





DON'T MISS THIS!

With a victory today, Illinois State will open up the season with a 5-0 record on Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena. It will mark the third-straight season that ISU has opened the year with five-straight wins on its home floor.

ILLINOIS STATE BASKETBALL

N7	QUINCY (Exh.)	W, 82-61
N11	MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS	W, 70-37
N14	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI ST.	W, 90-71
N18	UNC-WILMINGTON•	W, 89-73
N23	vs. #8 Indiana!	L, 57-70
N24	vs. Kent State!	L, 59-65
N27	CHICAGO STATE	W, 81-49
D1	ILLINOIS-CHICAGO	7:05 p.m.
D4	at Eastern Michigan	6:00 p.m.
D8	CINCINNATI	7:05 p.m.
D16	at Bowling Green	1:00 p.m.
D22	at Ball State	1:00 p.m.
D29	at Creighton*	7:05 p.m.
J1	at Wichita State*	7:05 p.m.
<u>J5</u>	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*	7:05 p.m.
J8	NORTHERN IOWA*	7:05 p.m.
J12	EVANSVILLE*	7:05 p.m.
<u>J16</u>	WICHITA STATE*	7:05 p.m.
J19	at Drake*	7:05 p.m.
J23	at Bradley*	7:05 p.m.
J27	INDIANA STATE*	2:05 p.m.
J30	at Northern Iowa*	7:05 p.m.
F2	at Missouri State*	7:05 p.m.
<u>F5</u>	DRAKE*	7:05 p.m.
F9	BRADLEY*	7:05 p.m.
F13	MISSOURI STATE*	7:05 p.m.
F16	at Indiana State*	1:00 p.m.
F20	at Evansville*	7:05 p.m.
F24	ESPN BracketBusters [^]	TBA
F27	CREIGHTON*	7:05 p.m.
M1	at Southern Illinois*	TBA .

- · Chicago Invitational Challenge (Normal, III.)
- ! Chicago Invitational Challenge
- (Sears Centre, Hoffman Estates, III.)
- * Missouri Valley Conference game
- ^ ESPN BracketBusters game

Home games in CAPS; Times listed as Central

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Illinois State Redbirds (4-2) vs. Illinois-Chicago Flames (3-3)

Normal, III. • Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena Radio: Redbird Radio Network Dick Luedke (Play-by-play), Mike Matthews (Color) Bruce Evans (Sideline) Flagship WJBC 1230 AM

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STORYLINES

- ▶ Illinois State owns a 7-2 record over UIC in games played on Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena, but the Flames have won the last two meetings in Normal. The Redbirds' last win over UIC at home was Dec. 23, 1998 (79-67).
- ► The Redbirds will mark the third Missouri Valley Conference opponent for UIC so far this season. The Flames own a 1-1 mark against the Valley, with an 84-75 season-opening win over Bradley and a 67-60 loss to Wichita State in the Paradise Jam on the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- ▶ Illinois State is 4-0 this season on Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena and is averaging 82.5 points per game, while boasting a 25-point average margin of victory.
- ► Senior Anthony Slack has scored double-figures in each game this season, which is the longest string of his career six games.

THE JUMP BALL

Record
Coach
Career Record (Years)
School Record
Leading Scorer
Leading Rebounder
Leading Assists
Series Record
Last Meeting
Record at Normal, III.
Series Streak

Illinois State
4-2
Tim Jankovich
107-73 (seven years)
4-2 (first year)
Osiris Eldridge (16.3 ppg)
Anthony Slack (7.5 rpg)
Dom Johnson (4.0 apg)

Illinois State leads, 10-7 Illinois State won, 77-69 (Dec. 23, 2006)

ISU leads, 7-2 Illinois State won one Illinois-Chicago

2-3 Jimmy Collins 179-159 (12 years)

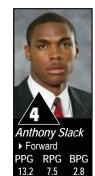
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Josh Mayo (16.5 ppg) Scott VanderMeer (6.5 rpg) Spencer Stewart (4.0 apg)

PROBABLE STARTERS



4.0





Boo Richardson

Guard

PPG RPG APG

3.3 2.3 3.7

Boo Johnson

Guard

PPG RPG APG

7.8 2.2 4.0



5.3



TALE OF THE TAPE - 2007-08

		UIC
W-L Record	4-2	3-3
Points Scored	74.3	68.5
Points Allowed	60.8	64.2
Scoring Margin	+13.5	+4.3
FG Percentage	.459	46.4
Def. FG Percentage	.399	40.8
Average FG Attempts/Game	58.5	52.8
3-pt. Percentage	40.7	44.8
Def. 3-pt. Percentage	30.9	34.7
Avg. 3FG Attempts/Game	22.5	16.0
Percentage of shots from three	38.5	30.3
FT Percentage	61.1	70.5
Average FT Attempts/Game	18.8	17.5
Offensive Rebounds	12.0	9.7
Total Rebounds	34.5	32.7
Rebounding Margin	-1.3	+0.0
Assists	18.3	13.3
Turnover Average	14.8	15.2
Turnover Margin	+4.8	-0.7
Steal Average	8.8	5.3
Block Average	4.7	5.5
Fouls	22.0	17.3

ON THIS DATE

Illinois State has played 16 games on Nov. 27 in its 109year history, and has a 10-6 record in those contests. Below are highlights of some of the games.

Dec. 1, 1970

Illinois State 80, Bemidji State 67 (Normal, III.) Illinois State began its Division I era with a victory, while the Redbirds' Will Robinson, the first black Division I head coach, posted his first collegiate coaching win. Myron Litwiller led the Redbirds with 17 points. Dennis Murray recorded ISU's first Division I field goal.

Dec. 1, 1973

Illinois State 103, Eastern Michigan 85 (Ypsilanti, Mich.) Illinois State shot 71 percent in the second half and both Bubbles Hawkins and Ron deVries notched double-doubles in the win. Hawkins finished with 28 points and 10 rebounds, while deVries collected 26 points and 16 rebounds.

Dec. 1, 1980

Illinois State 94, Mississippi Valley State 72 (Normal, III.) Dale White scored 30 points and grabbed seven boards as the Redbirds cruised to victory.

Dec. 1, 1984

Illinois State 54, Missouri State 44 (Normal, III.) Illinois State shot 62 percent from the field, but Redbird head coach Bob Donewald was slapped with a pair of technical fouls. Michael McKinney and Lou Stefanovic each scored 15 points in the win.

Щ	LINOIS STATE	E NU	MER	ICAL	RO:	STER
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
0	Osiris Eldridge	G	6-3	190	So.	Chicago, III.
1	Emmanuel Holloway	G	6-2	190	Jr.	Cartersville, Ga.
3	Alex Rubin	G	6-1	185	Fr.	Plymouth, Minn.
4	Anthony Slack	F	6-7	210	Sr.	New Orleans, La.
_5	Boo Richardson	G	5-8	160	Sr.	Kansas City, Kan.
10	Dom Johnson	G	6-0	185	Sr.	Bell City, Mo.
22	Julius Moor	G	6-3	185	Sr.	Kieler, Wis.
25	Sead Odzic	G	6-3	192	Jr.	Skokie, III.
31	Mike Vandello	F	6-7	220	Jr.	Bettendorf, Iowa
32	Levi Dyer	С	6-11	240	Sr.	Eaton, Colo.
42	Dinma Odiakosa	F	6-8	240	So.	Akwukwu, Nigeria
45	Brandon Holtz	G	6-4	185	.lr	Bloomington III

Assistant Coach: Anthony Beane, Rob Judson, Paris Parham

Assistant Coaches: Mark Coomes, Tracy Dildy, Bryant Lowe

Head Coach: Tim Jankovich

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
1	Josh Mayo	G	5-11	175	Jr.	Merrilville, Ind.
_2	Karl White, Jr.	G	6-2	165	Sr.	Omaha, Neb.
_3	Robert Kreps	G	6-0	180	Fr.	Maroa, III.
13	Alex Tkaczuk	F	6-2	180	Fr.	Glenview, III.
14	Robert Bush	G	6-4	210	Sr.	Harvey, III.
22	Tori Boyd	F	6-5	210	Fr.	Rockford, III.
25	Spencer Stewart	G	6-4	185	So.	Edwardsville, III.
32	Jovan Ignjatovic	F	6-9	230	So.	Belgrade, Serbia
33	Jeremy Buttell	F	6-7	240	So.	Colleyville, Texas
35	Ebenezer Noonoo	F	6-4	190	Sr.	Chicago, III.
41	Scott VanderMeer	С	7-0	260	Jr.	Dyer, Ind.
44	Jermaine Dailey	F	6-7	220	Sr.	Millington, Tenn.
Ноа	d Coach: limmy Collins					-

ABOUT THE FLAMES

- ▶ Illinois-Chicago is located in Chicago, and has an enrollment of 24,541. The Flames are members of the NCAA Division I and the Horizon League.
- ▶ The Flames finished the 2006-07 campaign with a 14-18 record overall and a 7-9 record in the Horizon League. UIC finished in fourth place in the league standings, falling in the second round of the conference tournament.
- ► Former NBA player and Flames head coach Jimmy Collins (New Mexico State, '70) is beginning his 12th season at the helm of the Flame program. Collins owns a 177-156 record in 11 years at UIC, his only head coaching position. Prior to UIC, Collins was an assistant coach at Illinois for 13 seasons. Collins, who is the winningest coach in the program's history, is assisted by Marc Coomes, Tracy Dildy and Bryant Lowe.
- ▶ UIC returns two starters from last season, including 2007-08 Preseason All-Horizon League Second-Team selection Josh Mayo. Through Nov. 16, Mayo averaged 23.5 points per game.
- The Flames opened their 2007-08 season with two wins over foes located in the state of Illinois, including a season-opening 84-75 win at home versus Missouri Valley Conference member Bradley.

SCOUTING THE FLAMES

Illinois-Chicago just ended a three-game losing skid with a 65-52 victory at Central Michigan Wednesday night. Junior 7-footer Scott VanderMeer is coming off his first double-double of the season with 16 points and 10 rebounds against the Chippewas. VanderMeer is averaging 11.7 points per game and a team-best 6.5 boards per contest. Josh Mayo leads the Flames in scoring with 16.5 points per game and he has scored in double figures in five of UIC's six games, including a career-high 34 points in the season-opener against Bradley. Tonight's game is the fifth contest of a five-game road swing for the Flames, their longest of the season. To date, UIC is 1-3 on the trip.

LAST TIME OUT: ISU USES 25-0 FIRST-HALF RUN TO STIFLE CHICAGO STATE

Chicago State led 10-8 in the early going of Tuesday night's game on Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena. But Illinois State countered with a 25-0 run to build a 33-10 lead at the 5:53 mark. Chicago State was held scoreless for 10:21, while missing 14 field goals and committing five turnovers. Four Redbirds finished the game with double-figure totals, including Levi Dyer, who led the Redbirds with 16 points. He also added 10 rebounds for his second-career double-double.

PRON	JNCIATIONS
Osiris Eldridge	OH-sy-RISS
Alex Rubin	ROO-binn
	See-ED OD-zick
Dinma Odiakosa	DEEN-muh OH-Dee-uh-KOSE-uh
Anthony Beane	BEAN
Paris Parham	PAR-hamm

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Date	Opponent	Score/Time
N10	BRADLEY	W, 84-75
N13	UI-SPRINGFIELD	W, 81-55
N16	vs. Winthrop#	L, 58-72
N17	vs. Charlotte#	L, 63-64
N19	vs. Wichita State#	L, 60-67
N28	at Central Michigan	W, 65-52
_D1	at Illinois State	7:05 p.m.
_D6	UW-MILWAUKEE*	7 p.m.
_D8	UW-GREEN BAY*	3 p.m.
_D15	at DePaul	7:30 p.m.
_D19	TOLEDO	7 p.m.
D22	HOWARD	3 p.m.
D29	at Akron	6 p.m.
_J3	at Youngstown State*	6 p.m.
_J5	at Cleveland State*	6 p.m.

at Wright State* F16 6 p.m. F20 BUTLER* 7 p.m. F23 at ESPN BracketBuster TBA F28 at UW-Green Bav* 7 p.m. at UW-Milwaukee* 7 p.m. M4-11 at Horizon League Tournament HOME GAMES IN CAPS. All times CENTRAL. # 2007 Paradise Jam (U.S. Virgin Islands)

LOYOLA-CHICAGO*

CLEVELAND STATE*

YOUNGSTOWN STATE*

WRIGHT STATE*

DETROIT'

at Loyola-Chicago

VALPARAISO*

at Valparaiso*

at Butler*

at Detroit*

Horizon League game

J17

J24

J31

F2

F9

F11

F14

7 p.m.

7 p.m.

7 p.m.

7 p.m.

1 p.m.

7 p.m.

7 p.m.

7 p.m.

7 p.m.

6 p.m.

