



GAME 9

Illinois State Redbirds (6-2) at Evansville Purple Aces (5-3) December 5, 2006 • 2:05 p.m. CT Roberts Stadium (11,600) • Evansville, Ind.

ILLINOIS STATE (6-2)

N12 vs. SMU*	L	55-57
N13 at Florida State*	L	59-73
N14 vs. McNeese State*	W	67-50
N20 CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE	W	66-44
N25 at St. John's	W	78-65
N29 SACRAMENTO STATE	W	86-69
D2 UT-ARLINGTON	W	86-61
D5 MIAMI (OHIO)	W	64-40
D9 at Evansville*		2:05 pm
D16 at Western Michigan		2:05 pm
D19 LEWIS		7:05 pm
D23 at Illinois-Chicago		2 pm
D29 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*		6:05 pm
J1 at Creighton*		2:05 pm
J6 INDIANA STATE*		7:05 pm
J9 NORTHERN IOWA*		7:05 pm
J13 at Drake*		3:05 pm
J15 MISSOURI STATE*		7:05 pm
J18 WICHITA STATE*		7:05 pm
J21 DRAKE*		2:05 pm
J24 at Bradley*		7:35 pm
J27 at Southern Illinois*		2:05 pm
F3 BRADLEY*		7:05 pm
F6 at Missouri State*		8:05 pm
F11 at Wichita State*		2:05 pm
F14 at Indiana State*		7:05 pm
F17 ESPN BRACKETBUSTERS		TBA
F20 CREIGHTON*		7:05 pm
F24 at Northern Iowa*		TBA
M1-4 at State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Tournament (St. Louis, Mo.)		

* Colonial Classic (Tallahassee, Fla.)

* Missouri Valley Conference game

Home games in CAPS; Times listed as Central

RADIO COVERAGE

Redbird Radio Network

► Dick Luedke, play-by-play

► Mike Matthews, color analyst

► Bruce Evans, sideline

► L.A. Decker, studio host

Flagship: WJBC(1230 AM, Bloomington)


Affiliates: WBIG (AM 1280/Aurora), WJEZ (FM 98.9/Dwight),
and WFMB (AM 1450/Springfield)

TV COVERAGE

None

THE STARTERS

Illinois State Redbirds ▶▶▶




1
Roberto Fortes
► Guard
Sr.-1L • 6-4 • 195
Fort Wayne, Ind.
PPG RPG APG
7.4 3.0 1.9




4
Anthony Slack
► Forward
Jr.-TR • 6-7 • 210
New Orleans, La.
PPG RPG BPG
11.5 7.8 1.9



5
Boo Richardson
► Guard
Jr.-TR • 5-8 • 160
Kansas City, Kan.
PPG RPG APG
12.8 2.5 5.8



10
Dom Johnson
► Guard
Jr.-TR • 6-0 • 185
Bell City, Mo.
PPG RPG APG
12.9 2.1 2.5



50
Greg Dilligard
► Forward
Sr.-3L • 6-8 • 230
Labelle, Mo.
PPG RPG BPG
10.4 6.4 1.5

Evansville Purple Aces ▶▶

						ppg	rpg	apg	
F	33	Matt Webster	6-8	240	Sr.	Sheridan, Ind.	16.8	5.8	1.8
C	55	Bradley Strickland	6-9	231	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga.	10.3	6.3	1.4*
G	4	Kyle Anslinger	6-4	187	Sr.	Evansville, Ind.	9.6	4.3	1.4
G	15	Jay Cousnard	6-5	186	Fr.	Houston, Texas	1.8	2.4	0.6
G	22	Jason Holsinger	5-11	177	So.	Lapel, Ind.	8.1	2.6	5.3

* blocked shots per game

STORYLINES

- Both the Redbirds and the Purple Aces started off the season with a pair of losses, but now Illinois State has won six straight and Evansville has been winners in five of the last six games.
- Today's game is Illinois State's earliest start for the Missouri Valley Conference schedule.
- Illinois State has lost seven straight league openers, while Evansville has lost four of its last five.
- The Redbirds are 7-8 all-time at Roberts Stadium against Evansville, but the Purple Aces have won four straight.
- ISU's Boo Richardson and Anthony Slack faced Evansville's Art Stalbergs twice during their junior college careers. Coffeyville Community College and Cowley County Community College split the regular season series during the 2004-05 season. In the first meeting, Stalbergs sank a pair of free throws with 4.3 seconds left to give Cowley an 80-79 win. A month later, Richardson's 18 points and eight assists led the way to Coffeyville's 75-61 win.

SERIES HISTORY

- Series Record – Illinois State leads 20-12.
- First Meeting – The Redbirds defeated the Purple Aces 77-62 on Dec. 8, 1952 in McCormick Gym.
- Last Meeting – Evansville ended ISU's season with a 52-45 victory in the opening round of the 2006 Valley Tournament.
- Current Streak – The Purple Aces have won the last two meetings and five of the last seven.

THE COACHES

- Porter Moser (Creighton '90) is in his seventh season as a college coach and his fourth season at Illinois State. He owns a 96-87 (.522) career mark, including a 42-53 (.442) record with the Redbirds. Prior to guiding ISU, Moser served three seasons at Arkansas-Little Rock. Moser is assisted by Chris Jans, Daniyal Robinson and Brian Barone.
- Steve Merfeld (UW-La Crosse '84) is in his fifth season at Evansville and owns a 45-77 (.369) record. Prior to coaching the Purple Aces, Merfeld coached Hampton for five seasons. He has a 135-134 (.502) career record. Merfeld is assisted by Kareem Richardson, Jason Zimmerman and Sean O'Regan.

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THE TALE OF THE TAPE

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W-L Record	6-2	5-3
Points Scored	70.1	66.6
Points Allowed	57.4	59.1
Scoring Margin	+12.8	+7.5
FG Percentage	45.6	41.0
Def. FG Percentage	41.1	39.2
3-pt. Percentage	36.1	33.1
Def. 3-pt. Percentage	25.5	23.8
FT Percentage	67.6	69.4
Offensive Rebounds	11.3	11.6
Total Rebounds	33.2	34.4
Rebounding Margin	+0.9	-3.9
Assists	16.6	15.1
Turnover Average	18.5	13.3
Turnover Margin	+3.9	+3.9
Steal Average	8.8	5.9
Block Average	4.3	2.3
Fouls	17.3	18.8

WEEKLY MEDIA CONFERENCE

The weekly media conference starts at 1 p.m. and is located in the Redbird Arena media room, which is just off the Southwest loading dock.

- ▶ Wednesday, December 13
- ▶ Wednesday, January 3
- ▶ Wednesday, January 10
- ▶ Wednesday, January 17
- ▶ Tuesday, January 23
- ▶ Wednesday, January 31
- ▶ Thursday, February 8
- ▶ Thursday, February 15
- ▶ Wednesday, February 21
- ▶ Monday, February 26

VALLEY TELECONFERENCE

Teleconferences with The Valley head coaches will be conducted each Tuesday, beginning on Dec. 12 and continuing through Feb. 27. The conferences begin at 10 a.m., CT. To participate in the conference calls, call 913.981.5509.

- ▶ 10:05 Jim Les, Bradley
- ▶ 10:10 Dana Altman, Creighton
- ▶ 10:15 Tom Davis, Drake
- ▶ 10:20 Steve Merfeld, Evansville
- ▶ 10:25 Porter Moser, Illinois State
- ▶ 10:30 Royce Waltman, Indiana State
- ▶ 10:35 Barry Hinson, Missouri State
- ▶ 10:40 Ben Jacobson, Northern Iowa
- ▶ 10:45 Chris Lowery, Southern Illinois
- ▶ 10:50 Mark Turgeon, Wichita State

ABOUT THE EVANSVILLE PURPLE ACES

- ▶ Evansville is located in Evansville, Ind., and has an enrollment of 2,434. The Purple Aces are members of the Missouri Valley Conference.
- ▶ The Purple Aces return 10 lettermen, including all five starters, from a team which finished with a 10-19 overall record and 5-13 in the Valley.
- ▶ Senior Matt Webster, an honorable mention all-Valley selection last season, leads the team with 16.8 points per game and is coming off a career-high 30 points against Valparaiso.
- ▶ Bradley Strickland is the only other Ace averaging double-digit points with 10.3 per game.
- ▶ The Aces are 4-1 at Roberts Stadium this season.

EVANSVILLE NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
2	Art Stalbergs	F/C	6-6	223	Sr.	Liepaja, Latvia
4	Kyle Anslinger	G	6-4	187	Sr.	Evansville, Ind.
5	Shy Ely	G/F	6-4	200	So.	Indianapolis, Ind.
10	Taylor Morrow	G	6-2	165	Fr.	Wadesville, Ind.
11	Victor Gomez	F	6-6	212	Jr.	Marianna, Fla.
12	Willie Larry	G	6-4	199	Fr.	Little Rock, Ark.
14	Trent Wargel	G	5-7	160	So.	Ridgway, Ill.
15	Jay Cousnard	G	6-5	186	Fr.	Houston, Texas
20	Trevor Gregory	G	6-0	165	Fr.	Evansville, Ind.
21	Darin Granger	G	6-2	170	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind.
22	Jason Holsinger	G	5-11	177	So.	Lapel, Ind.
32	Arnie Juncker	F	6-7	190	Fr.	Evansville, Ind.
33	Matt Webster	F/C	6-8	240	Sr.	Sheridan, Ind.
41	Pieter van Tongeren	F/C	6-11	233	Fr.	Driehuis, The Netherlands
44	Justin Petty	F	6-7	200	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind.
55	Bradley Strickland	F/C	6-9	231	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga.

Head Coach: Steve Merfeld
Assistant Coach: Sean O'Regan, Kareem Richardson, Jason Zimmerman

LET'S GO STREAKING

ISU enters today's game looking for its seventh straight victory, the longest winning streak in the Porter Moser era at Illinois State. In fact, the Redbirds have not won seven straight games since the 2000-01 season.

MORE ON THE STREAK

Not only has ISU won six straight games, but all have been double-digit victories. The last time Illinois State won six straight games by 10 points or more was in 1939, when the Redbirds ended the 1938-39 season with four straight wins and opened the 1939-40 campaign with two consecutive double-digit victories.

LEAGUE PLAY ... ALREADY?

It is December 9 and this is the Missouri Valley Conference opener for Illinois State and Evansville. If it seems early, it's correct. This is the earliest conference start for Illinois State since joining the Valley for the 1981-82 season. The previous earliest start was December 10, when ISU lost at Evansville 78-51, in 1994.

FOR VALLEY OPENERS

Opening the conference season has been a rough proposition for the Redbirds as of late. ISU has lost seven straight Missouri Valley Conference starts with the last win coming on Dec. 12, 1998 with a 68-61 victory over Wichita State.

DOUBLE-DOUBLE-DOUBLE DOUBLED

Greg Dilligard and Anthony Slack have each notched double-doubles in the same game twice this season (Sacramento State and Miami (Ohio)). It's the first time a pair of Redbirds have posted double-doubles in the same game twice since the 1997-98 season when Dan Muller and Rico Hill each collected double-doubles in the two regular season meetings against Missouri State.

RE-WRITING REDBIRD RECORDS

The Illinois State defense has taken the red ink to the "Redbird Arena Records" page in the 2006-07 media guide. Through four home games, the Redbirds have held Cal State Northridge to a Redbird Arena low 25.9 percent shooting. The Matadors also tied the facility low with 14 made field goals. On Tuesday, the Redbirds limited Miami (Ohio) to a Redbird Arena record 13 second-half points, while the RedHawks 40 total points were the second lowest in the facility's history.

ALTHOUGH THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS FRIGHTFUL ...

The Redbirds' offensive firepower is so delightful. With back-to-back 86-point games, the Redbirds have not scored in the 80's in successive games since December 2003. The last time the Redbirds scored 86 points or more in back-to-back games was December of 2000 against Western Illinois and Georgia Southern.

UE 2006-07 SCHEDULE

5-3 Overall		
Date	Opponent	Score/Time
N13	at Lipscomb	L, 64-67
N17	MIAMI (Fla.) [^]	L, 69-74
N18	CLEVELAND STATE [^]	W, 63-49
N19	BUFFALO [^]	W, 74-44
N27	SE MISSOURI STATE	W, 65-45
N29	at UT-Martin	W, 75-57
D3	at Missouri	L, 54-73
D5	VALPARAISO	W, 69-64
D9	ILLINOIS STATE*	Today
D16	LIPSCOMB	7:05 pm
D18	at Austin Peay	7:05 pm
D22	at Butler	6:05 pm
D28	DRAKE*	7:05 pm
D30	at Bradley*	7:05 pm
J3	at Northern Iowa*	7:05 pm
J6	CREIGHTON*	7:05 pm
J9	at Missouri State*	8:05 pm
J13	at Wichita State*	7:05 pm
J17	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*	7:05 pm
J21	MISSOURI STATE*	3:30 pm
J24	at Indiana State*	6:05 pm
J27	WICHITA STATE*	7:05 pm
J30	at Illinois State*	7:05 pm
F3	NORTHERN IOWA*	7:05 pm
F7	at Creighton*	7:05 pm
F11	INDIANA STATE*	3:30 pm
F14	BRADLEY*	7:05 pm
F17	at ESPN BracketBusters	TBA
F21	at Drake*	7:05 pm
F24	at Southern Illinois	2:05 pm

* - Missouri Valley Conference game.
[^] - America's Youth Classic (Evansville, Ind.)
HOME GAMES IN CAPS. All times CENTRAL.

