



Redbird Basketball

GAME NOTES

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ILLINOIS STATE SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent (TV)	Time/Result
11/9	AUGUSTANA [S.D.] (EX)	W, 60-49
11/19	INDIANAPOLIS	W, 54-50
11/22	@ Cincinnati (WXIX)	L, 59-76
11/26	WESTERN MICHIGAN	W, 64-47
11/29	GRAMBLING STATE	W, 62-50
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12/3	UW-GREEN BAY	W, 59-51
12/6	IPFW	W, 65-36
12/10	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	L, 61-64
12/17	@ Cal. St.-Northridge	L, 69-73
12/22	@ Indiana State* (Valley-TV)	L, 59-69 (ot)
12/31	CREIGHTON*	W, 53-50
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1/2	@ Northern Iowa*	L, 47-60
1/5	@ Creighton* (KMTV)	L, 52-71
1/8	WICHITA STATE* (Cox-TV)	L, 47-56
1/11	@ Missouri State*	L, 54-70
1/14	NORTHERN IOWA*	L, 52-67
1/16	EVANSVILLE* (Valley-TV)	7:07 p.m.
<p>Red Bit: An ISU loss tonight would give the Redbirds a six-game losing streak, which would equal the longest in Porter Moser's tenure.</p>		
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1/22	@ Southern Illinois*	2:05 p.m.
1/25	INDIANA STATE* (WTWO)	7:05 p.m.
1/28	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS* (WSIU)	4:05 p.m.
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2/1	@ Bradley* (WEEK)	7:35 p.m.
2/4	@ Evansville*	7:05 p.m.
2/7	@ Drake*	7:05 p.m.
2/11	BRADLEY* (WMBD)	4:05 p.m.
2/14	DRAKE*	7:05 p.m.
2/18	@ ESPN Bracket Buster%	TBA
2/22	MISSOURI STATE*	TBA
2/25	@ Wichita State*	TBA
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3/2-5	@ State Farm MVC Tournament#	TBA

All times listed are CST

Home games in CAPS

*Missouri Valley Conference game

%ESPN's Bracket Buster Series

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ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (6-9, 1-6)

16 GAME



VS.

**EVANSVILLE PURPLE ACES (5-9, 1-5)**

Monday, January 16, 2006 • 7:07 p.m. CST

Redbird Arena (10,200) • Normal, Ill.

THE GAME FACTS**The Probable Starters:****ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS ▶ ▶ ▶****Nedu Onyeuku**

► Guard
 Sr.-1L • 6-3 • 185
 Omaha, Neb.

PPG RPG APG
 8.5 2.4 1.3

**Neil Plank**

► Guard
 Sr.-2L • 6-5 • 208
 Mt. Zion, Ill.

PPG RPG APG
 8.8 4.2 3.7

**Dinma Odiakosa**

► Forward
 Fr.-HS • 6-8 • 240
 Asaba, Nigeria

PPG RPG BPG
 1.2 1.3 0.1

**Dana Ford**

► Guard
 Sr.-3L • 6-4 • 195
 Tamms, Ill.

PPG RPG SPG
 7.7 4.4 2.3

**Greg Dilligard**

► Forward
 Jr.-2L • 6-8 • 230
 Labelle, Mo.

PPG RPG BPG
 10.7 5.7 2.4

EVANSVILLE PURPLE ACES ▶ ▶ ▶

	ppg	rpg	apg
F 44 Justin Petty	6-7	202	Jr. Indianapolis, Ind.
C 55 Bradley Strickland	6-9	215	Jr. Atlanta, Ga.
G 4 Kyle Anslinger	6-4	195	Jr. Evansville, Ind.
G 5 Shy Ely	6-4	183	Fr. Indianapolis, Ind.
G 22 Jason Holsinger	5-11	187	Fr. Lapel, Ind.

*indicates blocked shots

About The Game: Tonight is a must-win game for two teams that are trying to stay out of a Thursday night play-in game at the 2006 State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Tournament. Illinois State enters the game with one win in its last nine tries, while Evansville has won one in its last seven games.

Series History: Tonight's game marks the 30th meeting in the series. The Redbirds carry a 19-10 advantage in the series, but Evansville has won four of the last six meetings.

Radio: Dick Luedke, play-by-play; Mike Matthews, color; Bruce Evans, sideline (home only) and Jim Williams, studio host. Affiliates: WJBC (AM 1230/Bloomington), flagship; WBIG (AM 1280/Aurora), WJEZ (FM 98.9/Dwight), WZOE (AM 1490/Princeton) and WFMB (AM 1450/Springfield). All broadcasts, including Porter Moser's weekly call-in show can be heard via the Internet at GoRedbirds.com.

Television: Tonight's game can be seen live on FSN Midwest, Fox College Sports, Comcast SportsNet Chicago and Comcast Local Michigan as part of the Valley television package. The talent includes Dan McLaughlin (play-by-play) and Mac McCausland (analyst). Satellite coordinates are AMC 6K, Transponder 18 - Digital Slot A.

THE COACHES

Porter Moser (Creighton '90) owns an 87-75 (.537) career mark in his third season at Illinois State, including a 33-41 (.446) record with the Redbirds. Prior to guiding the 'Birds, Moser served three seasons at Arkansas-Little Rock in his first head coaching position. Moser is assisted by Chris Jans, Daniyal Robinson and Brian Barone.

Steve Merfeld (UW-LaCrosse '84) is in his fourth season season at Evansville. He owns an 35-64 (.354) record with the Purple Aces and carries a 125-121 (.508) record in his nine seasons as a head coach. He is assisted by Keith Nofitz, Kareem Richardson and Jason Zimmerman.



TALE OF THE TAPE



W-L Record	6-9	5-9
Points Scored	57.1	69.7
Points Allowed	59.3	75.4
Scoring Margin	-2.2	-5.6
FG Percentage	41.4	42.5
Def. FG Percentage	40.2	43.0
3-pt. Percentage	31.3	31.2
Def. 3-pt. Percentage	37.0	37.3
FT Percentage	61.9	71.3
Offensive Rebounds	9.8	10.7
Total Rebounds	32.1	35.6
Rebounding Margin	-1.3	-1.8
Assists	13.7	14.2
Turnover Average	16.7	17.4
Turnover Margin	-0.1	-2.5
Steal Average	7.7	4.7
Block Average	4.9	2.4
Fouls	18.1	21.4

WEEKLY MEDIA CONFERENCE

All start at 2:30 p.m. and are located in the Redbird Arena media room off the Southwest Loading Dock.

- Wednesday, January 18
- Monday, January 23
- Tuesday, January 31
- Thursday, February 9
- Thursday, February 16
- Tuesday, February 21
- Monday, February 27

WHAT'S BACK

Here is a look at what is returning to the Illinois State roster in 2005-06:

Scoring	30.1%
Three-point Field Goals	22.4%
Free Throws	34.3%
Rebounding	45.7%
Assists	30.9%
Blocks	83.5%
Steals.....	46.2%
Minutes.....	41.1%

VALLEY TELECONFERENCE

Teleconferences with The Valley men's basketball head coaches will be conducted each Tuesday, with the men's briefings beginning on a weekly basis in December at 10 a.m. To participate in either conference briefing, call 913/981-5509. The first men's teleconference begins at 10 a.m. CST on **Tuesday, December 6**. Head coach **Porter Moser** will be available at 10:25 a.m. during the teleconference.

ABOUT THE EVANSVILLE PURPLE ACES

- Evansville, located in Evansville, Ind., was founded in 1854 and has an enrollment of 2,400.
- The Purple Aces return eight letterwinners, including three starters, from a team that finished 11-17 overall and finished tied for ninth in the Missouri Valley Conference with a 5-13 mark.
- Evansville's Matt Webster, who leads the team in scoring (15.2) and rebounding (6.9), suffered a sprained ankle at Bradley on Saturday after scoring a game-high 19 points and is not expected to play tonight.
- Webster joins senior Eric Ottens (knee) and sophomore Victor Gomez (stress fracture in foot) on the injured list, as both Ottens and Gomez are out for at least two weeks.

EVANSVILLE NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
2	Art Stalbergs	F/C	6-7	225	Jr.	Liepaja, Latvia
3	Eric Ottens	G/F	6-7	220	Sr.	Morrison, Ill.
4	Kyle Anslinger	G	6-4	195	Jr.	Evansville, Ind.
5	Shy Ely	G/F	6-4	183	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind.
11	Victor Gomez	F	6-6	218	So.	Marianna, Fla.
14	Trent Wargel	G	5-7	160	Fr.	Ridgway, Ill.
21	Devan Welch	G	6-3	202	Jr.	McLeansboro, Ill.
22	Jason Holsinger	G	5-11	187	Fr.	Lapel, Ind.
23	Maurice Blakey	G	6-0	192	Jr.	Louisville, Ky.
32	Derek Summers	G	5-11	150	Fr.	Floyds Knobs, Ind.
33	Matt Webster	F	6-7	250	Jr.	Sheridan, Ind.
40	Craig Phifer	F	6-6	212	Jr.	Staunton, Ill.
44	Justin Petty	F	6-7	202	Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind.
55	Bradley Strickland	F/C	6-9	215	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga.

Head Coach: Steve Merfeld

Assistant Coach: Keith Nofzt, Kareem Richardson, Jason Zimmerman

EVANSVILLE SCHEDULE

5-9 Overall, 1-5 Valley

Date	Opponent	Score/Time	W/L
Nov 18	MARSHALL	91-81	W
Nov 21	at Loyola-Chicago	86-99	L
Nov 26	at Marshall	67-70	L
Dec 3	PURDUE	75-69	W
Dec 6	at Western Kentucky	77-84	L
Dec 10	WESTERN ILLINOIS	70-63	W
Dec 17	CAMPBELL	83-71	W
Dec 21	at Austin Peay State	71-74	L
Dec 28	DRAKE*	68-79	L
Dec 31	at Northern Iowa*	60-71	L
Jan 5	MISSOURI STATE*	65-80	L
Jan 7	INDIANA STATE*	63-58	W
Jan 11	at Southern Illinois*	38-66	L
Jan 14	at Bradley*	62-90	L
Jan 16	at Illinois State*	Tonight	
Jan 19	WICHITA STATE*	7:35 p.m.	
Jan 22	at Creighton*	2:05 p.m.	
Jan 25	NORTHERN IOWA*	7:05 p.m.	
Jan 28	BRADLEY*	6:05 p.m.	
Feb 1	at Wichita State*	7:05 p.m.	
Feb 4	ILLINOIS STATE*	11:05 a.m.	
Feb 7	CREIGHTON*	7:05 p.m.	
Feb 11	at Drake*	3:05 p.m.	
Feb 14	at Missouri State*	8:05 p.m.	
Feb 18	BRACKET BUSTER	TBA	
Feb 21	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*	TBA	
Feb 25	at Indiana State*	TBA	
Mar 2-5	at State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Tournament		

* - Missouri Valley Conference game. HOME GAMES IN CAPS.

DILLIGARD FOR THE BLOCK

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 the Redbirds. In his third season, Dilligard now ranks No. 5 in career blocked shots with 98. He also has 36 blocks on the season, including 12 in the last three games. His season total ranks tied for ninth in Redbird history.

WALKING THE PLANK

It isn't the sole reason for defeat, but the Redbirds appear to go how senior **Neil Plank** goes. In ISU's six wins this season, Plank is leading the team with 13.2 points per game, while shooting 50 percent (25-for-50) from the field. In the nine losses, Plank is averaging 5.9 points per game and shooting 25.7 percent (19-for-74) from the floor.

HAVE SHOTS, WON'T FALL

After this last week, the Illinois State basketball team could have used the services of a good rifleman. By crashing the offensive boards, and doubling their opponent production in that area, the Redbirds totaled 33 more field goal attempts than Missouri State and Northern Iowa combined. Despite an astounding 125 shots, the efficiency didn't reach the same level. The Redbirds converted 32.8 percent of their field goal attempts, including 25 percent on treys, while their foes sank 46.7 percent of their shots.

THE FINAL LEG

Evansville marks the seventh and final opponent for the Redbirds over the last 17 days, which is quite a change of pace from the two games in 20 days during December surrounding finals week and the holidays.

SKID ROW

During ISU's five-game losing streak, nobody on the Redbird roster is averaging more than 10 points per game, ISU is shooting 27.5 percent on threes during the stretch and foes are shooting 48.3 percent from the floor. The 'Birds are also averaging 17 turnovers per game, while opponents are making 10.8 more free throws per contest.

CAUGHT ON THE REBOUND

Evansville marks the fifth straight opponent for Illinois State that enters the game coming off a loss. Before the 'Birds traveled to Creighton, the Jays were knocked off at Bradley. Both Wichita State and Missouri State were beaten at home by UNI, while the Panthers entered Redbird Arena following a home loss to Creighton. Evansville enters the game tonight fresh off its loss to Bradley on Saturday night.

HOME SWEET HOME

Illinois State enters today's game with a 6-3 record this season at Redbird Arena. ISU only needs two more home wins to guarantee a winning record for the 16th time in the 18-year history of the facility.



BLOCK PARTY

The Redbirds are averaging 4.9 blocked shots per game as a team, led by Greg Dilligard's 36 swats. With 74 blocked shots in 15 games, ISU leads the Missouri Valley Conference in blocked shots, while Dilligard ranks second with 2.4 blocks per game. At this pace, the Redbirds would tie the best shot blocking average in school history, equalling the 1976-77 team which also averaged 4.9 blocks per game.

ISU DEFENSE HAS IT'S PEAKS AND VALLEYS

Since starting league play, the Redbird defense has dipped in terms of field goal percentage defense. In non-league games, Redbird opponents were only shooting 35.6 percent from the floor. However, since starting conference play, ISU has seen its defensive field goal percentage rise to 46.3 percent against Valley foes.

THIRTY SOMETHING

That's what Illinois State opponents are shooting in Redbird victories - 33.9 percent to be exact. In fact, in the win over UW-Green Bay, the 'Birds put a clamp on the Phoenix by limiting them to 29 percent shooting from the field. The effort was the Redbirds' best since holding Tennessee-Martin to 28.8 percent shooting last season.

187 GAMES WITH A TREY ON THE BOARD

ISU enters the game against Evansville with at least one made three in 187 straight games. The last time ISU didn't sink a trey was an 82-43 loss at Creighton on Dec. 12, 1999.

SOME HOLIDAY STEALS

Sure it's January, but senior Dana Ford has continued his post-holiday shopping and he's finding a number of steals. After 15 games, Ford leads the Redbirds in thefts with 34 and is on pace to finish the season with 68, which would rank first in the Redbirds' top 10 all-time.

D-FENCE, D-FENCE

Since Porter Moser's arrival at Illinois State he has emphasized team defense and it's starting to show. In the last two complete seasons, opponents have averaged fewer than 66 points per game. This season, Redbird opponents are averaging 59.3 points per contest. If the Redbirds can maintain this effort, it would mark the first time this feat has occurred three straight seasons since the 1985-86, 1984-85 and 1983-84 campaigns. The 59.3 points per game by Illinois State foes would also rank as the lowest in school history.

SO THIS IS WHAT A FULL ROSTER LOOKS LIKE?

For the first time in Porter Moser's tenure, the Redbirds will field a team with all 13 scholarships occupied. After signing Osiris Eldridge and Bobby Hill during the early signing period, the Redbirds have one scholarship available for next season.