LAST TIME THEY MET

ILLINOIS STATE 77, Illinois-Chicago 69 Dec. 23. 2006 • UIC Pavilion

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	TP
Dilligard, f	27	4-8	0-0	1-2	3-7	2	2	9
Dyer, c	21	4-9	2-6	0-0	1-3	1	4	10
Fortes, g	25	2-6	1-4	0-0	0-1	5	1	5
Johnson, g	38	5-13	4-9	0-0	0-2	2	1	14
Richardson, g	37	4-9	1-5	8-11	0-7	7	3	17
Eldridge	20	6-10	3-4	4-4	4-6	0	2	19
Slack	26	1-4	0-0	1-2	3-8	0	1	3
Carlwell	6	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-3	0	0	0
Totals	200	14-52	7-26	6-11	15-36	9	18	41

Team Pct.: FG – .433; FT – .667 Blocks: 3 (Dilligard 2, Johnson 1)

Turnovers: 13 (Dilligard 1, Dyer 2, Richardson 5, Eldridge 1,

Slack 4

Steals: 8 (Fortes 1, Johnson 1, Richardson 1, Eldridge 2,

Slack 3)

UIC	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	TP
Jeffers, f	33	4-9	0-0	2-2	3-10	3	4	10
Stefanov, f	31	4-11	2-5	2-2	1-5	2	4	12
VanderMeer, c	18	2-6	0-0	0-0	2-5	2	1	4
Mayo, g	17	3-4	1-2	0-0	0-1	0	1	7
Stewart, g	27	2-5	2-4	0-0	0-3	7	1	6
Gray	23	4-8	4-6	2-2	1-2	3	4	14
Bush	8	1-5	0-1	0-0	1-1	1	0	2
White	18	2-5	2-4	0-0	0-0	3	0	6
Zoric	22	4-9	0-0	0-2	1-6	0	3	8
Dailey	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	2-3	0	0	0
Totals	200	26-63	11-22	6-8	12-38	21	18	69

Team Pct.: FG – .413; FT – .750 Blocks: 5 (VanderMeer 4, Zoric 1)

Turnovers: 18 (Jeffers 4, Stefanov 2, VanderMeer 1, Mayo 1,

Stewart 5, Gray 2, White 2, Zoric 1)

Steals: 5 (Jeffers 1, Stefanov 2, VanderMeer 1, Gray 1)

Officials: Eugene Crawford, Frank Spencer, Bert Smith

Attendance: 4,827

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 36, Illinois-Chicago 32

ISU VS. ILLINOIS-CHICAGO NOTES

Turning the Tide? – The series against Illinois-Chicago has consisted of streaks. Illinois State won the first five meetings against the Flames, and UIC had the most recent streak with four-straight wins in the series until last season's 77-69 Redbird victory. Will the recent ISU win pave way for a new winning streak?

The Two Teams Are Close – Not only are the two campuses separated by only 130 miles, but the basketball games between the two schools have been close, as well. In the previous 17 meetings between the Redbirds and the Flames, the games have been decided by 10 points or less 10 times. Five times, the games have been within five points or less.

Three Rivers in the House – Former Three Rivers Community College teammates will be reunited on Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena. Illinois State's Dom Johnson and UIC's Jermaine Dailey each played two years for the Raiders under head coach Gene Bess

NEXT UP: REDBIRDS TRAVEL TO EASTERN MICHIGAN

Illinois State will hit the road Tuesday for the second of four scheduled meetings against members of the Mid-American Conference. The Redbirds have already faced Kent State and dropped a 65-59 decision in the third-place game of the Chicago Invitational Challenge in Hoffman Estates, Ill. ISU has lost 27 of its last 31 games away from Redbird Arena, but owns a 22-9 advantage in the series against Eastern Michigan, including four-straight victories.

HELP A BROTHER OUT

The Illinois State Athletics Department will be accepting gift donations for the WJBC Brotherhood Tree prior to tonight's game against Illinois-Chicago. Gifts for the WJBC Brotherhood Tree should be wrapped and tagged with the age and gender of the intended recipient, as well as including the contents of the box. For each gift donated, one free ticket to the Redbirds' Jan. 8 home game against Northern Iowa will be given.

DYER'S DOUBLE TROUBLE

Leading Illinois State in scoring is nothing new for senior center Levi Dyer, but rebounding – that doesn't happen as much. However, against Chicago State, Dyer crashed the boards and posted the second double-digit rebounding game of his career. His 10 rebounds, paired with his team-best 16 points, also gave Dyer his second-career double-double.

SLACK DOUBLES OVER

Senior Anthony Slack has scored in double-figures every game this season, which is the longest double-digit scoring streak in his career (six games). Slack notched 14 points against Chicago State and is averaging 13.2 points per game on the season. As a Redbird, Slack has recorded 20 double-digit scoring efforts.

AN EFFICIENT COMBO

Senior guards Dom Johnson and Boo Richardson haven't given their opponents much room to capitalize on unforced errors this season. Johnson and Richardson have a combined 3.29 assist-to-turnover ratio this season. Richardson (4.40) and Johnson (2.67) rank among the league's leaders in assist-to-turnover ratio, as Johnson leads the Redbirds with 24 assists and Richardson has dished out 22.

SPEAKING OF PROTECTING THE BALL ...

Illinois State has committed 15 or fewer turnovers in each of its last four games, including a season-low 11 turnovers in its last outing against Chicago State. The Redbirds are only averaging 14.8 turnovers per game.

A CENTURY OF TREYS

For Levi Dyer, "a century of treys" lasts about 73 games. That's how long it took for the Redbird center to sink the 100th three-point field goal of his career. By reaching the milestone, Dyer became the 13th Redbird to achieve the feat. He now has 102 triples in his career, which ranks No. 13 in school history, and needs 11 more makes to surpass former Redbird Kyle Cartmill (112).

REDBIRDS IN THE GIFT-GIVING MOOD

Well, it is the season, and the Redbirds were feeling extra generous against Chicago State Tuesday night. Illinois State made 28 field goals in the 81-49 non-conference victory, and 22 came way by of an assist. As a result, 79 percent of the Redbird shots made were the result of an extra pass.

237 GAMES WITH A TREY ON THE BOARD, 237 GAMES \dots

Knock one down against Illinois-Chicago and Illinois State will extend its streak to 238-straight games with at least one made three-point field goal. The last time ISU failed to convert a three was in an 82-43 loss at Creighton Dec. 12, 1999.

OFFENSIVE ODIAKOSA

Sophomore forward Dinma Odiakosa is still a work in progress, but the signs of stardom are apparent. Odiakosa made another stride against Chicago State with a career-best 14 points on 5-for-7 shooting. He also pulled down seven rebounds and added a career-high three blocked shots.

SLACK ATTACK

Anthony Slack, the league leader in blocked shots, isn't cutting ISU's opponents any slack so far this season. Through six games, Slack has posted a team-best 17 blocked shots. He is on pace to finish the season with 85 swats, which would rank as the second-highest single-season total in school history.

VALLEY CENTRAL

2007-08 VALLEY PRESEASON POLL

1. Southern Illinois (39)	390
2. Bradley	311_
3. Missouri State	283
4. Creighton	266
5. Illinois State	235
6. Wichita State	210
7. UNI	197
8. Indiana State	110
9. Drake	80
10. Evansville	63

2007-08 VALLEY STANDINGS

	VALLEY			OVE	RALL
	W	L	PCT	W L	. PCT
Creighton	0	0	.000	3 (1.000
Northern Iowa	0	0	.000	5 1	.833
Missouri State	0	0	.000	4 1	.800
Drake	0	0	.000	3 1	.750
Southern Illinois	0	0	.000	3 1	.750
Bradley	0	0	.000	5 2	.714
Illinois State	0	0	.000	4 2	.667
Indiana State	0	0	.000	3 2	.600
Wichita State	0	0	.000	3 2	.600
Evansville	0	0	.000	1 3	.250
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RECENT VALLEY RESULTS

Wednesday, Nov. 28 Bradley 64, Loyola-Chicago 47

Tuesday, Nov. 27 Illinois State 81, Chicago State 49 UNI 61, Iowa State 48

UPCOMING VALLEY SCHEDULE

Thursday, Nov. 29 Wichita State at Appalachian State, 7:05 p.m. Savannah State at Creighton, 7:05 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 30 UNC Central at Drake, 7:35 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 1 Indiana State at Purdue, 2 p.m. Creighton at Drexel, 3:30 p.m. Evansville at Buffalo, 6 p.m. Southeast Missouri State at Bradley, 7:05 p.m. Illinois-Chicago at Illinois State, 7:05 p.m. Loyola-Chicago at UNI, 7:05 p.m. TBA vs. Drake, 7:35 p.m. Indiana at Southern Illinois, 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 3 Missouri State at Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 4 Illinois State at Eastern Michigan, 6 p.m. Indiana State at Miami-Ohio, 6:30 p.m. UMBC at Wichita State, 7:05 p.m. Michigan State at Bradley, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 5 Iowa State at Drake, 6 p.m. Creighton at Xavier, 7 p.m. UNC-Wilmington at Missouri State, 7:05 p.m. Princeton at Evansville, 7:05 p.m. lowa at UNI, 8 p.m.

100-in-7

Sophomore Osiris Eldridge needs just two points tonight to have 100 tallies for the season. It is rare to reach the 100-point plateau in less than seven games. The last Redbird to accomplish this feat was Tarise Bryson, who had 100 points after five games, to start the 2000-01 season.

HOME SWEET HOME

With a 4-0 start this season on Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena, Illinois State is adding to its winning record in its home facility. Since the building opened in 1989, the Redbirds own a 188-76 (.712) record at home, while boasting a 15-4 (.789) mark over the last two seasons.

O' NO!

That's the sentiment of opposing ball-handlers when being guarded by Illinois State's Osiris Eldridge. Through six games, Eldridge has already amassed 15 steals, or 2.5 per game. He is on pace to finish the year with 75 thefts, which would top the school record held by Todd Starks (1986-87) by 14 steals.

BOARDING CALL

Through six games, Anthony Slack is averaging a team-best 7.5 rebounds per game. If he can maintain his pace, Slack would become the first Redbird to average seven or more rebounds per game over a season since Baboucarr Bojang logged 7.6 boards per contest during the 2001-02 season. In addition to Bojang, only three others have averaged seven or more rebounds a game for the Redbirds over the last 20 years: Rico Hill (7.5 rpg. in 1997-98 and 8.2 rpg. in 1996-97), Reggie Wilson (7.0 rpg. in 1990-91) and Cliff Peterson (7.0 rpg. in 1987-88).

PICKIN' UP THE SLACK

Anthony Slack led the Redbirds last season in steals with 43, and he has already swiped seven this season. With 50 career steals. Slack became the 47th player in Illinois State history to post 50 or more steals in a career.

DISHIN' WITH BOO

Boo Richardson is coming off of his season-best effort for assists with seven against Chicago State. Through six games, Richardson has 22 assists and only five turnovers. Last season, after six games, Richardson had more assists (35), but also had an astounding 29 turnovers.

POINT N' SHOOT

It seems to be a recent trend in Redbird basketball - a higher field goal percentage equals wins. So far this season, the Redbirds have outshot their opponent in four games and all four resulted in ISU victories. The two games that the Redbirds had the lower field goal percentage ended up being defeats.

THIRTY SOMETHING

Against UNC-Wilmington (Nov. 18), sophomore guard Osiris Eldridge became the first Redbird to score 30 or more points in a game since current backcourt teammate Dom Johnson tossed in 32 points at Florida State last season. Before Johnson, the last Illinois State player to score 30 points was Trey Guidry, who scored 30 points at Creighton Jan. 22, 2005.

FULL-SERVICE SLACK

The accomplishments of Anthony Slack's start to his senior season have been well documented. But one area left untouched has been his accuracy from the field. Slack is shooting 71.1 percent from the field this season, converting 32 of his 45 field goal attempts. It's early, but the school record for single-season field goal percentage is 64.8 percent by Tony Holifield during the 1987-88 season.

DYER, ELDRIDGE NAB PRESEASON HONORABLE MENTION PLAUDITS

In the 2007-08 MVC Preseason Poll, senior center Levi Dyer (12.1 ppg) and sophomore guard Osiris Eldridge (9.5 ppg) were each named honorable mention All-Valley selections. The league appointed five preseason all-MVC players, and recognized five honorable mention players. Dyer was voted captain of the Valley's "Most Improved Team" last season, and Eldridge earned the league's Freshman of the Year honor.

JANKOVICH NOT ALONE

Tim Jankovich is part of a Missouri Valley Conference single-season upheaval that has five new head coaches, the most since five new MVC head coaches took over for the 1978-79 season. Jankovich is joined by first-year head coaches Keno Davis (Drake), Marty Simmons (Evansville) Kevin McKenna (Indiana State) and Gregg Marshall (Wichita State).

WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCES

Weekly press conferences, featuring head coach Tim Jankovich and player guests, will be held throughout the season, beginning at 1 p.m. Audio files from the event can also be downloaded on GoRedbirds.com.