LAST TIME THEY MET

Evansville 52, ILLINOIS STATE 45
March 2, 2006 • Savvis Center

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Plank, f	32	1-5	0-0	1-5	4	0	3
Dilligard, f	29	4-8	0-2	6-10	2	4	8
Dyer, c	26	2-10	1-1	0-3	0	2	6
Onyeuku, g	15	3-6	2-2	0-1	0	5	8
K. Ford, g	17	0-1	0-0	0-4	1	2	0
Fortes	28	5-15	2-3	1-3	2	4	14
Wallace	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Vandello	21	1-2	0-0	1-3	1	4	2
D. Ford	28	2-8	0-0	1-5	0	2	4
Carlwell	4	0-1	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
Totals	200	18-56	5-8	12-37	10	23	45

Team Pct.: FG – .321; FT – .625

3-Pt.: 4-23, .174 (Plank 1-3, Dyer 1-6, Onyeuku 0-1, K. Ford 0-1, Fortes 2-10, D. Ford 0-2)

Blocks: 3 (Dilligard 2, Dyer 1)

Turnovers: 14 (Plank 6, Dilligard 2, Dyer 1, K. Ford 2, Fortes 1, Vandello 2)

Steals: 5 (Dyer 1, K. Ford 2, Vandello 2)

Evansville	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Webster, f	33	1-8	1-2	1-6	3	3	3
Strickland, c	36	7-9	1-5	3-6	0	0	15
Anslinger, g	36	1-7	2-3	0-3	2	3	5
Ely, g	30	4-7	5-6	1-6	0	1	15
Holsinger, g	33	3-8	4-4	0-3	1	1	12
Stalbergs	14	0-0	2-2	1-3	0	0	2
Blakey	7	0-1	0-0	0-2	0	0	0
Phifer	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Petty	8	0-2	0-0	0-1	0	2	0
Totals	200	16-42	15-22	6-33	6	10	52

Team Pct.: FG – .381; FT – .682

3-Pt.: 5-17, .294 (Holsinger 2-6, Webster 0-3, Anslinger 1-4, Ely 2-4)

Blocks: 2 (Anslinger 2)

Turnovers: 14 (Holsinger 3, Webster 3, Ely 3, Stalbergs 2, Blakey 1, Petty 2)

Steals: 6 (Strickland 2, Anslinger 2, Ely 1, Stalbergs 1)

Officials: John Higgins, Steve Olson, Kipp Kissinger

Attendance: 5,683

Halftime Score: Evansville 18, ILLINOIS STATE 17

2006-07 VALLEY PRESEASON POLL

1. Creighton (29)	386
2. Southern Illinois (9)	54
3. Wichita State (2)	325
4. Missouri State	289
5. Northern Iowa	223
6. Evansville	163
7. Drake	150
8. Bradley	136
9. Illinois State	125
10. Indiana State	48



IT IS BETTER TO GIVE THAN RECEIVE

It is the holiday season and the Redbirds are in a giving mood as of late. In the last three games, ISU has dished out 64 assists, including 26 assists in the 86-69 win over Sacramento State. The Redbirds' assist total against the Hornets ranked as the highest single-game total in the Porter Moser era at Illinois State and was the most since the 'Birds handed out 31 assists on Feb. 28, 1998 in the quarterfinal of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament against Southern Illinois.

DILLY DOUBLES DOWN, AGAIN

Senior Greg Dilligard entered the season with three career double-doubles. Through eight games, Dilligard already has three this season, including three in his last four games. Dilligard has posted double-digit points and rebounds against St. John's, Sacramento State and Miami (Ohio) this year.

THREE-BALLIN'

Through eight games, 41.0 percent of ISU's field goal attempts have come from beyond the 3-point arc. The 'Birds are averaging 22.5 three-point tries per game. Against Texas-Arlington on Dec. 2, the Redbirds set a Redbird Arena record with 14 made treys, which was also the second most in ISU history.

SLACK ATTACK

Junior Anthony Slack is attacking the glass for the Redbirds. In his first eight games, Slack is averaging 7.8 rebounds per game which is the most by a 'Bird since Rico Hill pulled down 8.2 boards per game during the 1996-97 season.

DYER MAKER

Despite his 6-foot-11 frame, Levi Dyer's shooting range can make Redbird opponents sad, sad, sad. Dyer tied a career best with 17 points against UT-Arlington. On the season, Dyer is shooting 6-for-13 (.462) on threes.

DISHING THE ROCK

Junior point guard Boo Richardson enters tonight's game averaging 5.8 assists per game this season, which is the highest average by a Redbird since Jamar Smiley dropped 6.4 assists per game during the 1997-98 season. Richardson has 42 assists on the season and is on pace to finish the regular season with 173, which would rank No. 9 all-time.

A NEW BENCHMARK

In the last three games, the Illinois State bench has outscored its opponent's bench 74-43, quite a change from the first five games of the season. In the first five games, the Redbird reserves were being outscored 80-48.

FOUR SCORE AND FIVE YEARS AGO?

Illinois State currently has four players averaging double-digit points on the season, including Dom Johnson (12.9), Boo Richardson (12.8), Anthony Slack (11.5) and Greg Dilligard (10.4). The last time ISU had four players average double digits was five years ago during the 2001-02 season. Last season, the Redbirds didn't have a single player average 10 or more points per contest.

20/20

When Boo Richardson and Greg Dilligard each scored over 20 points in the game against McNeese State, it marked the first time since Nov. 27, 2004, where two Redbirds reached the 20-point plateau. Richardson finished with a career-high 23 points, while Dilligard was two off his career best with 20 tallies. The Redbird duo became the first to achieve the feat since Trey Guidry (27 pts.) and Lorenzo Gordon (23 pts.) did against Tennessee-Martin.

TAKING THE 'NORM' OUT OF NORMAL

After finishing the 2005-06 season with a 9-19 record, the 'Birds were in the midst of an aberration. The campaign marked only the sixth losing season in ISU's 35 years of being a Division I program.

THIRTY SOMETHING

Junior guard Dom Johnson became the first Redbird to score 30 or more points in a game since Trey Guidry tossed in 30 at Creighton on Jan. 22, 2005. Johnson torched Florida State for 32 points on 12-for-23 shooting. It was the most points by a Redbird since Tarise Bryson scored 38 in the 2001 National Invitational Tournament game at Purdue.

DILLIGARD JOINS CENTURY CLUB

When it is all said and done, Greg Dilligard will go down in history as one of the best defensive players to suit up for ISU. In his final season, Dilligard ranks tied for No. 2 in career blocked shots with 136 and is only the fifth player to post 100 or more career blocks as a Redbird. His junior year ended with 62 blocks, which is second best single-season effort all time.

2006-07 VALLEY RANKINGS
Through Dec. 7 (All Games)

TEAM		
Scoring Offense.....	5th.....	70.1
Scoring Defense.....	3rd.....	57.4
Scoring Margin.....	3rd.....	+12.8
Free Throw Pct.....	7th.....	67.6
Field Goal Pct.....	5th.....	45.6
FG Pct. Defense.....	8th.....	41.1
3-Point FG Pct.....	5th.....	36.1
3-Point FG Pct. Def.....	2nd.....	25.5
Rebounding Offense.....	9th.....	33.2
Rebounding Defense.....	7th.....	32.4
Rebounding Margin.....	8th.....	+0.9
Blocked Shots.....	1st.....	4.25
Assists.....	4th.....	16.63
Steals.....	2nd.....	8.75
Turnover Margin.....	4th.....	+3.88
Assist/Turnover Ratio.....	8th.....	0.90
Offensive Rebounds.....	8th.....	11.25
Defensive Rebounds.....	9th.....	22.00
3-Point Field Goals Made.....	3rd.....	8.13
REBOUNDING		
Anthony Slack.....	5th.....	7.8
Greg Dilligard.....	10th.....	6.4
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE		
Greg Dilligard.....	1st.....	67.2
Anthony Slack.....	9th.....	58.1
ASSISTS		
Boo Richardson.....	2nd.....	5.75
STEALS		
Anthony Slack.....	3rd.....	2.13
Dom Johnson.....	5th.....	1.88
3-POINT FIELD GOAL MADE		
Dom Johnson.....	4th.....	3.00
BLOCKED SHOTS		
Anthony Slack.....	2nd.....	1.88
Greg Dilligard.....	4th.....	1.50
OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS		
Greg Dilligard.....	4th.....	3.25
DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS		
Anthony Slack.....	2nd.....	5.75
MINUTES PLAYED		
Dom Johnson.....	4th.....	32.88
Boo Richardson.....	5th.....	32.75

MATCHBOX 20

If the Illinois State box scores from the 2005-06 season were compared to the box scores from this season – one thing in particular jumps out. In 28 games last season, the Redbirds had a 20-point scorer three times. Greg Dilligard did it once and Roberto Fortes reached 20 points twice. This season, in the first three games, the Redbirds equaled that performance. Dom Johnson, Boo Richardson and Dilligard have all netted 20 points or more this season.

THE OUT-OF-TOWNERS

In the first eight games, the Redbird starting line-up has been Anthony Slack (New Orleans, La.), Greg Dilligard (Labelle, Mo.), Roberto Fortes (Fort Wayne, Ind.), Boo Richardson (Kansas City, Mo.) and Dom Johnson (Bell City, Mo.) – five players from outside the state of Illinois. The last time Illinois State started five players who weren't from the state of Illinois was 1997, when the 'Birds started Skipp Schaeffbauer (Minn.), Dan Muller (Ind.), Rob Gibbons (N.J.), Steve Hansell (United Kingdom) and Jamar Smiley (N.Y.) on Dec. 13, at Creighton.

208 GAMES WITH A TREY

ISU enters today's game at Evansville with at least one made three in 208 straight games. The last time ISU didn't sink a trey was an 82-43 loss at Creighton on Dec. 12, 1999.

THAT 70's SHOW

Under Porter Moser, ISU has limited its foes to 70 points or fewer in 65 of its 95 games (68.4 percent). There is also some significance when the 'Birds reach 70 points. When ISU scores 70 or more, the 'Birds are 23-4 (.852) under Moser.

CARRYING THE VALLEY FLAG

In Porter Moser's tenure at Illinois State, the Redbirds have carried the Valley flag well in non-conference match-ups. To date, ISU's fourth-year head coach boasts a 25-12 (.676) record in non-league games.

GONE IN 60 POINTS

The 60-point plateau continues to be a viable measuring stick for the Redbirds' success. Under head coach Porter Moser, the Redbirds own a 36-15 (.706) record when they score 60 points or more. When ISU scores less than 60, the Redbirds' record falls to 6-37 (.140).

POINT-N-SHOOT

It's not just the points either; shooting percentage is also a key factor for ISU in terms of wins and losses. When ISU shoots better than its opponent, the 'Birds are 37-10 (.787) over the last four seasons. When the Redbirds shoot worse, ISU is 5-42 (.106).

MAKING THE GRADE

The Illinois State men's basketball team set a record GPA during the Fall 2005 semester by posting a collective 2.81 GPA, topping the old mark of 2.75. The athletics department as a whole also netted a new standard during the Spring 2006 semester with a 2.99 GPA.

INSTANT IMPACT

Through eight games, the six Redbird newcomers have made immediate impacts. The newest Redbirds have accounted for 60.2 percent of ISU's scoring, 46.2 percent of the rebounding and 63.9 percent of the assists this season.

JUCO ALL-AMERICA U.

Dominatrix Johnson and Keith "Boo" Richardson became the second and third junior college all-Americans respectively, to sign with ISU since Porter Moser's arrival. Richardson claimed first-team honors, while Johnson was a third team selection. The duo joins Lorenzo Gordon, who went on to earn Valley Newcomer of the Year honors in 2005.

RUBIN SIGNS

During the early signing period, head coach Porter Moser added his first to the 2007-08 recruiting class. Point guard Alex Rubin from Armstrong High School in Plymouth, Minn., signed his national letter of intent to continue his education and basketball career at ISU. At 6-foot-1, 185-pounds, Rubin led the Falcons to a 19-10 overall record, before falling in the sectional finals. A two-time all-Classic Lake Conference selection, Rubin averaged 14.5 points and 4.8 assists per game as a junior. In 2006, he was named to the all-metro defensive second team and was an honorable mention all-state selection.



CHART CLIMBERS

Career Blocked Shots Leaders

1. LeRoy Watkins - 1995-99	143
2. Greg Dilligard - 2003-06	136
Mike VandeGarde - 1990-94	134

Career Blocked Shots Average

1. Greg Dilligard (95 games) - 2003-06	1.43
2. Jeff Wilkins (81 games) - 1974-77	1.27
3. Joe Galvin (107 games) - 1976-80	1.23
4. Mike VandeGarde (112 games) - 1990-94	1.20
5. LeRoy Watkins (120 games) - 1995-99	1.19

Career Games Started

1. Dan Muller - 1994-98	128
7. Rick Lamb (1979-83)	91
8. Jarrod Coleman (1986-90)	89
9. Greg Dilligard - 2003-06	88

CAREER GAMES/STARTS

No.	Player	GP	GS
50	Greg Dilligard	95	88
1	Roberto Fortes	31	11
31	Michael Vandello	35	9
42	Dinma Odiakosa	18	9
32	Levi Dyer	44	8
10	Dom Johnson	8	8
5	Boo Richardson	8	8
4	Anthony Slack	8	8
45	Brandon Holtz	31	7
51	Ronnie Carlwell	67	2
0	Osiris Eldridge	8	0
22	Julius Moor	6	0
24	Bobby Hill	5	0

2006-07 VALLEY STANDINGS

	VALLEY			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
1. Wichita State	0	0	.000	6	0	1.000
2. Northern Iowa	0	0	.000	7	1	.875
Missouri State	0	0	.000	7	1	.875
4. Southern Illinois	0	0	.000	6	1	.857
5. Illinois State	0	0	.000	6	2	.750
6. Bradley	0	0	.000	6	3	.667
7. Evansville	0	0	.000	5	3	.625
8. Creighton	0	0	.000	3	2	.600
Drake	0	0	.000	3	2	.600
10. Indiana State	0	0	.000	4	3	.571

*Through December 7

PRONOUNCIATIONS

Greg Dilligard	DILL-a-guard
Levi Dyer	LEE-vye
Osiris Eldridge	oh-SY-ris
Roberto Fortes	FORE-tez
Dominatrix Johnson	dom-me-NEE-trix
Porter Moser	MO-zur
Dinma Odiakosa	DEEN-muh oh-DEE-oh-kosa
Mike Vandello	van-DUH-low

2006-07 ILLINOIS STATE RESULTS

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	6-2	4-0	1-1	1-1
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	6-2	4-0	1-1	1-1