WE HAVE ANOTHER WINNER

With 17 wins during the 2004-05 season, the Redbirds enjoyed their 30th winning season in 35 years of being a Division I program. The 17 victories was the most by ISU since the 2001-02 season.

OUT OF AFRICA ...

And into Redbird Arena for four Redbirds this season. Freshmen Dinma Odiakosa and Eric Vianney are from the continent, with Odiakosa coming from Nigeria and Vianney being from Cameroon. In addition, senior Nedu Onyeuku and junior Roberto Fortes were each born in Africa before their families moved to the United States. Onyeuku was born in Nigeria, while Fortes was born in Angola.

PRIZED PUPIL PLANK

Neil Plank was named to the 2005 ESPN the Magazine Academic All-America® University Division Men's Basketball Second Team and was honored as the 2005 Prairie Farms/Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete of the Year. The two-time All-District V Academic selection was also a 2005 Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete First Team selection. He carried a 4.0 grade point average as an undergraduate finance major and is currently pursuing his master's in business administration.

THIS DATE IN REDBIRD HISTORY

Jan. 16, 1996 - Illinois State's Maurice Trotter nailed a three-pointer with 5.7 left in regulation to claim a 61-59 victory at Wichita State. Trotter led the 'Birds with 19 points, while Rico Hill added 10. The Redbirds finished with nine 3-pointers, while the Shockers were 0-for-8 from beyond the arc. Illinois State owns a 6-3 record on this date during the Division I era.

THE LAST TIME THEY MET

Hot Shooting Gives 'Birds 77-58 Win
NORMAL, Ill. - Trey Guidry led all scorers with 25 points Tuesday to lead Illinois State to a 77-58 victory over Evansville in front of 5,709 fans at Redbird Arena.

ILLINOIS STATE 77, Evansville 58
January 25, 2005 - Redbird Arena
Table with columns: Evansville, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include player stats and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .421; FT - .556
3-PT.: 5-23, .217 (Burton 0-1, Webster 0-2, Anslinger 1-8, Wagner 2-8, Ottens 1-2, Gore 1-1, Petty 0-1)
Blocks: 2 (Webster 1, Phifer 1)
Turnovers: 15 (Burton 5, Webster 1, Strickland 2, Anslinger 1, Wagner 2, Calvez 1, Gore 2, Petty 1)
Steals: 4 (Strickland 1, Welch 1, Gore 2)

ILLINOIS STATE
Table with columns: ILLINOIS STATE, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include player stats and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .491; FT - .692
3-PT.: 7-15, .467 (Alexander 3-4, Greene 1-2, Guidry 3-5, Onyeuku 0-3, Plank 0-1)
Blocks: 3 (Dilligard 1, Carlwell 2)
Turnovers: 12 (Gordon 3, Greene 3, Guidry 1, Onyeuku 1, Wallace 2, Plank 1, D. Ford 1)
Steals: 4 (Dilligard 1, Greene 2, Onyeuku 1)

Officials: Mike Sanzere, Sid Rodenheffer, Gerry Pollard
Attendance: 5,709
Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 27, Evansville 26



CHART CLIMBERS

Season Blocked Shots Leaders

1. Jeff Wilkins (1976-77)	103
6. Mike VandeGarde (1991-92)	44
7. Greg Dilligard (2004-05)	38
8. LeRoy Watkins (1996-97)	37
9. Mike VandeGarde (1990-91)	36
Greg Dilligard (2005-06)	36

Career Blocked Shots Leaders

1. LeRoy Watkins (1996-99)	143
2. Mike VandeGarde (1990-94)	134
3. Joe Galvin (1976-80)	132
4. Jeff Wilkins (1974-77)	103
5. Greg Dilligard (2004-)	98

Season Steals Leaders

1. Todd Starks (1986-87)	61
6. Todd Wemhoener (1991-92)	52
Ron Jones (1978-79)	52
8. Richard Thomas (1992-93)	50
9. Richard Thomas (1989-90)	48
Rickie Johnson (1984-85)	48
-- Dana Ford (2005-06)	34

CAREER STARTS/GAMES

No.	Player	Illinois St.	
		GP	GS
50	Greg Dilligard	74	67
25	Neil Plank	72	31
43	Dana Ford	92	27
31	Michael Vandello	15	9
3	Nedu Onyeuku	39	8
5	Khalif Ford	35	8
42	Dinma Odiakosa	10	3
51	Ronnie Carlwell	48	2
32	Levi Dyer	23	1
14	Travis Wallace	15	0
45	Brandon Holtz	15	0
1	Roberto Fortes	9	0
21	Eric Vianney	8	0
23	Mark Kruse	7	0

2005-06 VALLEY STANDINGS

	VALLEY			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
1. Southern Illinois	6	0	1.000	13	3	.800
2. Northern Iowa	5	2	.714	15	3	.833
Wichita State	5	2	.714	14	4	.778
4. Missouri State	4	3	.571	11	4	.733
5. Creighton	4	2	.667	10	4	.714
6. Drake	3	4	.429	10	8	.556
Bradley	3	4	.429	9	6	.600
8. Evansville	1	5	.167	5	9	.357
Indiana State	1	5	.167	8	6	.571
10. Illinois State	1	6	.143	6	9	.400

*Through Jan. 14 games

PRONOUNCIATIONS

Levi Dyer	LEE-vye
Khalif Ford	cah-LEEF
Mark Kruse	CREWS
Porter Moser	MO-zur
Dinma Odiakosa	DEEN-muh oh-DEE-oh-kosa
Nedu Onyeuku	NEY-do oh-NEW-coo
Michael Vandello	van-DUH-low
Eric Vianney	VEE-uh-nee

2005-06 ILLINOIS STATE RESULTS

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	6-9	6-3	0-6	0-0
CONFERENCE	1-6	1-2	0-4	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	5-3	5-1	0-2	0-0

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTEND	HIGH POINTS	HIGH REBOUNDS
11-19-05	2:05 pm CST	INDIANAPOLIS	W 54-50	3747	(12)PLANK,Neil	(5)FORD,Dana (5)FORD,Khalif
11-22-05	8 pm EST	at Cincinnati	59-76 L	8802	(16)DILLIGARD,Greg	(6)FORD,Dana
11-26-05	2:05 pm CST	WESTERN MICHIGAN	W 64-47	3980	(16)PLANK,Neil	(7)VANDELLO,Michael
11-29-05	7:05 pm CST	GRAMBLING STATE	W 62-50	5149	(18)DILLIGARD,Greg	(9)DILLIGARD,Greg
12-03-05	4:05 pm CST	UW-GREEN BAY	W 59-51	5871	(13)PLANK,Neil	(7)DILLIGARD,Greg
12-06-05	7:05 pm CST	IPFW	W 65-36	5181	(13)DILLIGARD,Greg	(7)DILLIGARD,Greg
12-10-05	7:05 pm CST	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	61-64 L	6762	(14)ONYEUKU,Nedu	(7)PLANK,Neil
12-17-05	7:05 pm PST	at Cal State Northridge	69-73 L	1013	(15)FORD,Dana	(7)PLANK,Neil
12-22-05	7:07 pm EST	* at Indiana State	59-69 LOT	5072	(22)DILLIGARD,Greg	(12)DILLIGARD,Greg
12-31-05	2:05 pm CST	* CREIGHTON	W 53-50	5970	(17)PLANK,Neil	(6)PLANK,Neil
01-02-06	7:05 pm CST	*at Northern Iowa	47-60 L	4014	(12)DILLIGARD,Greg	(5)PLANK,Neil
01-05-06	7:07 pm CST	* at Creighton	52-71 L	12882	(17)ONYEUKU,Nedu	(5)DILLIGARD,Greg
01-08-06	2:05 pm CST	*WICHITA STATE	47-56 L	5289	(16)FORD,Dana	(7)FORD,Dana
01/11/06	7:05 pm CST	*at Missouri State	54-70 L	6140	(9)VANDELLO,Michael (9)PLANK,Neil	(7)DILLIGARD,Greg (7)VANDELLO,Michael (7)PLANK,Neil
01-14-06	4:05 pm CST	*NORTHERN IOWA	52-67 L	5336	(14)ONYEUKU,Nedu	(10)DILLIGARD,Greg

* - Conference game

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

	GAMES	TOTALS	AVG/GAME
HOME	9	47285	5254
AWAY	6	37923	6321
NEUTRAL	0	0	0
TOTAL	15	85208	5681

2005-06 ILLINOIS STATE NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.-Ex.	Hometown (Previous schools)
1	Roberto Fortes	G	6-4	195	Jr.-TR	Fort Wayne, Ind. (North Side/Daytona Beach CC)
3	Nedu Onyeuku	G	6-3	185	Sr.-1L	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep/Iowa Western CC)
5	Khalif Ford	G	6-1	181	So.-1L	Diamond Bar, Calif. (Diamond Bar/Bridgton Academy)
14	Travis Wallace	G	6-0	175	Sr.-1L	St. Louis, Mo. (Jennings/Meramec JC)
21	Eric Vianney	G	6-2	210	Fr.-HS	Yaounde, Cameroon (Picayune [Miss.])
23	Mark Kruse	G/F	6-7	205	Jr.-TR	St. Cloud, Minn. (Apollo/North Dakota State College of Science)
25	Neil Plank	G/F	6-5	208	Sr.-2L	Mt. Zion, Ill. (Mt. Zion/Wisconsin)
31	Michael Vandello	F	6-7	220	Fr.-HS	Bettendorf, Iowa (Bettendorf)
32	Levi Dyer	C	6-11	220	So.-1L	Eaton, Colo. (Eaton)
42	Dinma Odiakosa	F	6-8	240	Fr.-HS	Akwukwu, Nigeria (St. Patrick's Model School)
43	Dana Ford	G	6-4	195	Sr.-3L	Tamms, Ill. (Egyptian)
45	Brandon Holtz	G	6-4	185	Fr.-HS	Bloomington, Ill. (Bloomington)
50	Greg Dilligard	F	6-8	230	Jr.-2L	Labelle, Mo. (Highland)
51	Ronnie Carlwell	C	6-11	258	So.-1L	Maywood, Ill. (Proviso East)

Head Coach: Porter Moser

Assistant Coaches: Chris Jans, Daniyal Robinson, Brian Barone



2005-06 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	
50	DILLIGARD,Greg	15	15	444	29.6	74	127	.583	0	0	.000	13	28	.464	35	50	85	5.7	43	3	20	27	36	15	161	10.7	
	Conference-Only...	7	7	223	31.9	38	71	.535	0	0	.000	5	9	.556	18	25	43	6.1	22	2	13	16	19	8	81	11.6	
25	PLANK,Neil	15	15	458	30.5	44	124	.355	16	55	.291	28	43	.651	12	51	63	4.2	20	0	55	39	2	13	132	8.8	
	Conference-Only...	7	7	206	29.4	16	55	.291	5	24	.208	3	9	.333	5	21	26	3.7	10	0	19	22	0	7	40	5.7	
03	ONYEUKU,Nedu	15	7	343	22.9	48	93	.516	11	32	.344	20	35	.571	10	26	36	2.4	31	1	20	34	4	15	127	8.5	
	Conference-Only...	7	7	170	24.3	23	49	.469	6	18	.333	10	16	.625	5	9	14	2.0	17	1	11	15	2	9	62	8.9	
43	FORD,Dana	15	15	416	27.7	47	124	.379	16	57	.281	6	11	.545	7	59	66	4.4	31	1	27	28	9	34	116	7.7	
	Conference-Only...	7	7	204	29.1	19	53	.358	6	27	.222	0	2	.000	2	26	28	4.0	10	0	9	14	5	18	44	6.3	
31	VANDELLO,Michael	15	9	332	22.1	26	70	.371	6	19	.316	16	20	.800	18	35	53	3.5	39	1	21	28	3	8	74	4.9	
	Conference-Only...	7	2	146	20.9	12	30	.400	4	11	.364	9	12	.750	5	19	24	3.4	22	1	6	17	1	2	37	5.3	
05	FORD,Khalif	15	8	346	23.1	22	64	.344	8	23	.348	18	29	.621	5	26	31	2.1	41	2	40	45	2	9	70	4.7	
	Conference-Only...	7	0	131	18.7	8	23	.348	3	9	.333	3	7	.429	2	11	13	1.9	18	1	15	12	0	3	22	3.1	
45	HOLTZ,Brandon	15	0	184	12.3	25	55	.455	11	33	.333	3	5	.600	4	17	21	1.4	12	0	6	8	1	9	64	4.3	
	Conference-Only...	7	0	106	15.1	14	29	.483	7	17	.412	1	1	1.000	1	9	10	1.4	7	0	4	2	1	5	36	5.1	
32	DYER,Levi	14	1	122	8.7	10	38	.263	7	22	.318	13	14	.929	6	10	16	1.1	14	0	3	4	2	2	40	2.9	
	Conference-Only...	6	0	46	7.7	4	17	.235	1	7	.143	1	2	.500	5	3	8	1.3	4	0	1	2	1	2	10	1.7	
23	KRUSE,Mark	7	0	32	4.6	6	19	.316	2	10	.200	0	0	.000	4	3	7	1.0	1	0	1	0	0	2	14	2.0	
	Conference-Only...	3	0	6	2.0	1	1	1.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	2	0	2	0.7	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	0.7	
01	FORTES,Roberto	10	0	72	7.2	6	20	.300	5	17	.294	0	0	.000	0	3	3	0.3	8	0	4	7	0	2	17	1.7	
	Conference-Only...	6	0	51	8.5	5	16	.313	4	14	.286	0	0	.000	0	3	3	0.5	4	0	1	5	0	2	14	2.3	
21	VIANNEY,Eric	8	0	29	3.6	4	7	.571	3	4	.750	2	3	.667	0	4	4	0.5	7	0	1	4	0	1	13	1.6	
	Conference-Only...	4	0	10	2.5	1	3	.333	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	0.5	
42	ODIAKOSA,Dinma	10	3	75	7.5	4	18	.222	0	0	.000	4	11	.364	5	8	13	1.3	12	0	1	7	1	2	12	1.2	
	Conference-Only...	4	3	48	12.0	3	11	.273	0	0	.000	2	5	.400	2	6	8	2.0	9	0	1	4	1	1	8	2.0	
51	CARLWELL,Ronnie	15	2	151	10.1	5	15	.333	0	0	.000	5	9	.556	13	19	32	2.1	11	0	4	11	14	3	15	1.0	
	Conference-Only...	7	2	64	9.1	3	8	.375	0	0	.000	0	3	.000	6	6	12	1.7	2	0	1	6	6	1	6	0.9	
14	WALLACE,Travis	7	0	21	3.0	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	2	2	1.000	0	1	1	0.1	0	0	2	3	0	0	2	0.3	
	Conference-Only...	3	0	14	4.7	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.0	
TM TEAM.....																											
<i>Conference-Only...</i>																											
Total.....		15					321	775	.414	85	272	.313	130	210	.619	147	334	481	32.1	271	8	205	251	74	115	857	57.1
<i>Conference-Only...</i>		7					147	367	.401	36	128	.281	34	66	.515	64	146	210	30.0	130	5	83	117	36	61	364	52.0
Opponents.....		15					299	744	.402	78	211	.370	214	292	.733	150	350	500	33.3	240	2	179	249	42	121	890	59.3
<i>Conference-Only...</i>		7					148	320	.463	38	91	.418	109	147	.741	45	175	220	31.4	96	0	94	108	17	66	443	63.3