Below is a weekly press conference schedule for the 2007-08

- · Thursday, Dec. 6
- Thursday, Dec. 13
- Tuesday, Dec. 18
- Thursday, Dec. 27 (tentative with Christmas holiday)
- · Wednesday, Jan. 2
- · Wednesday, Jan. 9
- Tuesday, Jan. 15
- Tuesday, Jan. 22
- · Monday, Jan. 28
- · Wednesday, Feb. 6
- Tuesday, Feb. 12
- Friday, Feb. 22
- Tuesday, Feb. 26
- · Tuesday, March 4

REDBIRDS ON THE RADIO

Redbird basketball games can be heard live on the Redbird Radio Network, flagshipped by WJBC-AM, 1230, Bloomington.

Dick Luedke (play-by-play), Mike Matthews (color commentary) and Bruce Evans (sideline) return to provide the broadcasts, and also host the "Tim Jankovich Show." which features player interviews and phone calls. The show is held at either Cheek's Bar and Grill in Bloomington (1206 Towanda Ave., Ste. 6) or the Pub II in Normal (102 N Linden St.).

Network affiliates include:

- WJBC (AM 1230, Bloomington)
- WJEZ (98.9 FM, Dwight)
- WFMB (AM 1450, Springfield)

Below is the "Tim Jankovich Show" schedule for the 2007-08 season.

- · Wednesday, Nov. 28 Cheek's
- Tuesday, Dec. 11 Pub II, 7 p.m.
- · Monday, Jan. 7 Pub II, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 14 Cheek's, 7 p.m. • Monday, Jan. 21 - Pub II, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 28 Cheek's, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 4 Pub II, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 11 Cheek's, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 18 Pub II, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 25 Cheek's, 7 p.m.
- Monday, March 3 Pub II, 7 p.m.

AT HOME, ISU IS A QUARTERHORSE

Through four home games, Illinois State has had its way with opponents during the 2007-08 season. The Redbirds are posting an average margin of victory of 25 points, while averaging 82.5 points per game. At home, ISU is shooting 49.2 percent and is holding opponents to 36.9 percent shooting.

WINGING IT

At all Illinois State home games this season, the basketball team has a promotion sponsored by Buffalo Wild Wings. If the Redbirds score 75 or more points in a game, all fans in attendance receive a coupon for six free wings to be redeemed the following day. To date, the Redbirds are 3-for-4 on the promotion, scoring 75 points or more in their last three home games.

THREE-BALLING

After six games, the Redbirds are anything but shy about shooting from beyond the arc. Illinois State has nearly doubled its opponents' three-point field goal attempts with 135 tries, compared to 81. The Redbirds are also averaging 9.2 made treys per game, which is exactly five more than their opponents.

A TRIO OF SCORERS

At this point, Illinois State has three players averaging double-digit points per game. Osiris Eldridge is pouring in 16.3 points per contest, Anthony Slack is averaging 13.2 points per game and Levi Dyer is tossing in 10.3 tallies per game. The last time Illinois State had three players averaging double-figures was during the 2002-03 season with Gregg Alexander (11.1 ppg.), Vince Greene (12.3 ppg.) and Trey Guidry (11.1 ppg.).

ODZIC ON DECK

USC transfer Sead Odzic will be ready to make his Illinois State debut Dec. 29. It just so happens that will be when Illinois State head coach Tim Jankovich will make his Missouri Valley Conference debut, as the Redbirds travel to Creighton. Odzic joined the team last season, but has been forced to sit out to meet NCAA resident requirements.

I GOT NEXT ...

Two Division I transfers joined the Redbird basketball program during the offseason, as 6-foot-5 Oregon guard Chamberlain Oquchi and 6-foot Austin Peay State guard Landon Shipley both transferred to ISU. Each will be forced to sit out the 2007-08 season, and begin their eligibility at Illinois State in the 2008-09 campaign. Both Oguchi and Shipley are currently practicing with the Redbirds.

ROBINSON, SMITH AND HILL SIGN

After verbally committing to Illinois State and first-year head coach Tim Jankovich over the summer, former Redbird guard and current Lincoln College star Bobby Hill, Decatur Eisenhower forward Jeremy Robinson and Chicago Simeon point guard Kenyon Smith made it official during the early signing period by signing their respective National Letters of Intent to continue their education and basketball careers at ISU. All three players will begin their eligibility in the 2008-09 campaign.

VANDELLO NAMED SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Junior Mike Vandello was the recipient of the Doug Collins Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year award at the State Farm Student-Athlete Academic Excellence banquet in Redbird Arena Oct. 21. Vandello was a member of the AFNI Honor Roll and the Dean's List both semesters last year with identical 4.0 grade-point averages (GPA). He appeared in 27 games during his sophomore season and recorded career-highs of eight points and eight rebounds against Sacramento State. The junior from Bettendorf, Iowa, has a 4.0 cumulative GPA in biological sciences.

THE NEW STAFF

Jankovich hired three assistant coaches that boast a combined 40 years of college coaching experience. He hired 18-year state of Illinois coaching veteran Rob Judson, who had spent the past six years as the head coach at Northern Illinois. Prior to his stint with the Huskies, Judson spent the previous 12 years as an assistant coach at Northern Illinois (1989-91), Bradley (1991-96) and his alma mater, Illinois (1996-2001). Anthony Beane, who was an assistant coach under former Redbird head coach Tom Richardson (2000-02) was also hired after a four-year stint at Saint Louis. Jankovich bolstered his Chicago recruiting ties with the hiring of Paris Parham, a well-respected high school coach in Chicago's Public League. Parham, who was ISU sophomore Osiris Eldridge's high school coach at Morgan Park, also boasts 10 years of college coaching experience.



CAREER GAMES/STARTS

No.	Player	GP	GS
5	Boo Richardson	37	37
32	Levi Dyer	72	27
10	Dom Johnson	36	32
4	Anthony Slack	37	19
0	Osiris Eldridge	39	18
31	Michael Vandello	60	9
42	Dinma Odiakosa	24	15
45	Brandon Holtz	52	7
22	Julius Moor	20	0
1	Emmanuel Holloway	6	1
3	Alex Rubin	5	0
41	Brandon Sampay	4	0

2007-08 VALEY STATS RANK (ISU)

HOME

AWAY

NEUTRAL

TOTAL

TEAM	STAT	RANK
Scoring Offense	73.0	4th
Scoring Defense	63.2	8th
Scoring Margin	+9.8	4th
Free Throw Pct.	.622	10th
Field Goal Pct.	.455	6th
Field Goal Pct. Def.	.423	7th
3-Pt. Field Goal Pct.	.398	2nd
3-Pt. FGs Pct. Def.	.344	5th
3-Pt. FGs Made	8.60	3rd
Offensive Rebounds	12.60	3rd
Defensive Rebounds	21.00	7th
Blocked Shots	4.40	t-2nd
Assists	17.60	2nd
Steals	9.20	4th
Turnover Margin	+4.20	4th
Assist/Turnover Ratio	1.13	2nd
SCORING	STAT	RANK
Osiris Eldridge, G	16.6	6th
Anthony Slack, F	13.0	13th
REBOUNDING	STAT	RANK
Anthony Slack, F	7.8	7th
Dinma Odiakosa, F	5.0	17th
FIELD GOAL PCT.	STAT	RANK
Anthony Slack, F	.675	1st
Osiris Eldridge, G	.526	12th
3-POINT FG PCT.	STAT	RANK
Brandon Holtz, G	.600	3rd
Osiris Eldridge, G	.444	t-11th
Levi Dyer, C	.423	t-14th
3-POINT FG MADE/GAME	STAT	RANK
Osiris Eldridge, G	2.40	4th
Levi Dyer, C	2.20	t-5th
Brandon Holtz, G	1.80	t-11th
ASSISTS	STAT	RANK
Dom Johnson, G	4.00	t-6th
Boo Richardson, G	3.00	t-13th
ASSIST/TURN. RATIO	STAT	RANK
Boo Richardson, G	3.75	2nd
Dom Johnson, G	2.86	3rd
Doin Johnson, G	2.00	Sid
STEALS	STAT	RANK
Osiris Eldridge, G	2.80	2nd
Emmanuel Holloway, G	1.80	t-11th
BLOCKS	STAT	RANK
Anthony Slack, F	3.00	1st
OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS	STAT	RANK
Anthony Slack, F	3.20	t-4th
Dinma Odiakosa, F	2.40	10th

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2007-08 ILLINOIS STATE STATISTICS - 4-2 OVERALL (0-0 MVC)

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05	Richardson,Boo	6	6	148	24.7	8	21	.381	2	8	.250	2 5	.400	5	9	14	2.3	9	0	22	5	0	5	20	3.3
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31	Vandello,Mike	5	0	45	9.0	4	12	.333	1	2	.500	5 8	.625	5	4	9	1.8	6	0	5	3	0	0	14	2.8
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SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	Total
Illinois State	194	252	446
Opponents	193	172	365
DEADBALL REBOUNDS:	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Illinois State	19	0	19
Opponents	22	0	22



2007-08 BENCH SCORING (ISU-OPP)

UMSL	27-6
SEMO	41-37
UNC-Wilmington	19-7
vs. #8 Indiana	27-17
vs. Kent State	20-22
Chicago State	39-8
Total	173-97

2007-08 SPECIALTY STATS (TEAM)

Largest Halftime Lead	18 (vs. Chicago State, 11-27-07)
Largest Halftime Deficit	10 (vs. #8 Indiana, 11-23-07)
ISU FG% at home	.492
ISU FT% at home	.658
ISU 3-Pt. % at home	.442
ISU FG% on road/neutral	.383
ISU FT% on road/neutral	.461
ISU 3-Pt. % on road/neutra	al .325
ISU point avg. at home	82.5
ISU point avg. on road/neu	utral 58.0
Largest deficit to overcome	e to win 10 (vs. UNC-W, 11-14-07)
	in loss 2 (vs. Kent St., 11-24-07)
	

THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

INDIVIDUAL	TEAM
A player scored 40 points ILLINOIS STTarise Bryson (41) at Central Michigan, 12-3-00 OpponentAnthony Roberts (48), Oral Roberts, 1-6-75	A team scored 100 points ILLINOIS STvs. Southern Illinois (105), 1-10-98 OpponentOklahoma (112), 12-28-90
A player scored 30 points ILLINOIS STOsiris Eldridge (30) vs. UNC-Wilmington, 11-18-07 OpponentEric Gordon (31), #8 Indiana, 11-23-07	A team made 35 field goals ILLINOIS STvs. Bellarmine (35-71), 12-2-03 OpponentUT-San Antonio (35-65), 12-17-00
A player grabbed 20 rebounds ILLINOIS STRon deVries (24) vs. Pacific, 1-19-74 OpponentAnthony Bonner (21), Saint Louis, 2-6-90	A team had 75 field goal attempts ILLINOIS STvs. Lewis (31-78), 12-2-92 OpponentAkron (27-80), 11-20-98
A player grabbed 15 rebounds ILLINOIS STBaboucarr Bojang (15) vs. UNI, 1-30-02 OpponentRandal Falker (17), Southern Illinois, 12-29-06	A team shot 50 percent from the field ILLINOIS STvs. UNC-Wilmington (.517, 31-60), 11-18-07 OpponentWichita State (.517, 31-60), 2-18-07
A player had a double-double ILLINOIS STLevi Dyer (16p, 10r) vs. Chicago State, 11-27-07 OpponentVladimir Kuljanin (14p, 11r), UNC-Wilmington, 11-18-07	A team made 10 3-point field goals ILLINOIS STvs. Chicago State (12-27), 11-27-07 OpponentSouthern Illinois (10-19), 1-27-07
A player made five 3-pointers ILLINOIS ST	A team had 25 3-point field goal attempts ILLINOIS STvs. Chicago State (12-27), 11-27-07 OpponentBradley (11-26), 1-24-07
A player made 10 free throws ILLINOIS STLorenzo Gordon (10-14) vs. St. John's, 12-4-04 OpponentViadimir Kulanin (11-14), UNC Wilmington, 11-18-07	A team shot 50 percent on 3-pointers ILLINOIS ST
A player had 15 free throw attempts ILLINOIS STTarise Bryson (12-15) at Purdue, 3-14-01 Opponentke Ofoegbu (12-17), SMU, 11-12-06	A team made 30 free throws ILLINOIS STvs. Florida A&M (38-48), 11-23-03 OpponentIndiana State (33-43), 12-22-05
A player had 10 assists ILLINOIS STBoo Richardson (11) vs. Lewis, 12-19-06 OpponentDaniel Ruffin (10), Bradley, 1-24-07	A team had 25 assists ILLINOIS STvs. UT-Arlington (25), 12-2-06 OpponentEvansville (26), 2-11-04
A player had five steals ILLINOIS ST	A team had 15 steals ILLINOIS STvs. UMSL (17), 11-11-07 OpponentSacramento State (15), 11-29-06
A player blocked five shots ILLINOIS STGreg Dilligard (6) at Missouri State, 2-6-07 OpponentRandal Falker (5), Southern Illinois, 1-27-07	A team had 10 blocked shots ILLINOIS STvs. Evansville (10), 1-17-79 OpponentNorthern Illinois (11), 11-26-03

ILLINOIS STATE'S 2007-08 RECORD WHEN ...