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTEND	HIGH POINTS	HIGH REBOUNDS
11-12-06	5:00 pm	vs SMU	55-57 L	6807	(15)Johnson, Dominatrix	(12)Slack, Anthony
11-13-06	7:30 pm	at Florida State	59-73 L	6897	(32)Johnson, Dominatrix	(5)Slack, Anthony
11-14-06	5:00 pm	vs McNeese State	W 67-50	6780	(23)Richardson, Boo	(8)Slack, Anthony
11-20-06	7:05 pm	CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE	W 66-44	4699	(16)Johnson, Dominatrix	(7)Slack, Anthony
11-25-06	7:30 pm	at St. John's	W 78-65	4038	(18)Richardson, Boo	(11)Dilligard, Greg
11-29-06	7:05 pm	SACRAMENTO STATE	W 86-69	5417	(21)Slack, Anthony	(10)Slack, Anthony (10)Dilligard, Greg
12-02-06	7:05 pm	TEXAS ARLINGTON	W 86-61	5941	(17)Dyer, Levi	(4)Dyer, Levi
12-05-06	7:05 pm	MIAMI (OHIO)	W 64-40	5735	(15)Slack, Anthony	(10)Slack, Anthony (10)Dilligard, Greg

* = Conference game

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY	GAMES	TOTALS	AVG/GAME
HOME	4	21792	5448
AWAY	2	10935	5468
NEUTRAL	2	13587	6794
TOTAL	8	46314	5789

2006-07 ILLINOIS STATE NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.-Ex.	Hometown (previous schools)
0	Osiris Eldridge	G	6-3	190	Fr.-HS	Chicago, Ill. (Phillips Academy)
1	Roberto Fortes	G	6-4	195	Sr.-1L	Fort Wayne, Ind. (North Side/Daytona Beach CC)
4	Anthony Slack	F	6-7	210	Jr.-TR	New Orleans, La. (John F. Kennedy/Coffeyville CC)
5	Keith "Boo" Richardson	G	5-8	160	Jr.-TR	Kansas City, Kan. (Wyandotte/Coffeyville CC)
10	Dominatrix Johnson	G	6-0	185	Jr.-TR	Bell City, Mo. (Bell City/Three Rivers CC)
22	Julius Moor	G	6-3	185	Jr.-TR	Kieler, Wis. (Cuba City/Kirkwood CC)
24	Bobby Hill	F	6-6	210	Fr.-HS	St. Louis, Mo. (Vashon)
31	Mike Vandello	F	6-7	220	So.-1L	Bettendorf, Iowa (Bettendorf)
32	Levi Dyer	C	6-11	220	Jr.-2L	Eaton, Colo. (Eaton)
42	Dinma Odiakosa	F	6-8	240	So.-1L	Akwukwu, Nigeria (St. Patrick's Model School)
45	Brandon Holtz	G	6-4	185	So.-1L	Bloomington, Ill. (Bloomington)
50	Greg Dilligard	F	6-8	230	Sr.-3L	Labelle, Mo. (Highland)
51	Ronnie Carlwell	C	6-11	258	Sr.-2L	Maywood, Ill. (Proviso East)

Head Coach: Porter Moser
 Assistant Coaches: Chris Jans, Daniyal Robinson, Brian Barone
 Director of Basketball Operations: John Marczak

2006-07 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
10	Johnson, Dominatrix	8	8	263	32.9	34	84	.405	24	62	.387	11	12	.917	4	13	17	2.1	11	0	20	18	3	15	103	12.9
05	Richardson, Boo	8	8	262	32.8	32	68	.471	11	26	.423	27	36	.750	5	15	20	2.5	18	0	46	39	0	7	102	12.8
04	Slack, Anthony	8	8	217	27.1	36	62	.581	1	7	.143	19	32	.594	16	46	62	7.8	20	0	9	22	15	17	92	11.5
50	Dilligard, Greg	8	8	217	27.1	39	58	.672	0	0	.000	5	18	.278	26	25	51	6.4	27	0	19	13	12	6	83	10.4
01	Fortes, Roberto	8	8	214	26.8	18	52	.346	10	32	.313	13	16	.813	5	19	24	3.0	15	0	15	18	0	10	59	7.4
32	Dyer, Levi	8	0	88	11.0	14	28	.500	6	13	.462	6	6	1.000	3	14	17	2.1	12	0	4	7	4	4	40	5.0
00	Eldridge, Osiris	8	0	127	15.9	11	44	.250	8	26	.308	6	8	.750	4	15	19	2.4	8	0	9	12	0	5	36	4.5
45	Holtz, Brandon	5	0	45	9.0	7	15	.467	5	13	.385	1	3	.333	1	4	5	1.0	4	0	2	1	0	1	20	4.0
31	Vandello, Mike	7	0	110	15.7	7	19	.368	0	1	.000	4	5	.800	10	11	21	3.0	14	0	7	13	0	4	18	2.6
24	Hill, Bobby	5	0	12	2.4	1	4	.250	0	0	.000	2	2	1.000	3	1	4	0.8	2	0	1	1	0	0	4	0.8
51	Carlwell, Ronnie	8	0	28	3.5	1	4	.250	0	0	.000	1	2	.500	0	5	5	0.6	6	0	1	0	0	0	3	0.4
22	Moor, Julius	6	0	17	2.8	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	1	2	.500	0	1	1	0.2	1	0	0	4	0	1	1	0.2
TM TEAM.....															13	7	20	2.5	0		0					
<i>Total.....</i>		<i>8</i>				<i>200</i>	<i>439</i>	<i>.456</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>180</i>	<i>.361</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>142</i>	<i>.676</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>176</i>	<i>266</i>	<i>33.2</i>	<i>138</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>133</i>	<i>148</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>561</i>	<i>70.1</i>
<i>Opponents.....</i>		<i>8</i>				<i>172</i>	<i>419</i>	<i>.411</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>106</i>	<i>.255</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>130</i>	<i>.677</i>	<i>84</i>	<i>175</i>	<i>259</i>	<i>32.4</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>179</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>459</i>	<i>57.4</i>

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	Total
Illinois State	260	301	561
Opponents	211	248	459

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Illinois State	16	4	20
Opponents	25	4	29



BENCH SCORING (ISU-OPP)

vs. SMU	11-8
at Florida State	2-19
vs. McNeese State	7-2
Cal State Northridge	15-24
at St. John's	13-27
Sacramento State	23-10
UT-Arlington	37-29
Miami (Ohio)	14-4
at Evansville*	
at Western Michigan	
Lewis	
at Illinois-Chicago	
Southern Illinois*	
at Creighton*	
Indiana State*	
Northern Iowa*	
at Drake*	
Missouri State*	
Wichita State*	
Drake*	
at Bradley*	
at Southern Illinois*	
Evansville*	
Bradley*	
at Missouri State*	
at Wichita State*	
at Indiana State*	
BracketBusters	
Creighton*	
at Northern Iowa*	
Total	122-123

THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

INDIVIDUAL

A player scored 40 points ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Tarise Bryson (41) at C. Michigan, 12-3-00
 OpponentAnthony Roberts (48), Oral Roberts, 1-6-75

A player scored 30 points ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Dom Johnson (32) at Florida State, 11-13-06
 OpponentJermaine Boyette (31), Weber State, 11-16-01

A player grabbed 20 rebounds ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Ron deVries (24) vs. Pacific, 1-19-74
 OpponentAnthony Bonner (21), Saint Louis, 2-6-90

A player grabbed 15 rebounds ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Baboucar Bojang (15) vs. UNI, 1-30-02
 OpponentRandal Falke (15), Southern Illinois, 1-28-06

A player had a double-double ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Greg Dilligard (11p, 10r) vs. Miami (Ohio), 12-5-06
 Anthony Slack (15p, 10r) vs. Miami (Ohio), 12-5-06
 OpponentPatrick O'Bryant (23p, 13r), Bradley, 2-11-06
 Marcellus Sommerville (18p, 11r), Bradley, 2-11-06

A player made five 3-pointers ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Dom Johnson (7-15) at Florida State, 11-13-06
 OpponentTony Young (5-10), Southern Illinois, 1-28-06

A player made 10 free throws ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Lorenzo Gordon (10-14) vs. St. John's, 12-4-04
 OpponentAnthony Vereen (12-14) vs. UT-Arlington, 12-2-06

A player had 15 free throw attempts ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Tarise Bryson (12-15) at Purdue, 3-14-01
 OpponentIke Ofoegbu (12-17), SMU, 11-12-06

A player had 10 assists ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Vince Greene (10) at Indiana State, 1-19-05
 OpponentMartell Bailey (12), Illinois-Chicago, 12-13-03

A player had five steals ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Anthony Slack (5), vs. Cal State Northridge, 11-20-06
 OpponentHaron Hargrave (8), Sacramento State, 11-29-06

A player blocked five shots ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Greg Dilligard (5) at Wichita State, 2-25-06
 OpponentPatrick O'Bryant (5), Bradley, 2-1-06

TEAM

A team scored 100 points ...
 ILLINOIS ST.vs. Southern Illinois (105), 1-10-98
 OpponentOklahoma (112), 12-28-90

A team made 35 field goals ...
 ILLINOIS ST.vs. Bellarmine (35-71), 12-2-03
 OpponentUT-San Antonio (35-65), 12-17-00

A team had 75 field goal attempts ...
 ILLINOIS ST.vs. Lewis (31-78), 12-2-92
 OpponentAkron (27-80), 11-20-98

A team shot 50 percent from the field ...
 ILLINOIS ST.vs. UT-Arlington (.526, 30-57), 12-2-06
 OpponentSt. John's (.500, 26-52), 11-25-06

A team made 10 3-point field goals ...
 ILLINOIS ST.vs. UT-Arlington (14-27), 12-2-06
 OpponentWichita State (10-20), 2-10-05

A team had 25 3-point field goal attempts ...
 ILLINOIS ST.vs. UT-Arlington (14-27), 12-2-06
 OpponentEvansville (6-25), 1-16-06

A team shot 50 percent on 3-pointers ...
 ILLINOIS ST.vs. UT-Arlington (.519, 14-27), 12-2-06
 OpponentMissouri State (.583, 7-12), 2-22-06

A team made 30 free throws ...
 ILLINOIS ST.vs. Florida A&M (38-48), 11-23-03
 OpponentIndiana State (33-43), 12-22-05

A team had 25 assists ...
 ILLINOIS ST.vs. UT-Arlington (25), 12-2-06
 OpponentEvansville (26), 2-11-04

A team had 15 steals ...
 ILLINOIS ST.vs. Bellarmine (16), 12-2-03
 OpponentSacramento State (15), 11-29-06

A team had 10 blocked shots ...
 ILLINOIS ST.vs. Evansville (10), 1-17-79
 OpponentNorthern Illinois (11), 11-26-03

ILLINOIS STATE'S 2006-07 RECORD WHEN

	2006-07	Under Moser		2006-07	Under Moser
Overall	6-2	42-53	ISU Scores 60 or More	4-0	34-15
Missouri Valley Conference	0-0	16-38	ISU Scores less than 60	0-2	6-37
Playing Nationally Ranked Teams	0-0	0-3	Opponent Scores 100 or More	0-0	0-0
Leading at the Half	5-0	33-9	Opponent Scores 90 or More	0-0	0-0
Trailing at the Half	1-2	9-39	Opponent Scores 80 or More	0-0	0-3
Tied at the Half	0-0	0-5	Opponent Scores 70 or More	0-1	4-21
Leading with 5:00 to Play	6-0	36-2	Opponent Scores 60 or More	3-0	21-39
Trailing with 5:00 to Play	0-2	5-50	Opponent Scores less than 60	3-1	21-12
Tied with 5:00 to Play	0-0	1-1	In Games Decided by 5 or less	0-1	10-12
In Overtime	0-0	3-2	In Games Decided by 6-10 Points	0-0	9-13
ISU out-rebounds opponent	4-0	26-13	In Games Decided by 11-20 Points	3-1	14-25
Opponents out-rebound ISU	2-2	14-35	In Games Decided by 21+ Points	3-0	9-3
ISU has 15 or fewer Turnovers	1-0	24-30	Day Games	0-0	13-12
ISU has fewer Turnovers than opponents	5-2	22-12	Night Games	6-2	29-41
ISU shoots 50 Percent or Better	2-0	15-9	Home Court	4-0	30-17
ISU shoots 40 Percent or Better	6-1	38-24	Away Games	1-1	7-32
Opponents shoot less than 40%	2-1	19-6	Neutral Games	1-1	4-4
Opponents shoot 40% or Better	2-1	21-47	When ISU Scores First	3-1	20-13
ISU shoots better than Opponent	5-0	37-10	When ISU Wins Tip	2-1	19-15
Opponent shoots better than ISU	1-2	5-42	In November	4-2	12-7
ISU has more FG Attempts	4-1	12-28	In December	2-0	13-7
Opponent has more FG Attempts	2-0	29-16	In January	0-0	9-17
ISU Shoots better than 35% on 3's	2-0	28-18	In February	0-0	6-19
ISU Attempts more 3's	5-2	21-35	In March	0-0	2-3
Opponents Attempt more 3's	1-0	19-11	On Sunday	0-1	3-5
ISU has more FT Attempts	4-0	32-8	On Monday	1-1	4-5
Opponent has more FT Attempts	1-2	7-43	On Tuesday	2-0	11-3
ISU Scores 100 or More	0-0	0-0	On Wednesday	1-0	4-13
ISU Scores 90 or More	0-0	0-0	On Thursday	0-0	2-5
ISU Scores 80 or More	2-0	9-1	On Friday	0-0	1-0
ISU Scores 70 or More	2-0	22-4	On Saturday	2-0	17-21

2006-07 ILLINOIS STATE TEAM HIGHS & LOWS

	HIGHS	LOWS
POINTS	86 vs. Sacramento State (11-29-06)	55 vs. SMU (11-12-06)
	86 vs. UT-Arlington (12-2-06)	
FIELD GOALS MADE	34 vs. Sacramento State (11-29-06)	20 vs. SMU (11-12-06)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	60 vs. McNeese State (11-14-06)	49 vs. Miami (12-5-06)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	.607 (34-56) vs. Sacramento State (11-29-06)	.351 (20-57) vs. SMU (11-12-06)
3 PT FIELD GOALS MADE	14 vs. UT-Arlington (12-2-06)	6 vs. McNeese State (11-14-06)
		6 vs. Miami (12-5-06)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	27 vs. UT-Arlington (12-2-06)	15 vs. Sacramento State (11-29-06)
3 PT FG PERCENTAGE	.519 (14-27) vs. UT-Arlington (12-2-06)	.273 (6-22) vs. McNeese State (11-14-06)
FREE THROWS MADE	22 at St. John's (11-25-06)	5 at Florida State (11-13-06)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	33 at St. John's (11-25-06)	7 at Florida State (11-13-06)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	.778 (7-9) vs. SMU (11-12-06)	.579 (11-19) vs. Sacramento State (11-29-06)
REBOUNDS	40 vs. McNeese State (11-14-06)	22 at Florida State (11-13-06)
ASSISTS	26 vs. Sacramento State (11-29-06)	10 vs. SMU (11-12-06)
STEALS	12 vs. Cal State Northridge (11-20-06)	6 vs. McNeese State (11-14-06)
BLOCKED SHOTS	7 vs. Cal State Northridge (11-20-06)	2 at St. John's (11-25-06)
		2 vs. Miami (12-5-06)
TURNOVERS	26 at Florida State (11-13-06)	15 vs. Miami (12-5-06)
FOULS	21 vs. SMU (11-12-06)	12 vs. Miami (12-5-06)

