

Illinois State

•2003-04•



Preseason Prospectus



2003-04 Redbird Basketball Prospectus

Founded: 1857
Location: Normal, IL 61790-7130
Affiliation: NCAA Division I
Conference: Missouri Valley
Arena: Redbird Arena (10,200)
Nickname: Redbirds
Colors: Red (PMS 186) and White
Enrollment: 21,035
President (Interim): Dr. Al Bowman
Director of Athletics: Perk Weisenburger
NCAA Faculty Rep.: Dr. Jeff Wood
Ticket Manager: Becky Short
Ticket Office: 309/438-8000

Head Coach: Porter Moser
Alma Mater: Creighton '90
Record at ISU: 0-0 (first season)
Career Record: 54-34 (fourth season)
Assistant Coaches: Brian Barone (Marquette '00)
 Steve Forbes (Southern Arkansas '88)
 Daniyal Robinson (Arkansas-Little Rock '98)
Basketball Office Phone: 309/438-8681
2002-03: 8-21
2002-03 Valley Record: 5-13/9th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 7/3
Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2
NCAA Appearances: 6 (last in 1998)

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First Day of Practice	10/18
Valley Media Day	10/28

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Date	Opponent (TV)	Time/Result
11/4	SIU-EDWARDSVILLE(Ex.)	W, 89-70
11/14	EA SPORTS (Ex.)	L, 65-66
11/23	UTAH STATE	L, 53-68
11/26	@ Central Michigan	L, 69-74
11/30	ILLINOIS-CHICAGO	L, 65-78
12/2	CHATTANOOGA	L, 68-75
12/7	@ Kent State	L, 61-76
12/15	@ Western Kentucky	L, 43-63
12/18	JACKSONVILLE	W, 74-50
12/21	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	L, 65-72
12/29	SMS* (Valley-TV)	L, 48-76
1/4	@ Southern Illinois* (WMBD)	L, 65-74
1/7	@ Northern Iowa*	L, 64-66
1/11	#16 CREIGHTON*	L, 57-76
1/15	@ SMS* (WMBD)	L, 46-60
1/18	WICHITA STATE*	L, 66-69
1/20	@ #9 Creighton*	L, 82-95
1/25	@ Evansville*	L, 74-85
1/29	NORTHERN IOWA*	W, 76-71
2/1	BRADLEY* (WMBD)	W, 89-74
2/4	@ Wichita State*	L, 71-85
2/8	INDIANA STATE* (WMBD)	W, 60-52
2/12	@ Bradley	L, 76-88
2/15	DRAKE*	L, 49-58
2/19	EVANSVILLE	W, 65-61
2/22	@ Marshall (WYZZ/ESPN+)	W, 57-53
2/26	@ Drake	L, 63-70
3/1	@ Indiana State*	W, 80-50
3/3	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*	L, 62-78
3/7	vs. Drake%	W, 63-62
3/8	vs. Southern Illinois%	L, 63-75

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11/23	FLORIDA A&M
11/26	@ Northern Illinois
11/29	@ Utah State
12/2	BELLARMINE
12/6	MARSHALL
12/13	@ Illinois-Chicago
12/16	WESTERN KENTUCKY
1/3	@ Illinois
2/21	ESPN BRACKET BUSTER II

Home games in CAPS

*All times listed are CT
Home games in CAPS
*=Missouri Valley Conference game
%=2003 State Farm/MVC Tournament (Sawis Center, St. Louis, Mo.)*

It's not something that's typical nor is it a common occurrence. In fact, there's a better chance of seeing a solar eclipse or having the opportunity to vote in a Presidential election. But, no matter how rare or how unwonted, Illinois State basketball is coming off of one – a losing season.

For only the fourth time in 32 years of Division I basketball, the Redbirds are left to pick up the pieces after a 8-21 campaign.

With high expectations and low levels of experience, the young Redbirds stumbled out of the gate with a 1-15 start. By the end, the youth matured and the 'Birds finished the year strong, going 7-6 in their final 13 games, including a 57-53 win at Marshall, only the second victory in Huntington, W. Va., by a non-conference opponent in the last seven years.

In addition to maturity, the 'Birds have added energy and enthusiasm for 2003-04, two characteristics that saturate the personality of new Illinois

State head coach Porter Moser.

Moser's attitude and excitement is contagious, not only with fans and his staff, but with the players as well. His "expect to win" mentality is not only stamped on his office wall, but also in his mind.

If the Redbirds expect to win, they will have to pick up the intensity on defense. After leading the nation in team three-point percentage, the 'Birds have proven that they can shoot. Now with Moser's fire and determination, Illinois State will be expected to do the little things that win ball games.

Perimeter

Except for the inside play of Marcus Arnold, the Redbird offense was dominated by the perimeter players last season. That will more than likely be the case in 2003-04.

Vince Greene, Gregg Alexander and Trey Guidry were the top three scorers and each shot above 41 percent from behind the arc.

Greene, the team's only true point guard, will again control the Redbirds offensively. The senior averaged 12.3 points per game last season with a 1.34 assist-to-turnover ratio.

The diminutive guard posted 20 double-digit scoring efforts last season, including a career best 29 at Bradley. He also capped off the season by scoring 20-plus in two of the last three games and earned honorable mention all-conference honors.

Alexander started every game but two last season at the No. 3 position. The junior averaged 11.1 points per game, while leading the team with a 45.5 percentage on treys.

The Lincoln, Ill., native avoided the sophomore slump last season, as his numbers were consistent to his rookie

campaign. Now in his third year, Moser and his staff will look to Alexander to start building on his numbers.

Transferring from North Carolina State, Guidry was the heir apparent to fill the scoring shoes of Redbird great Tarise Bryson. Although the Baton Rouge, La., native averaged a respectable 11.1 points per game, the contribution was lower than the high expectations that were set for him.

There were signs of his scoring prowess, as Guidry tallied 15 double-digit scoring games, including five 20-point efforts. But with eight games of scoring five points or less, consistency was a major factor.

Both Kevin Troc and Dana Ford gained starting assignments last season, but were mainly used off the bench.

Troc, another weapon behind the arc, hit the open shots and gained playing time with his quest for loose balls. He can relieve Greene at the point, but is more comfortable at No. 2.



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Marcus Arnold



Early in his freshman campaign, Ford struggled with his shot, but finished the year shooting 42 percent from the field. An athletic slasher with long arms, Ford and Alexander paired as the defensive stoppers for the 'Birds.

Senior walk-on Rebert Harris will also provide back-up to Greene at the point. Harris joined the team after the sixth game of the season and saw action in 10 contests.

Frontline

Entering last season Marcus Arnold was supposed to compliment the low-post play for the Redbirds, instead he dominated it. Now a sophomore, the native of Chicago, Ill., will look to improve upon his 8.4 points and 3.4 rebounds per game.

Arnold has an athletic build and a soft shooting touch around the basket. He gained 20 starting assignments last year and added 14 double-digit scoring performances, including nine of his first 10 Missouri Valley Conference games.

Chris Burras and Kenneth Hill are the only other returnees, but transfers Najeeb Echols and Neil Plank will be heavy contributors.

Echols, who will be eligible on December 13 after transferring from Missouri, brings a wide, athletic frame to the Redbird post. A highly-touted prep player, Echols averaged 3.1 points and 2.8 rebounds per game with the Tigers.

Plank sat out all of last season after transferring from Wisconsin. The Mt. Zion, Ill., native has the ability to make others around him better. A strong passer with the knack of finding the open man, Plank played in 27 games his freshman season with the Badgers.

Burras didn't mature as quick as Arnold, but the fellow Chicagoan started to come into his own at the end of the season. Averaging 2.8 points and boards in his first season, Burras finished his freshman campaign with an eight and nine-point scoring effort in his last two games.

Like Arnold, Burras averaged a double-double as a prep and is strong on the glass. With a year of college under his belt, Burras should continue to build on his late season success.

Joining the returnees and transfers will be freshmen Greg Dilligard, Michael Sams and Ronnie Carlwell.

Carlwell is an offensive project, but could have an immediate impact on a relatively small Redbird team. The 6-foot-11 center grabbed 10 rebounds and blocked eight shots a game at Proviso East High School. He also runs the floor extremely well for a big man and should shore up the middle.

Dilligard is a long, athletic post. He will bring a new dimension to the Redbird interior and like Carlwell, will have an immediate impact with rebounding and shot blocking.

Trey Guidry



Additional depth will come from Sams, who's blue-collar mentality will win over the Redbird Arena faithful. With good size, Sams is hard-nosed and will help toughen up the middle.

Summary

There is always time needed to adapt to change. There will be a new system, philosophy, approach and a new attitude. Glimpses of this newness will be seen early on and should be fully embraced by the end of the season.

The 'Birds are still fairly young, but experienced. With a consistent scoring punch and a new defensive emphasis coupled with Moser's energy and enthusiasm, the Redbirds could be on the rise again in The Valley in a return to normalcy.



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Alphabetical

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.-Ex.	Hometown (previous schools)
2	Gregg Alexander	G/F	6-4	195	Jr.-2L	Lincoln, Ill. (Lincoln)
21	Marcus Arnold	F	6-7	225	So.-1L	Chicago, Ill. (Morgan Park)
1	Chris Burras	F	6-5	210	So.-1L	Chicago, Ill. (Leo)
51	Ronnie Carlwell	C	6-10	250	Fr.-HS	Maywood, Ill. (Proviso East)
50	Greg Dilligard	F	6-8	215	Fr.-HS	Labelle, Mo. (Highland)
33	Najeeb Echols	F	6-7	230	Jr.-TR	Chicago, Ill. (Morgan Park/Missouri)
3	Dana Ford	G	6-4	185	So.-1L	Tamms, Ill. (Egyptian)
11	Vince Greene	G	5-9	160	Sr.-2L	Chicago, Ill. (Brother Rice)
24	Trey Guidry	G	6-2	185	Jr.-1L	Baton Rouge, La. (Central/North Carolina State)
12	Rebert Harris	G	6-0	177	Sr.-1L	Chicago, Ill. (Providence St. Mel)
34	Kenneth Hill	F	6-6	190	So.-1L	Naperville, Ill. (Central)
25	Neil Plank	G/F	6-5	200	Jr.-TR	Mt. Zion, Ill. (Mt. Zion/Wisconsin)
45	Michael Sams	F	6-7	215	Fr.-HS	Decatur, Ill. (Mt. Zion)
10	Kevin Troc	G	6-4	190	So.- 1L	Lockport, Ill. (Lockport)

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Head Coach: Porter Moser

Assistant Coaches: Brian Barone, Steve Forbes, Daniyal Robinson

Basketball Trainer: John Munn

Pronunciations

Trey Guidry	GID-ree
Kevin Troc	rhymes with dock
Najeeb Echols	na-JEEB ECK-oles



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Last Year in Review

8-21, 5-13 (9th)

Coaches

Head Coach

Porter Moser (Creighton '90)
0-0 at Illinois State (first season)

Assistant Coaches

Brian Barone (1st year – Marquette '00)
Steve Forbes (1st year – Southern Arkansas '88)
Danyal Robinson (1st year – Arkansas-Little Rock '98)

Lettermen

Returning (7)

6-4 G/F Gregg Alexander (11.1 ppg, 1.3 apg, 3.0 rpg)
6-7 F Marcus Arnold (8.4 ppg, 0.5 apg, 3.4 rpg)
6-5 F Chris Burras (2.8 ppg, 0.5 apg, 2.8 rpg)
6-4 G Dana Ford (2.0 ppg, 0.6 apg, 2.5 rpg)
5-9 G Vince Greene (12.3 ppg, 4.4 apg, 2.7 rpg)
6-0 G Rebert Harris (0.4 ppg, 0.0 apg, 0.3 rpg)
6-2 G Trey Guidry (11.1 ppg, 1.5 apg, 1.6 rpg)
6-4 G Kevin Troc (2.2 ppg, 0.8 apg, 1.2 rpg)

Lost (4)

6-9 F Baboucarr Bojang (7.2 ppg, 0.7 apg, 5.0 rpg)
6-4 G Brett Gillan (0.6 ppg, 0.1 rpg)
6-7 F Casey Reid (3.6 ppg, 0.9 apg, 1.3 rpg)
6-11 C Andy Strandmark (4.2 ppg, 0.5 apg, 5.0 rpg)

Newcomers

6-10 C Ronnie Carlwell
6-8 F Greg Dilligard
6-7 F Najeeb Echols
6-5 G/F Neil Plank
6-7 F Michael Sams

Starters

Returning (4)

G/F Gregg Alexander
F Marcus Arnold
G Vince Greene
G Trey Guidry

Lost (1)

F Baboucarr Bojang

By Class

Seniors (2)

Vince Greene
Rebert Harris

Juniors (4)

Gregg Alexander
Najeeb Echols
Trey Guidry
Neil Plank

Sophomores (5)

Marcus Arnold
Chris Burras
Dana Ford
Kevin Hill
Kevin Troc

Freshmen (3)

Ronnie Carlwell
Greg Dilligard
Michael Sams

By Position

Guards (5)

Dana Ford
Vince Greene
Trey Guidry
Rebert Harris
Kevin Troc

Forwards (8)

Gregg Alexander
Marcus Arnold
Chris Burras
Greg Dilligard
Najeeb Echols
Kenneth Hill
Neil Plank
Michael Sams

Centers (1)

Ronnie Carlwell

By State

Illinois (12)

Gregg Alexander – Lincoln
Marcus Arnold – Chicago
Chris Burras – Chicago
Ronnie Carlwell – Maywood
Najeeb Echols – Chicago
Dana Ford – Tamms
Vince Greene – Chicago
Rebert Harris – Chicago
Kenneth Hill – Naperville
Neil Plank – Mt. Zion
Kevin Troc – Lockport
Michael Sams – Decatur

Louisiana (1)

Trey Guidry – Baton Rouge

Missouri (1)

Greg Dilligard – Labelle

Head Coach Porter Moser

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For Illinois State first-year head coach Porter Moser it is only fitting that the son of a land developer would carry a blueprint with him.

Moser designed and implemented his "blueprint for success" at his first head coaching position, a three-year stint at Arkansas-Little Rock. The plan not only focuses on winning basketball games and building a program, but graduating student-athletes, developing young men, gaining a sense of community and sharing a vision.

Now he's looking to engineer that same vision right in his own backyard. A native of Naperville, Ill., Moser played collegiately at Creighton and is familiar with the Illinois State tradition and the quality level of basketball in the Missouri Valley Conference.

While looking to return Illinois State to the top of the league, he is also gunning to become the first person in conference history to win a title, both as a player and a head coach.

Even though the Redbirds haven't played a game under Moser, the application of the blueprint has already started in the Bloomington-Normal community. In his first three months on the job, Moser has made over 60 community services appearances and his



energy continues to spread.

Moser joins the Redbirds after compiling a 54-34 (.614) record at Arkansas-Little Rock after a 10-year run as a Division I assistant coach.

In his first season as a head coach, Moser inherited a 4-24 Trojan team. He responded by guiding UALR to an 18-11 mark, which was the

largest turnaround in Sun Belt Conference history and tied for the biggest reversal of fortune at the Division I level that season.

When Moser took over the program, the Trojans ranked last in several defensive categories in the Sun Belt and their winning percentage was not the only turnaround. After



What People Say About Porter Moser

"This guy is a superstar. He has stepped up to the table as a coach in a period of time that is very, very difficult to coach college basketball. The student-athlete is a different type of student-athlete and the relations that you build with your players are critical. Porter, beyond the X's-and-O's, is a tremendous family builder."

– Tony Barone, Director of Player Personnel for the Memphis Grizzlies

"Porter is one of the finest young coaches in the game today. He has accomplished a great deal in a short amount of time. He has proved to be a great teacher of the game and a strategist, but perhaps his finest quality is his ability to relate to student-athletes. Not only does he motivate student-athletes to become great basketball players, he helps them become great people as well."

– Dave Odom, South Carolina head coach

"Porter has great energy and enthusiasm. He's an excellent coach that gets his teams to compete at a very high level. His teams have the one thing that any good team has to have – and that's the desire to compete."

– Dennis Felton, Georgia head coach

"Not only is he a bright coach, but he represents what's right in this profession. He does it with integrity, he's got a great work ethic and he does what's best for young people."

– Kelvin Sampson, Oklahoma head coach

"Porter is a great hire. He has had experience of pumping energy into a program. Porter is a great choice to direct the Illinois State program."

– Bill Self, Kansas head coach

Head Coach Porter Moser



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that first season, UALR finished tops in the conference in field goal percentage defense and three-point field goal percentage defense and second in scoring defense.