	2007-08	Under Jankovich
Overall	4-2.	4-2
Missouri Valley Conference	0-0.	0-0
Playing Nationally Ranked Teams	0-1.	0-1
Leading at the Half	2-0.	2-0
Trailing at the Half	2-2.	2-2
Tied at the Half	0-0.	0-0
Leading with 5:00 to Play	4-0.	4-0
Trailing with 5:00 to Play	0-2.	0-2
Tied with 5:00 to Play	0-0.	0-0
In Overtime	0-0.	0-0
ISU out-rebounds opponent	2-0.	2-0
Opponents out-rebound ISU	2-2.	2-2
ISU has 15 or fewer Turnovers		
ISU has fewer Turnovers than opponents	2-1.	2-1
ISU shoots 50 Percent or Better		
ISU shoots 40 Percent or Better	4-0.	4-0
Opponents shoot less than 40%	2-0.	2-0
Opponents shoot 40% or Better		
ISU shoots better than Opponent	4-0.	4-0
Opponent shoots better than ISU		
ISU has more FG Attempts	3-1.	3-1
Opponent has more FG Attempts		
ISU Shoots better than 35% on 3's		
ISU Attempts more 3's	3-2.	3-2
Opponents Attempt more 3's		
ISU has more FT Attempts		
Opponent has more FT Attempts		
ISU Scores 100 or More	0-0.	0-0
ISU Scores 90 or More		
ISU Scores 80 or More		
ISU Scores 70 or More		

	2007-08	Under Jankovich
ISU Scores 60 or More	3-0.	3-0
ISU Scores less than 60		
Opponent Scores 100 or More	0-0.	0-0
Opponent Scores 90 or More	0-0.	0-0
Opponent Scores 80 or More	0-0.	0-0
Opponent Scores 70 or More		
Opponent Scores 60 or More	2-1.	2-1
Opponent Scores less than 60	2-0.	2-0
In Games Decided by 5 or less	0-0.	0-0
In Games Decided by 6-10 Points	0-1.	0-1
In Games Decided by 11-20 Points		
In Games Decided by 21+ Points		
Day Games	1-0.	1-0
Night Games	3-2.	3-2
Home Court	4-0.	4-0
Away Games		
Neutral Games	0-2.	0-2
When ISU Scores First	3-1.	3-1
When ISU Wins Tip		
In November	4-2.	4-2
In December	0-0	0-0
In January	0-0	0-0
In February	0-0.	0-0
In March	0-0.	0-0
On Sunday	2-0.	2-0
On Monday	0-0.	0-0
On Tuesday	1-0.	1-0
On Wednesday	1-0.	1-0
On Thursday	0-0.	0-0
On Friday	0-1.	0-1
On Saturday	0-1.	0-1



2007-08 ILLINOIS STATE TEAM HIGHS & LOWS

		HIGHS		LOWS
POINTS	90	vs. SEMO (11-14-07)	57	vs. #8 Indiana (11-23-07)
FIELD GOALS MADE	32	vs. Southeast Missouri State (11-14-07)	20	vs. #8 Indiana (11-23-07)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	67	vs. Southeast Missouri State (11-14-07)	53	vs. Kent State (11-24-07)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	.517 (31-60)	vs. UNC-Wilmington (11-18-07)	.370 (20-54)	vs. #8 Indiana (11-23-07)
3 PT FIELD GOALS MADE	13	vs. Southeast Missouri State (11-14-07)	6	vs. #8 Indiana (11-23-07)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	32	vs. Southeast Missouri State (11-14-07)	16	vs. #8 Indiana (11-23-07)
3 PT FG PERCENTAGE	.556 (10-18)	vs. UNC-Wilmington (11-18-07)	.292 (7-24)	vs. Kent State (11-24-07)
FREE THROWS MADE	17	vs. UNC-Wilmington (11-18-07)	5	vs. UMSL (11-11-07)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	24	vs. #8 Indiana (11-23-07)	9	vs. UMSL (11-11-07)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	.739	vs. UNC-Wilmington (11-18-07)	.458 (11-24)	vs. #8 Indiana (11-23-07)
REBOUNDS	45	vs. Southeast Missouri State (11-14-07)	28	vs. UMSL (11-11-07)
ASSISTS	23	vs. Southeast Missouri State (11-14-07)	14	vs. #8 Indiana (11-23-07)
STEALS	17	vs. UMSL (11-11-07)	4	vs. UNC-Wilmington (11-18-07)
BLOCKED SHOTS	6	vs. Chicago State (11-27-07)	3	vs. UMSL (11-11-07)
TURNOVERS	20	vs. Southeast Missouri State (11-14-07)	11	vs. Chicago State (11-27-07)
FOULS	26	vs. #8 Indiana (11-23-07)	18	vs. Southeast Missouri State (11-14-07)

2007-08 OPPONENT TEAM HIGHS & LOWS

		HIGHS		LOWS
POINTS	73	UNC-Wilmington (11-18-07)	37	UMSL (11-11-07)
FIELD GOALS MADE	26	#8 Indiana (11-23-07)	12	UMSL (11-11-07)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	61	UNC-Wilmington (11-18-07)	30	UMSL (11-11-07)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	477 (21-44)	Kent State (11-24-07)	.291 (16-55)	Chicago State (11-27-07)
3 PT FIELD GOALS MADE	7	Southeast Missouri State (11-14-07) and UNC-Wilmington (11-18-07)	0	UMSL (11-11-07)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	24	UNC-Wilmington (11-18-07)	4	UMSL (11-11-07)
3 PT FG PERCENTAGE	.625 (5-8)	Kent State (11-24-07)	.000 (0-4)	UMSL (11-11-07)
FREE THROWS MADE	20	UNC-Wilmington (11-18-07)	13	UMSL (11-11-07)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	28	Kent State (11-24-07)	20	Southeast Missouri State (11-14-07)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	.833 (20-24)	UNC-Wilmington (11-18-07)	.619 (13-21)	UMSL (11-11-07)
REBOUNDS	48	#8 Indiana (11-23-07)	26	UMSL (11-11-07)
ASSISTS	15	UNC-Wilmington (11-18-07) and Kent State (11-24-07)	5	Chicago State (11-27-07)
STEALS	12	Southeast Missouri State (11-14-07)	6	three times
BLOCKED SHOTS	6	#8 Indiana (11-23-07)	0	Kent State (11-24-07)
TURNOVERS	34	UMSL (11-11-07)	13	UNC-Wilmington (11-18-07)
FOULS	22	#8 Indiana (11-23-07) and Chicago State (11-27-07)	12	UMSL (11-11-07)

2007-08 ILLINOIS STATE & OPPONENT PLAYER SUPERLATIVES

		ILLINOIS STATE		OPPONENT
POINTS	30	Osiris Eldridge vs. UNC-Wilmington (11-18-07)	31	Eric Gordon, Indiana (11-23-07)
FIELD GOALS MADE	10	Osiris Eldridge vs. SEMO (11-14-07)	11	Eric Gordon, Indiana (11-23-07)
		Osiris Eldridge vs. UNC-Wilmington (11-18-07)		
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	15	Osiris Eldridge vs. SEMO (11-14-07)	18	Eric Gordon, Indiana (11-23-07)
		Osiris Eldridge vs. UNC-Wilmington (11-18-07)		
FG PCT (min. 5 made)	1.000 (7-7)	Anthony Slack vs. SEMO (11-14-07)	.800 (8-10)	Will Bogan, SEMO (11-14-07)
3 PT FG MADE	5	three times	3	Daniel Fountain, UNC-Wilmington (11-18-07)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	7	three times	8	David Holston, Chicago State (11-27-07)
3-PT FG PCT (min. 3 made)	.833 (5-6)	Osiris Eldridge vs. UNC-Wilmington (11-18-07)	.500 (3-6)	Daniel Fountain, UNC-Wilmington (11-18-07)
	.833 (5-6)	Levi Dyer vs. #8 Indiana (11-23-07)		
FREE THROWS MADE	5	Osiris Eldridge vs. UNC-Wilmington (11-18-07)	11	T.J. Carter, UNC-Wilmington (11-18-07)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	9	Antony Slack vs. #8 Indiana (11-18-07)	14	T.J. Carter, UNC-Wilmington (11-18-07)
FT PCT (min. 6 att.)	.714 (5-7)	Osiris Eldridge vs. UNC-Wilmington (11-18-07)	1.000 (6-6)	Larricus Brown, UMSL (11-7-07)
REBOUNDS	13	Anthony Slack vs. SEMO (11-14-07)	15	Carl Montgomery, Chicago State (11-27-07)
ASSISTS	7	Boo Richardson vs. Chicago State (11-27-07)	4	four times
STEALS	6	Osiris Eldridge vs. SEMO (11-14-07)	4	three times
	6	Brandon Sampay vs. UMSL (11-11-07)		
BLOCKED SHOTS	4	Anthony Slack vs. UNC-Wilmington (11-18-07)	2	three times
	4	Anthony Slack vs. #8 Indiana (11-27-07)		



2007-08 SUPERLATIVES

STARTING LINEUPS - F, F, G, G, G (2):

- Slack, Odiakosa, Eldridge, Richardson, Johnson (3-2) W – UMSL, SEMO, UNC-Wilmington L - vs. #8 Indiana, vs. Kent State
- Slack, Odiakosa, Holloway, Richardson, Johnson (1-0) W - Chicago State

FIRST POINTS:

Slack 2, Odiakosa 2, Eldridge 1, Holloway 1

DOUBLE-DIGIT SCORERS (18):

Slack 6, Eldridge 4, Dyer 3, Johnson 2, Holloway 1, Holtz 1, Odiakosa 1

DOUBLE-DIGIT REBOUNDING (2):

Slack 1, Dyer 1

LEADING SCORER:

Eldridge 3, Dyer 2, Slack 1

LEADING REBOUNDER:

Slack 3, Eldridge 1, Odiakosa 1, Dyer 1

DOUBLE-DOUBLES (2):

Slack 1, Dyer 1

DUNKS (18):

Slack 10, Eldridge 6, Odiakosa 2

FIRST SUBSTITUTION:

Dyer 5, Eldridge 1

CHARGES DRAWN (1):

Rubin 1

MOST MINUTES:

37, Johnson vs. UNC-Wilmington, 11-18-07

34, Eldridge vs. SEMO, 11-14-07

INDIVIDUAL GAME-BY-GAME (POINTS-REBOUNDS-ASSISTS)

Opponent UMSL SEMO UNC-Wilmington #8 Indiana Kent State Chicago State	Dyer	Eldridge	Holloway	Holtz	Johnson	Moor	Odiakosa
	4-2-3	8-2-2	6-2-1	6-3-2	11-0-3	0-0-0	9-5-2
	8-2-2	27-7-2	10-2-2	15-2-2	1-6-5	DNP	6-4-0
	12-3-1	30-7-0	0-3-2	3-2-1	17-3-6	DNP	4-5-0
	18-2-1	7-3-5	3-1-2	5-4-0	2-2-3	DNP	8-8-0
	4-5-0	11-1-2	8-0-1	3-1-3	7-2-3	DNP	2-3-1
	16-10-1	15-4-3	3-0-3	5-3-1	9-0-4	0-0-0	12-7-2
Opponent UMSL SEMO UNC-Wilmington #8 Indiana Kent State Chicago State	Richardson 3-2-2 0-1-6 4-2-3 0-3-0 9-3-3 4-3-7	Rubin 6-1-2 0-0-0 DNP 0-0-1 0-0-0 3-0-1	Sampay 5-2-0 2-3-0 DNP DNP 3-1-3 0-1-0	Slack 2-7-2 15-13-1 15-5-2 13-5-1 10-9-1 14-6-0	Vandello 0-1-1 6-5-3 4-1-0 1-0-1 3-1-0 DNP	Odzic DNP DNP DNP DNP DNP DNP DNP	



2007	2007-08 GAME-BY-GAME														
UMSL Illinois State	Final 37 70	FG 12-30 29-58	FG% 40.0 50.0	3FG 0-4 7-18	3FG% .000 38.9	FT 13-21 5-9	FT% 61.9 55.6	O-D-T Reb. 6-20-26 10-18-28	Fouls 12 23	Assists 7 21	Turnovers 34 16	Blocks 2 3	Steals 6 17	Halftime 14 23	
SEMO	71	25-60	41.7	7-19	36.8	14-20	70.0	10-20-30	30	13	19	3	12	46	
Illinois State	90	32-67	47.8	13-32	40.6	13-18	72.2	17-28-45	22	23	20	4	13	44	
UNC-Wilmington	73	23-61	37.7	7-24	29.2	20-24	83.3	14-22-36	20	10	13	5	7	41	
Illinois State	89	31-60	51.7	10-18	55.6	17-23	73.9	9-24-33	18	15	12	5	4	36	
Illinois State	57	20-54	37.0	6-16	37.5	11-24	45.8	13-20-33	26	14	15	5	5	28	
#8 Indiana	70	26-58	44.8	3-9	33.3	15-24	62.5	18-30-48	22	14	16	6	6	38	
Illinois State	59	21-53	39.6	7-24	29.2	10-16	62.5	14-15-29	22	15	15	5	7	24	
Kent State	65	21-44	47.7	5-8	62.5	18-28	64.3	12-22-34	20	15	17	0	10	33	
Chicago State	49	16-55	29.1	3-17	17.6	14-21	66.7	12-29-41	22	5	19	3	6	21	
Illinois State	81	28-59	47.5	12-27	44.4	13-23	56.5	9-30-39	21	22	11	6	7	39	





Five-consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances, two trips to the Elite Eight and a coaching pedigree that is unmatched. That is first-year Redbird head men's basketball Tim Jankovich, who became the 18th head coach at Illinois State University March 20, 2007. Considered one of the most sought after assistant coaches in the country, Jankovich has helped produce great success in his 24 years as a Division I coach under some of the brightest minds in NCAA basketball history.

