER:

Guidry 5, Arnold 2, Echols 2, Alexander 1, Plank 1

LEADING REBOUNDER:

Plank 5, Dilligard 3, Arnold 3, Echols 2, Guidry 1, Greene 1

DOUBLE-DOUBLES (2):

Plank 1, Arnold 1

DUNKS (13):

Arnold 5, Guidry 2, Burras 2, Carlwell 1, Plank 1, Echols 1, Dilligard 1

FIRST SUBSTITUTION:

Burras 7, Echols 2, Troc 1, Guidry 1

CHARGES DRAWN (19):

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

MOST MINUTES:

- 42, Vince Greene at Illinois, 1-3-04
- 41, Neil Plank vs. Western Kentucky, 12-16-03
- 38, Gregg Alexander at Illinois, 1-3-04
- 38, Trey Guidry at Illinois, 1-3-04
- 38, Marcus Arnold vs. Western Kentucky, 12-16-03
- 37, Neil Plank vs. Eastern Michigan, 12-6-03
- 36, Trey Guidry at Southern Illinois, 12-28-03
- 36, Trey Guidry vs. Western Kentucky, 12-16-03
- 35, Marcus Arnold vs. Creighton, 1-7-04
- 35, Vince Greene vs. Northern Iowa, 12-20-03
- 35, Marcus Arnold at Northern Illinois, 11-26-03
- 34, Gregg Alexander vs. Northern Iowa, 12-20-03
- 34, Vince Greene vs. Eastern Michigan, 12-6-03
- 33, Gregg Alexander vs. Creighton, 1-7-04
- 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
- 31, Marcus Arnold at Illinois, 1-3-04
- 30, Greg Dilligard vs. Eastern Michigan, 12-6-03

VALLEY PLAYER OF WEEK

Nov. 24 Trey Guidry

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

Opponent	Alexander	Arnold	Burras	Carlwell	Dilligard	Echols	Flowers
Florida A&M	6-3-3*	21-8-1*	2-4-2	DNP	7-0-1*	DNP	DNP
at N. Illinois	20-5-1*	16-9-0*	2-6-1	0-0-0	4-3-3*	DNP	DNP
at Utah State	3-2-1*	14-3-0*	12-3-0	0-0-0	2-2-0*	DNP	DNP
Bellarmino	6-1-0*	12-4-0*	17-5-5	2-4-0	4-4-1*	DNP	0-1-0
Eastern Michigan	6-1-0*	22-7-1*	4-4-2	0-1-0	10-9-0*	DNP	DNP
at Illinois-Chicago	6-5-5*	11-2-1*	2-1-0	DNP	0-0-0	13-3-1	DNP
Western Kentucky	3-0-1*	23-2-1*	4-1-0	DNP	5-10-2*	3-3-1	DNP
Northern Iowa*	5-2-0*	9-7-1*	10-2-0	DNP	8-5-1*	2-2-0	DNP
at S. Illinois*	2-4-0*	7-4-1*	3-4-1	DNP	2-1-0*	9-5-2	DNP
at #19 Illinois	14-1-1*	23-3-2*	6-2-1	DNP	4-4-2*	3-4-1	DNP
#23 Creighton*	6-2-5*	12-12-1*	DNP	DNP	6-6-0*	13-3-2	DNP
at Indiana State*							
at Drake*							
SMS*							
Southern Illinois*							
at Creighton*							
at Northern Iowa*							
Bradley*							
Wichita State*							
at SMS*							
at Evansville*							
Indiana State*							
at Bradley*							
Bracket Buster II							
Evansville*							
at Wichita State*							
Drake*							