Heading into his second season, Moser had lost four starters and the top three scorers, but still managed to post an 18-11 record while again leading the league in three-point field goal percentage defense. In 2002-03, the Trojans finished with an 18-12 mark that included an 84-75 win over Western Athletic Conference Tournament champion Colorado State.

Through three seasons at Arkansas-Little Rock, Moser molded Trojan basketball into one of the biggest tickets in town. He looks to create the same type of atmosphere at Illinois State.

Prior to becoming the Trojans' head coach, Moser served two seasons as an assistant at UALR under Wimp Sanderson and current Dallas Maverick assistant Sidney Moncrief.

After his playing career ended at Creighton, Moser stayed with the Bluejays as a graduate assistant coach on Tony Barone's staff during the 1990-91 season. That year, the Bluejays won the Valley and advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

The following season, Moser left Creighton to rejoin Barone for his first of two stints at Texas A&M. Moser served as an assistant coach with the Aggies from 1991-95 and was instrumental

in their 1994 National Invitation Tournament bid. Texas A&M finished the season with a 19-11 record and advanced to its first postseason appearance in seven years.

Moser's tenure at Texas A&M was interrupted by a one-year stint as an assistant at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where he was a key part of the Panthers' highest-ranked recruiting class in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference.

After one season at UW-Milwaukee, Moser returned for two more seasons at Texas A&M under Barone before landing in Little Rock.

A 1986 graduate of Benet Academy in Lisle, Moser was a two-year starter for Creighton as a guard, including the Bluejays' 1989 Missouri Valley Conference championship team. As a senior, Moser was named to the Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete Team. He graduated in 1990 from Creighton with a degree in business management.

The 34-year-old Moser, born August 24, 1968, is married to the former Megan Lewis. They are the parents of a daughter, Jordan (2), and an infant son, Jake.

The Moser Resumé



Coaching Experience

<u>Year</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>W-L</u>
2002-03	Ark.-Little Rock	18-12
2001-02	Ark.-Little Rock	18-11
2000-01	Ark.-Little Rock	18-11
Head Coach Total		54-34

Playing Experience

1986-90 Creighton University

Education

B.S., Creighton University, 1990

Personal

Date of Birth: August 24, 1968

Wife: Megan

Children: Jordan (1) and Jake (6 mo.)



Redbird Coaching Staff

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Brian Barone

With an entire life revolved around the game and a basketball rich bloodline, Brian Barone begins his first season coaching at Illinois State and in the Missouri Valley Conference, but he is no stranger to either one.

Barone's father, Tony, served as the head coach at Creighton for six seasons and coached Porter Moser during that tenure to a league championship. Barone's father is currently an assistant coach for Hubie Brown with the National Basketball Association's Memphis Grizzlies, a team that also employs his brother, Tony, as the director of scouting.

Barone joined the Redbirds after a one-year stint at Garden City Community College under head coach Earl Diddle.

Prior to Garden City Community College, Barone served as an assistant for a year at Central Florida Community College during the 2001-02 season under former Illinois State head coach Gene Smithson. Barone helped lead the Patriots to a 21-11 record along with a Mid-Florida Conference Tournament Championship and a trip to the Region VII semifinals.

Barone played collegiately at Marquette, under head coach Tom Creen, during the 1998-2001 seasons. With the Golden Eagles, he was named team captain and selected to the Conference USA All-Academic Team. Barone spent his first two seasons at Texas A&M, playing for his father. As a sophomore, he was named Big XII Honorable Mention and received GTE Big XII Academic All-Conference honors.

The College Station, Texas native received his bachelor's degree in communications from Marquette in 2000 and his master's degree, also from Marquette in communications, in 2002.

Barone is single and resides in Normal, Ill.

Steve Forbes

Days before Steve Forbes began his current position at Illinois State he finished up sealing a top 10 recruiting class at Louisiana Tech. With his dedication and results, Forbes has quickly become one of the top recruiting coaches in the nation.

Forbes, a native of Lone Tree, Iowa, spent three seasons as an assistant coach with the Bulldogs. In his last two seasons, he was instrumental in claiming a pair of nationally-ranked recruiting classes.

In his three seasons, Tech posted a winning mark twice, including a National Invitation Tournament bid in 2001-02, Tech's first postseason action in 10 years.

Before coaching at Louisiana Tech, Forbes served two seasons at Idaho. The first as an assistant coach and the second as an associate coach. During his first season with the Vandals, he helped the team improve to a 16-11 record and saw his team jump from 10th in the league in scoring the previous season to second in the Big West Conference.

Prior to Idaho, Forbes coached at Barton County Community College in Great Bend, Kansas, where he compiled a record of 68-28 in three years as a head coach. During his tenure, his teams produced three all-Americans, finished nationally ranked twice and defeated 15 nationally ranked teams.

In 1991 after serving as an assistant for two seasons, Forbes got his first job as a head coach at Southwestern Community College in Creston, Iowa, where he earned a 36-27 record in two years. Forbes left Southwestern after accepting an assistant coaching position at BCCC in 1993.

Already in his coaching career, Forbes has had two of his players drafted by the National Basketball Association. At Barton County, Forbes coached Alexander Radojevic to a lottery pick for the Toronto Raptors and at Idaho, Kaniel Dickens was a second-round selection for the Utah Jazz.

The 38-year-old Forbes graduated from Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Ark., in 1988. While playing baseball for the Muleriders, he earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education.

Forbes and his wife, Johnetta, have two children, Elizabeth (13), and Christopher (8), and reside in Bloomington, Ill.

Daniyal Robinson

A witness to the vision for Illinois State basketball, Daniyal Robinson continued his journey with Porter Moser to Redbird Arena.

Prior to his first season at Illinois State, Robinson spent three seasons as the administrative assistant under Moser at Arkansas-Little Rock where the tandem orchestrated the largest turnaround in Sun Belt Conference history.

As a player, Robinson lettered from 1996-98 with Arkansas-Little Rock after transferring from Indian Hills Community College. With the Trojans, Robinson started in 15 games and played in 28 as a junior. In his senior season he was voted co-captain.

At Indian Hills, Robinson averaged 11 points and six rebounds as a sophomore on a team that posted a 35-4 record. He was named second team all-region as the team won state and regional championships and advanced to the junior college national tournament. Indian Hills finished the season ranked No. 1 by the Associated Press in the final regular-season poll.

He spent his prep career at Rock Island High School, under Duncan Reid, and was twice named to the IBCA All-State Team and was a two-time all-conference selection. Robinson was also named to the *Quad City Times* All-Metro First Team as well as team captain and most valuable player.

Robinson received his bachelor's degree from UALR in health education in 1999. He and his wife, Kim, along with their daughter, Devyn (1), reside in Bloomington, Ill.



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#2

Gregg Alexander
G/F • 6-4 • 195 • Jr.-2L
Lincoln, Ill. (Lincoln)

Has the ability to hit the long-range bomb or drive his defender to the basket • Hard-nosed, fierce competitor with a will to win • Possesses the typical instincts of a coach's son • Plays smart on the court and has very good hands • Takes care of the ball.

2002-03/sophomore at Illinois State

Started 27 of 29 games, averaging 30.8 minutes per game • Boasted a team-high 3-point percentage (45.5) • Posted first career double-double against Bradley with 21 points and 10 rebounds • Scored in double digits in 18 games, including two 21-point efforts (vs. Bradley and at Marshall) • Second on the team in scoring with 323 points in 894 total minutes • Awarded the Doug Collins Endowed Scholarship in June 2003.

2001-02/freshman at Illinois State

Named to the Missouri Valley Conference All-Freshman Team • Broke the Illinois State freshman record for minutes played (1,004), three-pointers made (58) and three-point percentage (39.2%) • Had 15 double-digit efforts, including a season-high 24 points against Hofstra at the University Hoops Classic • Finished the season strong by scoring double figures in five of the last eight games • Started 30 of ISU's 31 games •

ALEXANDER'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
01-02	31-30	1004	112-254	.441	58-148	.392	28-37	.757	22-78	100	3.2	64	37	0	40	310	10.0
02-03	29-27	894	112-262	.427	61-134	.455	38-48	.792	18-70	88	3.0	38	52	5	38	323	11.1
TOTAL	60-57	1898	224-516	.434	119-282	.423	66-85	.776	40-148	188	3.13	102	89	5	78	643	10.7

Logged 30 or more minutes in 25 games • Only had 37 turnovers in 1,004 minutes of action, with 64 assists.

At Lincoln High School

Coached by his father, Neil • All-time scoring leader with 2,085 points, which surpassed former Kentucky standout Chuck Verderber • Also owns the school mark for most free throws made in a season (172), most free throws in a career (424), most career 3-pointers (281) and most career steals (346) • Prep team posted a 92-24 record during his career • Averaged 23.7 points per game his senior season and 18.8 for his career • Finished seventh in the voting for Illinois Mr. Basketball • IBCA First Team All-State • 2001 *Decatur Herald & Review* and *Lincoln Courier* Area Player of the Year • Two-time *Associated Press* Third Team All-State selection • Named to the *Bloomington Pantagraph* All-Century Team • Three-time first team Central State Eight All-Conference Team, *Bloomington Pantagraph* All-Area Team, *Decatur Herald & Review* All-Area Team, Bloomington-Normal Holiday Classic All-Tournament Team and Lincoln Round Robin All-Tournament Team • 2000 *Springfield Journal-Register* Player of the Year • During his sophomore season, Lincoln advanced to the Class AA Elite Eight.

Data

Full name: Gregg Alexander • Major: general studies • Birthdate: August 22, 1982 • Birthplace: Lincoln, Ill. • Parents: Neil and Denise Alexander • High School coach: Neil Alexander.

#21

Marcus Arnold
F • 6-7 • 225 • So.-1L
Chicago, Ill. (Morgan Park)

Has the natural ability to rebound and block shots • Great work ethic • Possesses an exceptionally soft shot and a menacing interior game • Most consistent player last season • Continues to work on his foot work.

2002-03/freshman at Illinois State

Named to the Missouri Valley Conference All-Newcomer Team • Played in all 29 games, starting 20 • Pulled down 100 rebounds, averaging 3.4 per game • Turned in double-digit efforts in four of the last five games • Had 14 double-digit efforts on the season • Posted a 50.3 percent field-goal percentage

At Morgan Park High School

Averaged 23 points, 12 rebounds and three blocks per game as a senior • Ranked No. 16 in the state as a senior by highschoolelite.com • Named all-conference, all-city and all-area honorable his senior season • Led the Mustangs to a third-place conference finish his senior season and the third round of the City Championship • As a junior, averaged 10 points, eight rebounds and three blocks • Morgan Park won the City Championship at the United Center and placed third in the IHSA Class AA State Tournament his junior season • Scored 23 points in the championship game of the Second Annual High School Elite Fall Classic • Played for the Illinois Fire with AAU • Also recruited by Southern Illinois, Memphis, Tulane, Miami (Fla.), Bowling Green and Ball State.

Data

Full name: Marcus Jerome Arnold • Birthdate: January 28, 1984 • Birthplace: Chicago, Ill. • Parents: Larry and Alberta Arnold • High School coach: Herb Ray • AAU teammate of Redbird Chris Burras.

ARNOLD'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
02-03	29-20	619	98-195	.503	0-0	.000	48-72	.667	42-58	100	3.4	14	27	17	7	244	8.4

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#1

Chris Burras
F • 6-5 • 210 • So.-1L
Chicago, Ill. (Leo)

A versatile player • Has the body and athletic ability to play inside and is skilled enough to play outside • Athletic enough to go off the dribble • Loves to rebound and finds a way to score via hustle.

2002-03/freshman at Illinois State

Played in 28 games, averaging 10.6 minutes per game • Started two home games (Wichita State and Drake) • Scored a season-high 10 points vs. Indiana State • Tossed in nine points in twenty-five minutes of play in the Redbirds' season-ending loss to Southern Illinois at the Valley Tournament • Averaged 4.9 points per game over his last 10 contests.

At Leo High School

First Team Class A All-State selection • Averaged 21 points and 13 rebounds per game during senior season • Named all-area and all-conference • Selected to the Bloom Thanksgiving and Rich South Christmas All-Tournament teams • Led Leo to a 16-12 record as a senior and a trip to the regionals • Rated No. 24 in the state by highschoolelite.com • Named honorable mention on the 2001 Tribune All-State Boys Basketball Team • Second team *Associated Press* Class A Boys All-State selection as a junior.

Data

Full name: Christopher L. Burras • Birthdate: February 9, 1984 • Birthplace: Chicago, Ill. • Parents: Phil and Mary Burras • High School coach: Jerry Tokars • AAU teammate with Redbird Marcus Arnold • One of 12 children • Sister, Alisa, plays for the Portland Fire of the WNBA.

BURRAS' CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
02-03	28-2	307	29-84	.345	2-4	.500	17-32	.531	28-49	77	2.8	13	24	3	10	77	2.8

#51

Ronnie Carlwell
C • 6-10 • 250 • Fr.-HS
Maywood, Ill. (Proviso East)

Big upside • Has great size and is an inside presence • Tremendous shot blocker and rebounder • Runs the floor well • Offensive game still developing.

At Proviso East High School

Averaged 4.0 points and 10 rebounds per contest, as well as eight blocks

for a team that advanced to the IHSA Class AA Sectionals • Averaged just under five points per game and 10 rebounds as a junior • Blocked an average of six shots (199) per game in his junior campaign • All-Suburban West Gold Conference selection • Helped the Pirates finish with a 26-3 record his junior year, advancing to the Class AA super-sectionals • Also recruited by Southern Illinois, Western Kentucky, and Wyoming • Played defensive end on the high school football team.

Data

Full name: Ronnie G. Carlwell • Birthdate: February 7, 1985 • Parents: Patricia Carlwell • Major: general studies • High School coach: Troy Jackson.

#50

Greg Dilligard
F • 6-8 • 215 • Fr.-HS
Labelle, Mo. (Highland)

Athletic, long frame • Brings a new dimension • Capable shot blocker ... can score inside and out • Solid rebounder.

At Highland High School

As a senior, averaged 17 points and 12 rebounds per game • Led Highland to a 24-4 record and a sectional appearance MSHSAA Class 3

State Tournament • Averaged a double-double as a junior with 16 points and 12 rebounds per game • Named Highland's most valuable player, while walking away with conference defensive player of the year honors • Selected to the all-state and all-district team as a junior • Led his team to a 23-7 record in 2001-02 • Started as a sophomore and a junior • Also recruited by Eastern Illinois • An outstanding student, with a 3.5 GPA • Brother Marcus plays professional basketball in Brazil.

Data

Full name: Gregory Eugene Dilligard • Birthdate: May 8, 1985 • Birthplace: Kirksville, Mo. • Parents: Michael and Donna Dilligard • Major: business • High School coach: Greg Altmax.



2003-04 Redbird Basketball Prospectus

#33

Najeeb Echols

F • 6-7 • 230 • Jr.-TR

Chicago, Ill. (Morgan Park)

Versatile athlete • Can play any position on the floor • Wide body in the post • Good leadership skills • Coming off of a torn medial meniscus in his right knee.

2002-03/sophomore at Missouri

Played in 10 games for Missouri and averaged 3.1 points and 2.8 rebounds per contest • Transferred to Illinois State after game ten but sat out a year to meet NCAA transfer rules and will be eligible to play on December 13, 2003.

2001-02/freshman at Missouri

Played in 32 games for the Tigers and averaged 2.5 points and 2.6 rebounds per game • Missed three games in February due to a stress fracture in his left foot • Was huge off the bench in NCAA opener vs. Miami with six points and six rebounds in seven minutes of play • Scored five points in the Guardians Classic championship game vs. No. 9 Iowa, with three points coming from his first career trey attempt in the final

ECHOLS' CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
01-02*	32-7	425	30-65	.462	1-3	.333	20-33	.606	34-50	84	2.6	22	24	2	1	81	2.5
02-03*	10-0	123	10-19	.526	0-1	.000	11-21	.524	12-16	28	2.5	11	11	0	4	31	3.1
TOTAL	42-7	548	40-84	.476	1-4	.250	31-54	.574	46-66	112	2.6	33	35	2	5	112	2.7

* at Missouri

minutes that helped swing the momentum in the comeback win • Played 24 minutes off the bench December 29 at DePaul (in front of his hometown family and friends), and grabbed six rebounds and added two points.

At Morgan Park High School

Transferred to Morgan Park for his senior year, but didn't play due to a knee injury suffered before the season • Was ranked by most recruiting services among the nation's top-30 seniors prior to his injury • Served as a surrogate assistant coach for his senior campaign.