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Illinois State	381	467	9	857
Opponents	395	476	19	890

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Illinois State	29	1	30
Opponents	39	7	46



2005-06 ILLINOIS STATE TEAM HIGHS & LOWS

	HIGHS	LOWS
POINTS	69 at Cal State-Northridge (12-7-05)	46 at Northern Iowa (1-2-06)
FIELD GOALS MADE	27 at Cal State-Northridge (12-7-05)	18 twice
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	65 twice	40 vs. Wichita State (01-08-06)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	.500 (24-48) vs. Grambling State (11-29-05)	.323 (21-65) vs. Northern Iowa (01-14-06)
	.500 (21-42) vs. Creighton (12-31-05)	
3 PT FIELD GOALS MADE	12 at Cal State-Northridge (12-7-05)	2 vs. Georgia Southern (12-10-05)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	31 at Missouri State (01-11-06)	11 twice
3 PT FG PERCENTAGE	.571 (8-14) vs. IPFW (12-06-05)	.143 (2-14) vs. Georgia Southern (12-10-05)
FREE THROWS MADE	20 vs. UW-Green Bay (12-03-05)	1 twice
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	28 vs. Georgia Southern (12-10-05)	2 twice
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	.773 (17-22) vs. Western Michigan (11-26-05)	.400 (4-10) vs. Indianapolis (11-19-05)
REBOUNDS	37 vs. IPFW (12-06-05)	25 at Cal State-Northridge (12-7-05)
	37 vs. Indianapolis (11-19-05)	
ASSISTS	19 vs. IPFW (12-06-05)	8 at Northern Iowa (1-2-06)
	19 at Cal State-Northridge (12-7-05)	
STEALS	13 at Missouri State (01-11-06)	1 at Cincinnati (11-22-05)
BLOCKED SHOTS	8 vs. Wichita State (01-08-06)	2 twice
TURNOVERS	26 at Cincinnati (11-22-05)	12 vs. Indianapolis (11-19-05)
		12 vs. Western Michigan (11-26-05)
FOULS	31 at Indiana State (12-22-05)	10 vs. Indianapolis (11-19-05)

2005-06 OPPONENT TEAM HIGHS & LOWS

	HIGHS	LOWS
POINTS	76 at Cincinnati (11-22-05)	36 vs. IPFW (12-06-05)
FIELD GOALS MADE	26 at Creighton (01-05-06)	14 vs. IPFW (12-06-05)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	62 vs. UW-Green Bay (12-03-05)	42 at Cal State-Northridge (12-7-05)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	.605 (26-43) at Creighton (01-05-06)	.290 (18-62) vs. UW-Green Bay (12-03-05)
3 PT FIELD GOALS MADE	9 at Creighton (01-05-06)	2 at Indiana State (12-22-05)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	20 at Cincinnati (11-22-05)	7 at Missouri State (01-11-06)
3 PT FG PERCENTAGE	.714 (5-7) at Missouri State (01-11-06)	.167 (2-12) at Indiana State (12-22-05)
FREE THROWS MADE	33 at Indiana State (12-22-05)	2 twice
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	43 at Indiana State (12-22-05)	7 vs. IPFW (12-06-05)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	1.000 (12-12) vs. Indianapolis (11-19-05)	.222 (2-9) vs. Creighton (12-31-05)
REBOUNDS	42 twice	24 at Creighton (01-05-06)
ASSISTS	19 at Creighton (01-05-06)	8 vs. Indianapolis (11-19-05)
STEALS	13 at Creighton (01-05-06)	4 vs. Indianapolis (11-19-05)
		4 vs. UW-Green Bay (12-03-05)
BLOCKED SHOTS	7 twice	0 twice
TURNOVERS	27 at Cal State-Northridge (12-7-05)	9 at Northern Iowa (1-2-06)
FOULS	24 vs. Georgia Southern (12-10-05)	8 at Northern Iowa (1-2-06)
		8 at Creighton (01-05-06)

2005-06 ILLINOIS STATE & OPPONENT PLAYER SUPERLATIVES

	ILLINOIS STATE	OPPONENT
POINTS	22 DILLIGARD,Greg at Indiana State (12-22-05)	27 EFEVBERHA,Mike at Cal State-Northridge (12-07-05)
FIELD GOALS MADE	11 DILLIGARD,Greg at Indiana State (12-22-05)	8 NESBITT,Elton vs. Georgia Southern (12-10-05)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	18 DILLIGARD,Greg at Indiana State (12-22-05)	18 RUSH,Brion vs. Grambling State (11-29-05)
FG PCT (min. 5 made)	.727 (8-11) DILLIGARD,Greg vs Grambling State (11-29-05)	.700 (7-10) TOLLIVER,Anthony vs. Creighton (12-31-05)
	.727 (8-11) DILLIGARD,Greg at Cincinnati (11-22-05)	.700 (7-10) STOUT,Grant at Northern Iowa (1-2-06)
3 PT FG MADE	3 VIANNEY,Eric vs IPFW (12-06-05)	4 AHEARN,Blake at Missouri State (01-11-06)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	8 PLANK,Neil vs Western Michigan (11-26-05)	8 TILLEMA,Ryan vs. UW-Green Bay (12-03-05)
		8 RATLIFF,Andre vs. Grambling State (11-29-05)
3-PT FG PCT (min. 3 made)	1.000 (3-3) VIANNEY,Eric vs IPFW (12-06-05)	1.000 (3-3) ALLEN,Ronald at Cincinnati (11-22-05)
FREE THROWS MADE	7 PLANK,Neil vs UW-Green Bay (12-03-05)	11 EFEVBERHA,Mike at Cal State-Northridge (12-07-05)
		11 MOSS,David at Indiana State (12-22-05)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	11 PLANK,Neil vs UW-Green Bay (12-03-05)	15 EFEVBERHA,Mike at Cal State-Northridge (12-07-05)
FT PCT (min. 6 att.)	.833 (5-6) FORD,Khalif vs. Georgia Southern (12-10-05)	1.000 (10-10) MOORE,Gabriel at Indiana State (12-22-05)
REBOUNDS	12 DILLIGARD,Greg at Indiana State (12-22-05)	14 COLEMAN,Eric vs. Northern Iowa (01-14-06)
ASSISTS	7 PLANK,Neil vs IPFW (12-06-05)	7 SMITH,Tim vs. Indianapolis (11-19-05)
	7 PLANK,Neil at Cal State-Northridge (12-07-05)	7 MOSS,David at Indiana State (12-22-05)
STEALS	5 PLANK,Neil at Creighton (01-05-06)	4 nine times
BLOCKED SHOTS	4 DILLIGARD,Greg vs. Wichita State (01-08-06)	3 HICKS,Eric at Cincinnati (11-22-05)
	4 DILLIGARD,Greg at Missouri State (01-11-06)	3 SHEWMAKE,Thomas at Cal State-Northridge (12-07-05)
	4 DILLIGARD,Greg vs. Northern Iowa (01-14-06)	3 TOLLIVER,Anthony vs. Creighton (12-31-05)
		3 STOUT,Grant vs. Northern Iowa (01-14-06)



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

Opponent	Carlwell	Dilligard	Dyer	D. Ford	K. Ford	Fortes	Holtz
Indianapolis	0-3-0	4-4-1*	6-2-2*	7-5-2*	4-5-5*	0-0-0	6-1-0
at Cincinnati	0-0-0	16-5-1*	9-1-0	12-6-3*	3-1-2*	3-0-0	0-1-0
Western Michigan	2-4-0	7-5-1*	5-3-0	6-4-3*	11-4-3*	DNP	2-2-0
Grambling St.	0-1-0	18-9-2*	4-1-0	16-7-2*	4-2-5*	0-0-1	2-3-0
UW-Green Bay	2-3-0	13-7-1*	2-0-0	2-5-2*	5-1-3*	DNP	2-1-0
IPFW	3-2-2	8-7-0*	0-0-0	4-3-3*	8-2-3*	0-0-2	2-1-0
Ga. Southern	2-5-1	6-3-0*	2-0-0	10-4-0*	5-1-1*	DNP	3-0-0
at Cal St.-Northridge	0-2-0	8-2-1*	2-1-0	15-4-3*	8-2-3*	DNP	11-2-2
at Indiana State*	0-2-0	22-12-3*	0-0-0	2-6-1*	4-2-4	DNP	9-1-0
Creighton*	0-1-0	11-3-3*	DNP	14-2-2*	0-0-1	0-0-0	3-3-1
at Northern Iowa*	0-2-0*	12-3-3*	5-3-0	7-4-1*	3-0-1	3-0-0	6-4-0
at Creighton*	2-1-0	11-5-1*	0-0-0	0-3-1*	2-3-2	5-2-0	0-0-0
Wichita State*	0-4-1*	14-3-0*	0-1-0	16-7-0*	4-1-2	0-0-0	0-1-3
at Missouri State*	4-1-0	5-7-2*	3-3-1	3-2-0*	0-3-2	6-1-1	8-0-0
Northern Iowa*	0-1-0	6-10-1*	2-1-0	2-4-4*	9-4-3	0-0-0	10-1-0
Evansville*							
at S. Illinois*							
Indiana State*							
S. Illinois*							
at Bradley*							
at Evansville*							
at Drake*							
Bradley*							
Drake*							
at Bracket Buster							
Missouri State*							
at Wichita State*							

Opponent	Kruse	Odiakosa	Onyeuku	Plank	Vandello	Vianney	Wallace
Indianapolis	DNP	DNP	9-2-1	12-2-3*	6-4-1	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Cincinnati	2-2-0	1-2-0	0-4-1	8-2-6*	3-1-2*	2-1-1	DNP
Western Michigan	DNP	0-0-0	6-1-3	16-5-1*	9-7-0*	DNP	DNP
Grambling St.	DNP	0-0-0	7-5-1	11-4-4*	0-3-1*	DNP	0-0-1
UW-Green Bay	5-0-0	DNP	11-3-0	13-5-4*	4-4-5*	DNP	DNP
IPFW	5-2-0	2-1-0	4-5-0	10-5-7*	8-3-2*	9-3-0	2-0-0
Ga. Southern	0-1-0	0-1-0	14-2-1	12-7-4*	7-4-3*	0-0-0	DNP
at Cal St.-Northridge	DNP	1-1-0	14-0-2	10-7-7*	0-3-1*	DNP	0-0-0
at Indiana State*	DNP	3-2-1*	8-4-3*	2-1-2*	9-2-0	0-0-0	0-1-1
Creighton*	DNP	0-2-0*	6-0-1*	17-6-3*	2-5-3	DNP	0-0-0
at Northern Iowa*	0-0-0	DNP	3-1-2*	2-5-1*	4-4-0	2-0-0	0-0-0
at Creighton*	DNP	DNP	17-4-1*	8-4-6*	7-2-3*	0-0-0	DNP
Wichita State*	DNP	DNP	7-3-3*	0-1-3*	6-3-0	DNP	DNP
at Missouri State*	DNP	0-0-0	7-1-1*	9-7-3*	9-7-0*	DNP	DNP
Northern Iowa*	2-2-1	5-4-0*	14-1-0*	2-2-1*	0-1-0	0-0-0	DNP
Evansville*							
at S. Illinois*							
Indiana State*							
S. Illinois*							
at Bradley*							
at Evansville*							
at Drake*							
Bradley*							
Drake*							
at Bracket Buster							
Missouri State*							
at Wichita State*							

SUPERLATIVES

STARTING LINEUPS – F, F, C, G, G (5):

- Plank, Dilligard, Dyer, K. Ford, D. Ford (1-0)
W – Indianapolis
- Plank, Dilligard, Vandello, K. Ford, D. Ford (4-3)
W – Western Michigan, Grambling State, UW-Green Bay, IPFW
L – at Cincinnati, Georgia Southern, at Cal State-Northridge
- Odiakosa, Dilligard, Onyeuku, Plank, D. Ford (1-2)
W – Creighton
L – at Indiana State, Northern Iowa
- Dilligard, Carlwell, Onyeuku, Plank, D. Ford (0-2)
L – at Northern Iowa, Wichita State
- Vandello, Dilligard, Onyeuku, Plank, D. Ford (0-2)
L – at Creighton, at Missouri State

FIRST POINTS:

- Dilligard 6, Plank 3, Onyeuku 2, K. Ford 1, D. Ford 1, Vandello 1, Odiakosa 1

DOUBLE-DIGIT SCORERS (30):

- Plank 8, Dilligard 8, D. Ford 6, Onyeuku 5, Holtz 2, K. Ford 1

DOUBLE-DIGIT REBOUNDING (2):

- Dilligard 2

LEADING SCORER:

- Plank 6, Dilligard 5, Onyeuku 3, D. Ford 2, Vandello 1

LEADING REBOUNDER:

- Dilligard 7, Plank 5, D. Ford 3, K. Ford 1, Vandello 2

DOUBLE-DOUBLES (1):

- Dilligard 1

DUNKS (19):

- Dilligard 12, Onyeuku 6, Fortes 1

FIRST SUBSTITUTION:

- Carlwell 7, Holtz 3, Onyeuku 2, Vandello 2, Fortes 1

CHARGES DRAWN (8):

- Dilligard 4, Carlwell 1, Holtz 1, Plank 1, Odiakosa 1

MOST MINUTES:

- 38, D. Ford vs. Wichita State, 1-8-06
- 38, Plank vs. Creighton, 12-31-05
- 37, Plank at Creighton, 1-5-06
- 37, D. Ford vs. Grambling State, 11-29-05
- 36, Dilligard vs. Creighton, 12-31-05
- 36, Dilligard at Indiana State, 12-22-05
- 36, Dilligard vs. UW-Green Bay, 12-3-05
- 36, Plank vs. Western Michigan, 11-26-05

2005-06 Honors and Awards

Prairie Farms Scholar-Athlete of the Week

Dec. 7 Neil Plank



BENCH SCORING (ISU-OPP)

Indianapolis	21-11
at Cincinnati	17-36
Western Michigan	15-7
Grambling St.	13-10
UW-Green Bay	22-5
IPFW	27-9
Ga. Southern	21-15
at Cal St.-Northridge	28-36
at Indiana State*	22-2
Creighton*	5-18
at Northern Iowa*	23-5
at Creighton*	9-13
Wichita State*	10-14
at Missouri State*	21-18
Northern Iowa*	23-12
Evansville*	
at S. Illinois*	
Indiana State*	
S. Illinois*	
at Bradley*	
at Evansville*	
at Drake*	
Bradley*	
Drake*	
at Bracket Buster	
Missouri State*	
at Wichita State*	
Total	277-211

2005-06 VALLEY RANKINGS

Through Jan. 14 (All Games)

TEAM		
Scoring Offense	10th	57.1
Scoring Defense	3rd	59.3
Scoring Margin	9th	-2.2
Free Throw Pct	10th	61.9
Field Goal Pct	9th	41.4
FG Pct. Defense	4th	40.2
3-Point FG Pct.	9th	31.3
3-Point FG Pct. Def	8th	37.0
Rebounding Offense	10th	31.2
Rebounding Defense	5th	33.3
Rebounding Margin	8th	-1.3
Blocked Shots	1st	4.93
Assists	9th	13.67
Steals	6th	7.67
Turnover Margin	9th	-0.13
Assist/Turnover Ratio	8th	0.82
Offensive Rebounds	8th	9.80
Defensive Rebounds	8th	22.27
3-Point Field Goals Made	8th	5.67