Opponent	Ford	Greene	Guidry	Hill	Miller	Plank	Sams	Troc
Florida A&M	0-0-0	5-1-1*	24-3-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	17-10-6*	0-0-0	3-0-1
at N. Illinois	0-0-0	2-1-2*	3-0-2	DNP	0-0-2	8-4-0*	DNP	0-1-0
at Utah State	0-0-0	12-0-2	18-2-0	DNP	2-0-2*	21-5-4*	0-0-0	0-1-1
Bellarmino	0-2-1	14-3-4	20-4-3	0-0-0	0-1-1*	10-6-5*	2-0-0	0-1-2
Eastern Michigan	0-1-0	8-0-6*	27-3-1	DNP	0-0-0	3-6-5*	DNP	DNP
at Illinois-Chicago	0-0-1	11-1-4*	20-6-5	DNP	DNP	2-6-2*	DNP	9-2-4
Western Kentucky	DNP	3-0-0*	14-4-2	DNP	2-1-0	9-9-4*	DNP	0-5-6
Northern Iowa*	0-0-0	5-3-6*	13-3-2	DNP	DNP	9-2-1*	DNP	0-0-2
at S. Illinois*	DNP	7-1-2	5-2-1*	DNP	0-0-0*	5-4-1	DNP	DNP
at #19 Illinois	DNP	5-4-10*	16-3-2*	DNP	0-0-0	2-4-0	DNP	DNP
#23 Creighton*	DNP	0-1-2*	9-1-1	DNP	1-0-4	8-0-2	DNP	DNP



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, 2-1-03/5, twice
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:

- 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.
- Tossed in 15 points against Global Sports and 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*	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*											
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

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CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 23, twice/Same
Rebounds – 12 vs. Creighton, 1-7-03/Same
Assists – 3, twice/2 at Illinois, 1-3-04
Blocked Shots – 4 vs. UIC, 11-30-02/3 vs. Eastern Michigan, 12-6-03
Steals – 4 vs. Northern Iowa, 12-20-03/Same
Minutes – 38 vs. Western Ky., 12-16-03/Same

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Posted his first career double-double 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.
- Scored double digits in nine of the first 11 games.
- 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..
- 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*	27	3-7	0-0	3-6	7	1	1	1	1	0	9
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*

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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* Missouri Valley Conference game



Chris Burras

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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*	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*											
at Drake*											
SMS*											
Southern Illinois*											
at Creighton*											
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Bradley*											
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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:

- 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*											
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 a career high in scoring (10) against Eastern Michigan.
- Scored four points and grabbed four rebounds 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, finishing 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
Bellarmino	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*											
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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Najeeb Echols 33
 F • 6-7 • 230 • Jr.-TR • Chicago, Ill. (Morgan Park/Missouri)

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

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

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Matched his career high with 13 points off the bench against No. 23 Creighton.
- Led the 'Birds in scoring at SIU with nine points off the bench.
- Averaging 20.3 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											
Bellarmino											
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*											
at Drake*											
SMS*											
Southern Illinois*											
at Creighton*											
at Northern Iowa*											
Bradley*											
Wichita State*											
at SMS*											
at Evansville*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Bracket Buster II											
Evansville*											
at Wichita State*											
Drake*											

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Kyle Flowers 5

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

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

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

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

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

2003-04 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Florida A&M											
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 not played in the last three games.
- 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*	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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, 1-15-03/4 at Illinois, 1-3-04
Assists – 11 vs. Jacksonville, 12-18-03/10 at Illinois, 1-3-04
Blocked Shots – 1 at SMS, 2-2-02/None
Steals – 7 at Evansville, 1-25-03/3 vs. Bellarmine, 12-2-03
Minutes – 42 at Illinois, 1-3-04/Same

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Dished out a season best 10 assists at Illinois.
- 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.
- Did not start at Utah State, but came off the bench to score 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*	35	2-7	1-4	0-0	3	2	6	2	0	0	5
at Southern Illinois*	26	3-4	1-1	0-0	1	2	2	2	0	0	7
at Illinois	42	2-5	0-2	1-2	4	2	10	5	0	2	5
Creighton*	22	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	5	2	1	0	0	0
at Indiana State*											
at Drake*											
SMS*											
Southern Illinois*											
at Creighton*											
at Northern Iowa*											
Bradley*											
Wichita State*											
at SMS*											
at Evansville*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Bracket Buster II											
Evansville*											
at Wichita State*											
Drake*											

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Trey Guidry 24
 G • 6-2 • 185 • Jr.-1L • Baton Rouge, La. (Central/NC State)