At Whitney Young High School

An All-state and all-city talent who averaged 25 points, 12 rebounds and 8 assists per game as a junior at Chicago Whitney Young High School, where he attended from his freshman through junior years • Played a key role in Whitney Young winning the class A state title as a freshman • Served as a regular feature on the television show "Preps" by Fox sports, which detailed the lives of several Chicago basketball standouts.

Data

Full name: Najeeb Echols • Birthdate: January 20, 1983 • Birthplace: Oak Lawn, Ill. • Parents: James Echols and Shery Scott • Mother was an original member of the band Earth, Wind & Fire • Major: general studies • High School coach: Larry Thompson.

#3

Dana Ford

G • 6-4 • 185 • So.-1L

Tamms, Ill. (Egyptian)

Has a knack for scoring and getting to the basket • Versatile player who can play all three guard spots • Great ball-handling skills • Athletic • Continues to improve on his defense and outside shooting.

2002-03/freshman at Illinois State

Played in all 29 games with eight starting assignments • Tossed in a season-high nine points at Northern Iowa • Pulled down eight boards in a at Southern Illinois • Rejected two shots against Chatanooga in early in the season.

At Egyptian High School

Scored a school record 2,222 points for his career • Started every game during his four-year career • First Team Class A All-State selection by the *Associated Press* and the IBCA • *Chicago Sun-Times* Class A All-State First Team in 2001 and 2002 • Averaged 22 points per game as a senior • Scored 40 points in a victory over Shawnee • A four-time South Egyptian All-Conference team selection • Two-time conference player of the year in 2001 and 2002 • Three-time member of the All-South Team by the Southern Illinois Coaches Association • Averaged 22.5 points his junior and sophomore seasons and 14.5 points as a freshman.

Data

Full name: Dana Ford • Birthdate: June 9, 1984 • Birthplace: Carbondale, Ill. • Parents: Rose Love and Dana Ford, Sr. • High School coach: Chuck Doty • AAU Team: TLC Titans.

FORD'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
02-03	29-8	376	27-65	.415	1-2	.500	3-13	.231	25-47	72	2.5	18	35	5	12	58	2.0



2003-04 Redbird Basketball Prospectus

#11

Vince Greene

G • 5-9 • 160 • Sr.-2L

Chicago, Ill. (Brother Rice)

Lone true point guard on the team • Has outstanding three-point shooting range • Hails from the same high school as former ISU standout Rico Hill.

2002-03/junior at Illinois State

Named as an honorable mention candidate for the All-Valley squad • Reached a personal and team best with a 29 points against Bradley • Appeared in all 29 games, starting in 27 • Reached double-digit points in 20 of 29 games • Poured in 17 points and dished out a season-high 11 assists in his only double-double of the season in the team's first win against Jacksonville • Led the team with an .884 free throw percentage • Dished out a team high 129 assists • Tossed in 357 total points, an average of 12.3 per game, which also led the team.

2001-02/sophomore at Illinois State

Scored double figures in six games, including 14 points against Samford • Played in all 31 games and started at Texas-San Antonio and against Kent State • Sank all three treys attempted at Evansville in 24 minutes of action • Tossed in 11 points off the bench against California-Irvine • Poured in 12 points each at Georgia Southern and Texas-San Antonio • Dished out a season-best five assists at Illinois, with only one turnover

• Finished the season making 28 of his last 30 free throws, including an 8-for-8 effort against Central Michigan.

2000-01/freshman at Illinois State

Sat out season to meet NCAA requirements.

At Brother Rice High School

All-state by the *Chicago Sun-Times* • Two-time All-Catholic League selection • Runner-up for 2000 Catholic League Player of the Year to Andre Brown, who is now at DePaul • As a senior, he averaged 18.9 points (fourth-highest in school history), 3.0 rebounds and 3.5 assists for a 26-4 team • Team fell one game shy of qualifying for the state AA tournament • Shot 50.1 percent from the field, 40.6 percent (63-of-155) outside the arc and 80.6 percent from the free throw line • Finished No. 4 on the school's career scoring list, one spot ahead of Hill, with 1,062 points in two seasons, No. 4 in assists with 221 and No. 5 in steals at 103 • Amazingly for his size, he also ended up No. 13 on all-time rebounding list • Played in three all-star games -- Illinois Basketball Coaches Association, City-Suburban and the Catholic League-Eastern Suburban Catholic Conference.

Data

Full name: Vince Raynard Greene • Birthdate: December 13, 1982 • Birthplace: Chicago, Ill. • Parents: Valerie Greene and Lyndon Green • High School coach: Pat Richardson.

GREENE'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
01-02	31-2	472	43-123	.350	23-55	.418	36-42	.857	4-18	22	0.7	58	52	1	15	145	4.7
02-03	29-27	943	125-245	.510	46-102	.451	61-69	.884	12-66	78	2.7	129	96	0	47	357	12.3
TOTAL	60-29	1415	168-368	.457	69-157	.439	97-111	.877	16-84	100	1.7	187	148	1	62	502	8.4

Meet the Players



2003-04 Redbird Basketball Prospectus

#24

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

A pure shooter • Has the ability to drive to the basket, but is deadly from behind the arc • Nice shooting touch with great range.

2002-03/junior at Illinois State

Had a strong start with 6 shots made behind the arc in the season opener vs. Utah State • Played in all 29 games, including 14 games with starting duties • Averaged 25.21 minutes and 11.1 points per game • Led the team in 3-pointers made with 63 • Poured in 27 points, including 8-of-8 free throws at Evansville • Earned double-digits in points in 12 of the first 20 games.

2001-02/at Illinois State

Sat out season to meet NCAA requirements

At North Carolina State

Appeared in 24 games with six starts • Averaged 9.6 minutes and 3.1 points • Scored a career-high 15 points at Wake Forest on 5-of-6 treys.

At Central High School

Scored more than 1,200 points in two seasons • Earned all-state and all-district honors as a junior and senior • Averaged 20.9 points, 3.8 rebounds, 2.0 assists and 2.0 steals per game overall and 27.5 points per game in district play as a senior • Shot 53 percent from the field and 44 percent from 3-point range • Had a season-high 38 points against Catholic High • Named the District 5A MVP, voted to the all-state first team by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association, and also participated in the LHSAA Coaches Association all-star game • Played in the Atlantic Coast/USA Hoops Challenge, which featured a team of ACC recruits vs. USA all-stars • Also won the 3-point shooting contest • Averaged 24 points, 4.7 rebounds, 1.5 assists per game as a junior while shooting 51 percent from the field, 49 percent from 3-point range and 82 percent from the free throw line • Scored a season-high 39 of Central High's 45 points in a loss to Zachary • As a junior was selected to the all-tournament teams at Charles T. Kinsley and Wedge Keyes Tournaments • Also voted the best defensive player at both events • Recruiting analyst Bob Gibbons said Guidry was "one of the most pure shooters I saw in the nation."

Data

Full name: Charles Raymond Guidry III • Pronunciation: GID-ree • Major: business • Birthdate: March 2, 1981 • Birthplace: Fort Worth, Texas • Parents: Chuck and Mary Catherine Guidry • High School coach: Wes Watts.

GUIDRY'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
00-01*	25-6	241	27-69	.391	19-44	.432	5-9	.556	4-17	21	0.8	9	14	1	8	78	3.1
02-03	29-14	731	112-288	.389	63-151	.417	34-41	.829	3-42	45	1.6	43	60	2	9	321	11.1
TOTAL	54-20	972	139-357	.389	82-195	.421	39-50	.580	7-59	66	1.0	52	74	3	17	399	7.39

* at North Carolina State

#12

Rebert Harris
G • 6-0 • 177 • Sr.-HS
Chicago, Ill. (Providence St. Mel)

Late addition walk-on that provided depth to the point guard position • Good ball handler • Scrappy player.

At Providence St. Mel High School

Went to state both as a freshman and a senior • A three-year starter at Providence St. Mel

2002-03/junior at Illinois State

Joined the Redbird squad prior to the game at Western Kentucky • Saw action in ten games, totaling 36 minutes of play • All four of his points came on layups against SMS, with one in each game • Saw two minutes of action each at Indiana State and against Southern Illinois after not playing in six straight games.

Data

Full name: Rebert H. Harris • Birthdate: December 30, 1980 • Birthplace: Chicago, Ill. • Parents: Johnathon Williams and Sheila Harris • Major: middle school education (math) • High School coach: Billy Garrett.

HARRIS'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
02-03	10-0	36	2-10	.200	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	2-1	3	.3	3	9	2	2	4	0.4



Meet the Players

2003-04 Redbird Basketball Prospectus

#34

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

Walk-on that was redshirted during the 2001-02 season • Has a long lean body • Can play inside or on the perimeter.

2002-03/freshman at Illinois State

Played in eight games, for a total of 20 minutes on the season • Tallied nine points in two minutes of play in a win at Indiana State • Drained three straight treys in the final minutes at Indiana State • Scored a total

of 13 points on the season, averaging 1.6 per game

At Naperville Central High School

Averaged 13.6 points, 6.4 rebounds and 2.4 assists as a senior • Team posted a 22-8 record and finished ranked No. 13 in the state • Posted the second most wins in school history and advanced to sectionals • An all-conference and all-area selection • A member of the honor roll.

Data

Full name: Kenneth Lawrence Hill • Birthdate: December 26, 1981 • Birthplace: Chicago, Ill. • Parents: Kenneth and Carrolen Hill • Major: applied computer science.

HILL'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
02-03	8-0	20	5-6	.833	3-4	.750	0-1	.000	1-3	4	0.5	0	1	2	0	13	1.6

#25

Neil Plank
G/F • 6-5 • 200 • Jr.-TR
Mt. Zion, Ill. (Mt. Zion/Wisconsin)

Sat out the 2002-03 season to meet NCAA transfer rules • Deceptively athletic • Will bring some length and size to the perimeter • Handles the ball well • Good passer.

2002-03/sophomore at Illinois State

Sat out season to meet NCAA requirements.

2001-02/freshman at Wisconsin

Played in 27 games, all as a reserve, for the Badgers • Scored a season-high seven points at Ohio in 11 minutes of action • Logged 18 minutes against Weber State • Was 2-for-3 from the field with five points at Hawaii-Hilo • Pulled down three rebounds against Furman • Posted a

pair of steals at Georgia Tech.

At Mt. Zion High School

Named Mason County Player of the Year by the *Decatur Herald & Review* after averaging 18 points and six rebounds • Led the Braves to an undefeated conference season and their first-ever trip to the Class AA super-sectionals • First team all-state selection by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association and *Chicago Sun-Times* • Scored 41 points, including six three-pointers in the *Decatur Herald & Review* Boys All-Star Game • Named Macon County Player of the Year as a junior, when he averaged 13 points and six rebounds, leading Mt. Zion to an undefeated conference season • Averaged 16 points and five rebounds as a sophomore, earning all-conference honors.

Data

Full name: Neil Plank • Birthdate: June 16, 1983 • Birthplace: Decatur, Ill. • Parents: Bill and Diane Plank • High School coach: Brad Stuart.

PLANK'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
01-02*	27-0	173	8-34	.235	4-18	.222	5-7	.714	10-14	24	0.9	10	11	1	5	25	0.9

* at Wisconsin

Meet the Players



2003-04 Redbird Basketball Prospectus

#45

Michael Sams
F • 6-7 • 203 • Fr.-HS
Mt. Zion, Ill. (Mt. Zion)

Hard-nosed competitor • Extremely coachable • Good size • Will add depth to the post.

At Mt. Zion High School

Posted 14.5 points and 5.4 rebounds per game his senior season • Scored a 22 points in the Heart of Illinois All-Star Basketball Classic to lead the South to victory • Added four points and six boards in the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association All-Star Game • Averaged 14 points and nine rebounds from his power forward position as a junior in his first year as a starter • Was a regular on the varsity all four seasons, starting as a junior

and senior • Played with Redbird Neil Plank two years ago for the Mt. Zion Braves • Set a school record as a junior by making 87 percent of his free throws during a 24-5 campaign • Brother Jake will plays at Indiana State • Was named to the Turkey Tournament All-Tournament Team as a junior • Chose ISU over Eastern Illinois, Ball State and Wisconsin-Green Bay • Played for the St. Louis Eagles last summer in AAU tournaments • The Eagles won the 64-team Nike Super Showcase Tournament in Orlando, and finished 12th in the national AAU tournament • Loves to ride horses on his family farm.

Data

Full name: Michael Jeffery Sams • Birthdate: March 29, 1984 • Birthplace: Decatur, Ill. • Parents: Jeff and Sue Sams • Major: business • High School coach: Albert Lowe.

#10

Kevin Troc
G • 6-4 • 190 • So.-1L
Lockport, Ill. (Lockport)

Smart, athletic player with potent shooting touch • A well-rounded fundamental player • Deceptively athletic • Able to rebound from the guard position.

2002-03/freshman at Illinois State

Played in 28 of 29 games, with a lone start in Illinois State's loss at Central Michigan • Averaged 2.2 per game • Scored seven points and pulled down three rebounds at Northern Iowa • Connected on all three-point and free-throw attempts for 10 points against Northern Iowa at Redbird Arena • Stood out in a solid home win against rival Valley opponent Bradley,

scoring eight points, tallying five rebounds and dishing two assists, with only one turnover in thirty minutes of play.

At Lockport High School

Averaged 14.0 points, 6.0 assists and 7.0 rebounds as a senior when he earned all-conference, all-area and honorable mention all-state honors • Qualified for the state three-point shooting contest as a junior and senior • Scored a career-high 27 points against Carl Sandburg • Averaged 12 points, 6.0 assists and 4.0 rebounds en route to all-conference and all-area honors as a junior • Three-time letterwinner in baseball.

Data

Full name: Kevin Michael Troc • Birthdate: January 27, 1983 • Birthplace: Oak Lawn, Ill. • Parents: Marty and Debbie Troc • Pronunciation: Rhymes with dock • Major: business • High School coach: Larry Thompson.

TROC'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
02-03	28-1	307	22-54	.407	9-20	.450	9-12	.750	7-26	33	1.2	22	26	2	6	62	2.2

2002-03 Season Review



EXHIBITION 1

Greene Leads 'Birds in Exhibition Win

NORMAL, Ill. – Sophomore point guard Vince Greene scored a game-high 26 points, including six three-pointers, as Illinois State won its first exhibition of the season, 89-70, over SIU-Edwardsville at Redbird Arena.

Baboucarr Bojang finished with 14 points and six rebounds for the 'Birds, while true freshman Chris Burras came off the bench to score 12.

SIU-Edwardsville was led by Ron Jones with 19 points, 17 of which came in the second half. Rob Baumgardner and Ben Garwitz each contributed 13 points, and Baumgardner also led the Cougars in rebounding with six boards. The Cougars never led in the entire game and after the initial 12-point deficit never got closer than seven points.

Illinois State opened up the game with a 12-0 run, highlighted by two three-pointers and a cross-over lay-up by Greene. The 'Birds defense forced eight Cougar turnovers in the first 12 minutes of the game, including the team's first two possessions.

Greene led all scorers in the first half with 10 points, while Gregg Alexander chipped in eight first half points on 3-for-4 shooting. ISU shot 61 percent from the field in the first half, including 5-for-8 from beyond the arc.

Down 45-24 at halftime, the Cougars came out firing in the second half and outscored the 'Birds 26-15 over the first 8:30 minutes led by nine points apiece by junior Ron Jones and freshman Logan Glosser narrowing the Redbird lead to 10. Following a timeout with 11:05 remaining in the game, the 'Birds went on a 13-0 run to extend their lead back to 23, which tied their largest lead of the night.