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Greg Dilligard	4th	58.3
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ASSISTS

Neil Plank	8th	3.67
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STEALS

Dana Ford	4th	2.27
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BLOCKED SHOTS

Greg Dilligard	2nd	2.40
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Ronnie Carlwell	7th	0.93
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ASSIST-TURNOVER RATIO

Neil Plank	10th	1.41
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OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS

Greg Dilligard	8th	2.33
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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.Trey Guidry (30) at Creighton, 1-22-05
 OpponentJermaine Boyette (31), Weber St., 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.Baboucarr Bojang (15) vs. UNI, 1-30-02
 OpponentGrant Stout (15), UNI, 1-3-05

A player had a double-double ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Greg Dilligard (22p, 12r) at Indiana State, 12-22-05
 OpponentEric Coleman (13p, 14r), Northern Iowa, 1-14-06
 Grant Stout (10p, 12r), Northern Iowa, 1-14-06

A player made five 3-pointers ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Gregg Alexander (5-6) at UW-Green Bay, 2-19-05
 OpponentEric Gray (6-8), Indiana State, 1-19-05

A player made 10 free throws ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Lorenzo Gordon (10-14) vs. St. John's, 12-4-04
 OpponentGabriel Moore (10-10), Indiana State, 12-22-05
 David Moss (11-13), Indiana State, 12-22-05

A player had 15 free throw attempts ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Tarise Bryson (12-15) at Purdue, 3-14-01
 OpponentMike Efevberha (11-15), CS-Northridge, 12-7-05

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.Neil Plank (5) at Creighton, 1-5-06
 OpponentDeven Mitchell (6), Missouri State 2-26-05

A player blocked five shots ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Greg Dilligard (7) at Loyola-Chicago, 12-18-04
 OpponentBradley Strickland (5), Evansville, 1-9-05

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. Creighton (500, 21-42), 12-31-05
 OpponentMissouri State (500, 23-46), 1-11-06

A team made 10 3-point field goals ...
 ILLINOIS ST.at Cal State Northridge (12-29), 12-7-05
 OpponentWichita State (10-20), 2-10-05

A team had 25 3-point field goal attempts ...
 ILLINOIS ST.at Missouri State (9-31), 1-11-06
 OpponentCreighton (13-28), 1-22-05

A team shot 50 percent on 3-pointers ...
 ILLINOIS ST.vs. IPFW (571, 8-14), 12-6-05
 OpponentMissouri State (714, 5-7), 1-11-06

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. Hofstra (25), 11-25-01
 OpponentEvansville (26), 2-11-04

A team had 15 steals ...
 ILLINOIS ST.vs. Bellarmine (16), 12-2-03
 OpponentCreighton (18), 12-12-99

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

ILLINOIS STATE'S 2005-06 RECORD WHEN

Overall	6-9
Missouri Valley Conference	1-6
Playing Nationally Ranked Teams	0-0
Leading at the Half	5-0
Trailing at the Half	1-8
Tied at the Half	0-1
Leading with 5:00 to Play	4-0
Trailing with 5:00 to Play	1-9
Tied with 5:00 to Play	1-0
In Overtime	0-0
ISU out-rebounds opponent	4-1
Opponents out-rebound ISU	2-6
ISU has 15 or fewer Turnovers	3-3
ISU has more Turnovers than opp	4-4
ISU shoots 50 Percent or Better	2-0
ISU shoots 40 Percent or Better	4-6
Opponents shoot less than 40 Percent	4-1
Opponents shoot 40 Percent or Better	2-8
ISU shoots better than Opponent	6-2
Opponent shoots better than ISU	0-7
ISU has more FG Attempts	2-6
Opponent has more FG Attempts	4-3
ISU Shoots better than 35 Percent on 3's	3-3
ISU Attempts more 3's	2-8
Opponents Attempt more 3's	4-1
ISU has more FT Attempts	5-2
Opponent has more FT Attempts	1-7
ISU Scores 100 or More	0-0
ISU Scores 90 or More	0-0
ISU Scores 80 or More	0-0
ISU Scores 70 or More	0-0

ISU Scores 60 or More	3-2
ISU Scores less than 60	3-7
Opponent Scores 100 or More	0-0
Opponent Scores 90 or More	0-0
Opponent Scores 80 or More	0-0
Opponent Scores 70 or More	0-4
Opponent Scores 60 or More	0-8
Opponent Scores less than 60	6-1
In Games Decided by 5 or less	2-2
In Games Decided by 6-10 Points	1-2
In Games Decided by 11-20 Points	2-5
In Games Decided by 21+ Points	1-0
Day Games	4-2
Night Games	2-7
Home Court	6-3
Away Games	0-6
Neutral Games	0-0
When ISU Scores First	3-1
When ISU Wins Tip	3-3
In November	3-1
In December	3-3
In January	0-5
In February	0-0
In March	0-0
On Sunday	0-1
On Monday	0-1
On Tuesday	2-1
On Wednesday	0-1
On Thursday	0-2
On Friday	0-0
On Saturday	4-3



Ronnie Carlwell 1

C • 6-11 • 258 • So.-1L • 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 – 4 at Missouri State, 1-11-06
 Rebounds – 5 vs. Georgia Southern, 12-10-05
 Assists – 2 vs. IPFW, 12-6-05
 Blocked Shots – 3 vs. Western Michigan, 11-26-05
 Steals – 2 vs. IPFW, 12-6-05
 Minutes – 17 vs. Western Michigan, 11-26-05

Last Time Out:
 Held scoreless in his two minutes on the floor. Added a rebound and a turnover.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Matched his career best with three blocked shots against Western Michigan.
- Both of his baskets in the 60-49 exhibition win over Augustana (S.D.) were dunks.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	12	0-3	0-0	0-0	2-3	0	0	0	1	0	0
at Cincinnati	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Western Michigan	17	0-0	0-0	2-2	2-4	2	0	0	3	0	2
Grambling State	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	3	0	0	0
UW-Green Bay	9	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-3	1	0	0	1	0	2
IPFW	10	0-0	0-0	3-4	1-2	3	2	0	1	2	3
Georgia Southern	15	1-2	0-0	0-0	2-5	0	1	1	2	0	2
at Cal St.-Northridge	10	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	0	1	0	0	0
at Indiana State*	11	0-1	0-0	0-2	1-2	1	0	2	1	0	0
Creighton*	12	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	2	1	0	0
at Northern Iowa*	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	1	0	1	0	0	0
at Creighton*	5	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Wichita State*	16	0-2	0-0	0-1	1-4	0	1	0	2	0	0
at Missouri State*	7	2-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0	2	1	4
Northern Iowa*	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Evansville*											
at Southern Illinois*											
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Greg Dilligard 50

F • 6-8 • 230 • Jr.-2L • Labelle, Mo. (Highland)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 22 at Indiana State, 12-22-05
 Rebounds – 12 at Indiana State, 12-22-05
 Assists – 4 vs. Missouri State, 12-30-04
 Blocked Shots – 7 at Loyola-Chicago, 12-18-04
 Steals – 3, five times
 Minutes – 36, twice

SEASON BESTS:

Points – 22 at Indiana State, 12-22-05
 Rebounds – 12 at Indiana State, 12-22-05
 Assists – 3, twice
 Blocked Shots – 4, three times
 Steals – 3 vs. Western Michigan, 11-26-05
 Minutes – 36, twice

Last Time Out:
 Swatted four blocks and added a pair of steals, but finished with six points on 3-for-10 shooting.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has posted 12 blocked shots in his last three games combined.
- Notched his second career double-double, while posting his first career 20-point game when he recorded career bests with 22 points and 12 rebounds at Indiana State.
- Stands in fifth place in the Redbirds all-time career blocked shot standings with 98.
- Has made 10 of his last 16 free throw attempts (.625), after making 6 of his previous 35 tries (.171).
- Owns 14 double digit scoring games in his career.
- One of the top defensive players in the Missouri Valley Conference.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	25	2-3	0-0	0-3	0-4	0	1	1	2	0	4
at Cincinnati	30	8-11	0-0	0-1	2-5	3	1	2	1	0	16
Western Michigan	23	3-4	0-0	1-2	2-5	3	1	0	2	3	7
Grambling State	34	8-11	0-0	2-6	3-9	3	2	2	3	0	18
UW-Green Bay	36	5-9	0-0	3-4	4-7	2	1	1	3	2	13
IPFW	30	3-8	0-0	2-3	3-7	2	0	4	2	2	8
Georgia Southern	27	3-5	0-0	0-0	1-3	3	0	0	2	0	6
at Cal St.-Northridge	16	4-5	0-0	0-0	2-2	5	1	1	2	0	8
at Indiana State*	36	11-18	0-0	0-1	3-12	5	3	3	3	0	22
Creighton*	36	5-10	0-0	1-2	1-3	3	3	1	1	1	11
at Northern Iowa*	31	6-11	0-0	0-0	2-3	3	3	2	1	2	12
at Creighton*	33	5-7	0-0	1-2	3-5	1	1	2	2	0	11
Wichita State*	32	6-9	0-0	2-3	2-3	3	0	2	4	1	14
at Missouri State*	26	2-6	0-0	1-1	2-7	5	2	2	4	2	5
Northern Iowa*	29	3-10	0-0	0-0	5-10	2	1	4	4	2	6
Evansville*											
at Southern Illinois*											
Indiana State*											
Southern Illinois*											
at Bradley*											
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Levi Dyer 32

C • 6-10 • 220 • So.-1L • Eaton, Colo. (Eaton)

CAREER BESTS:

Points - 9 at Cincinnati, 11-22-05
Rebounds - 3, twice
Assists - 2 vs. Indianapolis, 11-19-05
Blocked Shots - 1, twice
Steals - 2, twice
Minutes - 20 vs. Indianapolis, 11-19-05

SEASON BESTS:

Points - 9 at Cincinnati, 11-22-05
Rebounds - 3, three times
Assists - 2 vs. Indianapolis, 11-19-05
Blocked Shots - 1, twice
Steals - 1, twice
Minutes - 20 vs. Indianapolis, 11-19-05

Last Time Out:
Tossed in two points in five minutes of action.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has missed his last five three-point attempts.
• Increased his vertical jump by five inches during the off-season.
• A strong outside shooter, but has been a detriment defensively.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Table with columns: Opponent, M, FG-A, 3FG-A, FT-A, O-R, PF, A, TO, BLK, S, TP. Rows include Indianapolis, at Cincinnati, Western Michigan, Grambling State, UW-Green Bay, IPFW, Georgia Southern, at Cal St.-Northridge, at Indiana State*, Creighton*, at Northern Iowa*, at Creighton*, Wichita State*, at Missouri State*, Northern Iowa*, Evansville*, at Southern Illinois*, Indiana State*, Southern Illinois*, at Bradley*, at Evansville*, at Drake*, Bradley*, Drake*, at Bracket Buster%, Missouri State*, at Wichita State*.

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Dana Ford 43

G • 6-4 • 195 • Sr.-3L • Tamms, Ill. (Egyptian)

CAREER BESTS:

Points - 16, twice
Rebounds - 8 at Southern Illinois, 1-4-03
Assists - 4 vs. Northern Iowa, 1-14-06
Blocked Shots - 2, four times
Steals - 4, three times
Minutes - 38 vs. Wichita State, 1-8-06

SEASON BESTS:

Points - 16, twice
Rebounds - 7, twice
Assists - 4 vs. Northern Iowa, 1-14-06
Blocked Shots - 2, twice
Steals - 4, four times
Minutes - 38 vs. Wichita State, 1-8-06

Last Time Out:
Dished out a career-best four assists, but finished with 2 points on 1-for-8 shooting.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has only made four of his last 19 three-point attempts (.211).
• Tied his career high with 16 points against Wichita State, while also matching his season best in rebounds (7) and steals (4).
• Sank a 40-footer at the buzzer to give the Redbirds a 53-50 win at home over Creighton on Dec. 31.
• The longest tenured Redbird on the roster.
• After going 76 career games without breaking double digits in points, has posted seven double-figure scoring games in his last 14.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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Khalif Ford 5
G • 6-1 • 181 • So.-1L • Diamond Bar, Calif. (Diamond Bar)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 11 vs. Western Michigan, 11-26-05
Rebounds – 5, twice
Assists – 6 vs. Indiana State, 1-6-05
Blocked Shots – 1, twice
Steals – 2, three times
Minutes – 34 vs. Indianapolis, 11-19-05

SEASON BESTS:

Points – 11 vs. Western Michigan, 11-26-05
Rebounds – 5 vs. Indianapolis, 11-19-05
Assists – 5, twice
Blocked Shots – 1, twice
Steals – 2 vs. Georgia Southern, 12-10-05
Minutes – 34 vs. Indianapolis, 11-19-05

Last Time Out:
Came off the bench to play 23 minutes and finished with 9 points, 4 rebounds and 3 assists.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Posted his first career double-digit scoring game with 11 points against Western Michigan.
- During the exhibition season, showed some offensive potential with 15 points in the first half of the Red-White Scrimmage on 5-for-6 shooting. Also added 11 points against Augustana (S.D.) in the exhibition game.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	34	2-6	0-2	0-0	1-5	2	5	2	0	1	4
at Cincinnati	27	1-5	1-3	0-0	1-1	4	2	6	1	0	3
Western Michigan	27	3-7	0-0	5-8	1-4	0	3	3	0	0	11
Grambling State	27	2-6	0-1	0-0	0-2	3	5	3	1	1	4
UW-Green Bay	32	1-4	0-1	3-4	0-1	3	3	5	0	1	5
IPFW	17	2-4	2-3	2-4	0-2	3	3	4	0	1	8
Georgia Southern	28	0-2	0-1	5-6	0-1	3	1	5	0	2	5
at Cal St.-Northridge	24	3-7	2-3	0-0	0-2	5	3	5	0	0	8
at Indiana State*	26	1-5	0-1	2-2	1-2	4	4	1	0	0	4
Creighton*	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	0	0	0
at Northern Iowa*	12	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0	0	3
at Creighton*	24	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-3	5	2	1	0	0	2
Wichita State*	22	2-3	0-1	0-2	0-1	2	2	6	0	1	4
at Missouri State*	17	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-3	1	2	0	0	1	0
Northern Iowa*	23	3-8	2-4	1-3	0-4	4	3	2	0	1	9
Evansville*											
at Southern Illinois*											
Indiana State*											
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Roberto Fortes 1
G • 6-4 • 195 • Jr.-TR • Fort Wayne, Ind. (North Side)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 6 at Missouri State, 1-11-06
Rebounds – 2 at Creighton, 1-5-06
Assists – 2 vs. IPFW, 12-6-05
Blocked Shots – 0
Steals – 1, twice
Minutes – 16 at Missouri State, 1-11-06

Last Time Out:
Held scoreless in 10 minutes of action after missing all three of his three-point attempts.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has played 39 minutes in the last four games, after logging 33 total minutes in the previous 11 games.
- One of Illinois State's four African born players. Born in Angola before moving to the United States as a youth.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Cincinnati	10	1-3	1-2	0-0	0-0	3	0	1	0	0	3
Western Michigan											
Grambling State	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0
UW-Green Bay											
IPFW	3	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Georgia Southern											
at Cal St.-Northridge											
at Indiana State*											
Creighton*	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	1	0
at Northern Iowa*	7	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	3
at Creighton*	12	2-6	1-4	0-0	0-2	0	0	0	0	0	5
Wichita State*	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri State*	16	2-6	2-6	0-0	0-1	2	1	3	0	1	6
Northern Iowa*	10	0-3	0-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Evansville*											
at Southern Illinois*											
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Brandon Holtz 45
G • 6-4 • 185 • Fr.-HS • Bloomington, Ill. (Bloomington)

CAREER BESTS:

Points - 11 at Cal State-Northridge, 12-7-05
Rebounds - 4 at Northern Iowa, 1-2-06
Assists - 3 vs. Wichita State, 1-8-06
Blocked Shots - 1 vs. Creighton, 12-31-05
Steals - 2, twice
Minutes - 23, twice

Last Time Out:

Posted his second career double-digit scoring game with 10 points on 4-for-8 shooting.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Suffered a bone bruise on his right knee in practice the day before the game at Creighton, but it didn't keep him off the floor.
After opening the season 0-for-8 from beyond the arc has made 11 of his last 25 attempts (.440).
Won the team's three-point shooting contest at the Redbird Hoopfest, which kicked off the 2005-06 season.
Has lost 20 pounds since reporting to the team.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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Mark Kruse 23
G/F • 6-7 • 205 • Jr.-TR • St. Cloud, Minn. (Apollo)

CAREER BESTS:

Points - 5, twice
Rebounds - 2, three times
Assists - 1 vs. Northern Iowa, 1-14-06
Blocked Shots - 0
Steals - 2 vs. Northern Iowa, 1-14-06
Minutes - 12 vs. UW-Green Bay, 12-3-05

Last Time Out:

Played the game's final four minutes and finished with two points, two steals and an assist.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has played a total of two minutes in the last seven games.
The leading scorer at the 2005 National Junior College Basketball Tournament.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Table with 12 columns: Opponent, M, FG-A, 3FG-A, FT-A, O-R, PF, A, TO, BLK, S, TP. Lists game-by-game stats for various opponents.