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 27, twice/27 vs. E. Michigan, 12-6-03
Rebounds – 6, twice/6 at UIC, 12-13-03
Assists – 11 at Kent State, 12-7-02/5 at UIC, 12-13-03
Blocked Shots – 1, three times/None
Steals – 2, six times/2, three times
Minutes – 38, three times/38 at Illinois, 1-3-04

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- 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.
- Scored double figures in eight of the 11 games.
- Tied a career-high with six rebounds at Illinois-Chicago.
- Tied his career high with 27 points off the bench against Eastern Michigan.
- 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*	26	5-10	1-2	2-2	3	2	2	1	0	0	13
at Southern Illinois*	36	2-14	1-8	0-0	2	3	1	0	0	2	5
at Illinois	38	5-10	4-7	2-2	3	4	2	2	0	2	16
Creighton*	24	3-9	3-6	0-0	1	2	1	3	0	1	9
at Indiana State*											
at Drake*											
SMS*											
Southern Illinois*											
at Creighton*											
at Northern Iowa*											
Bradley*											
Wichita State*											
at SMS*											
at Evansville*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Bracket Buster II											
Evansville*											
at Wichita State*											
Drake*											

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Kenneth Hill 34

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

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 9 at Indiana State, 3-1-03/0
Rebounds – 1, four times/0
Assists – 0/0
Blocked Shots – 1, twice/0
Steals – 0/0
Minutes – 5 vs. Southern Illinois, 3-3-03/3 vs. Bellarmine, 12-2-03

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Saw three minutes of action against Bellarmine and missed a pair of three-point attempts.
- Played in the final minute against Florida A&M.
- Did not see action in either exhibition game.

2003-04 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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

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Micah Kirstein 12

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

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

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

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

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

2003-04 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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

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

CAREER/SEASON BESTS:

Points – 2, three times/Same
Rebounds – 1, twice/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 against No. 23 Creighton off the bench.
- 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*											
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:

- Scored double digits in three of the first four games this season, but has not repeated the feat in the last seven 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.
- Was 0-for-4 from the floor against Global Sports
- Shot 1-for-8 on treys in the two exhibition games

2003-04 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Florida A&M	33	5-10	1-3	6-10	10	2	6	4	0	5	17
at Northern Illinois	33	2-10	1-4	3-4	4	2	0	1	0	0	8
at Utah State	33	7-13	0-1	7-10	5	1	4	4	0	1	21
Bellarmine	24	5-10	0-1	0-0	6	2	5	1	1	1	10
Eastern Michigan	37	0-4	0-2	3-7	6	1	5	0	0	0	3
at Illinois-Chicago	20	1-7	0-1	0-0	6	0	2	1	0	1	2
Western Kentucky	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*											
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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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:

- Has not seen the floor the last seven games.
- Scored his first career points against Bellarmine. Finished with two points in five minutes of action.
- Played a minute against Florida A&M and at Utah State.
- Saw a minute of action against the EA Sports All-Stars, only recording a personal foul.
- Didn't see action in the second exhibition against Global Sports.

2003-04 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Florida A&M	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Northern Illinois											
at Utah State	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bellarmine	5	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Eastern Michigan											
at Illinois-Chicago											
Western Kentucky											
Northern Iowa*											
at Southern Illinois*											
at Illinois											
Creighton*											
at Indiana State*											
at Drake*											
SMS*											
Southern Illinois*											
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
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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 – 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:

- Has not played the last three games.
- 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											
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*											
at Illinois											
Creighton*											
at Indiana State*											
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at Evansville*											
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Bracket Buster II											
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at Wichita State*											
Drake*											

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 * Missouri Valley Conference game



EXHIBITION 1

Second-Half Lapse Sinks 'Birds in First Exhibition

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

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

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

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

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

EA Sports 78, ILLINOIS STATE 71
November 10, 2003 • Redbird Arena

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

Team Pct.: FG – .460; FT – .605
3-Pt.: 9-23, .391 (Johnson 1-2, Brownlee 2-5, Largent 2-6, Tucker 2-5, O'Kelley 2-4, Rodgers 0-1)

Blocks: 4 (Johnson 2, Rodgers 1, Evans 1)
Turnovers: 26 (Johnson 4, Brownlee 6, Gibbs 2, Largent 1, Tucker 4, O'Kelley 4, Fountain 1, Rodgers 1, Evans 3)
Steals: 13 (Johnson 3, Brownlee 3, Gibbs 1, Tucker 2, Fountain 3, Rodgers 1)