2006-07 OPPONENT TEAM HIGHS & LOWS

	HIGHS	LOWS
POINTS	73 at Florida State (11-13-06)	40 vs. Miami (12-5-06)
FIELD GOALS MADE	29 vs. Sacramento State (11-29-06)	14 vs. Cal State Northridge (11-20-06)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	65 vs. Sacramento State (11-29-06)	47 vs. Miami (12-5-06)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	.528 (28-53) at Florida State (11-13-06)	.259 (14-54) vs. Cal State Northridge (11-20-06)
3 PT FIELD GOALS MADE	6 vs. Sacramento State (11-29-06)	1 vs. SMU (11-12-06)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	22 vs. UT-Arlington (12-2-06)	10 vs. SMU (11-12-06)
		10 vs. McNeese State (11-14-06)
3 PT FG PERCENTAGE	.385 (5-13) at Florida State (11-13-06)	.100 (1-10) vs. SMU (11-12-06)
FREE THROWS MADE	18 vs. SMU (11-12-06)	2 vs. Miami (12-5-06)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	25 vs. SMU (11-12-06)	8 vs. Miami (12-5-06)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	.875 (14-16) vs. UT-Arlington (12-2-06)	.250 (2-8) vs. Miami (12-5-06)
REBOUNDS	38 vs. Cal State Northridge (11-20-06)	27 vs. McNeese State (11-14-06)
ASSISTS	12 at Florida State (11-13-06)	7 vs. SMU (11-12-06)
	12 vs. Sacramento State (11-29-06)	
STEALS	15 vs. Sacramento State (11-29-06)	3 at St. John's (11-25-06)
BLOCKED SHOTS	6 vs. McNeese State (11-14-06)	1 vs. Cal State Northridge (11-20-06)
		1 vs. Sacramento State (11-29-06)
TURNOVERS	27 at Florida State (11-13-06)	16 vs. UT-Arlington (12-2-06)
FOULS	24 vs. Cal State Northridge (11-20-06)	13 at Florida State (11-13-06)
		13 vs. McNeese State (11-14-06)

2006-07 ILLINOIS STATE & OPPONENT PLAYER SUPERLATIVES

	ILLINOIS STATE	OPPONENT
POINTS	32 Dom Johnson at Florida State (11-13-06)	21 Ike Ofoegbu, SMU (11-12-06)
FIELD GOALS MADE	12 Dom Johnson at Florida State (11-13-06))	8 Al Thornton, Florida State (11-13-06)
		8 Tim Pollitz, Miami (12-5-06)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	23 Dom Johnson at Florida State (11-13-06)	18 Loren Leat, Sacramento State (11-29-06)
FG PCT (min. 5 made)	.900 (9-10) Anthony Slack vs. Sacramento State (11-29-06)	.875 (7-8) Angel Alamo, Sacramento State (11-29-06)
3 PT FG MADE	7 Dom Johnson at Florida State (11-13-06)	3 Brandon Long, UT-Arlington (12-2-06)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	15 Dom Johnson at Florida State (11-13-06)	8 Loren Leath, Sacramento State (11-29-06)
3-PT FG PCT (min. 3 made)	.750 (3-4) Levi Dyer vs. UT-Arlington (12-2-06)	.500 (3-6) Brandon Long, UT-Arlington (12-2-06)
FREE THROWS MADE	7 Anthony Slack vs. Miami (12-5-06)	12 Ike Ofoegbu, SMU (11-12-06)
		12 Anthony Vereen, UT-Arlington (12-2-06)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	10 Anthony Slack vs. Miami (12-5-06)	17 Ike Ofoegbu, SMU (11-12-06)
FT PCT (min. 6 att.)	.857 (6-7) Boo Richardson vs. Cal State Northridge (11-20-06)	.857 (12-14) Anthony Vereen, UT-Arlington (12-2-06)
REBOUNDS	12 Anthony Slack vs. SMU (11-12-06)	10 Devon Pearson, SMU (11-12-06)
ASSISTS	8 Boo Richardson vs. Cal State Northridge (11-20-06)	5 Toney Douglas, Florida State (11-13-06)
	8 Boo Richardson vs. Sacramento State (11-29-06)	5 Haron Hargrave, Sacramento State (11-29-06)
STEALS	5 Anthony Slack vs. Cal State Northridge (11-20-06)	8 Haron Hargrave, Sacramento State (11-29-06)
BLOCKED SHOTS	4 Anthony Slack vs. McNeese State (11-14-06)	3 Bamba Fall, SMU (11-12-06)
	4 Greg Dilligard vs. Cal State Northridge (11-20-06)	3 Kleon Penn, McNeese State (11-14-06)

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

Opponent	Carlwell	Dilligard	Dyer	Eldridge	Fortes	Hill	Holtz
vs. SMU*	2-0-0	4-6-2	5-2-0	0-0-3	6-5-0	DNP	DNP
at Florida State*	0-0-0	8-2-0	0-0-1	2-3-1	5-2-2	DNP	DNP
vs. McNeese St.*	0-0-0	20-5-3	2-3-0	3-5-0	7-3-2	0-1-0	0-0-0
CS-Northridge	0-0-0	6-4-3	0-4-0	1-4-0	2-4-1	0-1-0	9-1-0
at St. John's	0-1-0	17-11-4	5-0-0	8-2-2	13-7-1	DNP	DNP
Sacramento St.	0-0-0	11-10-4	2-0-1	3-1-0	11-0-3	0-0-0	10-3-1
UT-Arlington	1-2-1	6-3-3	17-4-1	14-2-2	13-3-4	4-2-1	1-1-1
Miami (Ohio)	0-2-0	11-10-0	9-4-1	5-2-1	2-0-2	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Evansville*							
at W. Michigan							
Lewis							
at Illinois-Chicago							
Southern Illinois*							
at Creighton*							
Indiana State*							
Northern Iowa*							
at Drake*							
Missouri State*							
Wichita State*							
Drake*							
at Bradley*							
at S. Illinois*							
Evansville*							
Bradley*							
at Missouri St.*							
at Wichita State*							
at Indiana State*							
BracketBusters							
Creighton*							
at Northern Iowa*							

Opponent	Johnson	Moor	Odiakosa	Richardson	Slack	Vandello
vs. SMU*	15-1-1	0-0-0	DNP	10-2-4	9-12-0	4-2-0
at Florida State*	32-1-4	DNP	DNP	4-2-4	8-5-2	0-3-0
vs. McNeese St.*	3-3-2	0-1-0	DNP	23-3-7	7-8-0	2-4-1
CS-Northridge	16-5-1	1-0-0	DNP	15-2-8	12-7-1	4-3-0
at St. John's	7-0-2	DNP	DNP	18-3-4	10-7-1	0-1-2
Sacramento St.	8-2-4	0-0-0	DNP	12-3-8	21-10-1	8-8-4
UT-Arlington	13-3-3	0-0-0	DNP	7-1-7	10-3-2	0-0-0
Miami (Ohio)	9-2-3	0-0-0	DNP	13-4-4	15-10-2	DNP
at Evansville*						
at W. Michigan						
Lewis						
at Illinois-Chicago						
Southern Illinois*						
at Creighton*						
Indiana State*						
Northern Iowa*						
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BracketBusters						
Creighton*						
at Northern Iowa*						

* Colonial Classic (Tallahassee, Fla.)
* Missouri Valley Conference game

SUPERLATIVES

STARTING LINEUPS – F, F, G, G, G (1):
 • Slack, Dilligard, Fortes, Richardson, Johnson (6-2)
 W – vs. McNeese State, Cal State Northridge, at St. John's, Sacramento State, UT-Arlington, Miami (Ohio)
 L – vs. SMU, at Florida State

FIRST POINTS:
 Richardson 2, Johnson 2, Slack 2, Dilligard 1, Fortes 1

DOUBLE-DIGIT SCORERS (25):
 Richardson 6, Slack 5, Dilligard 4, Johnson 4, Fortes 3, Holtz 1, Eldridge 1, Dyer 1

DOUBLE-DIGIT REBOUNDING (6):
 Slack 3, Dilligard 3

LEADING SCORER:
 Johnson 3, Richardson 2, Slack 2, Dyer 1

LEADING REBOUNDER:
 Slack 6, Dilligard 3, Dyer 1

DOUBLE-DOUBLES (5):
 Dilligard 3, Slack 2

DUNKS (14):
 Slack 7, Dilligard 4, Carlwell 1, Hill 1, Eldridge 1

FIRST SUBSTITUTION:
 Vandello 4, Dyer 3, Eldridge 2, Holtz 1

CHARGES DRAWN (10):
 Slack 5, Dilligard 2, Fortes 2, Richardson 1

MOST MINUTES:
 38, Richardson vs. SMU, 11-12-06
 37, Johnson at Florida State, 11-13-06
 37, Johnson at St. John's, 11-25-06
 36, Richardson at McNeese State, 11-14-06
 35, Johnson vs. SMU, 11-12-06
 35, Johnson at McNeese State, 11-14-06
 35, Richardson vs. Miami (Ohio), 12-5-06

VALLEY WEEKLY HONORS

NEWCOMER OF THE WEEK:
 Nov. 13 – Dom Johnson (15 pts., 5 3FGs, 1 game)
 Nov. 27 – Boo Richardson (16.5 ppg., 6 apg., 2 games)

2006-07 GAME-BY-GAME

	Final	FG	FG%	3FG	3FG%	FT	FT%	O-D-T Reb.	Fouls	Assists	Turnovers	Blocks	Steals	Halftime
Illinois State vs. SMU	55 57	20-57 19-48	35.1 39.6	8-26 1-10	30.8 10.0	7-9 18-25	77.8 72.0	12-20-32 11-25-36	21 18	10 7	20 22	5 5	7 8	23 29
Illinois State at Florida State	59 73	23-53 28-53	43.4 52.8	8-23 5-13	34.8 38.5	5-7 12-16	71.4 75.0	6-16-22 11-24-35	20 13	14 12	26 27	3 4	9 8	24 31
McNeese State vs. Illinois State	50 67	18-48 26-60	37.5 43.3	2-10 6-22	20.0 27.3	12-19 9-12	63.2 75.0	9-18-27 18-22-40	13 17	9 15	17 16	6 4	9 6	20 36
Cal State Northridge at Illinois State	44 66	14-54 21-51	25.9 41.2	2-14 8-24	14.3 33.3	14-21 16-24	66.7 66.7	14-24-38 10-27-37	24 20	8 14	23 18	1 7	9 12	16 36
Illinois State at St. John's	78 63	24-56 26-52	42.9 50.0	8-25 2-8	32.0 25.0	22-33 11-16	66.7 68.8	16-19-35 8-21-29	19 22	16 10	17 22	2 5	8 3	41 31
Sacramento State at Illinois State	69 86	29-65 34-56	44.6 60.7	6-16 7-15	37.5 46.7	5-9 11-19	55.6 57.9	13-16-29 12-25-37	21 15	12 26	18 20	1 6	15 7	28 39
UT-Arlington at Illinois State	61 86	20-52 30-57	38.5 52.6	7-22 14-27	31.8 51.9	14-16 12-16	87.5 75.0	13-21-34 8-20-28	20 14	11 25	27 16	2 5	7 11	29 36
Miami (Ohio) at Illinois State	40 64	18-47 22-49	38.3 44.9	2-13 6-18	15.4 33.3	2-8 14-22	25.0 63.6	5-26-31 8-27-35	19 12	11 13	23 15	3 2	19 10	27 25



Ronnie Carlwell • 51

C • 6-11 • 258 • Sr.-2L • Maywood, Ill. (Proviso East)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 8 vs. Bradley, 2-5-05
 Rebounds – 6 at Marquette, 11-15-04
 Assists – 2, twice
 Blocked Shots – 3, twice
 Steals – 2 vs. IPFW, 12-6-05
 Minutes – 24 at Marquette, 11-15-04

SEASON BESTS:

Points – 2 vs. SMU, 11-12-06
 Rebounds – 2, twice
 Assists – 1 vs. UT-Arlington, 12-2-06
 Blocked Shots – 0
 Steals – 0
 Minutes – 7 at St. John's, 11-25-06

Last Time Out:
 Played in the game's final two minutes and grabbed a pair of rebounds.

2006-07/SENIOR AT ILLINOIS STATE:

Scored his first points of the season with a dunk against SMU (11/12) • 2006 Will Robinson Endowed Scholarship recipient.

2006-07 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS:

Opponent	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
vs. SMU ^A	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	2	2	0	0	0	0	3
at Florida State ^A	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
vs. McNeese State ^A	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CS-Northridge	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
at St. John's	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
Sacramento State	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
UT-Arlington	0-2	0-0	1-2	0-2-2	2	1	1	0	0	0	6
Miami (Ohio)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
at Evansville*											
at Western Michigan											
Lewis											
at Illinois-Chicago											
Southern Illinois*											
at Creighton*											
Indiana State*											
Northern Iowa*											
at Drake*											
Missouri State*											
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Drake*											
at Bradley*											
at Southern Illinois*											
Evansville*											
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at Missouri State*											
at Wichita State*											
at Indiana State*											
BracketBusters											
Creighton*											
at Northern Iowa*											

^A Games started
^{*} Colonial Classic game
^{*} Missouri Valley Conference game



Greg Dilligard • 50

F • 6-8 • 230 • Sr.-3L • Labelle, Mo. (Highland)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 22 at Indiana State, 12-22-05
 Rebounds – 12 at Indiana State, 12-22-05
 Assists – 4, three times
 Blocked Shots – 7 at Loyola-Chicago, 12-18-04
 Steals – 3, five times
 Minutes – 37 vs. Drake, 2-14-06

SEASON BESTS:

Points – 20 vs. McNeese State, 11-14-06
 Rebounds – 11 at St. John's, 11-25-06
 Assists – 4, twice
 Blocked Shots – 4 vs. Cal State Northridge, 11-20-06
 Steals – 2 at St. John's, 11-25-06
 Minutes – 33 at St. John's, 11-25-06

Last Time Out:
 Recorded a double-double with 11 points and 10 boards in 31 minutes.