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Dinma Odiakosa

F • 6-8 • 240 • Fr.-HS • Akwukwu, Nigeria (St. Patrick's Model School)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 5 vs. Northern Iowa, 1-14-06
 Rebounds – 4 vs. Northern Iowa, 1-14-06
 Assists – 1 at Indiana State, 12-22-05
 Blocked Shots – 1 vs. Creighton, 12-31-05
 Steals – 1, twice
 Minutes – 20 at Indiana State, 12-22-05

Last Time Out:

Returned to the starting line-up and had a career best in points (5) and rebounds (4).

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Earned his first collegiate start at Indiana State.
- Spent the summer as a member of the Nigerian U21 National Team, which competed in the World Championships in Mar Del Plata, Argentina.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis											
at Cincinnati	5	0-2	0-0	1-2	0-2	0	0	1	0	0	1
Western Michigan	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grambling State	3	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	2	0	1	0	0	0
UW-Green Bay											
IPFW	4	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Georgia Southern	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Cal St.-Northridge	12	0-3	0-0	1-2	1-1	1	0	0	0	1	1
at Indiana State*	20	1-4	0-0	1-2	1-2	3	1	1	0	1	3
Creighton*	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	3	0	0	1	0	0
at Northern Iowa*											
at Creighton*											
Wichita State*											
at Missouri State*	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Northern Iowa*	15	2-6	0-0	1-3	1-4	3	0	1	0	0	5
Evansville*											
at Southern Illinois*											
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Nedu Onyeuku

G • 6-3 • 185 • Sr.-1L • Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 17 at Creighton, 1-5-06
 Rebounds – 5, four times
 Assists – 4 vs. St. John's, 12-4-04
 Blocked Shots – 2 vs. Southern Illinois, 2-16-05
 Steals – 2, six times
 Minutes – 34 at Creighton, 1-5-06

Last Time Out:

Led the Redbirds with 14 points, including four points from a pair of thunderous dunks.

SEASON BESTS:

Points – 17 at Creighton, 1-5-06
 Rebounds – 5, twice
 Assists – 3, twice
 Blocked Shots – 1, three times
 Steals – 2, four times
 Minutes – 34 at Creighton, 1-5-06

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has posted five double-digit scoring games this season.
- Scored a career-high 17 points in front of his hometown crowd at Creighton on Jan. 5.
- Has started the last seven games, after serving as a reserve for the first eight.
- Crowned the team's slam dunk champion at Redbird HoopFest, an event that kicked off the first day of practice.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	17	4-6	1-1	0-0	0-2	2	1	2	0	0	9
at Cincinnati	17	0-1	0-1	0-2	1-4	2	1	3	0	0	0
Western Michigan	19	2-3	0-1	2-2	0-1	0	3	1	0	0	6
Grambling State	23	3-5	0-0	1-2	3-5	3	1	3	0	1	7
UW-Green Bay	23	3-4	2-3	3-4	0-3	1	0	4	0	1	11
IPFW	25	2-4	0-1	0-0	1-5	1	0	2	1	1	4
Georgia Southern	26	5-9	0-2	4-7	0-2	3	1	3	1	2	14
at Cal St.-Northridge	23	6-12	2-5	0-2	0-0	2	2	1	0	1	14
at Indiana State*	25	3-8	1-3	1-2	0-4	5	3	1	0	2	8
Creighton*	19	1-3	1-2	3-4	0-0	2	1	3	0	1	6
at Northern Iowa*	18	1-2	0-0	1-2	1-1	0	2	3	1	0	3
at Creighton*	34	8-15	1-4	0-0	1-4	2	1	4	0	2	17
Wichita State*	29	2-4	2-3	1-2	1-3	2	3	1	1	1	7
at Missouri State*	24	3-9	0-4	1-2	1-1	3	1	1	0	1	7
Northern Iowa*	21	5-8	1-2	3-4	1-1	3	0	2	0	2	14
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Neil Plank 25
G/F • 6-5 • 208 • Sr.-2L • Mt. Zion, Ill. (Mt. Zion)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 21, twice
 Rebounds – 11 vs. Southern Illinois, 1-21-04
 Assists – 7, twice
 Blocked Shots – 1, seven times
 Steals – 5, twice
 Minutes – 41 vs. Western Kentucky, 12-16-03

SEASON BESTS:

Points – 17 vs. Creighton, 12-31-05
 Rebounds – 7, three times
 Assists – 7, twice
 Blocked Shots – 1, twice
 Steals – 5 at Creighton, 1-5-06
 Minutes – 38 vs. Creighton, 12-31-05

Last Time Out:

Tossed in two points, while dishing out an assist and having two turnovers in 22 minutes of action.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- In his last five games, is shooting 8-for-41 (.195) from the field.
- He has registered double figure points in eight games this season, but zero in the last five games.
- Dished out a career high seven assists against IPFW and again at Cal State Northridge
- Continues to play four positions for the Redbirds, including spotting relief at the point guard position.
- One of two players on the Redbird roster this season to have a 20-point game at ISU. He did it once with 21 points at Utah State in 2003. His other 21-point game came while playing for Wisconsin, against Marshall.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	33	3-9	2-4	4-4	1-2	2	3	2	0	2	12
at Cincinnati	30	2-8	1-4	3-3	0-2	4	6	2	0	0	8
Western Michigan	36	6-12	3-8	1-2	0-5	0	1	2	1	0	16
Grambling State	30	3-8	2-3	3-4	1-4	1	4	3	0	1	11
UW-Green Bay	31	3-5	0-1	7-11	0-5	0	4	1	0	0	13
IPFW	30	3-6	1-1	3-3	1-5	1	7	3	0	1	10
Georgia Southern	34	4-10	0-4	4-7	1-7	0	4	2	1	1	12
at Cal St.-Northridge	28	4-11	2-6	0-0	3-7	2	7	2	0	1	10
at Indiana State*	23	1-4	0-3	0-2	0-1	3	2	2	0	0	2
Creighton*	38	7-10	1-2	2-5	0-6	0	3	3	0	0	17
at Northern Iowa*	28	1-9	0-4	0-0	1-5	1	1	4	0	1	2
at Creighton*	37	3-10	2-6	0-0	2-4	1	6	6	0	5	8
Wichita State*	26	0-6	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	3	4	0	0	0
at Missouri State*	32	3-12	2-6	1-2	2-7	3	3	1	0	1	9
Northern Iowa*	22	1-4	0-1	0-0	0-2	1	1	2	0	0	2
Evansville*											
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Michael Vandello 21
F • 6-7 • 220 • Fr.-HS • Bettendorf, Iowa (Bettendorf)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 9, three times
 Rebounds – 7, twice
 Assists – 5 vs. UW-Green Bay, 12-3-05
 Blocked Shots – 1, three times
 Steals – 2, twice
 Minutes – 31 vs. Georgia Southern, 12-10-05

Last Time Out:

Held scoreless after going 0-for-5 from the floor, while playing 21 minutes.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has been in and out of the starting line-up the last four games.
- Dished out a career best five assists in the win over UW-Green Bay.
- Of the Redbirds' seven newcomers, has had the most immediate impact.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	18	3-4	0-1	0-0	2-4	1	1	3	1	2	6
at Cincinnati	22	1-3	1-1	0-0	0-1	4	2	2	0	0	3
Western Michigan	19	2-5	1-2	4-4	3-7	4	0	3	1	0	9
Grambling State	9	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-3	1	1	1	0	0	0
UW-Green Bay	30	2-7	0-2	0-0	0-4	2	5	0	0	1	4
IPFW	30	4-8	0-0	0-0	2-3	1	2	0	0	2	8
Georgia Southern	31	2-9	0-1	3-4	3-4	2	3	0	0	0	7
at Cal St.-Northridge	27	0-2	0-0	0-0	2-3	2	1	2	0	1	0
at Indiana State*	18	2-4	1-2	4-6	0-2	3	0	2	0	0	9
Creighton*	25	1-5	0-1	0-0	1-5	4	3	2	0	0	2
at Northern Iowa*	20	2-4	0-1	0-0	0-4	3	0	4	0	0	4
at Creighton*	24	3-7	1-2	0-0	1-2	3	3	4	1	1	7
Wichita State*	17	1-1	0-0	4-4	0-3	2	0	2	0	0	6
at Missouri State*	21	3-4	2-3	1-2	2-7	5	0	3	0	1	9
Northern Iowa*	21	0-5	0-2	0-0	1-1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Evansville*											
at Southern Illinois*											
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Eric Vianney 21
G • 6-2 • 210 • Fr.-HS • Yaoundé, Cameroon (Picayune)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 9 vs. IPFW, 12-6-05
Rebounds – 3 vs. IPFW, 12-6-05 5
Assists – 1 at Cincinnati, 11-22-05
Blocked Shots – 0
Steals – 1 at Northern Iowa, 1-2-06
Minutes – 8 vs. IPFW, 12-6-05

Last Time Out:
Played the last three minutes and went 0-for-1 from the field.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Tossed in a career-best nine points in the win over IPFW, thanks to a 3-for-3 effort on treys.
- Despite a cut frame, has not had a lot of strength and conditioning in his career. Obviously, the coaching staff was surprised when he squatted 545 pounds on a weight machine.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Cincinnati	4	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-1	1	1	1	0	0	2
Western Michigan											
Grambling State											
UW-Green Bay											
IPFW	8	3-3	3-3	0-1	0-3	1	0	1	0	0	9
Georgia Southern	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0	0	0
at Cal St.-Northridge											
at Indiana State*	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Creighton*											
at Northern Iowa*	4	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	0	1	2
at Creighton*	1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wichita State*											
at Missouri State*											
Northern Iowa*	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Evansville*											
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Travis Wallace 14
G • 6-0 • 175 • Sr.-1L • St. Louis, Mo. (Jennings)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 2, twice
Rebounds – 2 at Marquette, 11-15-04
Assists – 1, five times
Blocked Shots – 0
Steals – 3 at Marquette, 11-15-04
Minutes – 11 at Marquette, 11-15-04

Last Time Out:
Did not play.

SEASON BESTS:

Points – 2 vs. IPFW, 12-6-05
Rebounds – 1 at Indiana State, 12-22-05
Assists – 1, twice
Blocked Shots – 0
Steals – 0
Minutes – 8 at Indiana State, 12-22-05

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- A walk-on who will see some time at the point guard position this season.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0	0	0
at Cincinnati											
Western Michigan											
Grambling State	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0
UW-Green Bay											
IPFW	2	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Georgia Southern											
at Cal St.-Northridge	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Indiana State*	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Creighton*	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Northern Iowa*	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0
at Creighton*											
Wichita State*											
at Missouri State*											
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EXHIBITION 1

Redbirds Win Lone Exhibition, 60-49

NORMAL, Ill. - Senior Neil Plank tallied 15 points and nine rebounds as Illinois State defeated Augustana [S.D.] 60-49 in an exhibition game Wednesday night at Redbird Arena.

The Redbirds started the first half on a 12-6 scoring run on six baskets by six different players. Ford hit a jumper with 7:22 left to put the 'Birds up 18-9 and Michael Vandello's jumper with 45 seconds left gave the Redbirds their largest lead of the half at 11 points at 26-15.

The second half began with the Redbirds and Vikings trading baskets until the 'Birds went on a 10-0 scoring run paced by five points from Plank. The 'Birds led by as many as 19 points, but the Vikings went on a 24-8 run with nine points from Marques Blank to cut the lead to three points at 52-49 with 2:46 remaining. The Redbirds regained control with an 8-0 scoring run, all on free throws, to put the Vikings away.

ILLINOIS STATE 60, Augustana (S.D.) 49
November 9, 2005 • Redbird Arena

Table with 7 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Augustana (S.D.) players including Olson, Krogman, VerDouw, Hardy, Thomas, Medema, Blank, Hartzell, Richardson, Klepatz, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .308; FT - .600
3-Pt.: 5-17, .294 (Olson 1-1, Hardy 0-1, Thomas 2-8, Medema 0-4, Blank 2-2, Hartzell 0-1)
Blocks: 3 (Olson 1, Klepatz 2)
Turnovers: 20 (VerDouw, Hardy 6, Thomas 4, Medema 2, Blank 3, Richardson 2, Klepatz 1)
Steals: 6 (Olson 2, Hardy 2, Thomas 1, Klepatz 1)

Table with 7 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for ILLINOIS ST. players including Plank, Dilligard, Dyer, K. Ford, D. Ford, Fortes, Onyeuku, Wallace, Vianney, Kruse, Vandello, Odiakosa, Holtz, Carlwell, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .400; FT - .576
3-Pt.: 1-11, .091 (Plank 1-2, Dyer 0-2, K. Ford 0-3, D. Ford 0-1, Vianney 0-1, Holtz 0-2)
Blocks: 7 (Dilligard 2, Dyer 1, K. Ford 1, D. Ford 1, Vandello 2)
Turnovers: 14 (Plank 1, Dilligard 3, K. Ford 1, D. Ford 1, Fortes 2, Wallace 1, Vianney 1, Kruse 2, Vandello 1, Odiakosa 1)
Steals: 7 (Plank 1, Dilligard 2, K. Ford 1, D. Ford 1, Vianney 1, Vandello 1)

Officials: Dave Draucker, Bill Oostdyk, Dave Cronin
Attendance: 4,484
Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 28, Augustana (S.D.) 17

GAME 1

Redbirds Win Late in Season Opener Over Indy

NORMAL, Ill. - Late three-point field goals by seniors Neil Plank and Nedu Onyeuku helped the Illinois State Redbirds come from behind in the final two minutes to win its season and home opener against the Indianapolis Greyhounds at Redbird Arena.