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

Team Pct.: FG – .391; FT – .611
3-Pt.: 6-21, .286 (Alexander 3-7, Greene 1-3, Plank 1-5, Ford 0-1, Guidry 1-5)

Blocks: 2 (Arnold 1, Burras 1)
Turnovers: 15 (Arnold 3, Dilligard 2, Alexander 3, Greene 1, Plank 2, Burras 2, Miller 1, Guidry 1)
Steals: 11 (Alexander 5, Greene 1, Burras 2, Miller 2, Guidry 1)

Officials: Dave Draucker, Jerry Seibert, Mark Mayhood
Attendance: 4,772
Halftime Score: EA Sports 29, ILLINOIS STATE 28

EXHIBITION 2

Arnold Leads 'Birds Past Global Sports

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ILLINOIS STATE 81, Global Sports 75
November 16, 2003 • Redbird Arena

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

Team Pct.: FG – .574; FT – .824
3-Pt.: 7-17, .412 (Davis 1-1, Garner 3-8, Green 1-4, Patterson 1-1, Nash 1-3)
Blocks: 3 (Warner 1, Coleman 2)
Turnovers: 17 (Davis 5, Warner 3, Coleman 3, Green 1, Patterson 1, Nash 4)
Steals: 10 (Davis 1, Warner 1, Garner 2, Green 2, Patterson 2, Nash 1, Ross 1)

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

Team Pct.: FG – .517; FT – .857
3-Pt.: 9-22, .409 (Alexander 3-8, Greene 1-5, Plank 0-3, Guidry 5-6)
Blocks: 1 (Dilligard)
Turnovers: 15 (Arnold 2, Dilligard 1, Alexander 3, Greene 3, Plank 2, Burras 1, Ford 1, Guidry 1, Carlwell 1)
Steals: 7 (Alexander 2, Greene 1, Plank 1, Burras 3)

Officials: Sam Banks, David Warfel, Scott Savage
Attendance: 3,958
Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 44, Global Sports 41

GAME 1

Arnold Leads 'Birds Past Global Sports

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

In the first half, the 'Birds came out full of energy, as they used a 9-0 run over the first 3:30 to gain control. Florida A&M would chip away at the lead, and eventually take their first lead of the 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
Totals	200	25-64	16-20	12-34	11	32	70

Team Pct.: FG – .391; FT – .800
3-Pt.: 4-23, .174 (Russell 0-1, White 0-1, Wilkins 0-2, Woods 3-12, Tate 1-4, Ayodele 0-1, Harper 0-2)
Blocks: 1 (Zamore 1)
Turnovers: 17 (Zamore 1, White 6, Wilkins 2, Woods 1, Tate 3, Kelly 1, Ayodele 2, Harper 1)
Steals: 9 (Wilkins 6, Woods 1, Kelly 1, Sams 1)

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

Team Pct.: FG – .489; FT – .792
3-Pt.: 5-14, .357 (Alexander 0-3, Greene 0-1, Plank 1-3, Guidry 4-6, Hill 0-1)
Blocks: 4 (Arnold 1, Dilligard 3)
Turnovers: 20 (Arnold 5, Alexander 1, Greene 2, Plank 4, Burras 3, Troc 2, Miller 2, Guidry 1)
Steals: 11 (Dilligard 1, Alexander 2, Plank 5, Burras 1, Miller 1, Guidry 1)

Officials: Mark McMullen, Jerry Seibert, Brad Gaston
Attendance: 6,689
Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 42, Florida A&M 32



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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
Totals	200	16-53	15-16	11-32	11	23	55

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
Totals	200	22-47	17-26	10-36	12	18	66

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
Totals	200	31-53	15-19	9-19	10	26	84

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Blocks: 1 (Ahmad 1)

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

Steals: 3 (Butler 2, Brown 1)

Officials: Bob Staffen, Don McAllister, Mike Peterson

Attendance: 6,184

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 31, Utah State 30

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
December 2, 2003 • Redbird Arena