The Gary, Ind., native spent the past five years under current Kansas head coach Bill Self. Jankovich was an assistant coach under Self for one season at Illinois, before spending the last four campaigns as his top assistant at Kansas. In all, Jankovich has helped coach teams that have advanced to the postseason in seven of the last eight

In Jankovich's four years at Kansas, the Jayhawks compiled a combined 105-29 (.784) record and advanced to the NCAA Tournament in all four campaigns. This past season (2006-07), Kansas went 33-5, and advanced to the Elite Eight for the second time in four years. The Jayhawks finished the season ranked No. 2 in both the final Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today Top-25 Coaches' polls.

The Jayhawks entered the 2005-06 season with a young and inexperienced squad. But Kansas tied Texas for the league title with a 13-3 conference record, and captured the Big 12 Tournament championship for the second-consecutive season. The Jayhawks went 22-4 in their final 26 games, including winning 12 of their final 13 Big 12 regular-season contests. Kansas led the nation in field goal percentage defense in 2005-06, holding its opponents to just a 37 percent clip from the field.

Kansas finished the 2004-05 campaign tied for first place in the Big 12 with a 12-4 conference record, en route to a 23-7 overall mark. The Jayhawks started the season 14-0, and weren't defeated by a conference foe until Feb. 14, 2005, when they dropped a one-point decision at Texas Tech. Kansas finished the season ranked No. 12 in the AP poll, and 15th in the coaches' poll.

In Jankovich's first year under Self at Kansas (2003-04), the Jayhawks went 24-9, and advanced to the NCAA Tournament Elite Eight, before narrowly missing a Final Four berth following an overtime loss to Georgia Tech. Kansas finished the season ranked ninth in the coaches'

Overall, the Jayhawks never finished a season ranked lower than No. 16 nationally during Jankovich's tenure.

In Jankovich's one year at Illinois (2002-03), the Illini finished 25-7, won the Big Ten Tournament championship and advanced to the NCAA Tournament's second round. Illinois finished the season ranked No. 11 in the final AP

poll. In the past five years alone, Jankovich has coached in 12 NCAA Tournament games.

Over the past 24 years, Jankovich has played a key role in recruiting and player development. He was also responsible for attracting and coaching some of the most accomplished recruiting classes in college basketball. Jankovich has coached 18 current or former NBA players during his tenure

In addition to working under Self, Jankovich has served as an assistant coach for the likes of Eddie Sutton, Jack Hartman, Lon Kruger,

Boyd Grant, Gene Iba, Bob Weltlich and former Illinois State head coach Kevin Stallings. Other than Kansas and Illinois, his list of employers includes Vanderbilt, Texas, Oklahoma State and Colorado State. In addition, Jankovich served as a head coach for four years at the University of North Texas and two seasons at Hutchinson Community College.

In his first season as a head coach at UNT, Jankovich took over a squad that had posted a 5-22 mark and tallied the second-biggest turnaround in the nation that year. advancing his team just one win away from an automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament. In his first three seasons, Jankovich recorded the second-best record in school history and took his team to the Southland Conference Tournament championship two times. In his fourth season, the Eagles moved to the Big West Conference.

Jankovich also guided Hutchinson Community College, home of the National Junior College Athletic Association National Tournament, to back-to-back 20-win campaigns, posting a 50-14 record and national rankings both seasons

At Vanderbilt, he played a key role in turning around a struggling program and helped lead the Commodores to two postseason appearances in three years. The core of Jankovich's recruited players at Vandy later advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 in 2004.

In his short time at Illinois State, Jankovich has already made huge strides in emphasizing the importance of recruiting within the state of Illinois and in the Chicago metropolitan area. His staff includes Anthony Beane, who was an assistant at Illinois State from 2000-02, and was part of the Redbirds' last postseason appearance; former Northern Illinois head coach Rob Judson, an 18-year state of Illinois coaching veteran, and Paris Parham, a wellrespected high school coach in Chicago's Public League.

One of the winningest players in Kansas State history, Jankovich was a four-year starter at point guard (one year at Washington State and three years for legendary coach Jack Hartman at K-State). In each of his three seasons, the Wildcats were ranked in the top-20 and posted threestraight NCAA Tournament appearances. A 1981 Elite Eight appearance and a 1982 Sweet 16 berth highlighted his playing career. Jankovich played in a total of nine NCAA Tournament games in college.

A three-time academic all-american and honorable mention All-Big Eight player, Jankovich left Kansas State with nine top-10 season and career marks, including ranking first in free throw percentage (.917) and eighth in career field goal percentage (.510). In addition, he holds the Big Eight Tournament record for single-game assists (14).

Jankovich graduated cum laude in 1982 with a 3.63 grade-point-average and received his master's degree in radio/television from Kansas State in 1985. He and his wife, Cindy, have a son, Michael, 8. The family resides in Bloomington.

THE JANKOVICH JOURNEY

2007-present Illinois State Head Coach 2003-07Kansas Assistant Coach * NCAA Tournament all four years; Elite Eight berths in 2007 and 2004; three Big 12 championships 2002-03Illinois Assistant Coach * Big Ten Tournament Champions; NCAA Tournament second round 1999-2002 Vanderbilt Associate Head Coach * Two postseason apperances in three seasons 1997-99 Hutchinson CC Head Coach 1993-97 North Texas Head Coach * Reached Southland Conference Tournament championship game in 1994 and 1996 1992-93Oklahoma State Assistant Coach * NCAA Tournament Second Round 1991-92 Baylor Assistant Coach 1987-91 Colorado State Associate Head Coach * NIT seminfinalist in 1988: NCAA Tournament second round in 1989: NCAA Tournament first round in 1990; back-to-back Western Athletic Conference (WAC) championships in 1988-89 and 1986-87 Texas Assistant Coach 1984-86 Kansas State Assistant Coach 1983-84UT-Pan American; Graduate Assistant PLAVING HISTORYKansas State * NCAA Tournament Elite Eight in 1981; 1982 NCAA **Tournament Sweet 16**

EDUCATION

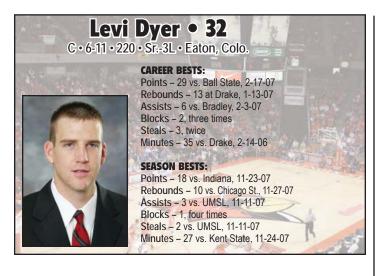
Kansas State University (bachelor's degree in business finance, 1982)

1977-78 Washington State

Kansas State University (master's degree in radio/television, 1985)

FAMILY

Wife: Cindy Son: Michael (8)



Notched the second double-double of his career. Poured in a team-high 16 points, including a 3-for-5 effort on treys, and grabbed a season-best 10 rebounds.

2006-07/JUNIOR AT ILLINOIS STATE:

An honorable mention All-Missouri Valley Conference selection • Played in 31 games, tallying 19 starting assignments • After being inserted into the starting lineup Dec. 23 at UIC, averaged 16 points-per-game • Recorded 19 double-digit scoring efforts, including six outings with 20 or more points • Had his first-career double-double with 14 points and 13 rebounds rebounds at Drake (Jan. 13) • Ranked second in the Valley in three-point field goal percentage (.480) • Named the MVC Player of the Week Jan. 22, 2007, after finishing the week shooting 16-for-24 (.667) from the field and 9-for-11 (.818) on threes against Missouri State and Wichita State, respectively • Hit four or more three-pointers in eight individual games, including four-straight contests between Feb. 6 and Feb. 17 • Went a perfect 4-for-4 from beyond the three-point arc in ISU's 70-57 ESPN BracketBusters win over Ball State, en route to a career-high 29 points • 2006 Milt Weisbecker Endowed Scholarship recipient.

2007-08 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS:

<u>Opponent</u>	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-D-T	PF	ΤP	Α	TO	BLK	S	MIN
UMSL	1-6	1-3	1-2	2-0-2	3	4	3	2	1	2	22
SEMO	2-9	2-7	2-2	1-1-2	4	8	2	3	0	1	19
UNC-Wilmington	3-10	3-6	3-4	0-3-3	3	12	1	3	0	1	25
vs. #8 Indiana	6-11	5-6	1-2	1-1-2	3	18	1	1	1	0	25
vs. Kent State	2-6	0-4	0-0	1-4-5	3	4	0	2	1	0	27
Chicago State	5-11	3-5	3-4	2-8-10	2	16	1	1	1	0	24

^{*} Missouri Valley Conference game



AGAINST CHICAGO STATE:

Came off the bench to score 15 points, on 5-for-12 shooting, and added four boards and three assists.

2006-07/FRESHMAN AT ILLINOIS STATE:

The 2007 Missouri Valley Conference Freshman of the Year • Averaged 9.5 points and 4.5 rebounds-per-game • Tallied 12 double-digit scoring outings, including three in the last four games of the season • Was named Valley Newcomer of the Week Feb. 26 • His careerhigh 28 points at Creighton (Jan. 1) tied the third-highest single-game total by a freshman in Illinois State history • He also tied the school record with eight made three-pointers in the game at Creighton • In his hometown, tossed in 19 points at Illinois-Chicago (Dec. 23, 2006) • Began his college career by shooting 1-for-22 from the floor in his first four games.

<u>Opponent</u>	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-D-T	PF	ΤP	Α	TO	BLK	S	MIN
UMSL•	3-6	2-5	0-0	0-2-2	3	8	2	2	0	3	20
SEMO•	10-15	3-6	4-5	4-3-7	2	27	2	1	0	6	34
UNC-Wilmington•	10-15	5-6	5-7	0-7-7	2	30	0	3	0	1	33
vs. #8 Indiana•	3-10	0-5	1-3	0-3-3	1	7	5	1	0	3	31
vs. Kent State•	4-11	2-5	1-3	0-1-1	3	11	2	2	0	1	31
Chicago State	5-12	3-7	2-3	1-3-4	0	15	3	1	0	1	27

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^{*} Missouri Valley Conference game



Earned his first-career start and finished with three points on 1-for-5 shooting.

AT IOWA WESTERN COLLEGE:

Averaged a team-best 15.2 points-per-game to go along with 3.7 rebounds-per-game • His 75 steals also led the team • Made 39 percent of his three-point field goal shots, and 74 percent of his free throw attempts last season • Was also recruited by Houston, Arkansas, Colorado State and Miami (Fla).

2007-08 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS:

<u>Opponent</u>	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	<i>O-D-T</i>	<u>PF</u>	<u>TP</u>	<u> </u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>BLK</u>	<u> </u>	MIN
UMSL	3-7	0-2	0-0	0-2-2	4	6	1	1	0	1	14
SEMO	3-8	2-4	2-2	1-1-2	0	10	2	0	0	3	15
UNC-Wilmington	0-4	0-1	0-0	2-1-3	2	0	2	0	0	1	16
vs. #8 Indiana	1-7	1-1	0-0	1-0-1	4	3	2	2	0	2	17
vs. Kent State	3-6	1-3	1-2	0-0-0	0	8	1	0	0	2	16
Chicago State•	1-5	1-2	0-1	0-0-0	3	3	3	2	0	0	13

Games started



AGAINST CHICAGO STATE:

Tossed in five points, but was 1-for-5 on three-point tries.

2006-07/SOPHOMORE AT ILLINOIS STATE:

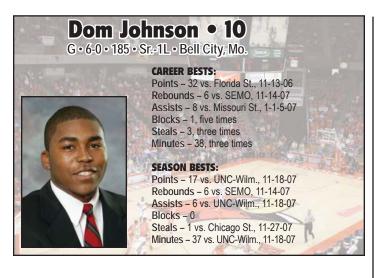
Appeared in 20 games • Scored a season-high 10 points in ISU's 86-69 win over Sacramento State (Nov. 29, 2006) • Scored nine points, all from treys, against Cal State-Northridge (Nov. 20, 2006) • Chipped in six points in the Redbirds' 65-61 win over Evansville (Jan. 30, 2007).

2007-08 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS:

<u>Opponent</u>	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-D-T	PF	ΤP	Α	TO	BLK	S	MIN
UMSL	2-2	2-2	0-0	0-3-3	2	6	2	0	0	0	18
SEMO	5-8	5-7	0-0	1-1-2	1	15	2	0	0	1	23
UNC-Wilmington	1-2	1-2	0-0	1-1-2	2	3	1	0	1	0	14
vs. #8 Indiana	1-2	0-0	3-4	0-4-4	2	5	0	1	0	0	20
vs. Kent State	1-4	1-4	0-0	1-0-1	1	3	3	2	0	0	11
Chicago State	1-5	1-5	2-2	1-2-3	1	5	1	1	0	0	14

* Missouri Valley Conference game

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Fired in nine points, all from three-point range, and dished out four assists in 23 minutes of play.