ILLINOIS STATE 89, SIU-Edwardsville 70
November 4, 2002 • Redbird Arena

SIU-E	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Bauersachs, f	24	2-3	0-0	0-3	0	1	4
Mueller, c	8	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	2
Bradford, g	30	0-2	1-2	1-3	2	2	1
Jones, g	33	7-13	2-2	0-0	2	1	19
Baumgardner, g	30	4-10	3-4	1-6	9	2	13
Gajewski	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Zick	2	0-0	0-1	0-1	0	0	0
Garwitz	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0
Heflin	20	6-10	0-0	1-3	1	5	13
Glosser	21	4-6	1-1	0-3	1	1	12
Ward	10	3-4	0-0	0-2	2	2	6
Salak	5	0-2	0-0	1-1	0	1	0
Totals	200	27-51	7-10	5-27	20	15	70

Team Pct.: FG – .529; FT – .700

3-Pt.: 9-15, .600 (Bradford 0-1, Jones 3-4, Baumgardner 2-4, Heflin 1-1, Glosser 3-5)

Blocks: 1 (Ward 1)

Turnovers: 19 (Bauersachs 1, Bradford 3, Jones 4, Baumgardner 3, Gajewski 2, Heflin 1, Glosser 2, Ward 1, Team 2)

Steals: 3 (Bradford 2, Heflin 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Bojang, f	20	6-8	2-4	3-6	0	2	14
Strandmark, c	18	4-6	0-0	1-3	1	3	8
Alexander, g	26	3-6	0-0	0-3	2	0	8
Ford, g	21	2-8	0-0	1-6	5	0	4
Greene, g	27	10-14	0-1	1-1	4	0	26
Burras	20	4-10	4-6	0-1	2	2	12
Troc	20	2-3	0-0	0-2	3	3	5
Arnold	19	3-5	0-0	0-1	0	1	6
Hill	3	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Reid	21	2-3	2-3	1-3	3	1	6
Gillan	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Totals	200	36-64	8-14	9-30	21	12	89

Team Pct.: FG – .563; FT – .571

3-Pt.: 9-13, .692 (Alexander 2-3, Greene 6-7, Burras 0-2, Troc 1-1)

Blocks: 4 (Strandmark 2, Ford 1, Arnold 1)

Turnovers: 8 (Bojang 1, Strandmark 4, Burras 1, Troc 2)

Steals: 7 (Alexander 4, Ford 1, Burras 2)

Officials: Jerry Seibert, Frank Spencer, Mike Litzelfelner

Attendance: 4,049

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 45, SIU-Edwardsville 24

EXHIBITION 2

ISU Drops Second Exhibition to EA Sports

NORMAL, Ill. – Vince Greene led all scorers with 16 points, but Illinois State could not pick up the victory, dropping its second and final exhibition game of the season, 66-65, to the EA Sports All-Stars Thursday night at Redbird Arena.

Illinois State also got 15 points and 10 rebounds from Baboucarr Bojang, while Andy Strandmark, Gregg Alexander and Trey Guidry each contributed seven points. The 'Birds shot 54 percent from the field in the first half, but managed only 41 percent in the second half on 10-for-24 shooting.

EA Sports, 1-9, only shot 7-for-20 from the charity stripe, including 4-for-15 in the second half. EA Sports was led by former Fighting Illini player Sergio McClain with 13 points, while Doc Taylor, who played at Cleveland State, chipped in 12.

Bojang showed his offensive skills early in the game by scoring nine of the Redbirds' first 11 points, but hot three-point shooting (3-for-3) from McClain kept the game tight midway through the first half. Back-to-back jumpers from Greene helped ignite a 13-5 run to take the lead at 24-20 with just over seven minutes remaining.

Marcus Arnold hit two low-post jumpers late in the first half and the Redbirds went into the half with a one-point lead, 36-35. Bojang and McClain led their respective teams in first-half scoring with 11 points.

EA Sports scored 14 points of its first 19 points in the second half off lay-ups or dunks and were able to take a 54-47 lead, the largest of the night for either team, with just under nine minutes left in the game. However, the 'Birds went on an 11-2 run over the next 3:37 led by four points from Gregg Alexander to take the lead at 58-56 with five minutes remaining.

EA Sports 66, ILLINOIS STATE 65
November 14, 2002 • Redbird Arena

EA Sports	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
McClain, f	30	5-12	0-2	0-2	4	2	13
Johnson, f	24	3-6	0-4	0-5	2	3	6
Turner, c	36	5-7	1-4	2-10	3	2	11
Dobbs, g	25	5-7	0-1	1-3	1	1	11
Taylor, g	32	5-6	2-3	0-1	4	3	13
Jones	20	1-6	0-2	2-2	0	1	2
Brownlee	13	2-7	0-0	0-0	1	0	6
Vaughn	20	1-1	2-2	0-1	2	2	4
Totals	200	27-52	5-18	6-27	17	14	66

Team Pct.: FG – .519; FT – .278

3-Pt.: 7-20, .350 (McClain 3-7, Johnson 0-3, Dobbs 1-1, Jones 1-4, Brownlee 2-5)

Blocks: 1 (Taylor 1)

Turnovers: 9 (Johnson 2, Taylor 4, Jones 2, Brownlee 1)

Steals: 8 (Johnson 1, Turner 1, Dobbs 1, Taylor 1, Jones 2, Vaughn 2)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Bojang, f	30	6-13	3-4	2-10	1	2	15
Reid, f	15	0-0	2-2	0-1	2	4	2
Strandmark, c	26	3-6	1-1	1-3	1	3	7
Alexander, g	27	2-6	2-3	0-3	2	1	7
Greene, g	33	6-8	1-2	0-3	4	1	16
Burras	8	2-3	1-2	0-5	0	0	5
Ford	8	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	2	0
Troc	19	1-4	0-0	0-2	4	1	2
Arnold	15	2-6	0-0	1-2	0	3	4
Guidry	19	3-6	0-0	0-2	0	2	7
Totals	200	25-52	10-14	7-35	15	19	65

Team Pct.: FG – .481; FT – .714

3-Pt.: 5-15, .333 (Alexander 1-4, Greene 3-4, Burras 0-1, Troc 0-2, Guidry 1-4)

Blocks: 3 (Bojang 1, Strandmark 2)

Turnovers: 12 (Bojang 1, Reid 1, Strandmark 3, Alexander 1, Ford 1, Troc 3, Guidry 2)

Steals: 2 (Ford 1, Arnold 1)

Officials: Ed Hightower, Rob Kruger, Mark Mayhood

Attendance: 4,656

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 36, EA Sports 35

GAME 1

Redbirds Fall 68-53 to Utah State

NORMAL, Ill. – Trey Guidry led Illinois State with 20 points, including six three-pointers, but it wasn't enough as the Utah State Aggies spoiled the Redbirds' season opener, 68-53, Saturday night at Redbird Arena.

Vince Greene was the only other Illinois State player to score in double figures with 10, while freshman Marcus Arnold turned in nine points. The 'Birds shot only 39 percent from the field and made only one of their eight (.125) free-throw attempts.

Desmond Penigar led Utah State with 22 points, going 4-for-4 from three-point range. Point guard Mark Brown scored 19 points for the Aggies.

Illinois State (0-1) got off to a slow start offensively, scoring only four points in the game's first nine minutes and dug itself into a 11-4 deficit. However, Guidry hit a three-pointer with 10:35 left in the first half that sparked a 13-5 Redbird run that gave Illinois State its only lead of the first half at 17-16. Guidry scored 11 of the 'Birds 13 points during the run, including three shots from beyond the arc.

Utah State (1-0) went on a 16-5 run over the final six minutes of the half, including holding the Redbirds scoreless for nearly three minutes, to take a 10-point lead into the locker room, 32-22.

The Redbirds came out firing in the second half, scoring 15 of their first 17 second-half points from beyond the arc. Guidry helped lead the charge with three three-pointers, while Gregg Alexander contributed two.

Illinois State went into a scoring drought, however, over the game's next six minutes, which allowed the Aggies to build a 10-point lead at 51-41. Penigar led Utah State during the 8-0 run with seven points.

Greene scored the Redbirds' next seven points, but Utah State was able to keep Illinois State from getting any closer than eight in the game's closing minutes.

Utah State 68, ILLINOIS STATE 53
November 23, 2002 • Redbird Arena

Utah State	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Johnson, f	19	0-2	0-0	0-3	0	0	0
Nelson, f	17	2-3	3-4	1-3	1	3	7
Puzey, c	32	3-4	3-3	3-11	0	4	9
M. Brown, g	32	7-12	4-6	0-2	3	2	19
Patton, g	30	1-6	0-0	1-3	4	0	2
Penigar	29	8-12	2-3	3-6	0	2	22
Harris	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Stowell	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Butler	28	3-8	2-2	0-4	3	0	9
C. Brown	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Totals	200	24-48	14-18	8-35	12	13	68

Team Pct.: FG – .500; FT – .778

3-Pt.: 6-12, .500 (M. Brown 1-3, Patton 0-2, Penigar 4-4, Butler 1-3)

Blocks: 3 (Johnson 2, Penigar 1)

Turnovers: 12 (Johnson 3, Nelson 1, M. Brown 2, Patton 2, Penigar 1, Stowell 1, Butler 2)

Steals: 10 (Puzey 1, M. Brown 4, Patton 2, Penigar 1, Butler 2)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander, f	27	2-6	0-0	0-1	0	3	6
Bojang, f	29	1-4	0-2	1-5	1	3	2
Strandmark, c	21	1-4	0-2	1-2	1	2	2
Greene, g	33	4-12	0-0	1-3	3	2	10
Guidry, g	35	7-17	0-0	0-2	1	2	20
Burras	6	0-1	0-0	0-2	0	1	0
Ford	4	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Troc	13	1-1	0-0	2-4	5	1	2
Arnold	20	4-7	1-4	3-4	0	1	9
Reid	12	1-2	0-0	0-1	1	0	2
Totals	200	21-54	1-8	10-28	12	15	53

Team Pct.: FG – .389; FT – .125

3-Pt.: 10-22, .455 (Alexander 2-5, Greene 2-6, Guidry 6-11)

Blocks: 3 (Strandmark 1, Guidry 1, Reid 1)

Turnovers: 13 (Alexander 2, Bojang 2, Greene 4, Guidry 3, Ford 1, Arnold 1)

Steals: 2 (Alexander 2)

Officials: Eddie Jackson, Steve Morris, Tim Hutchinson

Attendance: 7,948

Halftime Score: Utah State 32, ILLINOIS STATE 22

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GAME 2

Redbirds Fall to Central Michigan, 74-69

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich. — Gregg Alexander scored a game-high 18 points against Central Michigan, but it was not enough as the Chippewas came from a four-point deficit at halftime to defeat Illinois State, 74-69, in college hoops action at Rose Arena in Mount Pleasant, Mich., Tuesday night.

Illinois State falls to 0-2 on the year while the Chippewas improve to 2-0. Vince Greene chipped in 13 points while Andy Strandmark had 11. Chris Kaman was the leading scorer for Central Michigan with 16 points, 14 of which came in the second half, while Mike Manciel added 15.

The Redbirds jumped to an early eight-point lead through the 11 minute mark of the first half off of hot shooting from Greene, who made consecutive baskets before Strandmark was fouled and went to the line. Up 14-6, the lead stayed on Illinois State's side through the first 20 minutes of play heading into the break with ISU up 32-28.

Two minutes into the second half, a bucket by Kaman gave the Chippewas their first lead of the game, 35-34, as CMU and Illinois State continued to bounce the lead back and forth for the next six minutes. At 11:58, however, Central Michigan jumped ahead by three, 49-46, off of a trey by Whitney Robinson and never looked back, spanning a 7-0 run and keeping the lead until the end of the game.

The Redbirds came within three with 2:04 remaining, but Kaman stayed hot, hitting a bucket and layup in the last minute.

Central Michigan 74, ILLINOIS STATE 69

November 26, 2002 • Rose Arena

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander, f	33	7-11	0-0	1-2	0	3	18
Arnold, f	22	2-4	0-0	0-2	0	3	4
Bojang, c	21	2-5	0-0	0-0	2	5	4
Troc, g	24	1-3	0-0	0-4	1	3	2
Greene, g	27	5-9	2-2	0-2	5	0	13
Burras	9	1-3	0-0	3-4	1	3	2
Ford	1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Strandmark	25	3-6	5-6	2-7	1	2	11
Guidry	24	3-7	0-0	0-2	0	0	7
Reid	14	4-5	0-0	0-0	0	2	8
Totals	200	28-53	7-8	6-25	10	22	69

Team Pct.: FG — .528; FT — .600

3-Pt.: 6-10, .600 (Alexander 4-6, Greene 1-2, Guidry 1-2)

Blocks: 0

Turnovers: 18 (Alexander 2, Arnold 1, Bojang 1, Troc 2, Greene 7, Burras 2, Strandmark 1, Guidry 1, Reid 1, Team 1)

Steals: 5 (Alexander 1, Greene 1, Burras 1, Strandmark 1, Reid 1)

C. Michigan	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Brigitha, f	16	2-4	0-2	1-3	0	4	4
Manciel, f	33	2-6	11-13	1-4	2	2	15
Kaman, c	35	7-11	2-2	5-13	2	3	16
Wallace, g	13	2-5	0-0	0-1	2	2	4
Meerman, g	20	1-2	2-2	0-2	3	0	5
Robinson	24	3-9	0-0	0-0	1	1	9
Quinn	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Voorhees	4	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	3
Bowne	18	3-5	0-0	1-1	2	0	7
Nelson	10	2-3	0-0	1-1	1	0	6
Carr	20	1-4	2-2	0-2	2	2	5
Hallett	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Dentlinger	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	24-51	17-21	9-28	15	14	74

Team Pct.: FG — .471; FT — .346

3-Pt.: 9-26, .346 (Manciel 0-3, Wallace 0-3, Meerman 1-2, Robinson 3-8, Voorhees 1-1, Bowne 1-3, Nelson 2-3, Carr 1-3)

Blocks: 3 (Kaman 3)

Turnovers: 19 (Brigitha 1, Manciel 3, Kaman 5, Wallace 2, Meerman 1, Robinson 3, Voorhees 1, Bowne 1, Carr 2)

Steals: 7 (Brigitha 1, Meerman 1, Robinson 4, Carr 1)

6.5

Officials: Mark Masariu, James Ferrari, Eric Curry

Attendance: 2,259

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 32, Central Michigan 28

GAME 3

ISU Loses Third Straight Game, 78-65

NORMAL, Ill. — Illinois State had five players in double figures, but could not find consistent scoring throughout the game and fell to Illinois-Chicago, 78-65, to lose its third straight game tonight at Redbird Arena.

Illinois State (0-3) was led by Vince Greene and Trey Guidry with 14 points apiece, while Gregg Alexander turned in 12 points for the 'Birds. Freshman Marcus Arnold had a career-high 11 points and six rebounds, while Andy Strandmark was the other Redbird in double figures with 10. Strandmark also led the 'Birds on the boards with a game-high eight rebounds.

UIC (2-1) was led by Martell Bailey with a game-high 20 points, while Armond Williams and Aaron Carr contributed 14 and 11 points respectively. The Flames overpowered Illinois State in the paint winning the scoring battle 38-12 and the rebounding battle 41-27.

Illinois State opened the game on fire shooting 6-for-8 from the field and jumping out to an early 16-7 lead at the 15:58 mark. Alexander led the way for the 'Birds early hitting two three-pointers during the run.

UIC went on an 11-0 run during the middle stretch of the first half and took its first lead of the game at 21-20 with 7:20 remaining before the break.

Arnold took Illinois State on his shoulders to open the second half scoring the Redbirds' first eight points to tie the game, 36-36, with 17:24 remaining in the game.

Illinois State, however, went into another scoring drought and managed only two points over nearly a six-minute stretch in the middle part of the second half as UIC took back the lead and extended it to nine at 58-49 at the 8:40 mark. The Flames seemed to be unable to miss their field goals in the latter part of the second half and shot 16-for-23 (.696) in the final period, including 10 of their final 11 shots.