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
Totals	200	21-65	6-8	18-43	8	13	53

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
Totals	200	35-71	8-11	13-40	22	12	87

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
Totals	200	21-47	21-30	6-29	8	25	69

Team Pct.: FG – .447; FT – .700
3-Pt.: 6-15, .400 (Austin 0-1, Hart 0-1, McElhinny 4-7, Cottrill 2-4, Cashen 0-2)
Blocks: 1 (Redder 1)
Turnovers: 13 (Jackson 2, Austin 1, Bowler 2, Hart 2, Douglas 2, Redder 3, Team 1)
Steals: 7 (Bowler 2, Hart 1, Cottrill 1, Douglas 3)

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

Team Pct.: FG – .500; FT – .656
3-Pt.: 7-16, .438 (Alexander 2-4, Greene 0-1, Plank 0-2, Ford 0-1, Guidry 5-8)
Blocks: 5 (Arnold 3, Carlwell 2)
Turnovers: 10 (Alexander 1, Greene 3, Burras 2, Guidry 4)
Steals: 6 (Dillgard 1, Alexander 1, Greene 2, Burras 1, Miller 1)
Officials: Kyle Ingram, Chris Beaver, Rob Kruger
Attendance: 6,909
Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 39, Eastern Michigan 32

GAME 6

Redbird Rally Falls Short Against Flames

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

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
Totals	200	31-57	4-9	7-28	23	25	74

Team Pct.: FG – .544; FT – .444
3-Pt.: 8-15, .533 (Plank 0-1, Greene 1-2, Alexander 2-3, Guidry 5-9)
Blocks: 2 (Alexander 1, Ford 1)
Turnovers: 18 (Arnold 2, Plank 1, Greene 3, Alexander 1, Troc 3, Guidry 3, Echols 4, Team 1)
Steals: 5 (Plank 1, Dillgard 1, Greene 1, Alexander 1, Burras 1)

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

Team Pct.: FG – .545; FT – .586
3-Pt.: 17-29, .529 (Carr 3-7, Bailey 2-2, Banks 4-6, McGee 0-2)
Blocks: 2 (Carr 1, Harris 1)
Turnovers: 8 (Williams 1, Carr 1, Bailey 4, Banks 1, Bowen 1)
Steals: 7 (Williams 3, Scott 2, Bailey 2)

Officials: Lamar Simpson, Sam Banks, Chris Beaver
Attendance: 5,978
Halftime Score: Illinois-Chicago 50, ILLINOIS STATE 38

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
Totals	225	25-53	11-24	6-31	13	24	65

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
Totals	225	23-50	15-24	8-39	17	22	66

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 8

Second Half Rally Not Enough as Redbirds Fall

NORMAL, Ill. – Illinois State's late second half run against Northern Iowa...

Northern Iowa jumped out to a 15-8 lead after a reverse basket by Ben Jacobson (22 points)...

Matt Schneiderman gave Northern Iowa the momentum going into halftime when he hit a baseline three with 49 seconds left...

A pair of Chris Foster free throws gave Northern Iowa their biggest lead of the game at 50-34 with 14:30 remaining.

However, the 'Birds slowly began to chip away at that lead behind the play of Marcus Arnold. After scoring only one point in the first half...

A Trey Guidry three-pointer cut the Northern Iowa lead to 56-49, and suddenly the 'Birds had taken the momentum with eight minutes left in the game.

Najeeb Echols tied the game 57-57 after his steal led to a layup on a pass from Guidry. Guidry tied the game again at 59-59 with two free throws...

The Panthers were up 62-61 with just under a minute left, and a pair of Foster free throws with 15.8 seconds to go sealed the Northern Iowa win.

Guidry led all Redbird scorers with 13 points, while Burras chipped in 10. Arnold led all Illinois State rebounders with seven.