2006-07/JUNIOR AT ILLINOIS STATE:

Played in 30 games, and started 26 • In just his second-career game as a Redbird, poured in 32 points, including seven three-point field goals, in ISU's loss at Florida State • He was named the MVC Newcomer of the Week for his performance against the Seminoles, and received Colonial Classic All-Tournament honors • Recorded 11 double-digit scoring outings • Had eight points and a career-high eight assists against Missouri State (Jan. 15).

2007-08 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS:

<u>Opponent</u>	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-D-T	PF	ΤP	Α	TO	BLK	S	MIN
UMSL•	5-8	0-3	1-1	0-0-0	1	11	3	1	0	0	24
SEMO•	0-5	0-5	1-2	1-5-6	1	1	5	0	0	0	28
UNC-Wilmington•	6-9	1-2	4-4	0-3-3	2	17	6	2	0	0	37
vs. #8 Indiana•	1-4	0-2	0-0	1-1-2	5	2	3	3	0	0	22
vs. Kent State•	2-6	1-4	2-2	1-1-2	3	7	3	1	0	0	33
Chicago State•	3-4	3-4	0-0	0-0-0	2	9	4	2	0	1	23

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AGAINST CHICAGO STATE:

Played in the final two minutes, but did not record a statistic.

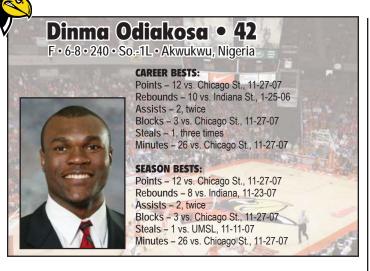
2006-07/JUNIOR AT ILLINOIS STATE:

Appeared in 19 games • Tossed in his first-career field goal and finished with a careerhigh five points at Bradley (Jan. 24) • Scored his first-career point with a made free throw against Cal State-Northridge • Played in the final six games of the season, averaging 4.3 minutes-per-contest during the stretch.

<u>Opponent</u>	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-D-T	PF	ΤP	Α	TO	BLK	S	MIN	
UMSL	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
SEMO	Did not play – coach's decision											
UNC-Wilmington		Did not play – coach's decision										
vs. #8 Indiana	Did not play – coach's decision											
vs. Kent State	Did not play – coach's decision											
Chicago State	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	

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Posted career-highs in points (12), blocked shots (3) and minutes played (26). Also chipped in seven rebounds and two assists.

2005-06/FRESHMAN AT ILLINOIS STATE:

Played in 18 games with nine starting nods • After starting seven straight games, only logged four total minutes in the final seven contests • Posted a career game against Indiana State Jan. 25, 2006, with six points and 10 rebounds.

2007-08 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS:

<u>Opponent</u>	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-D-T	PF	ΤP	Α	TO	BLK	S	MIN
UMSL•	4-5	0-0	1-2	2-3-5	2	9	2	2	1	1	18
SEMO•	3-5	0-0	0-0	0-4-4	4	6	0	4	1	0	16
UNC-Wilmington•	1-2	0-0	2-4	2-3-5	2	4	0	2	0	0	15
vs. #8 Indiana•	3-5	0-0	2-4	6-2-8	3	8	0	5	0	0	21
vs. Kent State•	1-4	0-0	0-1	2-1-3	0	2	1	1	0	0	15
Chicago State•	5-7	0-0	2-5	2-5-7	4	12	2	0	3	0	26

[·] Games started



AGAINST CHICAGO STATE:

Did not play; will be eligible in December after completing his NCAA transfer residency

2005-06/FRESHMAN AT USC:

Appeared in all 30 games for the Trojans as a freshman, making five starts • Averaged 3.2 points and 1.2 rebounds-per-game • Finished fourth on the team with 22 three-pointers made • Committed just 11 turnovers in 462 minutes played • Hit two-of-three three-pointers in a 66-65 win at Arizona State Jan. 5, 2006 • Made his first start and had three points, two rebounds, two assists, one steal and no turnovers in a 72-70 overtime win at Oregon State Jan. 26, 2006 • Had a career high in points (9), three-pointers made (3) and assists (4) Feb. 4, 2006, versus Arizona State • Won the Tom Kimmel Award, which honors the team's sixth man, at the USC basketball team's award dinner.

^{*} Missouri Valley Conference game



Logged a season-high tying 33 minutes, while dishing out a season-best seven assists. Also chipped in four points and three rebounds.

2006-07/JUNIOR AT ILLINOIS STATE:

A member of the MVC All-Newcomer Team • Played in and started all 31 games • Averaged a team-high 33.4 minutes-per-contest • Had eight or more assists in five individual games • Named the MVC Newcomer of the Week three times (Nov. 27, 2006, Dec. 27, 2006, and Jan. 22, 2007) • Scored in double figures in five of the first six games of the season • Had a career-high 24 points, including six three-point field goals, at Drake Jan. 13 • Notched his first-career double-double with 20 points and 11 assists against Lewis (Dec. 19, 2006) • Recorded 14 double-digit scoring efforts • Collected a game-high 12 rebounds against SMU (Nov. 12, 2006).

2007-08 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS:

<u>Opponent</u>	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-D-T	PF	ΤP	Α	TO	BLK	S	MIN
UMSL•	1-2	0-0	1-2	2-0-2	0	3	3	1	0	1	23
SEMO•	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1-1	3	0	6	1	0	1	21
UNC-Wilmington•	2-5	0-1	0-0	0-2-2	1	4	3	0	0	1	33
vs. #8 Indiana•	0-3	0-1	0-0	1-2-3	2	0	0	2	0	0	25
vs. Kent State•	3-6	2-4	1-2	2-1-3	2	9	3	0	0	2	27
Chicago State•	2-4	0-1	0-1	0-3-3	1	4	7	1	0	0	33

[·] Games started

Alex Rubin • 3 G • 6-3 • 185 • Fr.-HS • Plymouth, Minn.



CAREER BESTS: Points – 6 vs. UMSL, 11-11-07 Rebounds - 1 vs. UMSL. 11-11-07

Assists - 2 vs. UMSL, 11-11-07 Blocks - 0 Steals - 1, three times Minutes - 19 vs. UMSL, 11-11-07

SEASON BESTS:

Points - 6 vs. UMSL, 11-11-07 Rebounds - 1 vs. UMSL, 11-11-07 Assists - 2 vs. UMSL, 11-11-07

Blocks - 0

Steals – 1, three times Minutes - 19 vs. UMSL, 11-11-07

AGAINST CHICAGO STATE:

Saw nine minutes of action and finished with three points, an assist and a steal.

AT ARMSTRONG HIGH SCHOOL:

Led the Falcons to a 19-10 overall record, sectional championship and second-place finish in the state in his senior season • Averaged 20 points, five assists and four rebounds-pergame • Was a finalist for Minnesota's Mr. Basketball in 2007 • A two-time all-Classic Lake Conference selection • Averaged 14.5 points and 4.8 assists per game as a junior • In 2006, was named to the all-metro defensive second team and was an honorable mention all-state selection • Was an all-conference selection as a sophomore • Played AAU basketball for the Minnesota Magic Elite.

<u>Opponent</u>	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-D-T	PF	TP	Α	TO	BLK	S	MIN
UMSL	2-5	2-3	0-0	1-0-1	2	6	2	3	0	1	19
SEMO	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
UNC-Wilmington		Did r	ot play	– coach's	decisi	on					
vs. #8 Indiana	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	2	0	1	0	0	0	4
vs. Kent State	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Chicago State	1-3	1-3	0-2	0-0-0	1	3	1	1	0	1	9
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^{*} Missouri Valley Conference game

Brandon Sampay • 41 F • 6-8 • 255 • Jr.-TR • Inglewood, Calif.

Points - 5 vs. UMSL, 11-11-07 Rebounds - 3 vs. SEMO, 11-14-07 Assists - 1 vs. Kent State, 11-24-07 Blocks - 1 vs. Kent State, 11-24-07 Steals - 6 vs. UMSL, 11-11-07 Minutes - 16 vs. UMSL, 11-11-07

SEASON BESTS:

Points - 5 vs. UMSL, 11-11-07 Rebounds - 3 vs. SEMO, 11-14-07 Assists - 1 vs. Kent State, 11-24-07 Blocks - 1 vs. Kent State, 11-24-07 Steals - 6 vs. UMSL, 11-11-07 Minutes - 16 vs. UMSL, 11-11-07

AGAINST CHICAGO STATE:

Played six minutes and was whistled for three fouls, while shooting 0-for-3 from the floor.

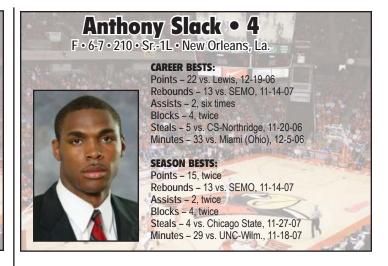
AT HOWARD COLLEGE:

Averaged 3.6 points, 6.4 rebounds and 1.6 steals per game, while shooting 60.3 percent from the field and 70.8 percent at the free throw line • Ranked in the top-10 in scoring and top-20 in steals for the Western Junior College Athletic Conference • Named to the all-Western Junior College Athletic Conference team the past two seasons • Ranked as high as 15th among Division I Junior College recruits • Made visits to Connecticut and Cal State-Fullerton before signing with Illinois State.

2007-08 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS:

<u>Opponent</u>	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-D-T	PF	TP	Α	TO	BLK	S	MIN	
UMSL	2-7	0-0	1-1	1-1-2	3	5	0	2	0	6	16	
SEMO	1-5	0-0	0-0	1-2-3	2	2	0	5	0	0	9	
UNC-Wilmington		Did r	not play	– persona	l reaso	ons						
vs. #8 Indiana	Did not play – personal reasons Did not play – coach's decision											
vs. Kent State	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	2	2	1	0	1	1	9	
Chicago State	0-3	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	
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* Missouri Valley Conference game



AGAINST CHICAGO STATE:

Tossed in 14 points, on 5-for-5 shooting, and added six rebounds, four steals and two blocked shots in 23 minutes of play.

2006-07/JUNIOR AT ILLINOIS STATE:

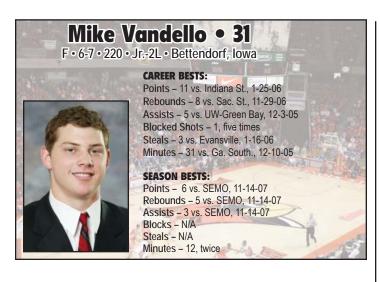
A Missouri Valley Conference All-Newcomer Team selection • Played in all 31 games, collecting 13 starting assignments • Scored in double figures 14 times on the season • Named the Valley Newcomer of the Week Jan. 22 and Feb. 17 • Tossed in a career-best 22 points against Lewis (Dec. 19, 2006) in just 17 minutes of action • Collected two doubledoubles in six days, pouring in 21 points to go along with 10 rebounds against Sacramento State, and contributing 15 points and 10 caroms against 2007 NCAA Tournament participant Miami (Ohio) • Collected a game- and career-high 12 rebounds against SMU (Nov. 12).

<u>Opponent</u>	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-D-T	PF	ΤP	Α	TO	BLK	S	MIN
UMSL•	6-9	0-0	0-1	1-6-7	3	12	2	1	1	2	19
SEMO•	7-7	0-0	1-3	5-8-13	3	15	1	5	3	0	20
UNC-Wilmington•	6-8	0-0	3-4	2-3-5	3	15	2	2	4	0	29
vs. #8 Indiana•	5-10	0-0	3-9	2-3-5	4	13	1	0	4	0	28
vs. Kent State•	3-6	0-0	4-4	6-3-9	5	10	1	6	3	1	20
Chicago State•	5-5	0-0	4-5	3-3-6	4	14	0	2	2	4	23

[·] Games started

^{*} Missouri Valley Conference game





Did not play due to a sore right knee.

2006-07/SOPHOMORE AT ILLINOIS STATE:

Appeared in 27 games • Had a season-high eight points on 4-of-7 shooting against Sacramento State • Also pulled down a season-best eight rebounds in the game • Got on the scoreboard in 12 contests.