2006-07/SENIOR AT ILLINOIS STATE:

Registered double-doubles in three of the last four games • Against Miami (12/5) collected a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds • Notched his second double-double of the campaign with 11 points and 10 boards against Sacramento State (11/29) • Posted his first double-double of the season at St. John's (11/25) with 17 points and 11 rebounds • Collected a season-high four blocked shots against Cal State Northridge (11/20) • Registered his second career 20-point scoring game with an even 20 against McNeese State (11/14) • Continues to climb up the Illinois State career blocked shot leaderboard and now has 136 for his career, which ranks fourth all-time • 2006 Doug Collins Endowed Scholarship recipient.

2006-07 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS:

Opponent	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
• vs. SMU ^A	2-2	0-0	0-0	2-4-6	4	4	2	2	2	0	27
• at Florida State ^A	4-6	0-0	0-0	1-1-2	4	8	0	1	2	1	20
• vs. McNeese State ^A	9-14	0-0	2-3	5-0-5	4	20	3	1	1	1	32
• CS-Northridge	3-4	0-0	0-2	0-4-4	4	6	3	0	4	0	24
• at St. John's	8-15	0-0	1-5	7-4-11	4	17	4	3	1	2	33
• Sacramento St.	5-6	0-0	1-5	5-5-10	4	11	4	1	1	0	24
• UT-Arlington	3-4	0-0	0-0	1-2-3	2	6	3	2	1	1	26
• Miami (Ohio)	5-7	0-0	1-3	5-5-10	1	11	0	3	0	1	31
at Evansville*											
at Western Michigan											
Lewis											
at Illinois-Chicago											
Southern Illinois*											
at Creighton*											
Indiana State*											
Northern Iowa*											
at Drake*											
Missouri State*											
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Drake*											
at Bradley*											
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Evansville*											
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at Missouri State*											
at Wichita State*											
at Indiana State*											
BracketBusters											
Creighton*											



Levi Dyer • 32

C • 6-11 • 220 • Jr.-2L • Eaton, Colo. (Eaton)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 17, twice
Rebounds – 6 vs. Drake, 2-14-06
Assists – 4 vs. Drake, 2-14-06
Blocked Shots – 2, twice
Steals – 3 at Drake, 2-7-06
Minutes – 35 vs. Drake, 2-14-06

SEASON BESTS:

Points – 17 vs. UT-Arlington, 12-2-06
Rebounds – 4, three times
Assists – 1, four times
Blocked Shots – 2 vs. Cal State Northridge, 11-20-06
Steals – 2 vs. UT-Arlington, 12-2-06
Minutes – 16, twice

Last Time Out:
Poured in nine points on 4-for-6 shooting and collected four rebounds in 15 minutes.

2006-07/JUNIOR AT ILLINOIS STATE:

Has made four of his last five three-point attempts • Shooting 10-for-13 (.769) from the floor in his last two games • Equaled his career high with 17 points against UT-Arlington (12/2) on 6-for-7 shooting • Matched his career high with a pair of blocked shots against Cal State Northridge (11/20) • 2006 Milt Weisbecker Endowed Scholarship recipient.

2006-07 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS:

Opponent	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
vs. SMU ^A	1-5	1-3	2-2	1-1-2	3	5	0	2	0	0	13
at Florida State ^A	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	1	0	0	1	12
vs. McNeese State ^A	1-3	0-0	0-0	1-2-3	1	2	0	3	0	0	5
CS-Northridge	0-3	0-3	0-0	0-4-4	3	0	0	1	2	1	16
at St. John's	1-2	1-2	2-2	0-0-0	2	5	0	0	0	0	6
Sacramento St.	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	2	1	1	1	0	5
UT-Arlington	6-7	3-4	2-2	0-4-4	2	17	1	0	1	2	16
Miami (Ohio)	4-6	1-1	0-0	1-3-4	0	9	1	0	0	0	15

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at Western Michigan											
Lewis											
at Illinois-Chicago											
Southern Illinois*											
at Creighton*											
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at Indiana State*											
BracketBusters											
Creighton*											
at Northern Iowa*											

* Games started
* Colonial Classic game
* Missouri Valley Conference game



Osiris Eldridge • 0

G • 6-3 • 190 • Fr.-HS • Chicago, Ill. (Phillips Academy)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 14 vs. UT-Arlington, 12-2-06
Rebounds – 5 vs. McNeese State, 11-14-06
Assists – 3 vs. SMU, 11-12-06
Blocked Shots – 0
Steals – 3 vs. SMU, 11-12-06
Minutes – 21 vs. Miami (Ohio), 12-5-06

Last Time Out:
Posted five points, on 2-for-5 shooting, and added two rebounds.

2006-07/FRESHMAN AT ILLINOIS STATE:

Scored a career-best 14 points against UT-Arlington (12/2) • Began his college career by shooting 1-for-22 (.045) from the floor in his first four games • Made his first career basket with a three-point shot against McNeese State (11/14) • Scored his first points of his career with a pair of free throws at Florida State (11/13) • Four of his team-high 13 points in the exhibition win over UMSL came on fast break dunks.

2006-07 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS:

Opponent	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
vs. SMU ^A	0-7	0-3	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	3	2	0	3	15
at Florida State ^A	0-4	0-3	2-2	0-3-3	2	2	1	4	0	0	17
vs. McNeese State ^A	1-6	1-4	0-0	1-4-5	1	3	0	1	0	0	20
CS-Northridge	0-5	0-3	1-2	1-3-4	0	1	0	1	0	0	19
at St. John's	2-5	2-3	2-2	1-1-2	1	8	2	2	0	1	17
Sacramento St.	1-3	0-0	1-2	1-0-1	1	3	0	1	0	0	6
UT-Arlington	5-9	4-7	0-0	0-2-2	0	14	2	0	0	0	12
Miami (Ohio)	2-5	1-3	0-0	0-2-2	2	5	1	1	0	1	21

at Evansville*											
at Western Michigan											
Lewis											
at Illinois-Chicago											
Southern Illinois*											
at Creighton*											
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BracketBusters											
Creighton*											
at Northern Iowa*											

* Games started
* Colonial Classic game
* Missouri Valley Conference game



Roberto Fortes • 1

G • 6-4 • 195 • Sr.-1L • Fort Wayne, Ind. (Daytona Beach CC)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 23 at Miami (Ohio), 2-18-06
 Rebounds – 7 at St. John's, 11-25-06
 Assists – 4 vs. UT-Arlington, 12-2-06
 Blocked Shots – 0
 Steals – 3, twice
 Minutes – 37 vs. Drake, 2-14-06

SEASON BESTS:

Points – 13, twice
 Rebounds – 7 at St. John's, 11-25-06
 Assists – 4 vs. UT-Arlington, 12-2-06
 Blocked Shots – 0
 Steals – 3 vs. Cal State Northridge, 11-20-06
 Minutes – 32 vs. Sacramento State, 11-29-06

Last Time Out:

Tossed in two points, both off foul shots, and was 0-for-3 from the field in 23 minutes of action.

2006-07/SENIOR AT ILLINOIS STATE:

Matched his season best with 13 points against UT-Arlington (12/2) • Posted his first double-digit scoring game of the season with 13 points at St. John's (11/25) • Added a career-best seven rebounds against the Red Storm.

2006-07 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS:

Opponent	FG-A	3FG-A	FTA	O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
• vs. SMU ^A	2-5	1-3	1-1	1-4-5	3	6	0	2	0	0	24
• at Florida State ^A	2-7	1-3	0-1	0-2-2	2	5	2	5	0	2	31
• vs. McNeese State ^A	2-6	1-4	2-2	0-3-3	1	7	2	1	0	1	24
• CS-Northridge	0-3	0-1	2-2	1-3-4	2	2	1	2	0	3	25
• at St. John's	3-10	1-6	6-8	2-5-7	3	13	1	1	0	0	27
• Sacramento St.	4-8	3-6	0-0	0-0-0	0	11	3	4	0	2	32
• UT-Arlington	5-10	3-6	0-0	1-2-3	1	13	4	1	0	2	28
• Miami (Ohio)	0-3	0-3	2-2	0-0-0	3	2	2	2	0	0	23

at Evansville*
at Western Michigan
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Creighton*
at Northern Iowa*

* Games started
^A Colonial Classic game
^{*} Missouri Valley Conference game



Bobby Hill • 24

F • 6-6 • 210 • Fr.-HS • St. Louis, Mo. (Vashon)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 4 vs. UT-Arlington, 12-2-06
 Rebounds – 2 vs. UT-Arlington, 12-2-06
 Assists – 1 vs. UT-Arlington, 12-2-06
 Blocked Shots – 0
 Steals – 0
 Minutes – 5 vs. UT-Arlington, 12-2-06

Last Time Out:

Played in the final two minutes of the game and did not record a stat.

2006-07/FRESHMAN AT ILLINOIS STATE:

Played a season best five minutes against UT-Arlington (12/2) and scored four points, his first collegiate points.

2006-07 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS:

Opponent	FG-A	3FG-A	FTA	O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
vs. SMU ^A											
at Florida State ^A											
vs. McNeese State ^A	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CS-Northridge	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
at St. John's											
Sacramento St.	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
UT-Arlington	1-3	0-0	2-2	1-1-2	0	4	1	1	0	0	5
Miami (Ohio)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

at Evansville*
at Western Michigan
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at Illinois-Chicago
Southern Illinois*
at Creighton*
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at Indiana State*
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^A Colonial Classic game
^{*} Missouri Valley Conference game



Brandon Holtz • 45

G • 6-4 • 185 • So.-1L • Bloomington, Ill. (Bloomington)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 12 vs. Southern Illinois, 1-28-06
 Rebounds – 5, twice
 Assists – 3 vs. Wichita State, 1-8-06
 Blocked Shots – 1 vs. Creighton, 12-31-05
 Steals – 2, twice
 Minutes – 25 vs. Southern Illinois, 1-28-06

SEASON BESTS:

Points – 10 vs. Sacramento State, 11-29-06
 Rebounds – 3 vs. Sacramento State, 11-29-06
 Assists – 1, twice
 Blocked Shots – 0
 Steals – 1 vs. Sacramento State, 11-29-06
 Minutes – 19 vs. Sacramento State, 11-29-06

Last Time Out:
 Played in the final two minutes of the first half and did not record a stat.

2006-07/SOPHOMORE AT ILLINOIS STATE:

Tossed in a season-best 10 points on 4-for-7 shooting against Sacramento State (11/29) • Scored nine points, all from treys, against Cal State Northridge (11/20).

2006-07 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS:

Opponent	FG-A	3FG-A	FTA	O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
vs. SMU ^A	Did not play – Coach's Decision										
at Florida State ^A	Did not play – Coach's Decision										
vs. McNeese State ^A	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CS-Northridge	3-6	3-6	0-0	0-1-1	1	9	0	0	0	0	9
at St. John's	Did not play – Coach's Decision										
Sacramento St.	4-7	2-5	0-1	1-2-3	2	10	1	1	0	1	19
UT-Arlington	0-2	0-2	1-2	0-1-1	1	1	1	0	0	0	14
Miami (Ohio)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
at Evansville*											
at Western Michigan											
Lewis											
at Illinois-Chicago											
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at Indiana State*											
BracketBusters											
Creighton*											
at Northern Iowa*											

^A Games started

^{*} Colonial Classic game

^{*} Missouri Valley Conference game



Dom Johnson • 10

G • 6-0 • 185 • Jr.-TR • Bell City, Mo. (Three Rivers CC)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 32 vs. Florida State, 11-13-06
 Rebounds – 5 vs. Cal State Northridge, 11-20-06
 Assists – 4 vs. Florida State, 11-13-06
 Blocked Shots – 1, twice
 Steals – 3, three times
 Minutes – 37, twice

Last Time Out:
 Finished with 9 points on 3-for-9 shooting, including 3-of-8 on treys, in 34 minutes of play.

2006-07/JUNIOR AT ILLINOIS STATE:

Recorded a career-best 32 points on 12-for-23 shooting at Florida State (11/13), including a 7-for-13 effort on threes • Poured in a game-high 15 points against SMU (11/12), powered by five 3-pointers • Named the Valley Newcomer of the Week (11/13) after his performance against SMU in the Colonial Classic.

2006-07 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS:

Opponent	FG-A	3FG-A	FTA	O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
• vs. SMU ^A	5-12	5-11	0-0	1-0-1	1	15	1	1	1	0	35
• at Florida State ^A	12-23	7-15	1-1	0-1-1	1	32	4	3	1	3	37
• vs. McNeese State ^A	1-11	1-8	0-0	2-1-3	1	3	2	3	0	2	35
• CS-Northridge	5-9	4-7	2-2	1-4-5	2	16	1	4	0	2	27
• at St. John's	2-7	1-5	2-3	0-0-0	2	7	2	3	0	3	37
• Sacramento St.	2-5	0-2	4-4	0-2-2	1	8	4	3	1	2	34
• UT-Arlington	4-8	3-6	2-2	0-3-3	0	13	3	0	0	0	24
• Miami (Ohio)	3-9	3-8	0-0	0-2-2	3	9	3	1	0	3	34
at Evansville*											
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Julius Moor • 22

G • 6-3 • 185 • Jr.-TR • Kieler, Wis. (Kirkwood CC)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 1 vs. Cal State Northridge, 11-20-06
 Rebounds – 1 vs. McNeese State, 11-14-06
 Assists – 0
 Blocked Shots – 0
 Steals – 1 vs. UT-Arlington, 12-2-06
 Minutes – 6 vs. UT-Arlington, 12-2-06

Last Time Out:
 Played in the game's final two minutes and missed his only field goal attempt.