Illinois-Chicago 78, ILLINOIS STATE 65

November 30, 2002 • Redbird Arena

UIC	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
A. Williams, f	26	7-13	0-0	1-6	1	3	14
Carr, f	34	4-11	1-3	4-7	2	0	11
Scott, c	14	3-4	1-2	3-3	0	4	7
Bailey, g	36	8-9	4-7	0-7	9	3	20
Schneiderman, g	39	2-5	2-2	0-4	2	1	6
Lesko	16	2-4	4-6	1-2	0	2	8
Dominguez	10	2-6	0-1	0-5	0	0	4
Harris	17	2-2	0-0	1-1	0	4	4
J. Williams	8	1-2	2-2	0-1	1	2	4
Totals	200	31-56	14-23	10-41	15	19	78

Team Pct.: FG — .554; FT — .609

3-Pt.: 2-8, .250 (Carr 2-4, Schneiderman 0-2, Dominguez 0-2)

Blocks: 3 (Dominguez 1, Harris 2)

Turnovers: 14 (Carr 3, Scott 3, Bailey 2, Schneiderman 1, Lesko 1, Dominguez 1, Harris 2, J. Williams 1)

Steals: 8 (A. Williams 1, Bailey 1, Schneiderman 1, Lesko 3, Harris 1, J. Williams 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander, f	29	4-9	0-0	0-2	0	0	12
Arnold, f	25	4-7	3-4	3-6	2	4	11
Strandmark, c	24	4-6	2-4	1-8	1	3	10
Greene, g	28	5-9	2-2	0-3	6	5	14
Guidry, g	33	4-17	2-2	0-0	3	3	14
Burras	6	0-1	0-0	1-2	0	1	0
Ford	8	0-1	0-0	1-1	0	1	0
Troc	13	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Bojang	27	0-6	4-5	1-4	2	3	4
Reid	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Totals	200	21-57	13-17	7-27	14	22	65

Team Pct.: FG — .400; FT — .765

3-Pt.: 10-23, .435 (Alexander 4-8, Greene 2-3, Guidry 4-12)

Blocks: 6 (Arnold 4, Troc 1, Bojang 1)

Turnovers: 16 (Alexander 5, Arnold 1, Strandmark 3, Greene 1, Guidry 1, Burras 1, Troc 1, Bojang 3)

Steals: 4 (Greene 1, Guidry 2, Bojang 1)

Officials: Tim Hutchinson, Dave Draucker, Bill Kaminski

Attendance: 5,536

Halftime Score: Illinois-Chicago 34, ILLINOIS STATE 28

GAME 4

Illinois State Falls to 0-4

NORMAL, Ill. — Trey Guidry had a career-high 26 points and Baboucarr Bojang posted his first double-double of the season, but Illinois State could not get its first win falling to Chattanooga 75-68 in non-conference college hoops action tonight at Redbird Arena.

Bojang finished with a season-high 15 points and 10 rebounds, while Andy Strandmark tied his season-best mark with 11 points. Guidry shot 11-for-15 (.733), including 4-for-5 from beyond the arc. The Redbirds had only 10 turnovers and 28 rebounds in the game, their best marks of the young season.

Chattanooga (4-1) was led by Jason Rogan with 22 points, while Tim Parker contributed 17 points, including four three-pointers.

Illinois State (0-4) appeared destined for a slow start, managing only one field goal in the game's first six and a half minutes and staring at an 11-4 deficit. However, a huge block by true freshman Dana Ford got the 'Birds rolling in transition and Bojang capitalized with a thunderous, one-handed dunk with 13:12 remaining in the first half.

The dunk sparked an 11-0 Redbird run that erased the Chattanooga lead and gave Illinois State its first of the game. The Mocs recovered with an 8-0 run of their own, capped by back-to-back three-pointers from Parker. The Redbirds were able to keep the game close with lay-ups by Arnold and Guidry, but the Mocs used a 9-0 run late in the period to take an 11-point lead at 34-23, its largest of the half.

The Mocs got five quick points in the opening minute of the second half to take a 13-point lead at 41-28, but the Redbirds went on a 23-10 surge over the next ten and a half minutes led by 10 points by Guidry. With the Chattanooga offense struggling, Illinois State was able to finally take back the lead at 53-52 off a lay-up by Bojang with 8:43 remaining in the game.

Chattanooga 75, ILLINOIS STATE 68

December 2, 2002 • Redbird Arena

Chattanooga	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Champion, f	26	5-8	1-2	2-7	2	3	11
Morgan, c	19	1-3	2-2	2-4	0	4	4
Parker, g	37	5-9	3-3	0-4	0	1	17
Trowell, g	29	5-7	2-4	0-1	5	3	13
Rogan, g	30	7-14	6-6	4-8	2	2	22
Pugh	13	1-2	0-0	1-1	0	1	2
Richardson	9	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Hood	6	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Matthews	9	0-1	2-2	0-1	0	1	2
Harris	22	2-3	0-0	2-5	1	3	4
Totals	200	26-50	16-19	11-34	10	19	75

Team Pct.: FG — .520; FT — .842

3-Pt.: 7-20, .350 (Parker 4-7, Trowell 1-3, Rogan 2-6, Richardson 0-2, Hood 0-1, Matthews 0-1)

Blocks: 7 (Morgan 4, Pugh 1, Harris 2)

Turnovers: 18 (Champion 1, Morgan 3, Parker 1, Trowell 6, Rogan 2, Pugh 3, Richardson 1, Matthews 1)

Steals: 2 (Parker 1, Rogan 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander, f	27	1-7	0-0	0-2	2	3	2
Arnold, f	11	1-1	1-2	2-2	0	3	3
Strandmark, c	24	4-8	3-3	0-5	0	3	11
Greene, g	33	0-8	0-0	0-0	8	1	0
Guidry, g	32	11-15	0-0	0-1	0	4	26
Burras	13	1-7	0-0	2-3	0	2	2
Ford	17	3-4	0-1	2-2	1	2	6
Troc	10	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	2	3
Bojang	30	4-10	7-8	6-10	1	1	15
Reid	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	26-62	11-14	13-28	14	21	68

Team Pct.: FG — .419; FT — .786

3-Pt.: 5-12, .417 (Alexander 0-2, Greene 0-4, Guidry 4-5, Troc 1-1)

Blocks: 5 (Arnold 1, Strandmark 1, Ford 2, Bojang 1)

Turnovers: 10 (Arnold 1, Strandmark 1, Greene 1, Guidry 2, Burras 1, Ford 1, Bojang 3)

Steals: 4 (Greene 1, Guidry 1, Ford 2)

Officials: Mike Sanzere, Sam Banks, Ed Hightower

Attendance: 5,444

Halftime Score: Chattanooga 36, ILLINOIS STATE 28

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GAME 5

Redbirds Let It Slip Away at Kent St., 76-61

KENT, Ohio – Despite a double-double by Trey Guidry, who led the Illinois State men's basketball team with 15 points and a career high 11 assists, Illinois State fell to Kent State, 76-61, in non-conference action, Saturday afternoon at the M.A.C. Center.

Senior Baboucarr Bojang pitched in a total of 14 points and a team-high six rebounds, including a lay-up with 11:31 left to play in the second half to put the 'Birds up 53-52 over the Golden Flashes. This would be the last lead of the game for the Redbirds.

Gregg Alexander, who contributed 13 points for the 'Birds, sank two free throws to tie the game at 55-55 with 10:47 left to play. However, Kent State hushed the Redbirds by going on an 11-0 run.

The Flashes run was led by a DeAndre Haynes three-pointer. Then Kent State's center, Nate Gerwig, chipped in three free throws, while Haynes added another two points off a lay-up. Matt Jakeway finished off the Kent State run with a three-pointer.

The bleeding was stopped by a Redbird jumper made by Guidry, but the damage had already been done as the 'Birds went 0-5 from the field during Kent State's run, which ultimately made the difference in a game where Illinois State trailed by one at the half, 36-35.

Illinois State falls to 0-5, while Kent State improves its record to 4-0.

Kent State 76, ILLINOIS STATE 61

December 7, 2002 • M.A.C. Center

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander, f	31	4-7	2-2	0-1	0	1	13
Arnold, f	22	3-5	0-0	0-1	0	3	6
Bojang, c	39	6-15	2-2	0-6	0	4	14
Ford, g	30	3-5	0-0	2-5	1	1	6
Guidry, g	38	7-14	0-0	0-4	11	4	15
Burras	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Strandmark	18	2-5	0-0	0-4	1	4	4
Troc	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Greene	17	1-2	0-0	0-1	3	0	3
Reid	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Totals	200	26-53	4-4	3-24	16	18	61

Team Pct.: FG – .491; FT – 1.000

3-Pt.: 5-8, .625 (Alexander 3-4, Guidry 1-3, Greene 1-1)

Blocks: 0

Turnovers: 15 (Alexander 4, Arnold 1, Bojang 2, Ford 1, Guidry 3, Troc 2, Greene 2)

Steals: 7 (Alexander 1, Bojang 1, Guidry 1, Strandmark 2, Greene 2)

Kent State	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Wilkins, f	35	2-7	3-4	2-5	1	2	8
Gates, f	29	2-8	0-1	0-6	3	1	4
Gerwig, c	19	4-6	5-7	3-6	0	2	13
Haut, g	34	8-13	3-3	0-2	2	1	22
Haynes, g	29	5-9	1-2	1-4	6	2	14
Jakeway	22	2-6	0-0	0-2	1	1	5
Bedford	12	1-1	1-1	0-0	1	1	3
Edwards	20	3-3	1-1	2-3	0	1	7
Totals	200	27-53	14-19	8-32	14	11	76

Team Pct.: FG – .509; FT – .737

3-Pt.: 8-18, .444 (Wilkins 1-4, Gates 0-1, Haut 3-6, Haynes 3-5, Jakeway 1-2)

Blocks: 3 (Edwards 3)

Turnovers: 12 (Wilkins 1, Gates 3, Gerwig 1, Haut 1, Haynes 3, Jakeway 2, Bedford 1)

Steals: 8 (Gates 2, Haut 1, Haynes 3, Edwards 2)

Officials: James Ferrari, Keith Herring, Mike Foote

Attendance: 3,716

Halftime Score: Kent State 36, ILLINOIS STATE 35

GAME 6

Shooting Woes Stifle 'Birds at W. Ky.

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Trailing by only five points at halftime, the Illinois State men's basketball team held strong with Western Kentucky until the second half before the Hilltoppers decided to dominate en route to a 63-43 win over the Redbirds Sunday afternoon in Bowling Green, Ky.

With the loss, the Redbirds remain winless this season, falling to 0-6 while Western Kentucky improves to 3-3. ISU was led by Gregg Alexander who had 18 points, the only Redbird player to post double digits. Vince Greene chipped in six and Trey Guidry had five. WKU was led by Nate Williams, who led all scorers with 20 points, and Patrick Sparks added 10.

The Redbirds scored 20 points in the first half and trailed

25-20 at halftime, but the Hilltoppers came out on fire in the second, taking a commanding 13-point lead before the 'Birds scored their first field goal of the half.

The Redbirds came to within 10 with twelve minutes to play but Western Kentucky answered, going on a seven-point run, leading 44-27 with nine left in the game.

ISU shot 27.6% from the field on the game, including 25% in the second half. They were 16-of-58 from the field.

Western Kentucky 63, ILLINOIS STATE 43

December 15, 2002 • E.A. Diddle Arena

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander, f	33	7-14	2-2	1-2	3	1	18
Bojang, f	17	1-4	1-2	0-3	0	2	3
Strandmark, c	27	0-4	2-4	5-9	1	1	2
Ford, g	22	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	2
Guidry, g	31	2-15	0-0	2-4	1	1	5
Burras	13	0-4	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Troc	12	0-1	1-2	1-2	0	2	1
Greene	19	2-6	2-2	1-4	3	1	6
Harris	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Arnold	15	2-3	0-0	0-5	0	4	4
Hill	2	1-1	0-0	1-1	0	0	2
Reid	5	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Gillan	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	16-58	8-12	15-36	9	14	43

Team Pct.: FG – .276; FT – .667

3-Pt.: 3-17, .176 (Alexander 2-6, Ford 0-1, Guidry 1-7, Greene 0-2, Reid 0-1)

Blocks: 3 (Bojang 1, Strandmark 1, Arnold 1)

Turnovers: 15 (Alexander 2, Strandmark 1, Ford 1, Guidry 1, Burras 2, Troc 2, Greene 3, Arnold 1, Reid 1, Gillan 1)

Steals: 8 (Alexander 1, Bojang 1, Ford 1, Guidry 2, Greene 2, Gillan 1)

Western Ky.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Williams, f	31	5-10	10-12	1-6	0	0	20
Boyden, f	27	1-4	0-0	0-5	1	2	2
Videnov, g	28	3-7	0-0	0-2	2	1	7
Wells, g	30	4-7	0-1	0-1	1	1	9
Sparks, g	36	5-7	0-0	0-9	10	2	10
Halcomb	9	2-3	1-1	0-1	0	2	5
Winchester	15	1-1	0-0	0-3	1	2	2
Rumph	8	2-3	0-0	0-0	3	0	6
Brown	10	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	2
Massiah	4	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
Holland	2	0-1	0-0	1-2	0	0	0
Totals	200	24-47	11-14	5-33	18	10	63

Team Pct.: FG – .511; FT – .786

3-Pt.: 4-10, .400 (Boyden 0-2, Videnov 1-3, Wells 1-2, Sparks 0-1, Rumph 2-2)

Blocks: 9 (Williams 2, Wells 2, Halcomb 5)

Turnovers: 16 (Williams 1, Boyden 1, Videnov 1, Wells 2, Sparks 5, Winchester 3, Rumph 2, Holland 1)

Steals: 9 (Williams 1, Boyden 1, Wells 3, Sparks 3, Halcomb 1)

Officials: Ron Zetcher, Eddie Jackson, Terry Davis

Attendance: 5,130

Halftime Score: Western Kentucky 25, ILLINOIS STATE 20

GAME 7

Redbirds Shut Down J'ville for First Win

NORMAL, Ill. – Vince Greene finished with 17 points and a career-high 11 assists as Illinois State got the monkey off its back and earned its first win of the season in convincing fashion 74-50 at Redbird Arena.

Illinois State (1-6) also had Gregg Alexander in double figures with 15 points, including a 3-for-4 performance from beyond the arc. Baboucarr Bojang finished with a game-high eight rebounds, while the 'Birds had three other players score eight points apiece.

The Redbirds were able to get their interior game on the right track outscoring the Dolphins 36-12 in the paint. The Illinois State defense also played exceptionally well keeping Jacksonville without a field goal for over seven minutes in the second half.

Jacksonville (4-6) was led by James Daniels with a game-high 18 points, coming from a career-high tying six three-pointers.

Things looked bleak early on as the Redbirds came out flat, connecting on only two of their first 10 shots from the field and falling behind 12-6. However, Greene sparked a 10-2 run with back-to-back jumpers that helped give the 'Birds their first lead of the game at 16-14 with 10:39 remaining before halftime.

Illinois State shot 60 percent (12-for-20) for the remaining 13 minutes of the first half led by 10 points from Alexander, including two three pointers. Greene finished the first half with six assists and the Redbird defense was able to force 10 Jacksonville turnovers.

The second half was all Illinois State as the Redbirds outscored the Dolphins 39-24, including a 26-6 run, and forced nine turnovers.

ILLINOIS STATE 74, Jacksonville 50

December 18, 2002 • Redbird Arena

Jacksonville	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Warner, f	32	4-11	1-2	3-6	2	2	9
Sheppard, f	30	4-14	0-0	0-2	4	1	9
Lewis, c	21	0-4	0-0	1-6	0	0	0
Daniels, g	30	6-13	0-0	0-4	0	2	18
Robertson, g	25	0-2	1-2	1-3	3	0	1
Copeland	15	3-7	0-0	1-2	0	1	8
Brown	16	0-0	2-4	0-3	0	1	2
White	9	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Didion	11	1-3	0-0	1-2	2	2	3
Howard	11	0-1	0-0	0-2	0	1	0
Totals	200	18-57	4-8	9-36	11	11	50

Team Pct.: FG – .316; FT – .500

3-Pt.: 10-31 (.323, Warner 0-2, Sheppard 1-7, Daniels 6-13, Robertson 0-1, Copeland 2-4, White 0-2, Didion 1-2)

Blocks: 0

Turnovers: 19 (Warner 4, Sheppard 4, Lewis 3, Daniels 1, Robertson 1, Copeland 1, Brown 2, White 1, Didion 1, Team 1)

Steals: 5 (Warner 1, Daniels 1, Robertson 2, Copeland 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander, f	32	5-7	2-2	1-5	1	0	15
Arnold, f	18	2-8	1-1	1-2	0	3	5
Strandmark, c	19	4-6	0-1	0-2	1	2	8
Ford, g	18	1-4	0-2	0-5	1	0	2
Greene, g	34	6-11	2-2	0-5	11	2	17
Burras	9	3-4	0-0	0-2	1	1	6
Troc	12	4-6	0-0	0-2	2	1	8
Harris	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Bojang	29	3-8	2-2	3-8	1	3	8
Guidry	20	1-5	1-2	0-2	2	2	3
Hill	2	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Reid	5	1-1	0-0	1-3	0	1	2
Gillan	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	30-60	8-12	6-38	20	15	74

Team Pct.: FG – .500; FT – .667

3-Pt.: 6-14, .429 (Alexander 3-4, Greene 3-6, Troc 0-1, Guidry 0-3)

Blocks: 5 (Arnold 1, Strandmark 2, Harris 1, Bojang 1)

Turnovers: 11 (Ford 1, Greene 2, Bojang 2, Guidry 4, Reid 2)

Steals: 9 (Alexander 2, Strandmark 1, Greene 1, Burras 1, Troc 1, Bojang 2, Guidry 1)

Officials: Gerry Pollard, Steven Skiles, Ron Berkholz

Attendance: 5,121

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 35, Jacksonville 26

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Redbirds Fall to Northern Illinois

NORMAL, Ill. – Trey Guidry had four three-pointers in the second half and finished with a game-high 19 points, but Illinois State could not overcome a 17-point second half deficit and fell to Northern Illinois, 72-65, in non-conference basketball action at Redbird Arena.