Neither team shot well in the first half, with ISU shooting just 37 percent from the field and the Greyhounds shooting just 27 percent in the half.

The two squads then traded baskets until ISU went on a 16-4 run beginning at the 11:08 and ending at the 3:14 mark, giving ISU a 24-16 lead. The run was highlighted by two three-point baskets by 6-10 center Levi Dyer, with senior Dana Ford chipping in for five points. ISU continued to control the game for the rest of the half, going into the locker room at the break with a 30-21 lead.

The start of the second half was much like the start of the first, with both teams exchanging baskets and ISU leading by as many as 11. However, the Greyhounds put on a run worthy of their namesake, as the 'Hounds went on a 13-0 run that spanned five minutes, giving Indianapolis its first lead since the 7:26 mark in the first half.

Plank led all scores with 12 points and Onyeuku added nine to lead the Redbirds.

ILLINOIS STATE 54, Indianapolis 50
November 19, 2005 • Redbird Arena

Table with 7 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Indianapolis players including Mills, LaBad, McClung, Cox, Strahm, Blank, Smith, Moore, Lulow, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .309; FT - 1.000
3-Pt.: 4-16, .250 (Mills 0-1, McClung 0-2, Cox 2-4, Strahm 1-5, Blank 1-2, Smith 0-2)
Blocks: 1 (Mills 1)
Turnovers: 15 (Mills 1, LaBad 1, McClung 4, Cox 2, Strahm 3, Blank 1, Smith 3)
Steals: 4 (Mills 1, McClung 1, Blank 1, Lulow 1)

Table with 7 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for ILLINOIS ST. players including Plank, Dilligard, Dyer, K. Ford, D. Ford, Fortes, Onyeuku, Wallace, Vianney, Vandello, Holtz, Carlwell, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .386; FT - .400
3-Pt.: 6-19, .316 (Dyer 2-5, K. Ford 0-2, Plank 2-4, D. Ford 1-4, Onyeuku 1-1, Vandello 0-1, Holtz 0-2)
Blocks: 6 (Dilligard 2, Dyer 1, D. Ford 1, Vandello 1, Carlwell 1)
Turnovers: 12 (Dilligard 1, K. Ford 2, Plank 2, Onyeuku 2, Wallace 2, Vandello 3)
Steals: 9 (K. Ford 1, Plank 2, D. Ford 3, Vandello 2, Holtz 1)

Officials: Dave Draucker, John Moore, Kerry Campbell
Attendance: 3,747
Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 30, Indianapolis 21

GAME 2

Redbirds Fall Short Against Bearcats, 76-59

CINCINNATI - Greg Dilligard's career-high 16 points, including 10 in the second half, weren't enough as Illinois State fell 76-59, to Cincinnati in non-conference action at the Fifth Third Arena Tuesday night.

The Redbirds jumped out of the gate early, thanks to a pair of baskets from Dilligard, and stormed out to a 12-5 lead with 16:09 left in the first half. The 'Birds and the Bearcats went toe-to-toe for the next seven minutes and Cincinnati held a 26-22 edge. But the ISU shooting went cold as the Redbirds were held scoreless for nearly five-and-a-half minutes, while Cincinnati put together a 12-0 run and took a commanding 38-22 lead with 4:10 left in the half.

However, the Redbirds showed some tenacity and responded with a 12-5 run of their own to end the half and cut into the Bearcat lead at 43-34 at the intermission. Dana Ford led the Redbirds offensively in the first half with 12 points, which set a new career high for the fourth-year senior.

Cincinnati 76, ILLINOIS STATE 59
November 22, 2005 • Fifth Third Arena

Table with 7 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for ILLINOIS STATE players including Plank, Vandello, Dilligard, K. Ford, D. Ford, Fortes, Onyeuku, Vianney, Kruse, Dyer, Odiakosa, Holtz, Carlwell, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .392; FT - .714
3-Pt.: 9-22, .409 (Plank 1-4, Vandello 1-1, K. Ford 1-3, D. Ford 2-3, Fortes 1-2, Onyeuku 0-1, Kruse 0-2, Dyer 3-5, Holtz 0-1)
Blocks: 2 (Dilligard 1, K. Ford 1)
Turnovers: 26 (Plank 2, Dilligard 2, Vandello 2, K. Ford 6, D. Ford 2, Fortes 1, Onyeuku 3, Vianney 1, Dyer 1, Odiakosa 1, Holtz 1, Team 4)
Steals: 1 (D. Ford 1)

Table with 7 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Cincinnati players including Hicks, McGowan, Kirkland, Muhammad, White, Tilford, Downey, Watt, Miller, Allen, Coleman, Murray, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .410; FT - .692
3-Pt.: 8-20, .400 (McGowan 0-1, Kirkland 0-3, Muhammad 0-2, White 3-6, Tilford 0-1, Downey 2-3, Allen 3-3, Coleman 0-1)
Blocks: 7 (Hicks 3, Kirkland 2, White 1, Allen 1)
Turnovers: 13 (Kirkland 5, Muhammad 3, White 1, Downey 3, Allen 1)
Steals: 12 (Hicks 2, McGowan 1, Kirkland 3, White 2, Downey 4)

Officials: Curtis Shaw, Steve Morris, Gerry Pollard
Attendance: 8,802
Halftime Score: Cincinnati 43, ILLINOIS STATE 34



GAME 3

'Birds Out-Hustle Western Michigan, Win 64-47

NORMAL, III. – Head coach Porter Moser was fired up on the sidelines all day, watching the Illinois State defense hustle for loose balls and force turnovers to frustrate the Western Michigan Broncos in a 64-47 non-conference win Saturday at Redbird Arena.

The Redbird defense corralled the Broncos' offense in the first half, limiting Western Michigan to just 20 points and forcing 12 turnovers in the half. However, the Redbird offense also came to play, leading the entire half and being ahead by as many as 15 points at one point, finishing the half up 34-20.

After trading baskets with Western Michigan for the first four minutes of the half, ISU jumped out to a 17-7 lead thanks to a 9-0 run that took four and a half minutes off the clock. Senior Neil Plank was the catalyst, scoring five points including one of his three 3-point baskets in the first half to put a cap on the run before Western Michigan's Joe Reitz put an end to the drought.

ISU continued its hot shooting after the early run, maintaining at least an eight point lead throughout the rest of the first half. ISU finished the half shooting .500 from the field, with seven 'Birds scoring points.

Khalif Ford finished the game with 11 points and Plank finished with 16 for the game after scoring 15 in the first half. Andrew Hershberger was the only Bronco in double figures with 11 points.

ILLINOIS STATE 64, Western Michigan 47

November 26, 2005 • Redbird Arena

W. Michigan	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Hershberger, f	27	5-11	0-2	4-8	1	4	11
Bufford, f	28	4-10	0-0	1-5	0	4	9
Reitz, c	27	2-6	5-7	4-9	0	1	9
Snider, g	34	1-7	5-8	2-4	6	3	7
Gary, g	11	1-2	2-2	0-2	0	5	4
Fracalossi	16	1-5	0-0	2-3	0	0	3
Drews	19	0-1	0-0	1-1	1	0	0
Ricks	11	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Kendrick	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Hess	12	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
deVries	13	2-3	0-0	0-1	1	2	4
Cloutier	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	16-51	12-19	15-35	9	21	47

Team Pct.: FG – .314; FT – .632

3-Pt.: 3-13, .231 (Hershberger 1-1, Bufford 1-1, Snider 0-2, Gary 0-1, Fractalossi 1-4, Drews 0-1, Ricks 0-2, Kendrick 0-1)

Blocks: 4 (Hershberger 2, Reitz 1, Snider 1)

Turnovers: 17 (Bufford 4, Reitz 2, Snider 5, Gary 1, Drews 3, Ricks 2)

Steals: 5 (Hershberger 2, Snider 1, Gary 2)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Plank, f	36	6-12	1-2	0-5	1	0	16
Vandello, f	19	2-5	4-4	3-7	0	4	9
Dilligard, f	23	3-4	1-2	2-5	1	3	7
K. Ford, g	27	3-7	5-8	1-4	3	0	11
D. Ford, g	30	3-11	0-0	1-4	3	5	6
Onyeuku	19	2-3	2-2	0-1	3	0	6
Dyer	14	1-3	2-2	1-3	0	3	5
Odiakosa	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Holtz	14	1-5	0-0	1-2	0	0	2
Carlwell	17	0-0	2-2	2-4	0	2	2
Totals	200	21-50	17-22	11-36	11	17	64

Team Pct.: FG – .420; FT – .773

3-Pt.: 5-20, .250 (Plank 3-8, Vandello 1-2, D. Ford 0-3, Onyeuku 0-1, Dyer 1-2, Holtz 0-4)

Blocks: 7 (Plank 1, Vandello 1, Dilligard 2, Carlwell 3)

Turnovers: 12 (Plank 2, Vandello 3, K. Ford 3, D. Ford 1, Onyeuku 1, Holtz 2)

Steals: 7 (Dilligard 3, D. Ford 4)

Officials: John Yorkovich, Greg Webb, Jeff Malham

Attendance: 3,980

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 34, Western Michigan 20

GAME 4

Hot Second Half Shooting Propels ISU to 62-50 Win

NORMAL, III. – At times tonight's basketball game between Illinois State and Grambling State seemed destined for a low-scoring and sloppy outcome for both teams. However, a second half scoring surge by the Redbirds (3-1) combined with 37 percent shooting from the field for the Tigers (2-2) led to an exciting finish as ISU defeated Grambling State 62-50 Tuesday night at Redbird Arena.

Defense was once again the story for Illinois State in the first half, as the Redbirds held Grambling to just 16 points and forced the Tigers to shoot 23.3 percent from the field in the opening half.

Grambling State came out inspired in the second half, going on an 8-2 run to start the half. Anthony Williams had five points to spark the Tiger run and get within two points of the 'Birds at 28-26 with 17:13 left in the game. However the Redbirds answered with a 16-2 run to take control once again. Dana Ford sparked the run with nine points, eventually leading to his career-high 16 points.

ISU led from that point on, leading by as many as 16 points at one point. Senior Neil Plank scored all of his 11 points in the second half and Dilligard finished one rebound short of a double-double with a game and career high 18 points and nine rebounds.

ILLINOIS STATE 62, Grambling State 50

November 29, 2005 • Redbird Arena

Grambling St.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Williams, f	29	7-13	1-3	4-5	1	1	15
Stevens, f	17	0-1	0-0	1-2	0	3	0
Ratliff, g	35	5-11	0-0	0-1	3	3	13
Gordon, g	21	0-2	1-4	0-4	2	3	1
Rush, g	35	4-18	3-3	3-10	1	2	11
Kruel	5	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Thomas	19	2-7	0-2	0-2	0	2	4
Jefferson	3	0-0	0-0	1-1	1	0	0
McFadden	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Breaux	17	3-4	0-0	0-0	0	3	6
Dorsey	11	0-1	0-0	1-2	1	1	0
Totals	200	21-57	5-12	12-31	9	18	50

Team Pct.: FG – .368; FT – .417

3-Pt.: 3-15, .200 (Ratliff 3-8, Rush 0-5, Thomas 0-2)

Blocks: 0

Turnovers: 19 (Williams 3, Ratliff 6, Gordon 3, Rush 5, Thomas 1, Breaux 1)

Steals: 11 (Williams 2, Stevens 1, Ratliff 3, Gordon 1, Rush 2, Thomas 2)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Plank, f	30	3-8	3-4	1-4	4	1	11
Vandello, f	9	0-2	0-0	1-3	1	1	0
Dilligard, f	34	8-11	2-6	3-9	2	3	18
K. Ford, g	27	2-6	0-0	0-2	5	3	4
D. Ford, g	37	7-13	0-0	0-7	2	1	16
Fortes	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Onyeuku	23	3-5	1-2	3-5	1	3	7
Wallace	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Dyer	7	0-1	4-4	0-1	0	1	4
Odiakosa	3	0-0	0-2	0-0	0	2	0
Holtz	12	1-2	0-0	0-3	0	0	2
Carlwell	11	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Totals	200	24-48	10-18	8-36	17	15	62

Team Pct.: FG – .500; FT – .556

3-Pt.: 4-11, .364 (Plank 2-3, Vandello 0-1, K. Ford 0-1, D. Ford 2-4, Dyer 0-1, Holtz 0-1)

Blocks: 4 (Dilligard 3, K. Ford 1)

Turnovers: 21 (Plank 3, Vandello 1, Dilligard 2, K. Ford 3, D. Ford 2, Fortes 1, Onyeuku 3, Dyer 1, Odiakosa 1, Holtz 1, Carlwell 3)

Steals: 6 (Plank 1, K. Ford 1, D. Ford 2, Onyeuku 1, Holtz 1)

Officials: Paul Janssen, Paul Kaster, Neil Armstrong

Attendance: 5,149

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 26, Grambling State 16

GAME 5

'Birds Hold Off UW-Green Bay

NORMAL, III. – Illinois State held off a late surge by Wisconsin-Green Bay to claim its third straight win, 59-51, in front of 5,871 fans on Neal Cotts Day at Redbird Arena.

Wisconsin-Green Bay (2-4) jumped out to a 5-0 lead to start the game with freshman Ryan Tillema recording all five points on a three-pointer and a pair of free throws. Meanwhile, the Redbirds turned the ball over on their first two possessions and lost defensive sparkplug Dana Ford at the 17:23 mark after he picked up two quick fouls.

But it was all Illinois State (4-1) after that when Greg Dilligard's jumper from the right side with 15:42 remaining in the half kicked off an 18-2 run. Nedu Onyeuku followed with a free throw to tie it up at 7-7 as the Redbirds took the lead for good. Six different players scored during the run, while the Phoenix suffered through a pair of five-minute scoring droughts during the decisive run.

The Phoenix cut into the Redbird lead with less than five minutes remaining in the half. Tillema once again led the way with a three-pointer, a layup and a pair of free throws, but the Redbirds still held onto a 26-20 lead at halftime.

Illinois State, which shot 61 percent from the field in the second half, had three players in double figures. Neil Plank and Dilligard led the 'Birds with 13 points apiece, while Onyeuku was also in double figures with 11. Wisconsin-Green Bay's Tillema led all scorers with 19, while Evans chipped in 11.

