

# FIGHTING ILLINI PLAYER UPDATES



## #5 DERON WILLIAMS Junior • Guard • 6-3 • 210 The Colony, Texas/The Colony HS

- Consensus Second-Team All-American -
- Wooden Award All-America Team -
- NABC Second-Team All-American -
- Sporting News Second-Team All-American -
- Associated Press Third-Team All-American -
- NCAA Final Four All-Tournament Team -
- NCAA Chicago Regional Most Outstanding Player -
- First-Team All-Big Ten -

### CAREER HIGHS

Points . . . . .31, twice,  
vs. Wisconsin (2/18/04) &  
vs. Cincinnati (3/21/04)

FG . . . . .10  
vs. Cincinnati (3/21/04)

FGA . . . . .18, twice,  
vs. North Carolina  
(12/2/03) & vs. Wisconsin  
(2/18/04)

3P . . . . .6  
vs. Cincinnati (3/21/04)

3PA . . . . .11  
vs. Purdue (3/3/04)

FT . . . . .8  
vs. Wisconsin (2/18/04) &  
vs. Missouri (12/22/04)

FTA . . . . .10  
vs. Missouri (12/22/04)

Rebounds . . . . .9  
vs. Western Illinois  
(11/22/03)

Assists . . . . .12  
vs. Penn State (1/12/05)

Blocks . . . . .2  
vs. Ohio State (1/5/05)

Steals . . . . .4, five times,  
last vs. Penn State  
(1/12/05)

Minutes . . . . .45  
vs. Purdue (3/3/04)

### AT ILLINOIS

2004-2005 Junior: 2005 Consensus Second-Team All-American ... Wooden Award All-America Team ... NABC Second-Team All-American ... *Sporting News* Second-Team All-American ... CBS Sportsline.com Second-Team All-American ... *Associated Press* Third-Team All-American ... Sports Illustrated.com Third-Team All-American ... College Insider.com All-American ... First-Team All-Big Ten selection by both league coaches and media ... Wooden Award finalist ... Oscar Robertson (USBWA) Player of the Year finalist ... Bob Cousy College Point Guard of the Year finalist ... Midseason Naismith Award candidate ... USBWA All-District ... NABC First-Team All-District ... NCAA Final Four All-Tournament Team selection ... Named Most Outstanding Player of the NCAA Chicago Regional after totaling 21 points and eight assists vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee in the semifinal and 22 points and 10 assists in the final ... Started every game of the season, ranking third on the Illini in scoring, averaging 12.5 points (19th in Big Ten) ... Scored in double figures 25 times ... Led the Big Ten and ranked 11th in the nation in assists, averaging 6.8 apg ... First player in Big Ten history to lead the conference in assists in each of his first three seasons (Big Ten games only) ... Set an Illinois school record for assists in a season with 264, shattering the former UI record of 200 by Bruce Douglas in 1985 ... Ranks second on the Illini career assists lists with 594 assists ... Reached double figures in assists five times this season, led by a career-high 12 assists vs. Penn State (Jan. 12), the seventh highest total by an Illini player in school history ... Illinois' career assists leader in NCAA Tournament play with 78 assists in 11 games ... Posted three double-doubles on the season, 22 points-10 assists vs. Arizona in the Regional Final; 15 points-10 assists vs. Nevada in the NCAA Tournament Second Round; and 11 points-12 assists vs. Penn State (Jan. 12) ... Totaled at least seven assists in 19 games ... Led the team and ranked fourth in the Big Ten in assist/turnover ratio (2.42) ... Third on the Illini with 68 three-pointers, averaging 1.7 treys per game ... Las Vegas Holiday Classic All-Tournament Team ... Scored a season-high 23 points vs. Longwood (Dec. 27) ... Made a season-high five 3-pointers vs. Gonzaga (Nov. 27) and vs. Arizona (March 26) ... Tied career high in steals with four vs. Penn State (Jan. 12) ... Scored 1,000th career point vs. Northwestern on March 11 ... Ranks 35th on the Illini all-time scoring list with 1,111 career points ... Ranks eighth on the Illini career 3-point field goals list with 163 treys ... Preseason Big Ten Player of the Year and Preseason First-Team All-Big Ten selection ... Preseason Wooden Award candidate ... Preseason *Playboy* All-American.