Freshman Todd Peterson had a career-high 18 points on six three-pointers for Northern Illinois. Former Redbird P.J. Smith scored 16 for the Huskies, including three from beyond the arc. Jay Bates also scored in double figures for NIU with 17 points.

ISU jumped out to an early 7-2 lead sparked by a three-pointer by Greene. However, turnovers hampered the 'Birds in the first half and the Huskies were able to pull ahead 14-12 on a three-point basket by Anthony Maestranzi with 11:41 remaining before halftime.

Greene led the Redbirds into the lockerroom with nine first-half points on perfect 3-for-3 shooting from the field, including 2-for-2 from the line.

The Huskies came out firing in the second half outscoring the 'Birds 13-4 in the first five minutes and keeping Illinois State without a field goal. Peterson hit two three-pointers to pace the NIU run. Greene hit a jumper from the left baseline to give the Redbirds their first field goal and bring ISU to within 14 points, 44-30, with 14:34 remaining in the game.

Northern Illinois 72, ILLINOIS STATE 65

December 21, 2002 • Redbird Arena

Northern Illinois	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Smallwood, f	34	2-11	1-4	6-12	2	3	5
Staten, f	6	0-3	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
Morrison, c	9	1-3	1-2	0-0	0	2	3
Bates, g	29	3-5	10-12	1-3	1	3	17
Smith, g	37	5-11	3-4	1-3	2	3	16
Thompson	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Maestranzi	11	1-2	0-0	1-2	2	1	3
McElroy	22	1-1	1-3	2-7	3	2	3
Sanders	15	2-5	3-6	3-4	0	4	7
Sewasciuk	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Peterson	34	6-10	0-0	0-4	1	2	18
Totals	200	21-51	19-31	16-38	11	20	72

Team Pct.: FG – .412; FT – .613

3-Pt.: 11-20, .550 (Bates 1-1, Smith 3-7, Maestranzi 1-2, Peterson 6-10)

Blocks: 1 (Smallwood 1)

Turnovers: 17 (Smallwood 3, Staten 1, Bates 3, Smith 3, Maestranzi 2, McElroy 1, Sanders 1, Sewasciuk 1, Peterson 1, Team 1)

Steals: 8 (Smallwood 3, Staten 1, Bates 1, Smith 1, McElroy 2)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander, f	35	1-10	2-2	0-0	2	5	4
Bojang, f	14	0-0	2-4	2-5	0	5	2
Strandmark, c	29	1-2	3-4	1-6	0	4	5
Ford, g	13	2-4	0-0	2-2	0	1	4
Greene, g	34	5-9	4-4	0-1	1	3	16
Burras	15	1-1	0-0	3-6	0	3	2
Troc	13	1-5	1-2	0-0	1	1	4
Arnold	22	4-7	1-3	3-5	1	3	9
Guidry	25	7-15	0-0	0-2	1	2	19
Gillan	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	22-53	13-19	13-30	6	27	65

Team Pct.: FG – .415; FT – .684

3-Pt.: 8-22, .364 (Alexander 0-6, Greene 2-6, Troc 1-1, Guidry 5-9)

Blocks: 5 (Alexander 1, Bojang 1, Strandmark 1, Arnold, Guidry 1)

Turnovers: 18 (Alexander 1, Bojang 3, Strandmark 2, Ford 2, Greene 3, Troc 3, Arnold 2, Guidry 1, Gillan 1)

Steals: 10 (Strandmark 3, Ford 1, Greene 4, Burras 2)

Officials: J.D. Collins, Frank Spencer, Greg Webb

Attendance: 4,641

Halftime Score: Northern Illinois 31, ILLINOIS STATE 24

GAME 9

ISU Suffers Worst Defeat at Redbird Arena

NORMAL, Ill. – Vince Greene and Marcus Arnold each scored 14 points, but Illinois State suffered its worst defeat ever in Redbird Arena falling 76-48 to Southwest Missouri State in the Missouri Valley Conference opener for both teams.

Illinois State (1-8, 0-1 MVC) shot only 37 percent (15-of-41) from the field in the game and Greene and Arnold were the only two Redbirds in double figures.

SMS (4-5, 1-0 MVC) made 28 of its 47 shot attempts (60 percent) and was able to score 27 points off of Redbird turnovers. Terrance McGee led the Bears with 17 points and five assists, while Merrill Andrews contributed 13 points.

SMS opened the game with eight unanswered points, including two three-pointers by McGee. Greene got the Redbirds on the scoreboard with a trey at the 16:33 mark, but the Bears continued to put up the points outscoring ISU 21-7 in the game's first ten minutes.

Rebert Harris came off the bench and hit a jumper with 6:08 remaining in the first half to spark a 5-0 run for the 'Birds, but ISU could only manage free throws the rest of the way and went into halftime down, 38-18, following a 3-point bucket by Jason Gilbert as time expired.

The Redbird offense came alive in the second half scoring 10 points in the first three minutes, including six points by Arnold. However, the 'Birds could not keep the points coming and SMS went on a 10-1 run over next five minutes to give the Bears their largest lead of the game at 23 points, 52-29.

SMS 76, ILLINOIS STATE 48

December 29, 2002 • Redbird Arena

SMS	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Randle, f	25	3-6	2-4	1-2	1	4	8
Easley, f	27	4-5	0-0	3-10	1	0	8
Maclin, c	18	2-4	2-4	3-6	0	5	6
Andrews, g	34	4-6	5-5	0-2	4	1	13
McGee, g	25	6-9	2-2	1-2	5	2	17
Colwell	18	3-6	2-2	1-2	0	5	8
Gilbert	7	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	3
Johnson	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Smith	11	0-0	0-0	0-3	0	2	0
Fisher	13	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	5
Walk	19	3-5	2-2	2-4	1	4	8
Totals	200	28-47	15-19	13-33	13	24	76

Team Pct.: FG – .596; FT – .789

3-Pt.: 5-8, .625 (McGee 3-4, Gilbert 1-2, Johnson 0-1, Fisher 1-1)

Blocks: 3 (Randle 1, Easley 1, Smith 1)

Turnovers: 15 (Randle 3, Maclin 4, Andrews 2, Colwell 2, Gilbert 1, Fisher 2, Walk 1)

Steals: 8 (Easley 3, Andrews 3, McGee 1, Fisher 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander, f	22	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Arnold, f	23	4-6	6-9	2-3	0	4	14
Bojang, c	25	2-4	5-6	1-1	0	0	9
Greene, g	23	5-6	2-2	0-0	1	1	14
Guidry, g	28	1-6	0-0	0-1	0	3	3
Burras	21	0-1	2-6	0-4	1	2	2
Ford	19	0-5	0-0	2-3	1	2	0
Strandmark	10	2-4	0-0	2-3	0	2	4
Troc	9	0-1	0-0	1-1	0	1	0
Harris	9	1-5	0-0	0-0	0	0	2
Hill	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Reid	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Gillan	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	15-41	15-23	10-18	3	18	48

Team Pct.: FG – .366; FT – .652

3-Pt.: 3-7, .429 (Alexander 0-1, Greene 2-2, Guidry 1-3, Harris 0-1)

Blocks: 4 (Bojang 2, Harris 1, Hill 1)

Turnovers: 18 (Alexander 1, Arnold 1, Bojang 3, Greene 5, Guidry 1, Burras 1, Strandmark 2, Harris 4)

Steals: 6 (Bojang 2, Greene 1, Guidry 1, Troc 1, Harris 1)

Officials: John Higgins, Steve Morris, Bob Staffen

Attendance: 5,042

Halftime Score: SMS 38, ILLINOIS STATE 18

GAME 10

Solid Redbird Effort in 74-65 Loss at SIU

CARBONDALE, Ill. – Despite a five-point halftime lead and double-digit scoring by four Redbird players, including 18 points by Gregg Alexander, Illinois State fell to Southern Illinois, 74-65 in Missouri Valley Conference basketball action Saturday afternoon at SIU Arena.

ISU (1-9, 0-2) started the game strong and took the lead, 27-25, in the first half after two free throws by Alexander at the 3:42 mark. A jumper by Trey Guidry helped secure a lead by ISU but the Salukis (7-3, 2-0) came to within one after a trey by Brad Korn. A free throw by Marcus Arnold and jumpers by Arnold and Alexander to close out the half kept the 'Birds ahead, 39-34.

ISU led by as many as nine with 15 minutes to play in the game despite foul trouble on Alexander who was the offensive spark for ISU in the first.

Ahead 52-48 with 11:47 remaining, ISU began to fade after a jumper by Korn and a dunk by Stetson Hairston tied the game. With Alexander on the bench, SIU went on a 26-10 run which proved to be the difference in the game as the Salukis held the lead through the final minutes.

Arnold chipped in 15 points while Baboucar Bojang added 12.

Guidry had 11 while Southern Illinois was led by 19 from Kent Williams.

Southern Illinois 74, ILLINOIS STATE 65

January 4, 2003 • SIU Arena

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Arnold, f	36	7-11	1-1	1-4	0	5	15
Bojang, f	32	3-6	6-8	3-7	1	4	12
Ford, g	31	1-3	0-0	1-8	2	2	2
Greene, g	39	3-8	0-1	0-1	4	2	7
Guidry, g	24	3-9	3-4	0-1	4	4	11
Alexander	26	7-16	2-2	2-3	1	4	18
Strandmark	10	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Troc	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Totals	200	24-54	12-16	9-31	12	23	65

Team Pct.: FG – .444; FT – .750

3-Pt.: 5-13, .385 (Greene 1-2, Guidry 2-2, Alexander 2-8, Troc 0-1)

Blocks: 2 (Arnold 1, Strandmark 1)

Turnovers: 13 (Arnold 1, Bojang 2, Greene 4, Guidry 5, Alexander 1)

Steals: 4 (Ford 3, Greene 1)

S. Illinois	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Willis, f	18	0-3	2-2	0-0	0	2	2
Dearman, f	29	5-11	3-5	4-10	2	3	13
Brooks, g	33	3-9	5-6	1-4	4	3	11
Hairston, g	31	2-8	3-4	5-8	3	2	7
Williams, g	35	6-11	7-9	0-3	2	2	19
Schoen	4	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	1	1
Korn	14	3-3	0-0	1-1	0	4	8
Turner	18	2-2	0-0	1-3	1	1	6
Warren	18	3-5	1-2	0-5	1	2	7
Totals	200	24-52	22-30	12-36	13	20	74

Team Pct.: FG – .462; FT – .733

3-Pt.: 4-8, .500 (Brooks 0-1, Hairston 0-2, Williams 0-1, Korn 2-2, Turner 2-2)

Blocks: 6 (Dearman 1, Brooks 1, Hairston 1, Williams 1, Warren 2)

Turnovers: 11 (Dearman 1, Brooks 4, Hairston 4, Williams 1, Warren 1)

Steals: 8 (Brooks 2, Hairston 2, Williams 2, Turner 1, Warren 1)

Officials: David Warfel, Gerry Pollard, Mark McMullen

Attendance: 7,014

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 39, Southern Illinois 34

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GAME 11

Northern Iowa Edges the Redbirds, 66-64

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa – Marcus Arnold scored a career-high 19 points and Gregg Alexander chipped in 12 to pace Illinois State but it was not enough as the men's basketball team fell to 1-10 overall, 0-3 in the Missouri Valley Conference on Tuesday after a two-point loss to Northern Iowa, 66-64, in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Leading by one point with 1:10 to play, the Redbirds let the game slip from their grasp as Ryan Paulsen of UNI hit a three pointer with :42 seconds remaining. A missed trey by Alexander and a foul by Dana Ford put Ben Jacobson at the line in the final seconds. He connected on both free throws as the Panthers (4-7, 1-2) handed ISU their fourth consecutive loss. Vince Greene hit a shot to pull within two with :16 seconds left, but that was as close as the 'Birds got.

Illinois State led 31-29 at the half off of hot shooting from Alexander, who scored eight points in the first twenty minutes, and Kevin Troc who added seven. It was the second game in a row that the 'Birds led at halftime and faltered in the second period, resulting in a loss.

Northern Iowa shot 58 percent from the field in the second half, sparked by 17 points from Jacobsen. Paulsen added 14 for the Panthers while Chris Foster tossed in 11.

Northern Iowa 66, ILLINOIS STATE 64

January 7, 2003 • UNI-Dome

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander, f	36	3-8	4-4	2-5	2	0	12
Bojang, f	27	4-6	0-0	2-5	0	5	8
Arnold, c	31	9-18	1-2	2-3	2	2	19
Ford, g	31	4-5	0-0	0-5	3	3	9
Greene, g	20	1-2	0-0	0-3	3	2	2
Burras	4	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Strandmark	17	3-5	1-2	3-4	0	0	7
Troc	23	2-7	3-3	0-3	1	1	7
Guidry	11	0-2	0-0	0-2	0	1	0
Totals	200	26-54	9-11	9-33	11	15	64

Team Pct.: FG – .481; FT – .818

3-Pt.: 3-7, .429 (Alexander 2-3, Ford 1-1, Burras 0-1, Troc 0-2)

Blocks: 1 (Ford 1)

Turnovers: 14 (Alexander 2, Ford 2, Greene 4, Bojang 1, Strandmark 1, Troc 2, Guidry 2)

Steals: 5 (Alexander 3, Ford 1, Bojang 1)

Northern Iowa	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Little, f	20	1-3	0-0	1-1	0	1	2
Schneiderman, f	34	3-8	0-0	2-6	2	2	8
Gruber, c	31	4-7	0-0	2-10	1	1	8
B. Jacobson, g	37	6-13	4-7	0-1	2	2	17
Foster, g	29	4-8	1-2	1-2	8	0	11
Paulsen	22	5-9	0-0	0-3	1	3	14
Schmit	11	1-1	2-2	0-0	1	1	4
A. Jacobson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Godfred	15	1-4	0-0	0-2	0	1	2
Totals	200	25-53	7-11	7-28	15	11	66

Team Pct.: FG – .472; FT – .636

3-Pt.: 9-21, .429 (Little 0-2, B. Jacobson 1-3, Foster 2-3, Schneiderman 2-4, Paulsen 4-8, Godfred 0-1)

Blocks: 2 (Godfred 2)

Turnovers: 12 (Little 1, B. Jacobson 1, Foster 3, Gruber 4, Schneiderman 2, Paulsen 1)

Steals: 6 (Little 1, Foster 1, Gruber 2, Schneiderman 2)

Officials: Ron Zetcher, Joe Ponsetto, Dave Draucker

Attendance: 2,122

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 31, Northern Iowa 29

GAME 12

ISU Falls to No. 16 Creighton, 74-55

NORMAL, Ill. – Despite trailing by only a seven-point deficit at halftime, Illinois State could not get it done in the second half as No. 16 Creighton pulled away and defeated the Redbirds, 74-55, at Saturday at Redbird Arena.

Creighton, 13-1, 4-0 MVC, had only two players score in double figures with Michael Lindeman turning in 19 and Kyle Korver contributing 17. Tyler McKinney dished out seven assists for the 'Jays to go along with his five points.

Illinois State, 1-11, 0-4 MVC, was led by Vince Greene with 17 points and seven assists, including 12 second-half tallies. Gregg Alexander and Marcus Arnold also turned in 13 points apiece for the Redbirds, and Arnold led the team on the boards with a game-high tying six rebounds.

Creighton jumped out to an early 6-0 lead hitting three jumpers on their first three possessions, but the Redbirds answered with a lay-up by Bojang that sparked an 10-2 run by Illinois State, giving the 'Birds their first lead of the game 10-8 with 12:46 remaining before the half.

Shortly after Korver hit his first field goal of the game, a three-pointer near the top of the key, to give Creighton back the lead, 11-10, Arnold scored seven of the next 10 Redbird points to keep the game close with just over six minutes remaining. However, Korver was able to hit two treys down the stretch that helped give Creighton a nine-point advantage, 31-22, three minutes before the break. The 'Birds got a big boost heading into the locker room when Alexander hit a half-court bank shot at the buzzer to keep the Bluejay lead in single digits, 37-30.