Northern Iowa 64, ILLINOIS STATE 61

December 20, 2003 • Redbird Arena

Table with 8 columns: Player, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Gruber, Schneiderman, Crawford, Jacobson, McKowen, Little, Foster, Stout, Godfread, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG – .471; FT – .706

3-Pt.: 4-14, .286 (Schneiderman 2-5, Jacobson 1-2, McKowen 1-4, Little 0-1, Foster 0-2)

Blocks: None

Turnovers: 15 (Schneiderman 2, Crawford 2, Jacobson 4, McKowen 2, Foster 2, Stout 1, Godfread 1, Team 1)

Steals: 7 (Gruber 2, Jacobson 2, McKowen 1, Little 1, Foster 1)

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

Team Pct.: FG – .510; FT – .417

3-Pt.: 5-12, .364 (Alexander 1-4, Greene 1-4, Plank 1-1, Guidry 1-2)

Blocks: 4 (Dilligard 1, Alexander 3)

Turnovers: 13 (Arnold 1, Dilligard 2, Alexander 1, Greene 2, Plank 2, Burras 1, Troc 1, Guidry 1, Echols 2)

Steals: 7 (Arnold 4, Alexander 1, Plank 1, Echols 1)

Officials: Steve Morris, Mark McMullen, Dave Warfel

Attendance: 5,213

Halftime Score: Northern Iowa 38, ILLINOIS STATE 27

GAME 9

Poor Shooting Sinks Redbirds at SIU

CARBONDALE, Ill. – Illinois State set a season low for points scored Sunday at SIU Arena, leading to a 57-40 loss to Southern Illinois in front of 5,892 fans.

The loss dropped the Redbirds to 4-5, 0-2 in Missouri Valley Conference play, while Southern Illinois moved to 8-1, 2-0 in the Valley.

Poor shooting from the field sunk the Redbirds, as they hit only 16-of-50 shots on the afternoon.

The Redbirds missed their first five shots from the field to start the game. Greg Dilligard put his team on the board four minutes in with a layup off a pass from Marcus Arnold. The Illinois State defense forced the Salukis into several missed shots as well...

Southern Illinois held a 18-10 lead late in the half when ISU went on a 7-0 run, catapulted by a turnaround basket from Arnold, along with a put-back and three-pointer by Neil Plank.

A Darren Brooks basket with 20 seconds left put the Salukis up 22-18 at halftime.

Illinois State made only 8-of-25 shots from the field in the first half, while the Salukis connected on only 9-of-23.

Southern Illinois added to their halftime lead in the second half, going on an 11-0 run midway through, making the score 37-22, until a three-point play by Najeeb Echols ended the run.

The Salukis kept Illinois State at a distance the rest of the way behind the play of LaMar Owens, who scored 14 of his game-high 16 points in the second half. Echols led all Redbird scorers with nine points off the bench.

Southern Illinois 57, ILLINOIS STATE 40

December 28, 2003 • SIU Arena

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

Team Pct.: FG – .320; FT – .556

3-Pt.: 3-17, .176 (Alexander 0-6, Guidry 1-8, Greene 1-1, Plank 1-2)

Blocks: None

Turnovers: 17 (Arnold 2, Dilligard 2, Alexander 4, Burras 1, Greene 2, Plank 3, Echols 3)

Steals: 8 (Arnold 1, Dilligard 1, Guidry 2, Plank 3, Echols 1)

Table with 8 columns: Player, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Owen, Willis, Brooks, Turner, Hairston, Tatum, Walker, Hughes, Young, Warren, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG – .438; FT – .778

3-Pt.: 1-7, .143 (Brooks 1-4, Turner 0-1, Hairston 0-1, Walker 0-1)

Blocks: 2 (Willis 1, Hairston 1)

Turnovers: 15 (Willis 2, Brooks 5, Turner 3, Hairston 3, Tatum 1, Young 1)

Steals: 10 (Owen 3, Brooks 3, Turner 3, Warren 1)

Officials: John Higgins, David Draucker, Steven Skiles

Attendance: 5,892

Halftime Score: Southern Illinois 22, ILLINOIS STATE 18

GAME 10

Redbirds Stun Illini, But Fall 80-73 in Overtime

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. – The Illinois State men's basketball team rang in the new year with a hard fought overtime loss to No. 19 Illinois, 80-73. ISU falls to 4-6 on the season and Illinois runs its record to 9-2.

Redbird Marcus Arnold led all scorers with career-tying 23 points. In his first action since suffering a broken jaw nearly a month ago, Deron Williams ignited the Illini with 20 points off the bench.