2003-2004 Sophomore: First-Team All-Big Ten selection by coaches and media ... Big Ten All-Tournament Team ... USBWA All-District 5 selection ... NABC Second-Team All-District 11 ... Led the Illini and ranked eighth in the Big Ten in scoring, averaging 14.0 points ... Just the third player in Big Ten history to lead the league in assists each of his first two seasons in the conference, joining Magic Johnson and Bruce

Douglas ... Season average of 6.17 assists ranks third in Illini history ... Broke the Illinois NCAA Tournament scoring record with career-high tying 31 points in second round win over Cincinnati ... Made 10-of-13 shots, including a career-high six 3-pointers against the Bearcats ... Set a career high with 31 points, making nine-of-18 shots, including five 3-pointers, and career-best eight-of-eight shooting from the free-throw line, in win over Wisconsin on Feb. 18 ... Ranked second in the league with an assist/turnover ratio of 2.47 and sixth in 3-point shooting at 39.4 percent ... Also sixth in the Big Ten in 3-pointers per game with 2.23 avg. ... Recorded third career double-double with 16 points and 10 assists to help Illini clinch share of Big Ten title at Purdue on March 3 ... Scored 20 points and had seven assists in Big Ten Tournament quarterfinal win over Indiana ... Recorded second career double-double with 19 points and career-high 11 assists in win at Minnesota on Feb. 8 ... Finished the regular season by scoring in double figures for 10 straight games, all Illini victories ... Missed three games in December after suffering a double jaw fracture against Maryland-Eastern Shore on Dec. 11 when he ran into a screen ... Came off the bench and led the Illini to come-from-behind win over Illinois State on Jan. 3 with 20 points, four rebounds and three assists in 34 minutes with his jaw still wired shut from the fracture ... Had a streak of 26 consecutive free throws broken at Penn State on Feb. 21 ... During the summer prior to the 2003-04 season, led the USA Basketball Men's National Junior Team in assists with 38 and was fourth in scoring (8.4 avg.) while starting all eight games ... Along with teammate Dee Brown, helped the U.S. to a fifth-place finish in Greece with a 7-1 record.

2002-2003 Freshman: True freshman started 30 of 32 games for the Illini at guard ... Named All-Freshman Team by CollegeInsider.com ... Second on the team and ranked third in the Big Ten in assists, averaging 4.53 per game ... Led the league in assists in conference play with 77 (4.81 apg), edging out teammate Dee Brown by one assist ... Had at least two assists in every game and had five or more assists 16 times ... Ranked second in the Big Ten behind Brown in assist/turnover ratio at +2.46 ... Second on the team with 46 steals, an average of 1.44 spg (ninth in Big Ten) ... Achieved season-high total in assists (7) on four occasions, three times in Big Ten play ... Had seven assists and no turnovers vs. Indiana (2/25) ... Pass-first guard scored in double figures seven times during the season ... Scored season-high 12 points three times, including Feb. 18 vs. Michigan State where he hit 5-of-7 shots ... Scored 12 points on 4-of-7 three-point shooting vs. Ohio State ... Excellent defender who usually guarded the opponents' top perimeter player ... One of 12 players on the 2002 USA Basketball Men's Junior World Championship Qualifying Team ... Helped the U.S. to a bronze medal along with fellow Illini Dee Brown.