#16 Creighton 76, ILLINOIS STATE 57

January 11, 2003 • Redbird Arena

Creighton	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Lindeman, f	30	8-11	1-1	1-2	2	1	19
Korver, f	33	5-6	3-5	1-4	3	4	17
Deren, f	22	4-6	0-3	1-6	1	1	8
House, g	21	4-8	1-2	1-2	0	2	9
McKinney, g	29	2-6	0-0	0-4	7	0	5
Sims	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Bowden	19	1-2	2-2	0-2	2	0	4
Funk	11	0-2	0-0	0-1	2	2	0
Miliner	11	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Dabbert	15	3-4	2-3	1-3	1	2	8
Grimes	9	3-3	0-0	2-4	0	1	6
Totals	200	30-50	9-16	7-28	19	13	76

Team Pct.: FG – .600; FT – .563

3-Pt.: 7-18, .389 (Lindeman 2-4, Korver 4-5, House 0-2, McKinney 1-3, Bowden 0-1, Funk 0-1, Miliner 0-2)

Blocks: 3 (Korver 1, Deren 1, Dabbert 1)

Turnovers: 13 (Korver 2, Deren 3, House 2, McKinney 2, Bowden 1, Dabbert 1, Grimes 2)

Steals: 8 (Lindeman 2, Korver 1, Deren 1, House 1, McKinney 1, Funk 1, Dabbert 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander, f	35	4-9	3-3	0-2	0	2	13
Arnold, f	30	5-11	3-3	1-6	0	4	13
Bojang, f	27	4-10	1-1	2-3	1	2	9
Ford, g	22	1-5	0-0	1-2	0	3	2
Greene, g	36	5-5	4-5	0-3	7	3	17
Burras	8	1-3	0-0	1-1	0	3	3
Strandmark	14	0-2	0-0	0-5	1	2	0
Troc	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Guidry	19	0-4	0-0	0-1	1	0	0
Totals	200	20-49	11-12	8-26	10	19	57

Team Pct.: FG – .408; FT – .917

3-Pt.: 6-12, .500 (Alexander 2-5, Greene 3-3, Burras 1-1, Guidry 0-3)

Blocks: 1 (Bojang 1)

Turnovers: 18 (Alexander 4, Arnold 1, Bojang 1, Ford 4, Greene 2, Burras 2, Strandmark 1, Troc 1, Guidry 2)

Steals: 6 (Alexander 1, Bojang 1, Greene 4)

Officials: Ron Berkholtz, Brad Fowler, Dave Draucker

Attendance: 5,913

Halftime Score: Creighton 37, ILLINOIS STATE 30

GAME 13

SMS Defense Stifles Illinois State

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Vince Greene and Trey Guidry combined for 29 Illinois State points but the SMS defense was too much for the Redbirds, who committed 22 turnovers in the game, as the Bears handed the Redbirds their fifth Missouri Valley Conference loss, twelfth of the season, in league basketball action Wednesday night at the Hammons Center.

The Redbirds (1-12, 0-5) shot 31 percent from the field and was outrebounded 41-31, 17 of which were offensive for the Bears.

Illinois State was held without a field goal until the 11:42 mark of the first half, when Guidry connected for a three-point basket. With SMS up 9-5, the lead continued to weigh on the home side after Kellen Easley hit a trey and jumper. Up by 11 with 4:39 to play before the break, foul trouble loomed for the 'Birds and free throws were the difference. Five free throws in the final four minutes of the half helped SMS to a 13-point halftime lead, 28-15.

Illinois State never pulled to within 10 points in the second half and a foul on Marcus Arnold and Rebert Harris in the first two minutes of play put Terrance McGee at the line. He hit both free throws and SMS remained on top, 30-19, with 17:31 on the clock.

The closest the Redbirds got in the final minutes was within 12 with 3:52 to play after a made free throw by Gregg Alexander. Tamarr Maclin made sure the 'Birds got no closer than that, however, hitting two free throws of his own twenty seconds later. SMS didn't hit a field goal from the 7:36 mark on, but was 10-of-14 at the free throw line through those final minutes til the buzzer.

SMS improves to 7-6, 4-1 in the Valley and was led by 15 points from McGee, who also pulled down nine boards. Easley also contributed 14 points while Maclin had seven rebounds.

SMS 60, ILLINOIS STATE 46

January 15, 2003 • Hammons Center

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander, f	37	1-10	3-4	2-5	0	2	5
Arnold, f	17	1-2	2-2	0-1	0	5	4
Bojang, c	28	1-2	2-4	1-8	0	5	4
Ford, g	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Greene, g	33	3-9	5-7	1-7	1	3	13
Burras	18	0-4	0-0	0-1	1	3	0
Strandmark	11	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0
Harris	14	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	4	2
Guidry	30	6-11	1-2	0-1	2	2	16
Reid	6	0-0	2-2	1-3	0	3	2
Totals	200	13-42	15-21	8-31	5	28	46

Team Pct.: FG – .310; FT – .714

3-Pt.: 5-15, .333 (Alexander 0-4, Greene 2-4, Harris 0-1, Guidry 3-6)

Blocks: 2 (Arnold 1, Burras 1)

Turnovers: 22 (Alexander 2, Arnold 1, Bojang 3, Ford 3, Greene 4, Burras 3, Harris 3, Guidry 2, Team 1)

Steals: 6 (Alexander 3, Greene 2, Burras 1)

SMS	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Maclin, f	20	0-3	4-8	5-7	2	4	4
Easley, f	35	6-12	1-2	3-4	0	2	14
Randle, c	25	3-5	0-0	2-4	0	4	6
Andrews, g	29	2-8	3-4	2-4	1	2	7
McGee, g	34	2-10	11-15	0-9	6	4	15
Colwell	25	1-5	3-4	2-5	1	1	5
Johnson	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Smith	10	2-4	0-0	0-0	0	3	4
Fisher	18	2-2	0-1	1-4	2	1	5
Walk	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	18-50	22-34	17-41	12	22	60

Team Pct.: FG – .360; FT – .647

3-Pt.: 2-7, .286 (Easley 1-2, McGee 0-3, Johnson 0-1, Fisher 1-1)

Blocks: 5 (Maclin 1, Randle 3, Colwell 1)

Turnovers: 15 (Maclin 3, Easley 1, Randle 2, Andrews 3, McGee 5, Smith 1)

Steals: 14 (Easley 5, Randle 2, Andrews 2, McGee 1, Colwell 2, Johnson 1, Fisher 1)

Officials: Winston Stith, Paul Kaster, Warren Evans

Attendance: 5,232

Halftime Score: SMS 28, Illinois State 15

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GAME 14

Wichita State Edges Illinois State 69-66

NORMAL, Ill. – Trey Guidry scored all of his team-high 15 points in the second half but his final shot rimmed out with 3.4 seconds left on the clock to shatter Illinois State's hopes to end its seven-game losing streak as Wichita State beat the Redbirds, 69-66, in Missouri Valley Conference action Saturday.

The Redbirds, 1-13, 0-6 in the Valley, had five players in double figures led by Guidry's 15. Vince Greene added 14, Baboucarr Bojang had 12, Gregg Alexander scored 11 and Marcus Arnold had 10.

Wichita State, 9-5, 4-1 in the Valley, got 20 points from Jamar Howard. Rob Kampman hit all five of his first-half shots including three three-pointers on the way to a 17-point performance for WSU.

WSU had a 30-28 halftime lead thanks to Kampman's 13 points.

A pair of Burns three-pointers helped WSU open a 41-37 lead in the first five minutes of the second half, but a Bojang jumper, Guidry's first basket of the game--a three-pointer--and Greene's steal and layup put the Birds on top 44-41 with 13:07 left.

With Guidry hitting a pair of free throws and a three-pointer and Gregg Alexander hitting two free throws and a long two-pointer, ISU scored the next nine points to take a 53-47 lead into the final eight minutes. Guidry brought the crowd of 5,970 to its feet once again with another three-point bucket at the 1:45 mark to put the 'Birds at 64-62.

Aaron Hogg answered with a three for WSU--his only basket in eight tries in the game. Guidry's driving shot with 1:18 left put the Birds back on top 66-65, but Miller scored off a set play to put the Shockers ahead to stay.

Wichita State 69, ILLINOIS STATE 66

January 18, 2003 • Redbird Arena

Wichita State	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Howard, f	33	7-8	4-8	0-3	3	3	20
Kampman, f	28	7-9	0-0	0-2	0	2	17
Miller, c	30	6-11	0-0	3-9	0	2	12
Hogg, g	21	1-8	0-0	1-4	2	3	3
Steven, g	23	0-2	0-0	0-1	3	1	0
Burns	30	2-5	7-12	0-7	3	2	13
Wise	19	0-2	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Clark	16	1-2	2-2	1-2	0	3	4
Totals	200	24-47	13-22	6-30	11	17	69

Team Pct.: FG – .511; FT – .591

3-Pt.: 8-16, .500 (Howard 2-2, Kampman 3-4, Hogg 1-5, Steven 0-1, Burns 2-3, Wise 0-1)

Blocks: 4 (Kampman 2, Miller 1, Wise 1)

Turnovers: 12 (Howard 2, Kampman 2, Miller 2, Hogg 2, Steven 1, Burns 2, Clark 1)

Steals: 5 (Miller 1, Hogg 2, Steven 1, Burns 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Burras, f	7	0-0	0-0	1-2	1	0	0
Arnold, f	30	3-11	4-5	4-6	3	2	10
Bojang, c	38	6-12	0-0	4-9	1	4	12
Alexander, g	36	4-11	2-2	0-2	4	1	11
Greene, g	40	5-8	1-2	0-3	3	1	14
Ford	19	2-3	0-0	2-4	1	4	4
Strandmark	8	0-1	0-0	1-2	0	2	0
Troc	7	0-1	0-0	1-2	0	1	0
Guidry	15	5-13	2-3	0-1	0	1	15
Totals	200	25-60	9-12	14-34	13	17	66

Team Pct.: FG – .417; FT – .750

3-Pt.: 7-16, .438 (Alexander 1-6, Greene 3-4, Guidry 3-6)

Blocks: 3 (Arnold 2, Strandmark 1)

Turnovers: 12 (Arnold 3, Bojang 3, Greene 1, Ford 1, Strandmark 1, Troc 2, Guidry 1)

Steals: 8 (Bojang 2, Alexander 1, Greene 4, Ford 1)

Officials: Glenn Mayborg, Scott Fruehling, Don Daily

Attendance: 5,970

Technical Fouls: Wichita State – Howard; ILLINOIS STATE – bench.

Halftime Score: Wichita State 30, ILLINOIS STATE 28

GAME 15

Redbirds Score Season-High Point Total in Loss at #9 Creighton

OMAHA, Neb. – Illinois State scored a season-high 82 points at No.9 Creighton, which also was the most points scored on the Bluejays all year, but the nationally-ranked Missouri Valley Conference leader dropped 95 of its own on the Redbirds as ISU fell in Valley action, 95-82, Sunday in Omaha.

Trey Guidry led the Redbirds with 21 points. He shot 8-of-10 from the field and was 5-of-7 from the three-point mark. Baboucarr Bojang added a season-high 18 points for Illinois State while Chris Burras came off the bench for the 'Birds to score a career-high nine points while pulling down four boards.

Creighton was led by Larry House who notched 23 points. Kyle Korver added 17 for the Bluejays while Joe Dabbert had 11 and Mike Grimes had 10.

With 15:41 to go in the first half, Illinois State pulled to within two off a trey by Greene. Consecutive jumpers by Grimes and Michael Lindeman hawcused the Bluejays as they took a 53-40 halftime lead.

Creighton led by as many as 23 with 10:38 to go in the second half before Burras hit a couple of free throws to pull ISU to within 18, 75-51 with 10 minutes to play. A 16-point deficit with 3:20 remaining was closer for ISU, who ended the game only down by 13, 95-82.

Creighton took advantages of Illinois State's mistakes, scoring 31 points off turnovers.

#9 Creighton 95, ILLINOIS STATE 82

January 20, 2003 • Omaha Civic Auditorium

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander, f	30	2-5	3-3	0-3	0	0	9
Arnold, f	23	5-9	2-2	0-1	0	5	12
Bojang, c	29	8-12	2-2	4-6	1	3	18
Greene, g	38	6-10	0-0	0-3	8	3	13
Guidry, g	33	8-10	0-0	0-1	0	2	21
Burras	14	1-5	7-8	1-4	1	4	9
Ford	18	0-3	0-0	3-5	3	3	0
Strandmark	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Troc	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Harris	2	0-1	0-2	1-1	0	0	0
Reid	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0
Totals	200	30-56	14-17	10-29	14	21	82

Team Pct.: FG – .536; FT – .824

3-Pt.: 8-13, .615 (Alexander 2-3, Greene 1-3, Guidry 5-7)

Blocks: 0

Turnovers: 20 (Alexander 4, Arnold 1, Bojang 1, Greene 3, Guidry 6, Burras 1, Ford 2, Strandmark 2)

Steals: 7 (Alexander 2, Greene 3, Burras 2)

#9 Creighton	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Lindeman, f	23	3-5	0-0	1-2	3	0	7
Korver, f	31	4-8	7-7	0-2	3	2	17
Deren, c	13	1-3	1-2	2-2	2	3	3
House, g	21	8-12	6-7	4-8	0	1	23
McKinney, g	18	2-6	0-0	0-2	5	0	5
Sims	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Bowden	23	4-7	0-1	0-1	1	4	9
Funk	22	2-6	0-0	0-2	4	0	5
Milner	11	2-4	0-2	2-3	0	0	5
Dabbert	18	3-4	5-6	2-2	0	4	11
Bresnahan	1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Grimes	16	4-5	2-4	2-5	0	3	10
Totals	200	33-61	21-29	14-31	18	17	95

Team Pct.: FG – .541; FT – .724

3-Pt.: 8-21, .381 (Lindeman 1-2, Korver 2-5, House 1-1, McKinney 1-5, Bowden 1-3, Funk 1-3, Milner 1-2)

Blocks: 3 (Korver 1, Dabbert 1, Grimes 1)

Turnovers: 13 (Lindeman 2, Korver 3, Deren 3, McKinney 2, Bowden 2, Funk 1)

Steals: 13 (Lindeman 2, Korver 2, House 2, McKinney 2, Bowden 1, Milner 1, Dabbert 3)

Officials: Steven Skiles, Frank Spencer, Tim Hutchinson

Attendance: 8,729

Halftime Score: Creighton 53, ILLINOIS STATE 40

GAME 16

ISU Falls to Evansville Despite Strong Start

EVANSVILLE, Ind. – Trey Guidry led all scorers with 27 points, including 21 in the first half, but Illinois State could not sustain its strong first-half play and dropped its eighth consecutive Missouri Valley Conference game to Evansville, 85-74.

Illinois State, 1-15, 0-8 MVC, had a 41-33 halftime advantage and shot 52 percent from the field in the first frame. The Redbirds were outscored 51-33 and could only manage 31 percent shooting from the field after the break. Vince Greene finished with 14 points, while Marcus Arnold contributed 11 points. Baboucarr Bojang also finished with nine points and a team-high seven rebounds.

Evansville, 7-9, 3-4 MVC, found most of its offense in the lane outscoring the 'Birds 46-22 in the paint. Ian Hanavan led the Aces with 23 points and eight rebounds, while Clint Cuffie turned in 21 points and eight boards. Evansville shot 64 percent from the field in the second half and made only four three-pointers in the game.