ILLINOIS STATE 59, UW-Green Bay 51

December 3, 2005 • Redbird Arena

UW-Green Bay	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Tillema, f	35	5-14	6-6	3-9	2	1	19
Lawrence, f	22	0-5	0-0	2-5	0	2	0
Schachtner, f	25	4-7	0-0	2-7	0	4	9
Evanochko, g	39	3-15	0-0	2-3	2	3	7
Evans, g	29	4-9	2-2	3-6	3	3	11
Farine	15	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2
Minatee	17	0-4	1-4	1-1	1	5	1
Barkley	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Morris	15	1-7	0-0	0-3	0	1	2
Totals	200	18-62	9-12	16-39	9	20	51

Team Pct.: FG – .290; FT – .750

3-Pt.: 6-17, .353 (Tillema 3-8, Lawrence 0-1, Schachtner 1-2, Evanochko 1-4, Evans 1-2)

Blocks: 2 (Lawrence 1, Morris 1)

Turnovers: 11 (Tillema 1, Lawrence 3, Evanochko 1, Evans 2, Farine 2, Minatee 1, Morris 1)

Steals: 4 (Tillema 1, Evans 2, Minatee 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Plank, f	31	3-5	7-11	0-5	4	0	13
Vandello, f	30	2-7	0-0	0-4	5	2	4
Dilligard, f	36	5-9	3-4	4-7	1	2	13
K. Ford, g	32	1-4	3-4	0-1	3	3	5
D. Ford, g	20	1-4	0-0	0-5	2	3	2
Onyeuku	23	3-4	3-4	0-3	0	1	11
Kruse	12	2-7	0-0	0-0	0	1	5
Dyer	4	0-1	2-2	0-0	0	0	2
Holtz	3	0-0	2-2	0-1	0	1	2
Carlwell	9	1-1	0-0	0-3	0	1	2
Totals	200	18-42	20-27	5-34	15	14	59

Team Pct.: FG – .429; FT – .741

3-Pt.: 3-15, .200 (Plank 0-1, Vandello 0-2, K. Ford 0-1, D. Ford 0-3, Onyeuku 2-3, Kruse 1-4, Dyer 0-1)

Blocks: 6 (Dilligard 3, D. Ford 2, Carlwell 1)

Turnovers: 13 (Plank 1, Dilligard 1, K. Ford 5, D. Ford 2, Onyeuku 4)

Steals: 6 (Vandello 1, Dilligard 2, K. Ford 1, D. Ford 1, Onyeuku 1)

Officials: Patrick Adams, Bo Boroski, Jeb Hartness

Attendance: 5,871

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 26, UW-Green Bay 20



GAME 6

ISU Sets New Arena Record; Defeats IPFW

NORMAL, Ill. - Senior forward Neil Plank, who finished with 10 points, led the Illinois State men's basketball team to a 65-36 win over IPFW Tuesday night at Redbird Arena...

Greg Dilligard's opening dunk set the tone in the first half as Illinois State went on to rattle off seven answered points, not allowing an IPFW basket until the 15:33 mark.

Another Dilligard dunk with 11:45 left in the game extended the Illinois State lead to 43-29. Dilligard finished with eight points, seven rebounds and two blocks...

ILLINOIS STATE 65, IPFW 36
December 6, 2005 • Redbird Arena

Table with 10 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for IPFW players and totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .311; FT - .286
3-Pt.: 6-17, .353 (Scott 0-2, Hawkins 2-4, Best 0-1, Carouthers 1-2, Pompey 1-3, Johnson 0-1, Savelly 2-4)
Blocks: 2 (Scott 1, Best 1)
Turnovers: 20 (Scott 1, Hawkins 1, Best 3, Carouthers 4, Pompey 4, Posley 1, Savelly 4, Essighir 1, Team 1)
Steals: 6 (Best 1, Pompey 4, Posley 1)

Table with 10 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for ILLINOIS ST. players and totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .478; FT - .684
3-Pt.: 8-14, .571 (Plank 1-1, K. Ford 2-3, D. Ford 1-2, Fortes 0-1, Onyeuku 0-1, Vianney 3-3, Kruse 1-3)
Blocks: 4 (Dilligard 2, Onyeuku 1, Carlwell 1)
Turnovers: 16 (Plank 3, Dilligard 4, K. Ford 4, D. Ford 1, Onyeuku 2, Vianney 1, Odiakosa 1)
Steals: 11 (Plank 1, Vandello 2, Dilligard 2, K. Ford 1, D. Ford 2, Onyeuku 1, Carlwell 2)

Officials: Terry Anderson, Dave Cronin, Dan Dorian
Attendance: 5,181
Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 20, IPFW 13

GAME 7

Second Half Surge Not Enough for ISU

NORMAL, Ill. - The Illinois State Redbird men's basketball team mounted a tremendous comeback to take the lead in the second half after going into halftime down by 13 points.

Georgia Southern took the lead 13-12 after Sean Olivier sank two free throws as Greg Dilligard picked up his second foul of the half for ISU.

With the score tied at 44-44, Dilligard scored consecutive hoops giving ISU its first lead of the second half at 48-47. However, the Eagles would not go away, with Elton Nesbitt leading the way with 14 points in the half.

Georgia Southern 64, ILLINOIS STATE 61
December 10, 2005 • Redbird Arena

Table with 10 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Ga. Southern and ILLINOIS STATE players and totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .412; FT - .889
3-Pt.: 6-13, .462 (Gennie 2-2, Nesbitt 3-6, Tobias 0-1, Foreman 0-2, Salazar 1-2)
Blocks: 4 (Olivier 2, Graham 1, Dunn 1)
Turnovers: 19 (Olivier 3, Graham 2, Gennie 1, Nesbitt 2, Foreman 6, Dunn 1, Swain 1, Salazar 2, Ward 1)
Steals: 7 (Olivier 1, Gennie 2, Tobias 3, Foreman 1)

Table with 10 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for ILLINOIS ST. players and totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .408; FT - .679
3-Pt.: 2-14, .143 (Plank 0-4, Vandello 0-1, K. Ford 0-1, D. Ford 1-4, Onyeuku 0-2, Holtz 1-1)
Blocks: 6 (Plank 1, Dilligard 2, Onyeuku 1, Carlwell 2)
Turnovers: 17 (Plank 2, K. Ford 5, D. Ford 3, Onyeuku 3, Vianney 2, Holtz 1, Carlwell 1)
Steals: 5 (Plank 1, K. Ford 2, Onyeuku 2)

Officials: David Warfel, Mark Mayhood, Willie Beamon
Attendance: 6,762
Halftime Score: Georgia Southern 31, ILLINOIS STATE 20

GAME 8

Redbird Rally Falls Short; ISU Downed 73-69

NORTHRIDGE, Calif. - Illinois State nailed six three-point field goals in the final 1:35 of the game to erase a 13-point deficit, but Dana Ford's final attempt at a game-winner bounced off the front of the rim and Cal State-Northridge walked away with a 73-69 nonconference win at the Matadome Saturday night.

CSUN's Jonathan Heard sank a pair of free throws to extend the lead to 65-57, but a Brandon Holtz three-pointer made the score 65-60. After Mike Efevberha missed one of his free throw attempts on back-to-back two-shot trips to the line, three-pointers by Nedu Onyeuku and Neil Plank closed the gap to 67-66 with 26 seconds on the clock.

Efevberha was fouled again, but made both charity attempts, however Ford's three-pointer from atop the key forced a 69-69 tie with 20 seconds left in the game. On the ensuing play, Holtz put pressure on Efevberha in the corner of the court on a trap, but was whistled for the foul.

Cal State Northridge 73, ILLINOIS STATE 69
December 17, 2005 • The Matadome

Table with 10 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for ILLINOIS STATE and Cal State Northridge players and totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .415; FT - .500
3-Pt.: 12-29, .414 (Plank 2-6, K. Ford 2-3, D. Ford 3-7, Onyeuku 2-5, Dyer 0-1, Holtz 3-7)
Blocks: 3 (Dilligard 2, D. Ford 1)
Turnovers: 17 (Plank 2, Vandello 2, Dilligard 1, K. Ford 5, D. Ford 3, Onyeuku 1, Holtz 1, Carlwell 1, Team 1)
Steals: 9 (Plank 1, Vandello 1, D. Ford 3, Onyeuku 1, Odiakosa 1, Holtz 2)

Table with 10 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for CS-Northridge and ILLINOIS STATE players and totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .452; FT - .795
3-Pt.: 4-9, .444 (Efevberha 2-5, Waggener 0-1, Haynes 1-1, Heard 1-2)
Blocks: 5 (Efevberha 1, Altheimer 1, Shewmake 3)
Turnovers: 27 (Efevberha 3, Waggener 1, Haynes 1, Altheimer 2, Locke 2, Heard 6, Miller 2, Hill 1, Jones 1, Shewmake 6, Everage 2)
Steals: 6 (Waggener 1, Haynes 1, Locke 1, Heard 1, Shewmake 2)

Officials: Fred Carbone, Michael Irving, Martin Cota
Attendance: 1,013
Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 30, CS-Northridge 30



GAME 9

'Birds Battle to OT, but Fall 69-59

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. – Indiana State's Gabriel Moore spoiled Greg Dilligard's second career double-double with nine of his 18 points in the overtime period to defeat Illinois State 69-59, in the Missouri Valley Conference opener for both teams at the Hulman Center Thursday night.

The Redbirds erased a five-point second half deficit at 49-44 with 3:58 left in regulation, thanks to a three-point basket by Nedu Onyeuku and a baseline jumper by Dilligard with 2:50 left on the clock. The Redbirds took a brief one-point lead when Onyeuku sank the front end of a one-and-one from the foul line. Indiana State's Trent Wurtz forced the fourth tie of the game at 50-50 with a 1-for-2 effort from the line with 27 seconds left.

The Redbirds held for the final shot, but the ball was forced out of bounds with 3.2 seconds remaining. Coming out of a time out, Illinois State's Neil Plank had an open look from three-point range, but opted to drive and lost control of the ball to force the extra period.

Indiana State stormed out to a 56-50 lead, just 26 seconds into overtime, as Moore scored six straight points. Moore was fouled by Khalif Ford on a three-point attempt and sank all three free throws, before stealing the inbound pass and scoring a traditional three-point play. In the extra period, free throws decided the game for the Sycamores as they made 13-of-14 from the line.

Indiana State 69, ILLINOIS STATE 59 OT
December 22, 2005 • Hulman Center

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Odiakosa, f	20	1-4	1-2	1-2	1	3	3
Dilligard, f	36	11-18	0-1	3-12	3	5	22
Onyeuku, g	25	3-8	1-2	0-4	3	5	8
Plank, g	23	1-4	0-2	0-1	2	3	2
D. Ford, g	32	1-7	0-0	1-6	1	3	2
K. Ford	26	1-5	2-2	1-2	4	4	4
Wallace	8	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0
Vianney	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Vandello	18	2-4	4-6	0-2	0	3	9
Dyer	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Holtz	20	4-6	0-0	0-1	0	2	9
Carlwell	11	0-1	0-2	1-2	0	1	0
Totals	225	24-58	8-17	9-36	15	31	59

Team Pct.: FG – .414; FT – .471

3-Pt.: 3-15, .200 (Onyeuku 1-3, Plank 0-3, D. Ford 0-4, K. Ford 0-1, Vandello 1-2, Holtz 1-2)

Blocks: 5 (D. Ford 1, Dilligard 3, Carlwell 1)

Turnovers: 16 (Onyeuku 1, Plank 2, Odiakosa 1, D. Ford 2, Dilligard 3, K. Ford 1, Vandello 2, Dyer 1, Carlwell 2, Team 1)

Steals: 5 (Onyeuku 2, Odiakosa 1, D. Ford 2)

Indiana State	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Wurtz, f	28	1-3	8-12	1-6	1	4	10
Tunnell, f	39	6-10	3-4	2-3	1	3	15
Moore, g	41	3-7	10-10	1-10	1	1	18
Schnitker, g	43	1-11	1-2	0-4	0	2	3
Moss, g	43	5-14	11-13	2-8	7	4	21
Evans	19	0-0	0-2	1-1	1	2	0
Booe	4	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Trudeau	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Wise	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Yelovich	4	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	2	2
Totals	225	17-47	33-43	8-38	11	19	69

Team Pct.: FG – .362; FT – .767

3-Pt.: 2-12, .167 (Moore 2-3, Schnitker 0-5, Wurtz 0-1, Moss 0-1, Tunnell 0-2)

Blocks: 1 (Wurtz 1)

Turnovers: 13 (Moore 3, Schnitker 3, Moss 5, Tunnell 1, Yelovich 1)

Steals: 5 (Moore 1, Wurtz 1, Moss 2, Yelovich 1)

Officials: J.D. Collins, Steve Skiles, Dave Draucker

Attendance: 5,072

Halftime Score: Indiana State 28, ILLINOIS STATE 22

GAME 10

Ford Hits Buzzer-Beater to Lift ISU over the Jays

NORMAL, Ill. – With the score tied at 50 and just 3.1 seconds left on the clock, the ball was inbounded to Illinois State's Greg Dilligard at mid-court. Dilligard passed off to Dana Ford who took two dribbles and launched a forty-footer which fell through the net as the buzzer sounded to lift the Redbird men's basketball team to a win over the Creighton Bluejays, 53-50 on Saturday afternoon.

Bluejay center Anthony Tolliver hit a seven-foot jumper with a minute-and-a-half left to give the Jays the edge, 50-49. Illinois State's Neil Plank was fouled on the ensuing play and made the second of two free throws to tie the game at 50 with 28 seconds remaining. The Bluejays failed to convert on their next trip as they turned the ball over with 3.1 seconds left in regulation. Plank inbounded the ball to Dilligard who passed off to Ford for the final score. Ford's shot fell through the net as time ran out to secure the Redbird victory.

Ford finished the game with 14 points and four steals, while Plank led all scorers with 17 points and six rebounds. Creighton was led by Tolliver's 15-point effort and Nate Funk added 13 points for the Jays.

ILLINOIS STATE 53, Creighton 50
December 31, 2005 • Redbird Arena

Creighton	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Watts, f	31	1-6	0-0	1-6	2	3	3
Tolliver, c	32	7-10	1-3	2-2	1	3	15
Porter, g	24	3-5	0-2	0-5	2	2	7
Mathies, g	26	2-5	1-1	1-3	1	4	7
Dotzler, g	32	0-4	0-0	0-1	4	1	0
Bishop	8	2-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	5
Funk	30	5-10	0-0	1-5	4	1	13
Day	17	0-1	0-2	0-1	1	1	0
Totals	200	20-43	2-9	5-25	15	15	50

Team Pct.: FG – .465; FT – .222

3-Pt.: 8-14, .571 (Watts 1-4, Porter 1-2, Mathies 2-2, Bishop 1-1, Funk 3-5)

Blocks: 3 (Tolliver 3)

Turnovers: 19 (Watts 3, Tolliver 2, Porter 1, Mathies 6, Dotzler 5, Funk 1, Day 1)

Steals: 11 (Watts 1, Tolliver 4, Mathies 1, Dotzler 4, Day 1)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Odiakosa, f	8	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	3	0
Dilligard, f	36	5-10	1-2	1-3	3	3	11
Onyeuku, g	19	1-3	3-4	0-0	1	2	6
Plank, g	38	7-10	2-5	0-6	3	0	17
D. Ford, g	32	6-9	0-0	0-2	2	0	14
Fortes	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
K. Ford	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Wallace	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Vandello	25	1-5	0-0	1-5	3	2	4
Holtz	17	1-3	0-0	0-2	1	0	3
Carlwell	12	0-1	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
Totals	200	21-42	6-11	4-26	14	12	53

Team Pct.: FG – .500; FT – .545

3-Pt.: 5-11, .455 (Onyeuku 1-2, Plank 1-2, D. Ford 2-4, Vandello 0-1, Holtz 1-2)

Blocks: 6 (Odiakosa 1, Dilligard 1, D. Ford 2, Holtz 1, Carlwell 1)

Turnovers: 16 (Dilligard 1, Onyeuku 3, Plank 3, D. Ford 2, Fortes 1, K. Ford 2, Vandello 2, Carlwell 2)

Steals: 8 (Dilligard 1, Onyeuku 1, D. Ford 4, Fortes 1, Holtz 1)

Officials: Steve Olson, Curtis Shaw, Robert Staffen

Attendance: 5,970

Halftime Score: Creighton 28, ILLINOIS STATE 23

GAME 11

Slow Start Sinks 'Birds

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa – Northern Iowa opened Monday night's game with a 19-5 run and Illinois State was never able to catch up, as the 'Birds fell 60-47, in Missouri Valley Conference action at the UNI-Dome.