### HIGH SCHOOL

Consensus Top 50 recruit nationally... Averaged 17.6 points,

DERON WILLIAMS • 2004-05 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	Pct.	3-PT		FT-A	Pct.	OR-DR		PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	ST	PTS
						FG-A	Pct.			TOT							
11-19	Delaware State	1-1	34	5-11	.455	2-7	.286	0-0	.000	0-1	1	1	6	3	0	0	12
11-21	Florida A&M	1-1	31	4-13	.308	2-8	.250	1-2	.500	1-5	6	0	8	3	1	1	11
11-24	Oakland	1-1	33	6-10	.600	2-4	.500	3-3	1.000	0-6	6	0	9	3	0	0	17
11-27	vs. Gonzaga	1-1	27	7-13	.538	5-9	.556	1-2	.500	2-1	3	1	3	1	0	2	20
12-1	Wake Forest	1-1	25	4-10	.400	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	0-5	5	3	11	4	0	1	8
12-4	vs. Arkansas	1-1	36	3-11	.273	2-4	.500	5-6	.833	0-4	4	2	5	2	0	0	13
12-6	Chicago State	1-1	28	4-9	.444	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	2-3	5	2	8	3	0	0	9
12-9	at Georgetown	1-1	35	2-7	.286	0-2	.000	4-6	.667	0-3	3	2	5	6	0	1	8
12-11	vs. Oregon	1-1	34	5-10	.500	1-3	.333	6-7	.857	0-1	1	2	7	5	0	0	17
12-19	Valparaiso	1-1	28	7-15	.467	1-7	.143	0-0	.000	0-7	7	0	7	1	0	0	15
12-22	vs. Missouri	1-1	38	5-13	.385	1-3	.333	8-10	.800	0-3	3	3	5	4	1	1	19
12-27	Longwood	1-1	28	7-15	.467	4-8	.500	5-7	.714	1-1	2	1	7	5	0	0	23
12-30	vs. N'western St.	1-1	38	5-13	.385	2-7	.286	2-2	1.000	0-4	4	3	6	3	0	1	14
12-31	vs. Cincinnati	1-1	36	6-15	.400	3-8	.375	3-4	.750	0-6	6	1	4	2	0	0	18
1-5	Ohio State	1-1	39	6-16	.375	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	0-2	2	1	8	1	2	0	14
1-8	at Purdue	1-1	31	2-9	.222	1-3	.333	1-3	.333	1-2	3	4	6	2	1	0	6
1-12	Penn State	1-1	30	4-7	.571	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	1-2	3	2	12	3	0	4	11
1-15	at Northwestern	1-1	25	3-8	.375	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	1-2	3	4	9	2	0	2	6
1-20	Iowa	1-1	39	2-5	.400	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	1-5	6	4	8	4	0	2	4
1-25	at Wisconsin	1-1	39	5-13	.385	0-1	.000	3-4	.750	1-5	6	2	6	3	0	0	13
1-29	Minnesota	1-1	32	7-10	.700	4-5	.800	0-0	.000	1-4	5	3	6	5	0	2	18
2-1	at Michigan St.	1-1	37	5-8	.625	4-5	.800	0-0	.000	0-1	1	1	5	3	0	0	14
2-6	Indiana	1-1	38	0-7	.000	0-2	.000	1-2	.500	0-2	2	1	11	4	0	0	1
2-8	at Michigan	1-1	40	3-9	.333	1-6	.167	0-0	.000	1-3	4	2	4	1	0	3	7
2-12	Wisconsin	1-1	39	6-15	.400	3-7	.429	0-0	.000	0-4	4	2	3	2	0	2	15
2-16	at Penn State	1-1	24	2-5	.400	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0-1	1	2	9	4	1	1	6
2-19	at Iowa	1-1	40	8-16	.500	2-7	.286	0-0	.000	0-1	1	3	5	3	0	3	18
2-23	Northwestern	1-1	22	5-7	.714	2-4	.500	1-2	.500	0-2	2	3	6	1	1	1	13
3-3	Purdue	1-1	27	7-9	.778	4-6	.667	3-4	.750	0-5	5	0	6	0	0	1	21
3-6	at Ohio State	1-1	33	1-7	.143	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	1-5	6	3	3	0	1	1	2
3-11	vs. N'western	1-1	30	3-8	.375	1-2	.500	1-3	.333	0-2	2	2	8	2	0	2	8
3-12	vs. Minnesota	1-1	36	4-9	.444	1-2	.500	3-3	1.000	0-5	5	2	5	4	0	2	12
3-13	vs. Wisconsin	1-1	36	3-10	.300	2-4	.500	0-2	.000	0-4	4	0	3	2	0	0	8
3-17	vs. F. Dickinson	1-1	34	3-9	.333	0-4	.000	2-2	1.000	0-2	2	2	6	1	0	2	8
3-19	vs. Nevada	1-1	34	4-9	.444	0-1	.000	7-8	.875	0-4	4	3	10	3	0	0	15
3-24	vs. UW-Mil.	1-1	37	8-12	.667	2-5	.400	3-4	.750	0-3	3	4	8	3	0	1	21
3-26	vs. Arizona	1-1	44	8-15	.533	5-9	.556	1-2	.500	0-3	3	3	10	6	0	1	22
4-2	vs. Louisville	1-1	38	2-7	.286	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	0-5	5	2	9	4	0	0	5
4-4	vs. North Carolina	1-1	40	7-16	.438	3-10	.300	0-2	.000	0-4	4	4	7	1	0	1	17
<b>Totals</b>		<b>39-39</b>	<b>1315/33.7</b>	<b>178-411</b>	<b>.433</b>	<b>68-187</b>	<b>.364</b>	<b>65-96</b>	<b>.677</b>	<b>14-128</b>	<b>- 142/3.6</b>	<b>80-0</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>489/12.5</b>