2006-07/JUNIOR AT ILLINOIS STATE:

Scored his first career point with a made free throw against Cal State Northridge (11/20).

2006-07 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS:

Opponent	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
vs. SMU ^A	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
at Florida State ^A	Did not play – Coach's Decision										
vs. McNeese State ^A	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	2	0	0	3
CS-Northridge	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
at St. John's	Did not play – Coach's Decision										
Sacramento St.	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
UT-Arlington	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	2	0	1	6
Miami (Ohio)	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
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at Western Michigan											
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^{*} Missouri Valley Conference game



Dinma Odiakosa • 42

F • 6-8 • 240 • So.-1L • Akwukwu, Nigeria (St. Patrick's)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 6 vs. Indiana State, 1-25-06
 Rebounds – 10 vs. Indiana State, 1-25-06
 Assists – 1, five times
 Blocked Shots – 2 at Bradley, 2-1-06
 Steals – 1, three times
 Minutes – 20, twice

Last Time Out:
 Did not play.

SEASON BESTS:

Points – 0
 Rebounds – 0
 Assists – 0
 Blocked Shots – 0
 Steals – 0
 Minutes – 0

2006-07/SOPHOMORE AT ILLINOIS STATE:

Has yet to play this season, probable redshirt candidate • Recorded a pair of blocked shots and added four rebounds and two points in the exhibition game.

2006-07 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS:

Opponent	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
vs. SMU ^A	Did not play – Coach's Decision										
at Florida State ^A	Did not play – Coach's Decision										
vs. McNeese State ^A	Did not play – Coach's Decision										
CS-Northridge	Did not play – Coach's Decision										
at St. John's	Did not play – Coach's Decision										
Sacramento St.	Did not play – Coach's Decision										
UT-Arlington	Did not play – Coach's Decision										
Miami (Ohio)	Did not play – Coach's Decision										
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at Illinois-Chicago											
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^{*} Missouri Valley Conference game



Boo Richardson • 5

G • 5-8 • 160 • Jr.-TR • Kansas City, Kan. (Coffeyville CC)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 23 vs. McNeese State, 11-14-06
 Rebounds – 4 vs. Miami (Ohio), 12-5-06
 Assists – 8, twice
 Blocked Shots – 0
 Steals – 2 vs. UT-Arlington, 12-2-06
 Minutes – 38 vs. SMU, 11-12-06

Last Time Out:

Tossed in 13 points and added four rebounds and four assists.

2006-07/JUNIOR AT ILLINOIS STATE:

Named the Valley Newcomer of the Week on Nov. 27 • Scored in double figures in six of the eight games • Dished out 34 assists in the last five games combined • Scored a career-high 23 points in the win over McNeese State (11/14), while also adding seven assists.

2006-07 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS:

Opponent	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
• vs. SMU ^A	4-13	0-4	2-2	1-1-2	3	10	4	6	0	1	38
• at Florida State ^A	1-6	0-0	2-2	1-1-2	4	4	4	6	0	0	34
• vs. McNeese State ^A	8-12	3-5	4-5	1-2-3	1	23	7	2	0	1	36
• CS-Northridge	4-7	1-3	6-7	1-1-2	2	15	8	5	0	0	30
• at St. John's	5-10	3-8	5-6	1-2-3	3	18	4	5	0	1	31
• Sacramento St.	4-8	2-2	2-3	0-3-3	3	12	8	5	0	1	27
• UT-Arlington	2-3	1-2	2-4	0-1-1	1	7	7	5	0	2	31
• Miami (Ohio)	4-9	1-2	4-7	0-4-4	1	13	4	5	0	1	35

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^A Colonial Classic game
^{*} Missouri Valley Conference game



Anthony Slack • 4

F • 6-7 • 210 • Jr.-TR • New Orleans, La. (Coffeyville CC)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 21 vs. Sacramento State, 11-29-06
 Rebounds – 12 vs. SMU, 11-12-06
 Assists – 2, three times
 Blocked Shots – 3, three times
 Steals – 5 vs. Cal State Northridge, 11-20-06
 Minutes – 33 vs. Miami (Ohio), 12-5-06

Last Time Out:

Notched a double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds in a season-long 33 minutes.

2006-07/JUNIOR AT ILLINOIS STATE:

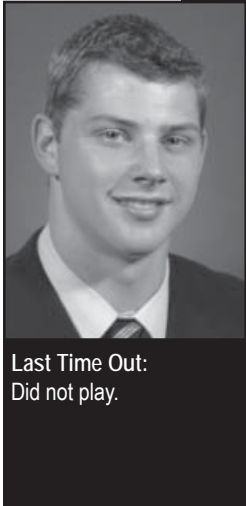
Has registered five straight double-digit scoring games • Collected his second double-double of the season with 15 points and 10 boards against Miami (12/5) • Posted his first career double-double with a career-high 21 points and 10 rebounds against Sacramento State (11/29) • Notched his first career double-digit scoring game in his home debut with 12 points against Cal State Northridge (11/20) • Also added five steals versus CSUN • Swatted a career-high four blocked shots vs. McNeese State (11/24) • Collected a game-high 12 rebounds against SMU.

2006-07 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS:

Opponent	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
• vs. SMU ^A	4-7	1-2	0-2	3-9-12	4	9	0	3	2	2	25
• at Florida State ^A	4-5	0-1	0-0	0-5-5	2	8	2	5	0	1	26
• vs. McNeese State ^A	3-5	0-1	1-2	4-4-8	4	7	0	1	3	1	23
• CS-Northridge	5-11	0-1	2-5	2-5-7	1	12	1	3	1	5	28
• at St. John's	3-7	0-1	4-7	1-6-7	2	10	1	1	1	0	29
• Sacramento St.	9-10	0-0	3-4	2-8-10	3	21	1	3	3	1	27
• UT-Arlington	4-8	0-0	2-2	2-1-3	2	10	2	3	3	3	26
• Miami (Ohio)	4-9	0-1	7-10	2-8-10	2	15	2	3	2	4	33

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* Games started
^A Colonial Classic game



Mike Vandello • 31

F • 6-7 • 220 • So.-1L • Bettendorf, Iowa (Bettendorf)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 11 vs. Indiana State, 1-25-06
 Rebounds – 8 vs. Sacramento State, 11-29-06
 Assists – 5 vs. UW-Green Bay, 12-3-05
 Blocked Shots – 1, four times
 Steals – 3 vs. Evansville, 1-16-06
 Minutes – 31 vs. Georgia Southern, 12-10-05

SEASON BESTS:

Points – 8 vs. Sacramento State, 11-29-06
 Rebounds – 8 vs. Sacramento State, 11-29-06
 Assists – 4 vs. Sacramento State, 11-29-06
 Blocked Shots – 0
 Steals – 1, four times
 Minutes – 23 vs. Sacramento State, 11-29-06

Last Time Out:
 Did not play.

2006-07/SOPHOMORE AT ILLINOIS STATE:

Did not play against Miami (Ohio) due to a shoulder injury • Collected a career best eight rebounds against Sacramento State (11/29), also added eight points and four assists • Shot 2-for-9 (.222) in the Colonial Classic in Tallahassee, Fla.

2006-07 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS:

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>FG-A</i>	<i>3FG-A</i>	<i>FT-A</i>	<i>O-D-T</i>	<i>PF</i>	<i>TP</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>TO</i>	<i>BLK</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>MIN</i>
vs. SMU ^A	1-5	0-0	2-2	2-0-2	0	4	0	2	0	1	18
at Florida State ^A	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-3-3	4	0	0	2	0	1	19
vs. McNeese State ^A	1-3	0-0	0-0	2-2-4	4	2	1	2	0	0	19
CS-Northridge	1-2	0-0	2-2	2-1-3	2	4	0	2	0	1	12
at St. John's	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	1	0	2	2	0	1	13
Sacramento St.	4-7	0-0	0-0	3-5-8	1	8	4	1	0	0	23
UT-Arlington	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	2	0	0	2	0	0	6
Miami (Ohio)	Did not play – Injury										
at Evansville*											
at Western Michigan											
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at Illinois-Chicago											
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EXHIBITION 1
Redbirds Win Lone Exhibition, 60-49

NORMAL, Ill. – The newcomers made quite an opening impression for the Illinois State men's basketball team, as freshman guard Osiris Eldridge led the team with 13 points, on 3-for-4 shooting from beyond the arc, and junior-transfer Anthony Slack recorded a double-double with 10 points and a team-leading 11 rebounds in ISU's 83-58 victory over Division II Missouri-St. Louis in exhibition action Wednesday night at Redbird Arena.

Eldridge and Slack were two of four Redbirds to score in double figures as junior center Levi Dyer and senior forward Greg Dilligard each chipped in 10 points a piece.

The 'Birds also had a fantastic shooting night, connecting on 57 percent of their shots, including 9-of-22 from long distance. The Redbird defense proved to be equally up to the challenge, holding the Rivermen to 33 percent from the floor and scoring 16 points off UMSL turnovers.

Illinois State opened the second half on a 17-4 run and never looked back. Junior Dominatrix Johnson poured in five points for the 'Birds during the run that put the game out of reach. The Redbirds' hot shooting touch carried over from the first half as ISU built its lead to as many as 28 points.

ILLINOIS STATE 83, Missouri-St. Louis 58
November 1, 2006 • Redbird Arena

UMSL	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Ledbetter, f	29	5-9	4-6	4-4	2-5	1	1	18
Slaten, f	27	3-12	2-7	4-4	1-3	1	1	12
Ward, c	27	3-7	0-0	0-0	2-5	2	2	6
Boateng, g	18	2-6	1-3	0-2	3-4	0	1	5
Hawkins, g	20	2-10	0-0	0-1	2-4	2	2	4
DeChellis	19	2-3	0-0	0-0	0-3	0	2	4
Kliethermes	8	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	2	2
Jackson	16	1-3	0-1	0-0	1-3	1	0	2
Whittaker	22	2-7	1-2	0-0	0-1	2	0	5
Adams	14	0-5	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	2	0
Totals	200	21-63	8-19	8-11	14-35	9	13	58

Team Pct.: FG – .333; FT – .727

Blocks: 1 (Jackson 1)

Turnovers: 14 (Ledbetter 1, Slaten 3, Ward 1, Boateng 2, Hawkins 3, Kliethermes 1, Jackson 1, Whittaker 2)

Steals: 4 (Ledbetter 1, Slaten 1, Hawkins 2)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Slack, f	20	5-9	0-1	0-1	3-11	0	3	10
Vandello, f	16	1-2	0-0	2-2	2-4	1	1	4
Dilligard, f	18	5-7	0-0	0-2	1-3	0	2	10
Richardson, g	24	4-7	0-3	1-2	0-0	7	1	9
Johnson, g	20	2-4	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	5
Eldridge	21	5-8	3-4	0-0	1-4	2	1	13
Fortes	19	2-7	2-4	1-2	0-2	4	1	7
Moor	10	3-4	1-2	0-0	0-1	1	0	7
Hill	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Dyer	18	4-7	1-3	1-2	0-3	2	0	10
Odiakosa	9	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-4	0	3	2
Holtz	11	2-4	1-3	0-0	0-1	2	1	5
Carlwell	7	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-2	0	1	1
Totals	200	34-60	9-22	6-13	9-39	21	15	83

Team Pct.: FG – .567; FT – .462

Blocks: 5 (Slack 1, Dilligard 1, Odiakosa 2, Carlwell 1)

Turnovers: 12 (Vandello 2, Dilligard 1, Richardson 2, Eldridge 2, Moor 1, Hill 1, Dyer 1, Odiakosa 2)

Steals: 9 (Dilligard 2, Richardson 1, Johnson 1, Eldridge 3, Holtz 2)

Officials: Dan Dorian, Bill Oostdyk, Tom O'Neill Jr.

Attendance: 3,295

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 38, UMSL 30

GAME 1
SMU Tip-in Spoils Redbird Comeback

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – SMU's Devon Pearson tipped in a missed lay-up by Derrick Roberts in the game's final second to spoil Illinois State's rally from 11 points down in the season opener at the Colonial Classic at the Donald L. Tucker Center on Sunday night.

Trailing 44-33 with 9:54 left in the game, the Redbirds (0-1) used a 19-5 run, including 10 points by Boo Richardson, to take a 52-49 lead with 3:43 on the clock. However, Ike Ofoegbu scored 11 of the Mustangs' final 13 points to give SMU (1-0) a 55-52 with 1:50 remaining. Dominatrix Johnson buried a deep three-pointer, his fifth of the game, to tie the score at 55-55 with 27 seconds on the clock.

Holding for the last possession, Roberts drove along the left side of the lane and his lay-up bounced off the rim, but Pearson flashed in from the right side with the tip-in.

The three-ball was working early for the Redbirds, as ISU shot its way to an early 16-7 lead with 12:13 left in the first half. Trailing 7-6, the Redbirds used a 10-0 run, with treys from post players Anthony Slack and Levi Dyer. However, ISU suffered through a pair of four-minute scoring droughts in the final 12 minutes and SMU responded with an 18-5 spurt to take a 25-21 lead. Thanks to a Bamba Fall's jumper at the buzzer, the Mustangs took a 29-23 lead at the intermission.

Johnson led the way for the Redbirds with 15 points, with all five baskets coming from beyond the arc. Richardson added 10 points, while Slack finished with nine points and a game-high 12 rebounds. SMU was led by Ofoegbu, who finished with 21 points, and Bamba Fall, who tossed in 11.

The Redbirds shot 35 percent from the field, including 31 percent in the first half. ISU also finished with nine free throw attempts, while SMU recorded 25.