UNI's 19-5 start, over the game's first 10 minutes, was powered by 10 points from Eric Coleman. The Redbirds cut the first-half lead to under 10 twice, but UNI pulled away to claim a 29-16 halftime advantage. The Panthers sank six of their first 10 shots and finished shooting 46.2 percent for the half, while the 'Birds shot 33.3 percent from the floor, including 1-for-7 on threes.

ISU showed some more offense in the second half, and battled UNI to a 31-31 tie in the frame. The Redbirds' Greg Dilligard was ISU's only player in double figures with 12 points. UNI's Grant Stout led the way for the Panthers with 17 points, while Coleman finished with 16. Each added a game-high seven rebounds.

Northern Iowa 60, ILLINOIS STATE 47
January 2, 2006 • UNI-Dome

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Dilligard, f	31	6-11	0-0	2-3	3	3	12
Carlwell, c	11	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	1	0
Onyeuku, g	18	1-2	1-2	1-1	2	0	3
Plank, g	28	1-9	0-0	1-5	1	1	2
D. Ford, g	27	3-9	0-0	0-4	1	1	7
Fortes	7	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	3
K. Ford	12	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	3
Wallace	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Vianney	4	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	3	2
Kruse	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Vandello	20	2-4	0-0	0-4	0	3	4
Dyer	13	2-4	0-0	2-3	0	1	5
Holtz	23	2-4	0-0	1-4	0	0	6
Totals	200	20-48	1-2	8-27	8	16	47

Team Pct.: FG – .417; FT – .500

3-Pt.: 6-17, .353 (Plank 0-4, D. Ford 1-4, Fortes 1-1, K. Ford 1-2, Vandello 0-1, Dyer 1-2, Holtz 2-3)

Blocks: 2 (Dilligard 1, Onyeuku 1)

Turnovers: 15 (Dilligard 2, Carlwell 1, Onyeuku 3, Plank 4, Wallace 1, Vandello 4)

Steals: 6 (Dilligard 2, Plank 1, D. Ford 1, Vianney 1, Holtz 1)

Northern Iowa	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Stout, f	32	7-10	3-5	1-7	1	1	17
Coleman, c	18	7-11	2-2	3-7	1	1	16
Crawford, g	33	3-7	2-2	0-2	0	1	9
Jacobson, g	36	2-9	4-6	2-6	3	1	8
McKowen, g	33	2-5	0-0	0-0	5	1	5
Williams	2	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	0	1
Little	29	1-4	0-0	1-2	1	2	3
Josten	8	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0
Brown	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Griffin	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Santos	3	0-0	1-2	0-1	0	0	1
Totals	200	22-46	13-19	8-27	12	8	60

Team Pct.: FG – .478; FT – .684

3-Pt.: 3-12, .250 (Stout 0-1, Crawford 1-4, Jacobson 0-2, McKowen 1-2, Little 1-3)

Blocks: 2 (Jacobson 1, Santos 1)

Turnovers: 9 (Coleman 2, Crawford 2, Williams 1, Little 2, Josten 2)

Steals: 11 (Stout 4, Crawford 1, Jacobson 1, McKowen 3, Little 2)

Officials: John Higgins, Frank Spencer, Steve Gordon

Attendance: 4,014

Halftime Score: Northern Iowa 29, ILLINOIS STATE 16



GAME 12

Second-Half Run Downs Illinois State

OMAHA, Neb. – Senior Nedu Onyeuku returned to his hometown and led Illinois State with a career-high 17 points, but Creighton spoiled the homecoming with a 22-5 run in the second half to claim a 71-52 Missouri Valley Conference victory Thursday night at the Qwest Center OMAHA™.

A Roberto Fortes dunk gave ISU its first second half lead at 38-37 with 12:43 remaining, but the Jays took control of the game with a 22-5 run over the next six minutes, including seven points from Nick Porter. The Redbirds closed the gap to 11 points twice, but could never get any closer. Creighton finished the game shooting 60.5 percent from the floor, including 72.7 percent in the second half.

Creighton led by as many as seven points in the first half at 16-9 with 11:10 on the clock. The Jays used four three-pointers to build the advantage, as they had five different players hit treys in the initial frame. The Redbirds stayed close and cut the lead to 27-25 at the half when Michael Vandello put in a lay-up with five seconds remaining.

Creighton 71, ILLINOIS STATE 52
January 5, 2006 • Qwest Center OMAHA

Table with 8 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include Vandello, Dilligard, Onyeuku, Plank, D. Ford, Fortes, K. Ford, Vianney, Dyer, Holtz, Carlwell, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG – .426; FT – .500
3-Pt.: 5-20, .250 (Vandello 1-2, Onyeuku 1-4, Plank 2-6, D. Ford 0-1, Fortes 1-4, Vianney 0-1, Dyer 0-1, Holtz 0-1)
Blocks: 3 (Vandello 1, Dilligard 2)
Turnovers: 21 (Vandello 4, Dilligard 2, Onyeuku 4, Plank 6, D. Ford 3, K. Ford 1, Holtz 1)
Steals: 10 (Vandello 1, Onyeuku 2, Plank 5, D. Ford 1, Dyer 1)

Table with 8 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include Watts, Tolliver, Porter, Mathies, Dotzler, Bishop, Sitzmann, Nengsu, Motz, Day, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG – .605; FT – .769
3-Pt.: 9-14, .643 (Watts 2-2, Porter 1-3, Mathies 1-2, Dotzler 2-2, Bishop 0-1, Motz 2-4)
Blocks: 0
Turnovers: 19 (Tolliver 3, Porter 2, Mathies 4, Dotzler 3, Bishop 3, Nengsu 1, Motz 1, Day 2)
Steals: 13 (Watts 1, Tolliver 1, Porter 2, Mathies 4, Dotzler 3, Bishop 2)

Officials: Paul Janssen, Tim Hutchinson, David Warfel
Attendance: 12,882
Halftime Score: Creighton 27, ILLINOIS STATE 25

GAME 13

Wichita State Spurts Past Redbirds 56-47

NORMAL III. – Illinois State senior guard Dana Ford matched his career high with 16 points, added seven rebounds and four steals but a second-half shooting streak powered Wichita State to a 56-47 win over the Redbirds in a Missouri Valley Conference basketball game Sunday at Redbird Arena.

Illinois State fell victim to a 21-14 turnover deficit and made just seven of 14 free throws. Greg Dilligard added 14 points and four blocked shots for ISU. Paul Miller led WSU with 12 and Kyle Wilson had 11.

Matt Braeuer and Dilligard exchanged baskets before the Shockers went on a 9-0 run from 13:01 to 10:54 which featured two layups by Ryan Martin. Wichita State made seven of its first nine shots and led 43-32. WSU retained that lead at 49-38 when the Redbird defense kicked in. The Shockers went 0-8 over the next four minutes as ISU got two baskets from Dana Ford, one from Khalif Ford and a free throw from Nedu Onyeuku to cut the lead to 49-45.

But Miller drained a long three-pointer from the left side with 3:45 remaining and WSU's lead was back to seven and the Shockers secured a victory.

Wichita State 56, ILLINOIS STATE 47
January 8, 2006 • Redbird Arena

Table with 8 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include Cousinard, Wilson, Miller, Braeuer, Ogirri, Martin, Bradley, Young, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG – .408; FT – .833
3-Pt.: 6-14, .429 (Cousinard 1-2, Wilson 2-3, Braeuer 0-2, Ogirri 2-4, Bradley 0-2, Young 1-1)
Blocks: 2 (Wilson 2)
Turnovers: 14 (Cousinard 3, Miller 3, Braeuer 3, Ogirri 3, Martin 1, Young 1)
Steals: 12 (Cousinard 4, Miller 3, Braeuer 3, Young 2)

Table with 8 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include Dilligard, Carlwell, Onyeuku, Plank, D. Ford, Fortes, K. Ford, Vandello, Dyer, Holtz, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG – .450; FT – .500
3-Pt.: 4-13, .308 (Onyeuku 2-3, Plank 0-2, D. Ford 2-6, K. Ford 0-1, Holtz 0-1)
Blocks: 8 (Dilligard 4, Carlwell 2, Onyeuku 1, Dyer 1)
Turnovers: 21 (Dilligard 2, Onyeuku 1, Plank 4, D. Ford 6, K. Ford 6, Vandello 2)
Steals: 8 (Dilligard 1, Onyeuku 1, D. Ford 4, K. Ford 1, Holtz 1)

Officials: Ed Hightower, John Higgins, Tom Clark
Attendance: 5,289
Halftime Score: Wichita State 26, ILLINOIS STATE 21

GAME 14

Bears Pull Away in Second Half, 70-54

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Missouri State used 56.5 percent shooting in the second half to overcome a balanced Illinois State scoring attack and registered a 70-54 Missouri Valley Conference victory, Wednesday night at the Hammons Student Center.

The three-pointer proved to be the Redbirds' weapon of choice in the first half, as ISU finished with nine made field goals, including six from beyond the arc. The 'Birds took a 20-16 advantage at the 10:14 mark, after back-to-back treys by Roberto Fortes, but a scoring drought over the final five minutes of the half resulted in a 30-26 MSU lead at the intermission.

Following a 17-6 MSU run, ISU closed to within seven points at 56-49, in the second half on a three-pointer by Brandon Holtz, but on the ensuing possession Greg Dilligard picked up his fifth foul and head coach Porter Moser was slapped with a technical foul. Blake Ahearn converted the pair of free throws and the Bears held on for the 16-point win.

Illinois State didn't have a player in double figures, but Neil Plank and Michael Vandello led the way with nine points apiece. Holtz came off the bench to score eight, while Nedu Onyeuku tossed in seven. Ahearn led the Bears with 20 points and Tyler Chaney ended with 16, while Nathan Bilyeu finished with 12 and Sky Fraizer scored 11.

Missouri State 70, ILLINOIS STATE 54
January 11, 2006 • Hammons Student Center

Table with 8 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include Vandello, Dilligard, Onyeuku, Plank, D. Ford, Fortes, K. Ford, Kruse, Dyer, Odiakosa, Holtz, Carlwell, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG – .333; FT – .556
3-Pt.: 9-31, .290 (Plank 2-6, Vandello 2-3, Onyeuku 0-4, D. Ford 1-3, Fortes 2-6, K. Ford 0-1, Dyer 0-3, Holtz 2-5)
Blocks: 7 (Dilligard 4, D. Ford 1, Carlwell 2)
Turnovers: 15 (Plank 1, Vandello 3, Dilligard 2, Onyeuku 1, D. Ford 1, Fortes 3, Dyer 1, Odiakosa 2, Holtz 1)
Steals: 13 (Plank 1, Vandello 1, Dilligard 2, Onyeuku 1, D. Ford 4, Fortes 1, K. Ford 1, Dyer 1, Carlwell 1)

Table with 8 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include Bilyeu, Chaney, Richards, Ahearn, Thompson, Fuehrmeyer, Lamberth, Laurie, Rausch, Easley, Fraizer, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG – .500; FT – .792
3-Pt.: 5-7, .714 (Bilyeu 1-1, Chaney 0-1, Ahearn 4-5)
Blocks: 2 (Bilyeu 1, Richards 1)
Turnovers: 18 (Bilyeu 1, Chaney 5, Richards 2, Ahearn 4, Thompson 1, Laurie 1, Easley 3, Fraizer 1)
Steals: 8 (Bilyeu 4, Chaney 1, Richards 1, Easley 2)

Officials: Gerry Pollard, Jeff Malham, Mike Litzelfelner
Attendance: 6,140
Halftime Score: Missouri State 30, ILLINOIS STATE 26



GAME 15

Northern Iowa Handles Redbirds

NORMAL, Ill.- Nedu Onyeuku poured in 14 points for the Illinois State men's basketball team including two timely dunks and Brandon Holtz added 10 points, but Northern Iowa's explosive offense was too much for the Redbirds, as the Panthers bested the 'Birds, 67-52 on Saturday afternoon at Redbird Arena.

Northern Iowa jumped out to an early 13-2 lead, courtesy of Eric Coleman's three buckets in the first four-and-a-half minutes and a Ben Jacobson three-pointer. The Redbirds chipped away at the Panther lead, as Onyeuku provided a dunk and two free throws as Illinois State closed the gap to seven, 20-13, after a Neil Plank jumper with 8:14 left to play in the half.

Jacobson led all scorers with 15, while Coleman added 13 for the Panthers. Illinois State was led by Onyeuku with 14, as Khalif Ford contributed nine and Greg Dilligard pulled in 10 rebounds.

Northern Iowa 67, ILLINOIS STATE 52

January 14, 2006 • Redbird Arena

Northern Iowa	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Stout, f	30	4-7	2-2	1-12	2	4	10
Coleman, f	28	6-9	1-1	2-14	3	2	13
Little, g	36	1-4	5-6	0-2	1	1	7
Jacobson, g	36	2-10	9-10	1-6	4	1	15
McKowen, g	37	3-7	4-6	0-2	2	2	10
Williams	1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Josten	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Brown	19	4-9	1-2	2-4	0	3	12
Griffin	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Howard	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Santos	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Totals	200	20-46	22-27	6-42	12	16	67

Team Pct.: FG - .435; FT - .815

3-Pt.: 5-18, .278 (Stout 0-1, Little 0-3, Jacobson 2-6, McKowen 0-3, Brown 3-5)

Blocks: 7 (Stout 3, Coleman 1, Little 1, Jacobson 1, Josten 1)

Turnovers: 16 (Stout 2, Little 1, Jacobson 5, McKowen 4, Josten 2, Brown 1, Howard 1)

Steals: 6 (Jacobson 4, McKowen 1, Josten 1)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Odiakosa, f	15	2-6	1-3	1-4	0	3	5
Dilligard, f	29	3-10	0-0	5-10	1	2	6
Onyeuku, g	21	5-8	3-4	1-1	0	3	14
Plank, g	22	1-4	0-0	0-2	1	1	2
D. Ford, g	26	1-8	0-0	0-4	4	2	2
Fortes	10	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
K. Ford	23	3-8	1-3	0-4	3	4	9
Vianney	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Kruse	4	1-1	0-0	2-2	1	0	2
Vandello	21	0-5	0-0	1-1	0	2	0
Dyer	5	1-2	0-0	0-1	0	0	2
Holtz	19	4-8	1-1	0-1	0	4	10
Carlwell	2	0-1	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
Totals	200	21-65	6-11	12-34	10	22	52

Team Pct.: FG - .323; FT - .545

3-Pt.: 4-21, .190 (Onyeuku 1-2, Plank 0-1, D. Ford 0-5, Fortes 0-3, K. Ford 2-4, Vandello 0-2, Dyer 0-1, Holtz 1-3)

Blocks: 5 (Dilligard 4, D. Ford 1)

Turnovers: 13 (Odiakosa 1, Dilligard 4, Onyeuku 2, Plank 2, Fortes 1, K. Ford 2, Carlwell 1)

Steals: 11 (Dilligard 2, Onyeuku 2, D. Ford 2, K. Ford 1, Kruse 2, Holtz 2)

Officials: Paul Janssen, Kerry Campbell, David Warfel

Attendance: 5,336

Halftime Score: Northern Iowa 33, ILLINOIS STATE 18