<u>Opponent</u>	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-D-T	PF	ΤP	Α	TO	BLK	S	MIN
UMSL	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	0	0	1	1	0	0	5
SEMO	1-3	1-1	3-4	3-2-5	2	6	3	1	0	0	12
UNC-Wilmington	2-5	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	1	4	0	0	0	0	12
vs. #8 Indiana	0-2	0-1	1-2	0-0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	7
vs. Kent State	1-2	0-0	1-2	0-2-2	3	3	0	1	0	0	9
Chicago State		Did not play – Due to Injury									

^{*} Missouri Valley Conference game



exhibition 1

ISU BEATS QUINCY, 82-61, IN JANKOVICH DEBUT

NORMAL, III. - Senior forward Levi Dyer scored a game-high 19 points to lead Illinois State past Quincy, 82-61, in exhibition basketball action on Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena. Dyer scored 16 points over a 14-minute stretch that spanned the first and second halves and also pulled down eight rebounds. The game was the exhibition debut for head coach Tim Jankovich and

Sophomore guard Osiris Eldridge recorded a double-double with 17 points, including 11 in the second half, and a team-best 10 rebounds, as well as handing out six assists. Senior guard Boo Richardson and junior forward Brandon Sampay were the other Birds in double-figures, with 10 and 11 points, respectively.

Illinois State turned defense into offense by scoring 33 points off of 21 Quincy turnovers and outscored the Hawks' bench, 46-11. The Redbirds struggled from beyond the arc, missing their first eight three-point attempts and shooting 8-for-25 in the game.

QUOTABLE: "In our man offense, he (Jankovich) wants the high and low post every time. That's going to stretch the floor and is going to create one-on-one opportunities down low in the post."

- Senior center Levi Dyer

ILLINOIS STATE 82, Quincy 61 Nov. 11, 2007 • Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena

Quincy	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	TP
Chapital, f	15	1-2	0-1	4-4	1-4	1	5	6
Wilson, f	28	4-11	0-1	2-7	3-9	1	4	10
Muse, g	33	5-12	3-6	4-4	0-5	2	3	17
Jackson, g	32	5-11	1-1	1-3	3-4	5	2	12
Murkey	26	1-7	1-4	2-2	0-5	4	4	5
Starnes	10	1-2	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	3
Repay	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Edmonds	18	1-4	0-2	2-2	0-4	0	1	4
Stoneburner	25	2-5	0-0	0-4	0-4	0	2	4
Kueker	11	0-3	0-2	0-0	0-2	0	2	0
Totals	200	20-57	6-17	15-26	9-39	13	23	61

Team Pct.: FG - .351; FT - .577

Blocks: 8 (Chapital 1, Wilson 5, Edmonds 1, Stoneburner 1) Turnovers: 21 (Chapital 2, Wilson 2, Muse 5, Jackson 4, Murkey 3, Stoneburner 3, Kueker 2)

Steals: 6 (Chapital 1, Jackson 2, Murkey 1, Stoneburner 2)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	TP
Slack, f	8	1-1	0-0	2-4	2-4	0	5	4
Odiakosa, f	16	1-4	0-0	1-2	2-6	0	4	3
Eldridge, g	30	6-11	3-5	2-3	2-10	6	4	17
Richardson, g	21	4-7	0-1	2-2	0-2	3	1	10
Johnson, g	29	1-4	0-3	0-0	0-0	4	3	2
Holloway	14	2-9	0-5	0-0	1-1	2	2	4
Rubin	15	1-6	1-4	0-0	0-2	1	1	3
Vandello	13	0-1	0-0	3-4	0-3	1	3	3
Dyer	28	8-15	2-5	1-3	4-8	1	2	19
Sampay	16	5-8	0-0	1-4	1-8	2	1	11
Holtz	10	2-2	2-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	6
Totals	200	31-68	8-25	12-22	14-49	22	27	82

Team Pct.: FG - .456; FT - .545

Blocks: 4 (Slack 1, Johnson 1, Dyer 1, Sampay 1) Turnovers: 15 (Slack 2, Odiakosa 1, Eldridge 2, Richardson 1, Johnson 3, Holloway 1, Vandello 2, Dyer 2, Sampay 1)

Steals: 12 (Odiakosa 1, Eldridge 2, Richardson 3, Johnson 1, Holloway 2, Dyer 1, Sampay 2)

Officials: Brian Nottrott, Joe Ponsetto, Gene Grimshaw

Attendance: 3,673

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 42, Quincy 34

game 1

ISU TAKES DOWN UMSL, 70-37, IN SEASON-OPENER

NORMAL, III. - Consistent shooting from seniors Dom Johnson and Anthony Slack provided a late offensive spurt for the Illinois State men's basketball team, as the Redbirds (1-0) thumped Missouri-St. Louis (0-0), 70-37 on Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena. The game marked the first regular-season victory for Redbird head coach Tim Jankovich, who took over the program March 20, 2007. Illinois State improved to 73-37 all-time in seasonopening games, including a 23-15 season-opening mark in its Division I era.

Slack led all ISU scorers with 12 points on 6-of-9 shooting, to go along with his team-best seven rebounds. Johnson was not far behind in the scoring category, as the Bell City, Mo., native racked up 11 points. Sophomore forward Dinma Odiakosa recorded nine points to go along with five rebounds.

Illinois State recorded 17 steals in the game, the most it has had as a team since the Redbirds notched 16 in an 87-53 victory over Bellarmine Dec. 2, 2003. The Redbirds capitalized throughout the game on Triton miscues, as ISU scored 40 points off of turnovers. Illinois State's bench also played a crucial role in the game, as the Redbird non-starters outscored the Triton bench, 27-6.

QUOTABLE: "Since the first day we started practice, we have worked hard on instilling a mentality of contesting every dribble, contesting every pass and contesting every shot. I thought we improved a great deal defensively from our exhibition game (Wednesday)."

- Head coach Tim Jankovich

ILLINOIS STATE 70, UMSL 37

Nov. 14, 2007 • Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena

UMSL	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	TP
De Chellis, f	19	2-3	0-0	2-4	0-1	0	1	6
Brown, f	34	5-9	0-3	6-6	0-5	2	2	16
Ward, c	24	0-3	0-0	2-2	2-4	0	2	2
Black, g	32	2-2	0-0	2-2	0-0	3	1	6
Green	28	0-2	0-0	1-3	0-4	1	2	1
Kliethermes	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Fear	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Coleman	11	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	0
Whittaker	18	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	0	0	0
Frazier	24	2-5	0-0	0-1	1-5	0	1	4
Kaatman	3	1-4	0-0	0-1	2-2	0	0	2
Totals	200	12-30	0-4	13-21	6-26	7	12	37

Team Pct : FG = 400: FT = 619

Blocks: 2 (Ward 1, Kaatman 1)

Turnovers: 34 (De Chellis 1, Brown 6, Ward 6, Black 4, Green 2, Fear 1, Coleman 1, Whittaker 5, Frazier 7, Kaatman 1) Steals: 6 (Brown 1, Ward 3, Coleman 1, Frazier 1)

Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	TP
19	6-9	0-0	0-1	1-7	2	3	12
18	4-5	0-0	1-2	2-5	2	2	9
20	3-6	2-5	0-0	0-2	2	3	8
23	1-2	0-0	1-2	2-2	3	0	3
24	5-8	0-3	1-1	0-0	3	1	11
14	3-7	0-2	0-0	0-2	1	4	6
19	2-5	2-3	0-0	1-1	2	2	6
2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1	0	0
22	1-6	1-3	1-2	2-2	3	3	4
16	2-7	0-0	1-1	1-2	0	3	5
18	2-2	2-2	0-0	0-3	2	2	6
200	31-68	8-25	12-22	14-49	22	27	82
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Team Pct.: FG - .500; FT - .556

Blocks: 3 (Slack 1, Odiakosa 1, Dyer 1)

Turnovers: 16 (Slack 1, Odiakosa 2, Eldridge 2, Richardson 1, Johnson 1, Holloway 1, Rubin 3, Vandello 1, Dyer 2, Sampay 2) Steals: 17 (Slack 2, Odiakosa 1, Eldridge 3, Richardson 1,

Holloway 1, Rubin 1, Dyer 2, Sampay 6)

Officials: Steven Skiles, Brad Gaston, Mike Litzelfelner

Attendance: 4,185

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 23, UMSL 14

game 2

ELDRIDGE, SLACK LEAD ISU TO WIN OVER SEMO

NORMAL, III. - Sophomore Osiris Eldridge poured in 27 points, while senior Anthony Slack recorded his third-career doubledouble to lead the Illinois State men's basketball team to a 90-71 rout of Southeast Missouri State in the first round of the Chicago Invitational Challenge on Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena. Eldridge added seven rebounds and a career-high six steals, to go along with his game-high 27 points, while Slack notched careerhighs in rebounds (13) and equaled his career-best in blocks (3), in addition to his 15 points on a perfect 7-for-7 shooting from the field.

The Redbirds (2-0) had four players reach double-figures, as Brandon Holtz scored a career-high 15 points on 5-for-7 shooting from beyond the arc, while Emmanuel Holloway chipped in with 10 points off the bench

With the Redbirds' win, head coach Tim Jankovich joined former Redbird mentor Gene Smithson as the only two NCAA Division I coaches in Illinois State history to start their tenure with a 2-0 record

QUOTABLE: "They (SEMO) were a fast team on offense, but we thought we could take advantage of some of the looks they showed us defensively. We got the ball out in transition, looked up court and had a lot of guys wide open for layups and dunks."

- Sophomore guard Osiris Eldridge

ILLINOIS STATE 90, SEMO 71

Nov. 18, 2007 • Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena

SEMO	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	TP
Foust, f	20	5-9	0-1	1-1	0-3	0	2	11
Williams, f	19	4-7	2-2	0-0	2-3	1	3	10
Moore, g	23	2-6	1-4	0-0	0-1	2	2	5
Johnson, g	23	0-5	0-3	0-2	1-3	4	2	0
Pearson, g	28	2-9	1-2	3-3	1-4	1	2	8
Herring	20	1-5	1-2	3-4	0-0	1	0	6
Rhodes	12	2-2	1-1	0-0	0-4	1	1	5
Drew	18	1-4	1-3	0-0	1-3	1	1	3
Hill	13	0-3	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	0
Bogan	24	8-10	0-0	7-10	4-6	1	4	23
Totals	200	25-60	7-19	14-20	10-30	13	17	71

Team Pct.: FG - .417: FT - .700

Blocks: 3 (Williams 2, Johnson 1)

Turnovers: 19 (Foust 1, Williams 3, Johnson 2, Pearson 3,

Herring 5, Rhodes 2, Drew 1, Bogan 2)

Steals: 12 (Foust 1, Williams 1, Moore 2, Johnson 1, Pearson 4, Herring 1, Drew 1, Hill 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	TP
Slack, f	20	7-7	0-0	1-3	5-13	1	3	15
Odiakosa, f	16	3-5	0-0	0-0	0-4	0	4	6
Eldridge, g	34	10-15	3-6	4-5	4-7	2	2	27
Richardson, g	21	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	6	3	0
Johnson, g	28	0-5	0-5	1-2	1-6	5	1	1
Holloway	15	3-8	2-4	2-2	1-2	2	0	10
Rubin	3	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Vandello	12	1-3	1-1	3-4	3-5	3	2	6
Dyer	19	2-9	2-7	2-2	1-2	2	4	8
Sampay	9	1-5	0-0	0-0	1-3	0	2	2
Holtz	23	5-8	5-7	0-0	1-2	2	1	15
Totals	200	32-67	13-32	13-18	17-45	23	22	90

Team Pct.: FG - .478: FT - .722

Blocks: 4 (Slack 3, Odiakosa 1)

Turnovers: 20 (Slack 5, Odiakosa 4, Eldridge 1, Richardson 1, Vandello 1, Dyer 3, Sampay 5)

Steals: 13 (Eldridge 6, Richardson 1, Holloway 3, Rubin 1, Dyer 1, Holtz 1)

Officials: Roger Ayers, Bill Covington, Jeff Wagner

Attendance: 4.522

Halftime Score: Southeast Missouri State 46, ILLINOIS STATE 44

game 3

ELDRIDGE SCORES 30 AS ISU WINS THIRD-STRAIGHT

NORMAL, III. - Sophomore guard Osiris Eldridge poured in a career-high 30 points, including 16 in the second half, to lift Illinois State's men's basketball team to an 89-73 win over visiting UNC-Wilmington inside Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena. With the victory, Redbird head coach Tim Jankovich became just the second Redbird mentor in the Division I era to start his tenure with a 3-0 record.

Eldridge's 30 points came on a 10-for-15 shooting effort that included a 5-for-6 mark from three-point range. Seniors Dom Johnson and Anthony Slack joined Eldridge in double-figure scoring with 17 and 15 points, respectively.