Illinois State's Greg Alexander (14 points) buried a three pointer at 18:58 to begin the scoring. Illinois' Dee Brown (16 points) answered with a three of his own on the next trip down the floor. Alexander buried another three on the ensuing trip to put the 'Birds up 6-3 early.

The second half started out much like the first with consecutive three pointers. Only this time, Luther Head hit the first one and Illinois State's Alexander answered.

The momentum once again swung in Illinois State's favor as they jumped out to 49-39 lead with 12:29 to go. The run was sparked by a three-point play by Alexander and a Trey Guidry (16 points) three pointer. A layup by Chris Burras capped off a 10-0 run by the 'Birds.

The Illini made their push around the 7:15 mark led by Williams. He scored 12 points in a matter of five minutes to cut ISU's lead to 67-64 with 1:53 to go. Then Head scored with 1:10 left, cutting it to 67-66. A Brown steal was followed by a charge by Williams with 36 seconds left giving the ball back to Illinois State.

Senior Vince Greene (10 assists) was fouled twice by put ISU in the bonus. Greene made the first free throw but missed the second. The Illini worked the ball around to Williams, who missed a three but got the rebound and dishd to Smith, who was fouled with 18.1 left on the clock.

Smith hit the ensuing free throws, tying the game at 68-68. ISU went to Marcus Arnold for their final shot but his jumper bounced off the rim.

Illinois dominated the overtime period with seven free throws and a couple buckets. ISU's only points in the extra period came on a put back by Arnold and a three pointer by Guidry. Illinois closed out the game with free throws, finishing the game with its largest lead of the day.

#19 Illinois 80, Illinois State 73 ot

January 3, 2004 • Assembly Hall

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

Team Pct.: FG – .545; FT – .462

3-Pt.: 7-16, .438 (Alexander 3-7, Greene 0-2, Guidry 4-7)

Blocks: None

Turnovers: 17 (Arnold 5, Dilligard 1, Alexander 1, Greene 5, Guidry 2, Burras 1, Miller 1, Team 1)

Steals: 10 (Arnold 1, Alexander 3, Greene 2, Guidry 2, Burras 1, Echols 1)

Table with 8 columns: Player, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Randle, Powell, Augustine, Head, Brown, Spears, Williams, McBride, Smith, Ingram, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG – .440; FT – .871

3-Pt.: 9-24, 37.5 (Head 3-7, Brown 2-6, Williams 4-9, McBride 0-2)

Blocks: None

Turnovers: 14 (Randle 1, Powell 2, Augustine 2, Brown 2, Williams 3, McBride 1, Smith 3)

Steals: 6 (Powell 1, Augustine 2, Head 1, Brown 1)

Officials: Tim Hutchinson, Dennis Bracco, Dave Maracich

Attendance: 16,618

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 32, Illinois 32



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.

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#23 Creighton	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Lindeman, f	35	1-3	2-4	1-2	2	1	5
Grimes, f	19	2-5	1-2	2-5	0	1	5
Deren, c	31	5-10	2-2	1-7	4	4	12
Funk, g	24	3-7	0-0	1-6	0	3	7
Mathies, g	25	2-4	2-4	0-1	1	2	6
Miliner	24	1-4	6-6	0-0	1	2	9
Dabbert	16	2-6	2-2	1-1	0	3	6
McKinney	19	2-3	0-0	0-1	1	0	6
Motz	6	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Tolliver	1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
Totals	200	18-43	15-20	8-28	9	17	56

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)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Arnold, f	35	6-9	0-3	1-12	1	3	12
Plank, f	27	3-8	2-2	0-0	2	1	8
Dilligard, f	14	3-4	0-1	4-6	0	4	6
Alexander, g	33	2-5	0-0	0-2	5	1	6
Greene, g	22	0-1	0-0	0-1	2	5	0
Miller	18	0-1	1-2	0-0	4	0	1
Guidry	24	3-9	0-0	0-1	1	2	9
Echols	27	6-8	1-4	1-3	2	2	13
Totals	200	26-51	5-12	8-28	13	18	61

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 Berkholz

Attendance: 5,282

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 20, #23 Creighton 19