8.4 assists, 6.1 rebounds and 2.6 steals per game as a senior ... Averaged 17 points, 9.4 assists, five rebounds and two steals per game as a junior ... 2001 and 2002 Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) First-Team All-State selection ... First-Team All-State selection by the *Dallas Morning News* ... Helped lead the Cougars to a 29-2 mark in 2002 ... Led The Colony to a 32-2 record and the Texas Class 5A state semifinals in 2001 ... Ranked No. 27 in the nation by All-Star Report ... Ranked by RivalsHoops.com as the No. 36 player overall and the No. 8 point guard in the nation ... Ranked No. 46 in the nation by Blue Chip Hoops ... Played in the TABC All-Star Game, Kentucky Derby Festival All-Star Classic and Demetrius Johnson St. Louis All-Star Game following his senior year ... High school coach was Tommy Thomas.

PERSONAL

Born June 26, 1984, in Parkersburg, W.V. ... Mother is Denise Smith ... Majoring in sport management ... High school teammate of Indiana guard Bracey Wright ... Mother, Denise Smith, and aunt, Judy Ward, played basketball and volleyball at West Liberty State ... Favorite athletes are Jason Kidd ("I love the way he plays the game") and former Illini Frank Williams.

Deron Williams at the NCAA Tournament

2003																
Date	Opponent	GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	A	TO	BLK	ST	PTS			
3-20	vs. West. Kentucky	*	30	4-7	3-3	0-0	0-0-0	2	4	3	0	3	11			
3-22	vs. Notre Dame	*	30	2-5	1-2	0-0	1-1-2	0	3	0	1	3	5			
2004																
Date	Opponent	GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	A	TO	BLK	ST	PTS			
3-19	Murray State	*	31	3-11	2-7	0-0	1-3-4	4	8	0	1	0	8			
3-21	Cincinnati	*	31	10-13	6-8	5-7	0-3-3	2	7	0	1	0	31			
3-26	vs. Duke	*	31	3-13	1-5	0-0	1-3-4	4	6	3	0	1	7			
2005																
Date	Opponent	GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	A	TO	BLK	ST	PTS			
3-17	vs. F. Dickinson	*	34	3-9	0-4	2-2	0-2-2	2	6	1	0	2	8			
3-19	vs. Nevada	*	34	4-9	0-1	7-8	0-4-4	3	10	3	0	0	15			
3-24	vs. UW-Mil.	*	37	8-12	2-5	3-4	0-3-3	4	8	3	0	1	21			
3-26	vs. Arizona	*	44	8-15	5-9	1-2	0-3-3	3	10	6	0	1	22			
4-2	vs. Louisville	*	38	2-7	1-5	0-0	0-5-5	2	9	4	0	0	5			
4-4	vs. North Carolina	*	40	7-16	3-10	0-2	0-4-4	4	7	1	0	1	17			
Total: (11 games)		11	380	54-117	24-59	18-25	3-31-34	30	78	24	3	12	150			

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Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR -- TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS/Avg
02-03	32-30	868-27.1	75-176/.426	28-79/.354	24-45/.533	15-80 - 95/3.0	76-2	145	59	5	46	202/6.3
03-04	30-29	1017-33.9	147-360/.408	67-170/.394	59-75/.787	14-83 - 97/3.2	68-2	185	75	9	31	420/14.0
04-05	39-39	1315-33.7	178-411/.433	68-187/.364	65-96/.677	14-128 - 142/3.6	80-0	264	109	8	38	489/12.5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>101-98</b>	<b>3200-31.7</b>	<b>400-947/.422</b>	<b>163-436/.374</b>	<b>148-216/.685</b>	<b>43-291 - 334/3.3</b>	<b>224-4</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>1111/11.0</b>