QUOTABLE: "They (UNC-Wilmington) were having trouble guarding the drive, so every time we had the lane open, we took it. I tried to get to the basket as often as I could, and everything was working

- Sophomore guard Osiris Eldridge

ILLINOIS STATE 89, UNC-Wilmington 73 Nov. 18, 2007 • Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena

UNC-Wilm.	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	TP
Hendley, f	35	6-13	0-2	2-2	3-6	2	4	14
Kuljanin, c	23	7-11	0-0	0-0	6-11	1	2	14
Carter, g	34	3-12	2-7	11-14	1-2	2	3	19
Fountain, g	28	4-10	3-6	5-6	0-4	1	2	16
Tomko, g	22	1-7	1-4	0-0	1-2	2	2	3
Davis	4	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Downey	10	1-3	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	2
Jeralds	15	0-0	0-0	2-2	1-3	0	0	2
Sheets	13	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	2	0
Lacy	9	1-1	1-1	0-0	1-2	0	3	3
Sikes	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	2	0
Totals	200	23-61	7-24	20-24	14-36	10	20	73

Team Pct.: FG - .377: FT - .833

Blocks: 5 (Hendley 1, Kuljanin 2, Tomko 1, Lacy 1)

Turnovers: 13 (Hendley 1, Kuljanin 1, Carter 5, Fountain 1,

Davis 1, Downey 2)

Steals: 7 (Hendley 2, Kuljanin 1, Carter 1, Fountain 2, Jeralds 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	TP
Slack, f	29	6-8	0-0	3-4	2-5	2	3	15
Odiakosa, f	15	1-2	0-0	2-4	2-5	0	2	4
Eldridge, g	33	10-15	5-6	5-7	0-7	0	2	30
Richardson, g	19	2-5	0-1	0-0	0-2	3	1	4
Johnson, g	37	6-9	1-2	4-4	0-3	6	2	17
Holloway	16	0-4	0-1	0-0	2-3	2	2	0
Vandello	12	2-5	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	1	4
Dyer	25	3-10	3-6	3-4	0-3	1	3	12
Holtz	14	1-2	1-2	0-0	1-2	1	2	3
Totals	200	31-60	10-18	17-23	9-33	15	18	89

Team Pct.: FG - .517; FT - .739

Blocks: 5 (Slack 4, Holtz 1)

Turnovers: 12 (Slack 2, Odiakosa 2, Eldridge 3, Johnson 2.

Dver 3)

Steals: 4 (Eldridge 1, Richardson 1, Holloway 1, Dyer 1)

Officials: William Humes, Nathan Quick, Jose Carrion

Attendance: 4,433

Halftime Score: UNC-Wilmington 41, ILLINOIS STATE 36

game 4

NO. 8 INDIANA HOLDS OFF ILLINOIS STATE, 70-57

HOFFMAN ESTATES, III. - Senior Anthony Slack's basket at the 10:27 mark brought Illinois State to within two points at 50-48, against No. 8 Indiana in the semifinal round of the 2007 Chicago Invitational at the Sears Centre, but a 13-2 Hoosier run fueled the Redbirds' first loss of the season, 70-57.

Indiana (4-0) scored the first four points of the second half and ISU faced a 14-point deficit with 17:46 left in the game. Trailing 50-39, with 13:03 on the clock, the Redbirds (3-1) rattled off a 9-0 run, thanks to a pair of three-point baskets by Levi Dyer. ISU was within three points three more times in the half, but Indiana's 13-2 run blew the game open into a double-digit lead and the Redbirds never recovered.

QUOTABLE: "I'm really proud of our guys. They kept falling behind and refused to quit and battled back and back. We talked a number of times to get to the eight-minute mark and have the game anyone's game, a lot of times the pressure swings over to a team like Indiana. I've been on that bench and through that situation hefore '

- Head coach Tim Jankovich

#8 Indiana 70, ILLINOIS STATE 57 Nov. 23, 2007 • Sears Centre

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	TP
Slack, f	28	5-10	0-0	3-9	2-5	1	4	13
Odiakosa, f	21	3-5	0-0	2-4	6-8	0	3	8
Eldridge, g	31	3-10	0-5	1-3	0-3	5	1	7
Richardson, g	25	0-3	0-1	0-0	1-3	0	2	0
Johnson, g	22	1-4	0-2	0-0	1-2	3	5	2
Holloway	17	1-7	1-1	0-0	1-1	2	4	3
Rubin	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	0
Vandello	7	0-2	0-1	1-2	0-0	1	0	1
Dyer	25	6-11	5-6	1-2	1-2	1	3	18
Holtz	20	1-2	0-0	3-4	0-4	0	2	5
Totals	200	20-54	6-16	11-24	13-33	14	26	57

Team Pct.: FG - .370: FT - .458 Blocks: 5 (Slack 4, Dyer 1)

Turnovers: 15 (Odiakosa 5, Eldridge 1, Johnson 3, Richardson 2, Holloway 2, Dyer 1, Holtz 1)

Steals: 5 (Eldridge 3, Holloway 2)

#8 Indiana	Min	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-RFB	Α	PF	TP
Thomas, f	17	4-10	0-0	0-0	3-4	0	4	8
White, f	29	2-6	0-0	0-0	2-7	2	3	4
Bassett, g	18	1-4	1-1	1-2	0-1	1	0	4
Ellis, g	31	2-7	0-2	2-5	2-7	2	2	6
Gordon, g	39	11-18	2-3	7-10	0-6	2	3	31
Stemler	25	1-3	0-1	2-2	3-4	2	4	4
McGee	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Holman	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	0
Taber	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Crawford	30	5-10	0-2	3-5	4-6	4	3	13
Totals	200	26-58	3-9	15-24	18-48	14	22	70

Team Pct : FG = 448: FT = 625

Blocks: 6 (White 1, Ellis 1, Gordon 1, Stemler 1, McGee 1, Holman

Turnovers: 16 (Thomas 2, White 2, Bassett 1, Ellis 2, Gordon 6, Stemler 1, Crawford 2)

Steals: 6 (Thomas 1, White 1, Bassett 1, Gordon 1, Stemler 2)

Officials: Tim Nestor, Jerry Heater, William Humes

Attendance: N/A

Halftime Score: #8 Indiana 38, ILLINOIS STATE 28

game 5

REDBIRD COMEBACK FALLS SHORT; ISU FALLS 65-59

HOFFMAN ESTATES, III. - Illinois State overcame an 11-point second-half deficit to force a 47-47 tie in its third-place game against Kent State with 9:03 left in the game, but the Golden Flashes held on to post a 65-59 victory over the Redbirds in the Chicago Invitational Challenge at the Sears Centre.

The Golden Flashes scored the first points in the second half and held a 35-24 lead, with 19:42 left. The Redbirds continued to cut into the lead and with Kent State leading 44-36 at the 11:50 mark, ISU rattled off an 11-3 run to knot the game at 47-47. The Redbird spurt consisted of three-point buckets by Osiris Eldridge, Boo Richardson and Emmanuel Holloway. Eldridge paced the Redbirds with a team-high 11 points, but shot 4-for-11 from the

Kent State rattled off the game's next five points as part of a 10-2 run, which fueled its 57-49 lead with 4:22 on the clock. The Golden Flashes sealed the win with a 4-for-6 effort from the foul line during the game's final 46 seconds.

QUOTABLE: "We have to get our mindset each game like we're down 30 or something like that (at the start) instead of playing a game where it's tied up. We have to get more into an attack mode than the way we're (currently) playing."

- Sophomore guard Osiris Eldridge

Kent State 65, ILLINOIS STATE 59 Nov. 24, 2007 • Sears Centre

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	TP
Slack, f	20	3-6	0-0	4-4	6-9	1	5	10
Odiakosa, f	15	1-4	0-0	0-1	2-3	1	0	2
Eldridge, g	31	4-11	2-5	1-3	0-1	2	3	11
Richardson, g	27	3-6	2-4	1-2	2-3	3	2	9
Johnson, g	33	2-6	1-4	2-2	1-2	3	3	7
Holloway	16	3-6	1-3	1-2	0-0	1	0	8
Rubin	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Vandello	9	1-2	0-0	1-2	0-2	0	3	3
Dyer	27	2-6	0-4	0-0	1-5	0	3	4
Sampay	9	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	2
Holtz	11	1-4	1-4	0-0	1-1	3	1	3
Totals	200	21-53	7-24	10-16	14-29	15	22	59

Team Pct.: FG - .396; FT - .625

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

Turnovers: 15 (Slack 6, Odiakosa 1, Eldridge 2, Johnson 1, Dyer 2, Holtz 2)

Steals: 7 (Slack 1, Eldridge 1, Richardson 2, Holloway 2, Sampay

Kent State	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	TP
Quaintance, f	30	4-6	0-0	4-7	3-8	4	3	12
Scott, f	28	5-8	1-1	7-9	3-4	1	4	18
Mincy, g	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0
Sherman, g	21	2-5	0-0	0-0	0-3	4	4	4
Fisher, g	37	3-8	1-2	2-4	0-3	3	0	9
Woods	19	4-7	2-3	0-0	1-3	0	5	10
Singletary	17	2-5	1-1	4-6	0-1	1	1	9
McKee	24	0-1	0-1	1-2	1-2	0	0	1
Sullinger	10	0-3	0-0	0-0	1-2	1	3	0
Knight	6	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	2
Totals	200	21-44	5-8	18-28	12-34	15	20	65

Team Pct.: FG - .477: FT - .643

Blocks: 0

Turnovers: 17 (Quaintance 3, Scott 3, Fisher 4, Woods 1,

Singletary 2, McKee 2, Team 2)

Steals: 10 (Quaintance 3, Sherman 4, Fisher 1, Singletary 2)

Officials: Raymie Styons, Jerry Heater, Alan Spainhour

Attendance: N/A

Halftime Score: Kent State 33, ILLINOIS STATE 24



game 6

DYER'S DOUBLE-DOUBLE PROPELS ISU

NORMAL, III. – Senior forward Levi Dyer recorded his secondcareer double-double to lead Illinois State past Chicago State, 81-49, on Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena. Dyer led the Redbirds with 16 points, 13 coming in the second half, and 10 rebounds. ISU used a big first half run to pull away from the Cougars and snap a two-game losing streak.

Dyer was one of four Redbirds to score in double-figures. Sophomore guard Osiris Eldrige had 15 points and senior forward Anthony Slack added 14 points on a perfect 5-for-5 performance from the field. Sophomore forward Dinma Odiakosa scored a career-high 12 points to go along with seven rebounds and three blocks.

The Redbirds had 22 assists in the game, led by senior guard Boo Richardson's seven. Senior guard Dom Johnson added four assists, and Eldridge and junior guard Emmanuel Holloway added three apiece.

Chicago State guard John Cantrell scored the first seven points to lead the Cougars to a 10-8 advantage at the 15:55 mark. From that point on, Chicago State hit a major dry spell from the field, going the next 10:21 without a point. The Redbirds scored 25 unanswered points to take a commanding 33-10 lead. Six different Redbirds scored during the run, and Slack and Odiakosa netted 14 combined points.

QUOTABLE: "That 25-0 run in the first half, that helps. We need a lot more 25-0 runs. Boo (Richardson) did a fantastic job on (David) Holston, who on film, scared me to death. Osiris (Eldridge) also did a great job on (John) Cantrell. That's why (the 25-0 run) happened, because Boo and O shut down their scorers."

- Head coach Tim Jankovich.

ILLINOIS STATE 81, Chicago State 49 Nov. 27, 2007 • Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena

Chicago St.	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	TP
Montgomery, f 30		3-11	0-1	4-5	8-15	0	4	10
Chukwumah, c 20		0-1	0-0	1-2	0-5	0	1	1
Holston, g	24	3-11	2-8	4-4	0-3	2	3	12
Wall, g	16	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Cantrell, g	31	7-15	1-3	3-4	0-2	1	3	18
Wilson	15	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-6	1	2	0
Martin	21	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-3	0	1	0
Smith	6	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Renelique	6	2-5	0-3	2-2	0-0	0	0	6
Stankovic	14	1-4	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	4	2
Walton	17	0-4	0-0	0-2	1-4	0	2	0
Totals	200	16-55	3-17	14-21	12-41	5	22	49

Team Pct.: FG – .291; FT – .667 Blocks: 3 (Chukwumah 2, Stankovic 1) Turnovers: 19 (Montgomery 3, Holston 5, Cantrell 4, Wilson 1, Martin 4, Smith 1, Walton 1) Steals: 6 (Holston 1, Cantrell 4, Smith 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	TP
Slack, f	23	5-5	0-0	4-5	3-6	0	4	14
Odiakosa, f	26	5-7	0-0	2-5	2-7	2	4	12
Holloway, g	13	1-5	1-2	0-1	0-0	3	3	3
Richardson, g	33	2-4	0-1	0-1	0-3	7	1	4
Johnson, g	23	3-4	3-4	0-0	0-0	4	2	9
Eldridge	27	5-12	3-7	2-3	1-4	3	0	15
Rubin	9	1-3	1-3	0-2	0-0	1	1	3
Moor	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Dyer	24	5-11	3-5	3-4	2-10	1	2	16
Sampay	6	0-3	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	3	0
Holtz	14	1-5	1-5	2-2	1-3	1	1	5
Totals	200	28-59	12-27	13-23	9-39	22	21	81

Team Pct.: FG – .475; FT – .565 Blocks: 6 (Slack 2, Odiakosa 3, Dyer 1)

Turnovers: 11 (Slack 2, Holloway 2, Richardson 1, Johnson 2,

Eldridge 1, Rubin 1, Dyer 1, Holtz 1)

Steals: 7 (Slack 4, Johnson 1, Eldridge 1, Rubin 1)

Officials: Mark Mayhood, Gene Grimshaw, Ron Jones

Attendance: 4,818

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 39, Chicago State 21