SMU 57, ILLINOIS STATE 55
November 12, 2006 • Donald L. Tucker Center

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Slack, f	25	4-7	1-2	0-2	3-12	0	4	9
Dilligard, f	27	2-2	0-0	0-0	2-6	2	4	4
Fortes, g	24	2-5	1-3	1-1	1-5	0	3	6
Richardson, g	38	4-13	0-4	2-2	1-2	4	3	10
Johnson, g	35	5-12	5-11	0-0	1-1	1	1	15
Eldridge	15	0-7	0-3	0-0	0-0	3	1	0
Moor	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Vandello	18	1-5	0-0	2-2	2-2	0	0	4
Dyer	13	1-5	1-3	2-2	1-2	0	3	5
Carlwell	3	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2
Totals	200	20-57	8-26	7-9	12-32	10	21	55

Team Pct.: FG – .351; FT – .778

Blocks: 5 (Slack 2, Dilligard 2, Johnson 1)

Turnovers: 20 (Slack 3, Dilligard 2, Fortes 2, Richardson 6, Johnson 1, Eldridge 2, Vandello 2, Dyer 2)

Steals: 7 (Slack 2, Richardson 1, Eldridge 3, Vandello 1)

SMU	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Pearson, f	33	3-12	0-4	1-1	3-10	1	2	7
Ofoegbu, f	28	4-8	1-2	12-17	2-5	1	4	21
Fall, c	29	5-9	0-0	1-2	2-5	1	4	11
Killen, g	38	1-5	0-1	2-2	0-2	3	1	4
Roberts, g	28	3-6	0-1	0-1	1-3	0	1	6
Ritter	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Willingham	18	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	0
Rackauskas	21	3-7	0-1	2-2	2-8	0	5	8
Spencer	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	19-48	1-10	18-25	11-36	7	18	57

Team Pct.: FG – .396; FT – .720

Blocks: 5 (Fall 3, Rackauskas 2)

Turnovers: 22 (Pearson 2, Ofoegbu 4, Fall 3, Killen 5, Roberts 2, Rackauskas 6)

Steals: 8 (Ofoegbu 1, Killen 4, Roberts 2, Willingham 1)

Officials: Mike Sanzere, Gerry Pollard, Don Daily

Attendance: 6,807

Halftime Score: SMU 29, ILLINOIS STATE 23

GAME 2
Johnson's Hot Hand Can't Sink Seminoles

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Junior guard Dominatrix Johnson single-handedly kept Illinois State in the game, but in the end his career-high 32 points weren't enough as the Redbirds fell to Florida State 73-59, in the second day of the Colonial Classic at the Donald L. Tucker Center, Monday night.

The Redbirds (0-2) were never able to overcome a seven-point halftime deficit as Florida State (2-0) led by as many as 17 points in the second half. However, Johnson continued his torrid shooting with his fifth 3-point basket of the second half and dwindled the lead to 66-57 with 2:55 left. Florida State's Al Thornton tried to match Johnson point for point in the second half and finished with 20 points, including 18 in the final frame.

For the second night in a row, Illinois State stormed out of the gate early. The Redbirds jumped on the Seminoles and took an 11-1 lead at the 16:31 mark. It was a total team effort as all five starters scored a basket in the game's first four minutes with Roberto Fortes hitting the game's first three-pointer.

The teams traded baskets to make the score 13-3 with 14:54 left on the clock, but much like the SMU game, the Redbirds were slowed by a couple of four minute scoring droughts in the final 12 minutes of the half. FSU took advantage of the first drought and closed the score to 13-12.

ISU recovered from Florida State's first run and continued to lead thanks the hot shooting of Johnson, who finished with 11 points in the first half. But with the Redbirds leading 19-17 and 8:56 on the clock, ISU suffered its second four-minute scoreless rut of the half. Again the Seminoles capitalized with a 14-5 run to end the half and as a result took a seven-point lead into the locker room at 31-24.

Johnson's 30-point scoring night was the first by a Redbird since Trey Guidry fired in 30 at Creighton on Jan. 22, 2005 and the most since Tarise Bryson scored 38 points in the 2001 National Invitational Tournament game at Purdue.

Florida State 73, ILLINOIS STATE 59
November 13, 2006 • Donald L. Tucker Center

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Slack, f	26	4-5	0-1	0-0	0-5	2	2	8
Dilligard, f	20	4-6	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	4	8
Fortes, g	31	2-7	1-3	0-1	0-2	2	2	5
Richardson, g	34	1-6	0-0	2-2	1-2	4	4	4
Johnson, g	37	12-23	7-15	1-1	0-1	4	1	32
Eldridge	17	0-4	0-3	2-2	0-3	1	2	2
Vandello	19	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-3	0	4	0
Dyer	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0
Carlwell	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	23-53	8-23	5-7	6-22	14	20	59

Team Pct.: FG – .434; FT – .714

Blocks: 3 (Dilligard 2, Johnson 1)

Turnovers: 26 (Slack 5, Dilligard 1, Fortes 5, Richardson 6, Johnson 3, Eldridge 4, Vandello 2)

Steals: 9 (Slack 1, Dilligard 1, Fortes 2, Johnson 3, Vandello 1, Dyer 1)

Florida State	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Thornton, f	27	8-12	1-2	3-3	1-5	1	2	20
Echefe, f	16	1-3	0-0	0-1	0-0	0	2	2
Swann, g	24	5-9	2-3	2-3	2-4	0	2	14
Douglas, g	30	3-9	0-1	1-2	0-5	5	1	7
Rich, g	32	5-9	0-2	1-1	1-6	1	3	11
Mims	17	2-3	1-2	2-2	2-3	1	0	7
Allen	26	2-2	1-1	1-2	0-4	2	1	6
Breedon	11	0-4	0-2	2-2	0-1	1	0	2
Reid	17	2-2	0-0	0-0	3-3	1	2	4
Totals	200	28-53	5-13	12-16	11-35	12	13	73

Team Pct.: FG – .528; FT – .750

Blocks: 4 (Echefe 1, Rich 1, Allen 2)

Turnovers: 27 (Thornton 5, Echefe 3, Swann 5, Douglas 4, Rich 3, Mims 4, Allen 1, Breedon 1, Reid 1)

Steals: 8 (Thornton 4, Rich 2, Allen 1, Reid 1)

Officials: Mike Sanzere, Gerry Pollard, Don Daily

Attendance: 6,897

Halftime Score: Florida State 31, ILLINOIS STATE 24

GAME 3

Dilligard, Richardson Lead 'Birds to Victory

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The inside and outside combination of Illinois State's Greg Dilligard and Boo Richardson was too much for McNeese State as the Redbirds notched their first win of the season with a 67-50 win over the Cowboys in the third and final day of the Colonial Classic at the Donald L. Tucker Center.

Richardson paced the Redbirds (1-2) with a game-high 23 points, while Dilligard collected 20 points. The victory was the first for ISU away from Redbird Arena in its last 18 tries. The last Redbird victory away from Normal occurred on Feb. 19, 2005, when ISU topped Wisconsin-Green Bay 79-69 in ESPN BracketBusters.

Illinois State took the lead 9-7 at the 15:20 mark on an Anthony Slack lay up and never relinquished the lead. Over the next seven minutes, ISU went on a 14-3 run, which included six points by Dilligard, to give the 'Birds a 23-10 with 8:30 left in the first half. The Redbirds increased their lead to 16 points and took a 36-20 advantage into the locker room led by Dilligard's 11 first-half points.

In the second half, the Redbirds could never fully put McNeese State (0-3) away, but the Cowboys were unable to get any closer than 10 points. Both times McNeese State closed the gap to 10 points, the Redbirds responded including a 9-0 run in the game's final three minutes.

ILLINOIS STATE 67, McNeese State 50
November 14, 2006 • Donald L. Tucker Center

McNeese St.	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Wardell, f	28	3-9	0-0	4-4	1-5	1	3	10
Bradley, g	38	6-10	0-0	3-8	2-3	0	3	15
Aaron, g	37	5-12	1-4	1-2	1-5	3	1	12
Ford, g	34	2-11	1-4	4-4	1-7	2	1	9
Pichon, g	24	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-3	2	2	2
Lawrence	26	1-3	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	2
Penn	8	0-2	0-0	0-1	1-2	0	0	0
Barnhill	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	2	0
Totals	200	18-48	2-10	12-19	9-27	9	13	50

Team Pct.: FG – .375; FT – .632
Blocks: 6 (Bradley 2, Lawrence 1, Penn 3)
Turnovers: 17 (Wardell 4, Bradley 2, Aaron 3, Ford 4, Pichon 4)
Steals: 9 (Wardell 1, Bradley 4, Aaron 1, Ford 1, Pichon 2)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Slack, f	23	3-5	0-1	1-2	4-8	0	4	7
Dilligard, f	32	9-14	0-0	2-3	5-5	3	4	20
Fortes, g	24	2-6	1-4	2-2	0-3	2	1	7
Richardson, g	36	8-12	3-5	4-5	1-3	7	1	23
Johnson, g	35	1-11	1-8	0-0	2-3	2	1	3
Eldridge	20	1-6	1-4	0-0	1-5	0	1	3
Moor	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Hill	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
Vandello	19	1-3	0-0	0-0	2-4	1	4	2
Dyer	5	1-3	0-0	0-0	1-3	0	1	2
Holtz	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Carlwell	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	26-60	6-22	9-12	18-40	15	17	67

Team Pct.: FG – .433; FT – .750
Blocks: 4 (Slack 4)
Turnovers: 16 (Slack 1, Dilligard 1, Fortes 1, Richardson 2, Johnson 3, Eldridge 1, Moor 2, Vandello 2, Dyer 3)
Steals: 6 (Slack 1, Dilligard 1, Fortes 1, Richardson 1, Johnson 2)

Officials: Gerry Pollard, Dan Stryfeler, Don Daily
Attendance: 6,780
Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 36, McNeese State 20

GAME 4

Redbirds Convincing in Home Opener

NORMAL, Ill. – Illinois State's Dom Johnson led three Redbirds in double figures with 16 points, but it was the ISU defense that got the best of Cal State Northridge in a 66-44 nonconference win at Redbird Arena.

The Matador offense was stifled as the Redbirds held CSUN to a Redbird Arena low 25.9 percent from the field. CSUN also converted 14 field goals, tying the facility low.

The Matadors jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead when Calvin Chitwood threw down a fast-break dunk on the game's opening play. However, the Redbirds quickly answered on a Boo Richardson three-pointer that opened up a 10-0 run to put the 'Birds up 10-2. Thomas Shewmake then converted on a three-point play for CSUN and ended the ISU run, cutting the lead to 10-5 with 16:03 left in the first half.

ISU continued to score at will, going on a 21-7 run that spanned nearly nine minutes to widen the lead to 31-12. Johnson scored 10 points in the second run, including two baskets from beyond the arc. Jayme Miller's jumper stopped the run for the Matadors and cut the lead to 31-14 and a free throw by Jason Hill then made the score 31-15 at the 2:52 mark.

ILLINOIS STATE 66, Cal State Northridge 44
November 20, 2006 • Redbird Arena

CS Northridge	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Heard, f	20	0-4	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	2	0
Chitwood, f	28	6-14	2-5	0-0	2-3	0	1	14
Shewmake, c	15	1-7	0-1	1-1	2-8	0	2	3
Haynes, g	15	0-3	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	2	0
Hill, g	16	1-2	0-1	1-2	0-1	3	4	3
Peters	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	0	0
Noblitt	14	0-6	0-4	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Miller	17	3-5	0-0	4-7	2-2	0	5	10
Tyson	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Colston	16	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	2	0
Jones	21	1-5	0-1	4-6	3-6	0	2	6
McCrary	11	1-2	0-1	3-3	0-3	0	0	5
Powers	10	1-4	0-0	0-	3-5	0	1	2
Everage	4	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	1	1
Waggenger	6	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-4	0	0	0
Totals	200	14-54	2-14	14-21	14-38	8	24	44

Team Pct.: FG – .259; FT – .667
Blocks: 1 (Jones 1)
Turnovers: 23 (Heard 1, Chitwood 2, Shewmake 3, Hill 3, Peters 4, Noblitt 2, Miller 3, Colston 3, Jones 1, McCrary 1)
Steals: 9 (Heard 1, Chitwood 1, Haynes 1, Hill 2, Noblitt 1, Miller 1, Colston 1, Powers 1)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Slack, f	28	5-11	0-1	2-5	2-7	1	1	12
Dilligard, f	24	3-4	0-0	0-2	0-4	3	4	6
Fortes, g	25	0-3	0-1	2-2	1-4	1	2	2
Richardson, g	30	4-7	1-3	6-7	1-2	8	2	15
Johnson, g	27	5-9	4-7	2-2	1-5	1	2	16
Eldridge	19	0-5	0-3	1-2	1-4	0	0	1
Moor	3	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	0	1
Hill	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	2	0
Vandello	12	1-2	0-0	2-2	2-3	0	2	4
Dyer	16	0-3	0-3	0-0	0-4	0	3	0
Holtz	9	3-6	3-6	0-0	0-1	0	1	9
Carlwell	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Totals	200	21-51	8-24	16-24	10-37	14	20	66

Team Pct.: FG – .412; FT – .667
Blocks: 7 (Slack 1, Dilligard 4, Dyer 2)
Turnovers: 18 (Slack 3, Fortes 2, Richardson 5, Johnson 4, Eldridge 1, Vandello 2, Dyer 1)
Steals: 12 (Slack 5, Fortes 3, Johnson 2, Vandello 1, Dyer 1)

Officials: John Higgins, David Warfel, Mark Mayhood
Attendance: 4,699
Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 36, CS Northridge 16

GAME 5

'Birds Add to Valley's Big Weekend; Win at St. John's

QUEENS, N.Y. – The offensive play of point guard Boo Richardson and the defensive effort of Roberto Fortes paved the way as the Illinois State men's basketball team earned a precious road victory, the Redbirds' first in 16 games, with a 78-65 victory over St. John's at Carnesecca Arena.

The road win was the first by ISU since posting a 79-69 win at Wisconsin-Green Bay as part of BracketBusters Saturday.

St. John's took its only lead of the game at 2-0, but the Redbirds claimed a 9-4 lead after single baskets by four of the five starters. With ISU up 16-13 at the 13:45 mark, the Redbirds went on a 15-3 run, which included a pair of three-pointers by Osiris Eldridge, and took a 31-16 lead with 7:57 on the clock. St. John's responded with a 9-2 spurt and closed the gap to 33-25 with 4:48 left. The two teams traded baskets the rest of the half and the Redbirds took a 41-31 lead into the locker room.

The Redbirds increased their lead to 15 points at 50-35, thanks to a pair of baskets by Richardson. With Illinois State leading 61-49 and 9:42 left in the game, the Red Storm made their final run. St. John's used a 9-1 run over the next three minutes to close the gap to 62-58. But, Dom Johnson hit two of three free throws after being fouled on a 3-point try and Richardson added a basket to put the lead back to 66-58.

After a pair of free throws by Daryll Hill, Fortes sank a big three-pointer and Greg Dilligard added five straight points as the Redbirds regained control with a 74-61 advantage. ISU hit 4-of-8 free throws down the stretch to secure the win.

ILLINOIS STATE 78, St. John's 65
November 25, 2006 • Carnesecca Arena

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Slack, f	29	3-7	0-1	4-7	1-7	1	2	10
Dilligard, f	33	8-15	0-0	1-5	7-11	4	4	17
Fortes, g	27	3-10	1-6	6-8	2-7	1	3	13
Richardson, g	31	5-10	3-8	5-6	1-3	4	3	18
Johnson, g	37	2-7	1-5	2-3	0-0	2	2	7
Eldridge	17	2-5	2-3	2-2	1-2	2	1	8
Vandello	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	1	0
Dyer	6	1-2	1-2	2-2	0-0	0	2	5
Carlwell	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Totals	200	24-56	8-25	22-33	16-35	16	19	78

Team Pct.: FG – .429; FT – .667
Blocks: 2 (Slack 1, Dilligard 1)
Turnovers: 17 (Slack 1, Dilligard 3, Fortes 1, Richardson 5, Johnson 3, Eldridge 2, Vandello 2)
Steals: 8 (Dilligard 2, Richardson 1, Johnson 3, Eldridge 1, Vandello 1)

St. John's	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Mason, f	32	5-10	0-1	2-2	1-3	1	3	12
Hamilton, f	29	5-13	1-2	0-0	1-9	2	4	11
Spears, c	10	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	3	2
Lawrence, g	23	2-3	1-1	0-0	0-1	3	3	5
Patterson, g	30	3-8	0-3	2-2	0-3	1	4	8
Calhoun	21	2-3	0-1	2-3	0-3	0	2	6
Hill	25	4-8	0-0	4-8	1-1	3	2	12
Wright	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Jasiulionis	19	3-3	0-0	0-0	2-3	0	1	6
Torres	4	1-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	0	0	3
Totals	200	26-52	2-8	11-16	8-29	10	22	65

Team Pct.: FG – .500; FT – .688
Blocks: 5 (Hamilton 2, Calhoun 1, Jasiulionis 2)
Turnovers: 22 (Mason 2, Hamilton 4, Spears 4, Lawrence 4, Patterson 2, Calhoun 2, Hill 3, Jasiulionis 1)
Steals: 3 (Patterson 1, Hill 2)

Officials: John Higgins, Steve Skiles, Tom Clark
Attendance: 4,038
Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 41, St. John's 31

GAME 6
Slack, Dilligard Lead 'Birds Past Sacramento St., 86-69

NORMAL, Ill. – The Illinois State men's basketball team was dominate on the interior as junior-transfer Anthony Slack recorded his first career double-double with a career-high 21 points and 10 rebounds and senior Greg Dilligard recorded his second-consecutive double-double (11 points, 10 rebounds) for the first time in his career as Illinois State defeated Sacramento State 86-69 Wednesday night at Redbird Arena.

Slack and Dilligard were just two of five Redbirds to score in double figures as the team shot a season-high 61 percent from the field, including 7-of-15 from the three-point stripe. Senior Roberto Fortes was bench, scoring 11 points, while sophomore Brandon Holtz came off the bench to contribute 10 points. Boo Richardson reached double figures in scoring for the fifth time this season with 12 points and tied his career-high with eight assists.

The Hornets proved to be no match for the 'Birds on the inside, as ISU scored 50 points in the paint. The Redbirds also out-rebounded CSUS, 37-29, and notched six blocked shots, three coming from Slack.

The Hornets jumped out to an early 11-5 with 15:20 left in the half thanks in large part to six early turnovers by the Redbirds. The 'Birds regained their composure and went on a 15-4 run, capped by a three pointer by Fortes that gave the 'Redbirds a 20-15 lead at the 9:22 mark.

In the second half, Slack and Richardson proved to be too much for CSUS to overcome, as the two Redbird newcomers combined to score 27 of the team's 47 points in the second half. Slack was a force inside scoring 17 points, including a high-rising dunk from sophomore Mike Vandello that brought the crowd to its feet with 14: 52 left in the game.

ILLINOIS STATE 86, Sacramento State 69
November 29, 2006 • Redbird Arena

Sacramento St.	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Bausley, f	24	5-9	3-4	0-2	1-1	1	5	13
Alamo, c	26	7-8	0-0	2-2	3-6	0	4	16
Hargrave, g	36	4-12	1-4	0-0	0-2	5	2	9
Adams, g	24	4-6	0-0	1-3	0-4	2	3	9
Leath, g	32	4-18	2-8	2-2	2-2	1	1	12
Harrison	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Thomas	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Young	13	0-3	0-0	0-0	0-1	3	0	0
Williams	13	3-6	0-0	0-0	2-3	0	3	6
Davis	10	1-1	0-0	0-0	2-3	0	2	2
Roberts	16	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-4	0	1	2
Totals	200	29-65	6-16	5-9	13-29	12	21	69

Team Pct.: FG – .446; FT – .556

Blocks: 1 (Young 1)

Turnovers: 18 (Bausley 3, Alamo 3, Hargrave 6, Adams 3, Young 1, Williams 1, Davis 1)

Steals: 15 (Bausley 2, Alamo 1, Hargrave 8, Adams 1, Leath 1, Young 1, Davis 1)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Slack, f	27	9-10	0-0	3-4	2-10	1	3	21
Dilligard, f	24	5-6	0-0	1-5	5-10	4	4	11
Fortes, g	32	4-8	3-6	0-0	0-0	3	0	11
Richardson, g	27	4-8	2-2	2-3	0-3	8	3	12
Johnson, g	34	2-5	0-2	4-4	0-2	4	1	8
Eldridge	6	1-3	0-0	1-2	1-1	0	1	3
Moor	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Hill	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Vandello	23	4-7	0-0	0-0	3-8	4	1	8
Dyer	5	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	2
Holtz	19	4-7	2-5	0-1	1-3	1	2	10
Carlwell	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	34-56	7-15	11-19	12-37	26	15	86

Team Pct.: FG – .607; FT – .579

Blocks: 6 (Slack 3, Dilligard 1, Johnson 1, Dyer 1)

Turnovers: 20 (Slack 3, Dilligard 1, Fortes 4, Richardson 5, Johnson 3, Eldridge 1, Vandello 1, Dyer 1, Holtz 1)

Steals: 7 (Slack 1, Fortes 2, Richardson 1, Johnson 2, Holtz 1)

Officials: Dave Draucker, Terry Oglesby, Dan Dorian

Attendance: 5,417

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 39, Sacramento State 28

GAME 7
Record Three-Point Shooting Leads 'Birds Past UTA

NORMAL, Ill. – The Illinois State men's basketball team was on fire from the perimeter hitting a Redbird Arena record with 14 three-pointers, led by freshman Osiris Eldridge's four as part of his career-high 14 points off the bench in the Redbirds' 86-61 victory over UT-Arlington Saturday night. Eldridge wasn't the only story off the bench as junior Levi Dyer, also in reserve, tied his career-high with 17 points on 6-of-7 shooting, including 3-of-4 from beyond the arc.

Eldridge and Dyer led a group of five Redbirds who scored in double figures as the team shot 53 percent from the field, including 14-of-27 from the three-point stripe. Senior Roberto Fortes and junior Dom Johnson both scored 13 points with three treys each, while junior-transfer Anthony Slack chipped in 10 points along with three rebounds and three blocks.

Along with the record-setting three-point shooting, the Redbird defense also came through with a tremendous effort, forcing 27 turnovers which resulted in 32 points.

The victory improved the 'Birds' record to 5-2 on the season. The win was the team's fifth straight, the longest streak in the Porter Moser era. The loss dropped the Mavericks to 3-3, despite the efforts of sophomore Anthony Vereen, who scored 17 points and grabbed four rebounds.

ILLINOIS STATE 86, UT-Arlington 61
December 2, 2006 • Redbird Arena

UT-Arlington	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Griffin, f	22	3-3	0-0	0-0	2-4	1	2	6
Vereen, f	26	2-6	1-3	12-14	3-4	2	3	17
Posey, f	22	1-2	0-0	0-0	2-6	0	2	2
Guignard, g	28	1-7	1-5	0-0	0-1	2	0	3
Epps, g	28	2-8	0-3	0-0	0-1	2	3	4
Henry	14	1-3	1-3	0-0	2-4	0	1	3
Hunter	10	1-6	0-0	0-0	1-1	1	3	2
Read	9	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-4	0	3	2
Long	23	6-11	3-6	2-2	1-2	2	2	17
Moffitt	14	2-5	1-2	0-0	1-4	1	1	5
Dewalt	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Totals	200	20-52	7-22	14-16	13-34	11	20	61

Team Pct.: FG – .385; FT – .875

Blocks: 2 (Griffin 1, Posey 1)

Turnovers: 27 (Griffin 6, Vereen 2, Posey 2, Guignard 6, Epps 6, Henry 1, Hunter 2, Long 2)

Steals: 7 (Griffin 1, Guignard 2, Epps 2, Henry 1, Long 1)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Slack, f	26	4-8	0-0	2-2	2-3	2	2	10
Dilligard, f	26	3-4	0-0	0-0	1-3	3	2	6
Fortes, g	28	5-10	3-6	0-0	1-3	4	1	13
Richardson, g	31	2-3	1-2	2-4	0-1	7	1	7
Johnson, g	24	4-8	3-6	2-2	0-3	3	0	13
Eldridge	12	5-9	4-7	0-0	0-2	2	0	14
Moor	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Hill	5	1-3	0-0	2-2	1-2	1	0	4
Vandello	6	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Dyer	16	6-7	3-4	2-2	0-4	1	2	17
Holtz	14	0-2	0-2	1-2	0-1	1	1	1
Carlwell	6	0-2	0-0	1-2	0-2	1	2	1
Totals	200	30-57	14-27	12-16	8-28	25	14	86

Team Pct.: FG – .526; FT – .750

Blocks: 5 (Slack 3, Dilligard 1, Dyer 1)

Turnovers: 16 (Slack 3, Dilligard 2, Fortes 1, Richardson 5, Moor 2, Hill 1, Vandello 2)

Steals: 11 (Slack 3, Dilligard 1, Fortes 2, Richardson 2, Moor 1, Dyer 2)

Officials: Mike Litzelfelner, Kerry Campbell, Robert Burris

Attendance: 5,941

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 36, UT-Arlington 29

GAME 8
Redbirds Win Sixth Straight, Drop Miami 64-40

NORMAL, Ill. – Allowing just 13 second-half points, a new Redbird Arena low, the fast-paced, second-half offensive effort by the duo of Greg Dilligard and Anthony Slack lifted the Illinois State men's basketball team over Miami (Ohio), 64-40, Tuesday night at Redbird Arena. Dilligard finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds, while Slack added 15 points and 10 boards for the 'Birds.

With the game knotted at 30, just over two minutes into the second half, Illinois State used a 34-10 run to close out the game. The story of the second half unfolded in the first eight minutes of the final period, as the Redbirds erupted for a 10 unanswered points, taking a 40-30 lead at the 12:42 mark. Sparked by a blocked shot by Slack, the 'Birds ran the length of the floor where Boo Richardson threw up an alley-oop that Slack slammed home on the fast break. A foul was called on the play and Slack drained his shot from the charity stripe, finishing the traditional three-point play. Dilligard tossed in a layup and Osiris Eldridge put down a dunk of his own, adding to the excitement in the stretch.

Miami broke the streak with 12:21 left in the game, with Monty St. Clair connecting on a layup. But the Redbirds answered with back-to-back three pointers from Richardson and Eldridge, extending their lead to 46-32. Richardson ended the game with 13 points and four assists.

The 'Birds used a 18-8 run in the game's final nine minutes to secure the win, while holding the RedHawks to just 13 second-half points.

ILLINOIS STATE 64, Miami (Ohio) 40
December 5, 2006 • Redbird Arena

Miami (Ohio)	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Peavy, f	34	4-9	1-2	1-5	0-6	1	5	10
T. Pollitz, f	28	8-17	0-0	1-2	1-3	0	2	17
St. Clair, c	15	1-2	0-1	0-1	1-5	1	1	2
Moosmann, g	27	0-3	0-3	0-0	0-0	2	2	0
Bramos, g	34	3-9	1-4	0-0	2-6	1	1	7
Penno	17	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-2	1	1	0
Dierkers	22	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-5	3	4	2
Richburg	8	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	2	0
E. Pollitz	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Ballard	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Fletcher	4	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	0	2
Totals	200	18-47	2-13	2-8	5-31	11	19	40

Team Pct.: FG – .383; FT – .250

Blocks: 3 (T. Pollitz 1, Dierkers 1, Fletcher 1)

Turnovers: 23 (Peavy 4, T. Pollitz 3, St. Clair 1, Moosmann 4, Bramos 4, Dierkers 1, Richburg 2, E. Pollitz 4)

Steals: 10 (Peavy 1, T. Pollitz 2, St. Clair 2, Bramos 1, Dierkers 3, E. Pollitz 1)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Slack, f	33	4-9	0-1	7-10	2-10	2	2	15
Dilligard, f	31	5-7	0-0	1-3	5-10	0	1	11
Fortes, g	23	0-3	0-3	2-2	0-0	2	3	2
Richardson, g	35	4-9	1-2	4-7	0-4	4	1	13
Johnson, g	34	3-9	3-8	0-0	0-2	3	3	9
Eldridge	21	2-5	1-3	0-0	0-2	1	2	5
Moor	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Hill	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Dyer	15	4-6	1-1	0-0	1-4	1	0	9
Holtz	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Carlwell	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	0	0
Totals	200	22-49	6-18	14-22	8-35	13	12	64

Team Pct.: FG – .449; FT – .636

Blocks: 2 (Slack 2)

Turnovers: 15 (Slack 3, Dilligard 3, Fortes 2, Richardson 5, Johnson 1, Eldridge 1)

Steals: 10 (Slack 4, Dilligard 1, Richardson 1, Johnson 3, Eldridge 1)

Officials: Steve Skiles, Terry Anderson, Todd Williams

Attendance: 5,735

Halftime Score: Miami (Ohio) 27, ILLINOIS STATE 25