Evansville 85, ILLINOIS STATE 74

January 25, 2003 • Roberts Stadium

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander, f	32	3-9	0-0	0-0	4	4	8
Arnold, f	26	5-10	1-3	2-4	0	5	11
Bojang, c	34	3-8	3-4	3-7	0	4	9
Greene, g	38	6-12	0-1	2-6	4	4	14
Guidry, g	38	7-21	8-9	0-2	3	2	27
Burras	8	1-1	0-0	1-1	0	2	2
Ford	10	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	2	0
Strandmark	12	1-2	1-2	3-5	0	2	3
Troc	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	26-64	13-19	15-31	11	25	74

Team Pct.: FG – .406; FT – .684

3-Pt.: 9-24 (Guidry 5-14, Alexander 2-5, Greene 2-5)

Blocks: 2 (Ford 2)

Turnovers: 15 (Bojang 1, Guidry 2, Arnold 2, Alexander 3, Greene 4, Ford 1, Strandmark 1, Troc 1)

Steals: 13 (Bojang 1, Arnold 2, Alexander 1, Greene 7, Ford 1, Strandmark 1)

Evansville	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Cuffie, f	35	7-13	6-6	3-8	3	1	21
Hanavan, f	31	9-11	5-7	2-8	1	3	23
Lytle, c	31	6-11	2-6	4-4	0	4	14
Burton, g	26	1-3	0-0	0-4	6	1	3
Wagner, g	36	2-6	5-8	0-4	3	1	9
Lee	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	3	0
Long	4	0-0	0-0	0-1	2	0	0
Watson	4	0-1	0-0	1-1	1	2	0
Brinkley	18	4-5	5-5	1-7	0	4	15
Ferguson	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	29-51	23-32	11-39	18	19	85

Team Pct.: FG – .569; FT – .719

3-Pt.: 4-11, .364 (Cuffie 1-3, Hanavan 0-1, Lytle 0-1, Burton 1-1, Wagner 0-2, Watson 0-1, Brinkley 2-2)

Blocks: 5 (Lytle 2, Burton 1, Lee 2)

Turnovers: 18 (Cuffie 1, Lytle 3, Burton 2, Wagner 6, Lee 1, Long 2, Watson 1, Ferguson 2)

Steals: 9 (Cuffie 1, Hanavan 3, Lytle 1, Burton 2, Wagner 1, Lee 1)

Officials: Steve Morris, David Warfel, Dave Draucker

Attendance: 6,456

Technical Fouls: ILLINOIS STATE – Marcus Arnold; Evansville – Dan Lytle.

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 41, Evansville 34

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GAME 17

ISU Lands First Valley Win; 76-71 vs. UNI

NORMAL, Ill. – Casey Reid hit two free-throws with 3.3 seconds left in the game to seal Illinois State's first Missouri Valley Conference victory this season over Northern Iowa, 76-71, in front of 5,099 fans at Redbird Arena.

Illinois State, 2-15, 1-8 MVC, was led by Gregg Alexander with 17 points. The win ended a nine-game losing streak for the 'Birds.

Northern Iowa, 5-12, 2-7 MVC, was paced by Chris Foster who had 17 points, 15 of which came in the second half. David Gruber chipped in 11 points on 4-5 shooting from the field.

Alexander started the game off hot, hitting back-to-back three pointers on the first two possessions of the game, and never cooled down. After jumping out to a 23-15 lead in the first half, on the strength of eight points by Alexander, Northern Iowa went on an 8-0 run to tie the game at 23.

The Redbirds responded with a 12-4 run to end the half and took a 35-27 lead into the lockerroom. Illinois State was hot from behind the arc in the first half, shooting 50 percent (5-10). However, the 'Birds were not as successful from the charity stripe as they only shot 25 percent (2-8) from the line in the first frame.

Northern Iowa started the second half on a 12-4 run to knot the score at 39. The run was led by guard Chris Foster, who had nine of the 12 points during the run. The teams went back and forth until back-to-back threes by Kevin Troc and a tough lay-up by Andy Strandmark put the 'Birds up 57-49. The Panthers battled back to cut the margin to 72-71, but it would not be enough as the 'Birds hit 8-of-10 free-throws down the stretch to seal the win.

ILLINOIS STATE 76, Northern Iowa 71

January 29, 2003 • Redbird Arena

Northern Iowa	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Jacobson, f	17	1-3	2-2	0-0	1	3	5
Schneiderman, f	34	3-10	0-0	1-6	0	2	8
Gruber, c	28	4-5	3-7	2-5	1	4	11
Little, g	29	4-6	0-0	0-2	4	5	10
Foster, g	32	8-15	0-2	0-0	6	2	17
Bennett	13	4-5	0-0	1-3	1	1	10
Paulsen	10	2-4	0-0	0-1	0	2	6
Schmit	19	1-3	0-0	0-3	2	0	2
Miller	7	1-2	0-0	0-2	0	0	2
Anderson	11	0-1	0-0	1-1	0	2	0
Totals	200	28-54	5-11	5-24	15	21	71

Team Pct.: FG – .519; FT – .455

3-Pt.: 8-16, .500 (Jacobson 1-1, Schneiderman 2-7, Little 2-3, Foster 1-6, Bennett 2-3, Paulsen 2-4, Schmit 0-2)

Blocks: 0

Turnovers: 10 (Jacobson 2, Gruber 1, Little 1, Foster 1, Bennett 1, Paulsen 1, Schmit 2, Miller 1)

Steals: 5 (Gruber 1, Little 2, Foster 2)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander, f	31	6-9	2-2	4-7	1	1	17
Arnold, f	23	4-8	3-5	2-2	0	0	11
Bojang, c	32	1-7	2-2	2-6	1	1	4
Greene, g	33	4-8	5-6	1-4	4	1	14
Guidry, g	26	3-9	2-2	0-6	0	1	10
Burras	6	0-1	0-2	1-2	0	0	0
Ford	8	1-2	0-2	2-2	1	1	2
Strandmark	16	3-4	0-0	1-5	0	2	6
Troc	18	2-3	4-4	0-1	1	3	10
Reid	7	0-1	2-4	0-1	0	0	2
Totals	200	24-52	20-29	14-38	8	10	76

Team Pct.: FG – .462; FT – .690

3-Pt.: 8-14, .571 (Alexander 3-3, Greene 1-2, Guidry 2-6, Troc 2-2, Reid 0-1)

Blocks: 2 (Strandmark 2)

Turnovers: 13 (Alexander 1, Bojang 3, Greene 2, Guidry 2, Ford 2, Strandmark 3)

Steals: 6 (Alexander 1, Bojang 1, Greene 1, Ford 1, Troc 1, Reid 1)

Officials: Ron Berkholtz, Jerry Seibert, Tim Hutchinson

Attendance: 5,099

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 35, Northern Iowa 27

GAME 18

Illinois State Beats Bradley, 89-74

NORMAL, Ill. – Gregg Alexander's first career double-double (21 points, 10 rebounds) propelled Illinois State past Bradley 89-74 in front of a Redbird Arena crowd of 8,213.

Alexander not only spurred the offense and led the rebounding, he was a key to a Redbird defensive effort which limited Bradley to just seven baskets in its first 25 attempts in the second half. That enabled Illinois State to open up leads of as many as 20 points.

Illinois State, 3-15, 2-8 in the Missouri Valley spotted Bradley, 7-13, 3-6 in the Valley, a 10-0 lead at the beginning of the game. But three Alexander three-point baskets sparked a 16-2 Redbird run and Illinois State led 16-12 at the 13:35 mark.

A see-saw first half saw Bradley make eight three-pointers and Illinois State seven, the last was Vince Greene's three just ahead of the halftime buzzer which gave the Redbirds a 38-37 advantage. Greene finished with 15 points and 7 assists.

Illinois State came out in the second half on a 14-4 run and never looked back as the 'Birds led 52-42. The second-half play of Kevin Troc (8 points) and Casey Reid (career high 13 points) ignited the Redbirds as they took the lead for good.

Bradley was led by James Gillingham's 25 point, seven rebounds and seven assists. Phillip Gilbert chipped in 17.

ISU shot 51 percent from the field including 10 of 24 three-pointers and 21 of 25 free throws. Bradley shot 44 percent from the field and made 13 of 22 threes, 8 of 12 in the first half.

ILLINOIS STATE 89, Bradley 74

February 1, 2003 • Redbird Arena

Bradley	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Suggs, f	26	3-7	0-0	0-5	0	4	8
Stewart, c	29	1-8	2-5	3-6	0	1	4
Robinson, g	37	5-8	1-2	1-1	1	3	15
Gillingham, g	38	7-16	7-8	0-7	8	4	25
Gilbert, g	38	7-12	1-2	1-4	0	4	17
Mroz	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0
Paul	16	1-3	0-0	1-3	1	3	3
Sunley	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Battle	9	1-3	0-0	1-1	0	2	2
Totals	200	25-57	11-17	8-28	11	22	74

Team Pct.: FG – .439; FT – .647

3-Pt.: 13-22, .591 (Gillingham 4-8, Suggs 2-4, Robinson 4-6, Gilbert 2-2, Paul 1-2)

Blocks: 1 (Gilbert 1)

Turnovers: 14 (Gillingham 1, Suggs 2, Stewart 1, Robinson 5, Gilbert 4, Paul 1)

Steals: 8 (Gillingham 2, Suggs 1, Stewart 1, Gilbert 3, Paul 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander, f	32	8-16	0-0	2-10	0	2	21
Arnold, f	18	3-5	4-4	2-3	0	2	10
Bojang, c	7	0-2	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Greene, g	31	3-6	8-8	1-3	7	2	15
Guidry, g	28	5-14	1-1	0-1	3	2	13
Burras	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Ford	13	1-1	0-0	0-2	0	4	2
Strandmark	17	2-3	3-5	2-8	1	1	7
Troc	30	3-6	0-1	0-5	2	4	8
Harris	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Hill	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Reid	20	4-4	5-6	4-6	3	2	13
Gillan	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	29-57	21-25	11-39	16	19	89

Team Pct.: FG – .509; FT – .840

3-Pt.: 10-24, .417 (Alexander 5-9, Greene 1-2, Guidry 2-9, Troc 2-4)

Blocks: 4 (Alexander 1, Arnold 1, Strandmark 2)

Turnovers: 14 (Alexander 4, Bojang 1, Greene 2, Guidry 3, Ford 1, Strandmark 1, Troc 1, Reid 1)

Steals: 5 (Alexander 2, Reid 3)

Officials: Mike Sanzere, Mark McMullen, Steve Morris

Attendance: 8,213

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 38, Bradley 37

GAME 19

Wichita State Ends Redbird Win Streak

WICHITA, Kan. – Baboucarr Bojang scored a season-high 21 points and added five rebounds but it was not enough for the Illinois State men's basketball team to win its third game in a row as Wichita State handed the 'Birds their sixteenth loss of the year, an 85-71 decision in Wichita, Kan., Tuesday night.

Illinois State is now 3-16, 2-9 in the Valley while the Shockers improve to 12-7, 7-3 in conference play.

Led by Bojang, the 'Birds also got an offensive contribution from Gregg Alexander who had 12 points and Vince Green, who had 12 also. Wichita State was led by Randy Burns who had 19 points, seven rebounds and six assists with no turnovers.

The Redbirds were strong in the first half off of hot shooting from Bojang and led 28-23 with 7:10 to play before the break. But Wichita State went on a 22-5 run to end the first half, taking a 45-33 lead into halftime.

The Redbirds never regained the lead in the second half but pulled to within eight with 17 minutes to play. The Shocker's advantage continued to grow, however, to as many as 12 with 7:51 to play. A quick bucket by Casey Reid got ISU back to within 10 but Illinois State trailed for the final minutes.

At the 3:10 mark, the 'Birds were down 82-67 before Howard hit a three-point shot for Wichita State's final bucket of the game. Ken Hill scored Illinois State's last points with :48 seconds left, 85-71.

Wichita State 85, ILLINOIS STATE 71

February 4, 2003 • Kansas Coliseum

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander, f	36	3-9	3-3	0-3	3	0	12
Arnold, f	8	1-6	0-0	2-2	0	1	2
Bojang, c	35	8-10	5-6	3-5	0	4	21
Greene, g	32	4-6	2-2	0-3	3	4	12
Guidry, g	22	2-10	3-4	0-0	2	3	8
Burras	8	0-4	0-0	0-0	1	1	0
Ford	3	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Strandmark	11	0-3	0-0	1-5	1	0	0
Troc	28	3-4	0-0	1-2	0	2	8
Harris	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Hill	1	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	2
Reid	14	3-5	0-0	0-0	1	4	6
Gillan	1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
Totals	200	25-61	13-16	10-23	11	19	71

Team Pct.: FG – .410; FT – .813

3-Pt.: 8-20, .400 (Alexander 3-7, Greene 2-4, Guidry 1-6, Troc 2-2, Hill 0-1)

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

Turnovers: 8 (Alexander 2, Bojang 1, Greene 3, Troc 2)

Steals: 7 (Alexander 1, Greene 2, Strandmark 1, Troc 2, Harris 1)

Wichita State	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Howard, f	24	5-5	5-5	2-6	6	3	16
Kampman, f	28	2-5	4-5	1-4	0	2	8
Miller, c	24	5-7	4-4	0-3	1	0	14
Burns, g	33	6-9	3-3	1-7	6	1	19
Steven, g	19	0-2	0-0	0-0	3	1	0
Rogers	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Hogg	20	4-9	2-2	1-6	2	3	12
Ledford	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Wachter	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Wise	20	3-4	1-1	0-3	0	4	7
Clark	29	3-5	2-2	0-4	6	1	9
Totals	200	28-46	21-22	5-33	24	15	85

Team Pct.: FG – .609; FT – .955

3-Pt.: 8-18, .444 (Howard 1-1, Kampman 0-2, Burns 4-7, Steven 0-1, Hogg 2-4, Wise 0-1, Clark 1-2)

Blocks: 3 (Miller 2, Steven 1)

Turnovers: 17 (Howard 4, Kampman 3, Miller 5, Steven 1, Hogg 2, Ledford 1, Wise 1)

Steals: 3 (Howard 2, Miller 1)

Officials: Paul Janssen, Eddie Jackson, Steve Skiles

Attendance: 7,406

Halftime Score: Wichita State 45, ILLINOIS STATE 33

2002-03 Season Review



2003-04 Redbird Basketball Prospectus

GAME 20

Redbirds Down Sycamores, 60-52

NORMAL, III – Vince Greene scored eight of his team-high 14 points and Andy Strandmark grabbed a season-high 11 rebounds to lead Illinois State past Indiana State 60-52 in Redbird Arena.

The Redbirds, 4-16 overall, 3-9 in the Missouri Valley, had a 38-21 rebounding edge for the game and also got double-figure scoring from Chris Burras and Gregg Alexander with 10 each, Burras' points were a career high.

A crowd of 8,745 was the largest of the season in Redbird Arena and it saw the Birds shoot a season-high 54.8 percent from the field. Indiana State hit just 18 of 50 field goals, 36 percent.

The Sycamores, 5-17, 1-10 in the Valley dropped their 10th straight game, the longest Indiana State losing streak since 1989. Indiana State had just 12 turnovers to Illinois State's 22. David Moss led the Sycamores with 16 points.

Despite four turnovers in their first six possessions, the Sycamores led 7-5 after six minutes. But a Trey Guidry jumper tied it and Greene gave the Birds a lead and a cushion with a pull-up jumper and a three-pointer which put Illinois State up 12-7 at the 12-minute mark. Another Greene trey gave the Redbirds a 15-9 lead with 9:48 left before halftime.

The Sycamores scored six straight to tie the game at 15-15, but Burras went to work for the Birds at that point, scoring Illinois State's next eight points as the home team took a 23-18 lead into the final two minutes of the half. Illinois State led 25-20.

Two inside baskets by Baboucar Bojang and Alexander's three-pointer helped Illinois State open a 34-24 lead in the first four minutes of the second half. Strandmark scored five points and set up two more with a drop-down pass to Burras and the Redbirds led 44-32 with 8 minutes left.

ILLINOIS STATE 60, Indiana State 52

February 8, 2003 • Redbird Arena

Indiana State	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Green, f	12	1-3	0-0	0-2	0	2	2
Moss, f	34	5-8	4-6	0-1	3	1	16
Giesen, c	15	2-3	0-0	0-1	0	3	4
Howard, g	34	2-11	3-4	1-4	2	2	7
Antoine, g	36	4-7	0-0	0-0	5	4	11
Evans	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Morris	23	2-7	0-0	1-3	1	1	4
Sams	9	1-3	0-0	1-2	0	1	2
Broermann	12	0-5	0-0	0-2	0	0	0
Adler	22	1-3	3-4	0-4	1	2	6
Totals	200	18-50	10-14	6-21	12	17	52

Team Pct.: FG – .360; FT – .714

3-Pt.: 6-18, .333 (Moss 2-3, Howard 0-5, Antoine 3-5, Broermann 0-4, Adler 1-1)

Blocks: 3 (Howard 1, Adler 2)

Turnovers: 12 (Moss 4, Giesen 1, Howard 2, Antoine 5)

Steals: 14 (Green 2, Moss 3, Howard 3, Antoine 1, Morris 2, Broermann 1, Adler 2)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander, f	32	4-9	0-0	0-2	1	3	10
Arnold, f	20	2-3	2-2	0-5	0	0	6
Bojang, c	25	2-3	3-4	1-3	1	2	7
Greene, g	38	6-8	0-0	0-2	5	1	14
Guidry, g	24	1-4	1-2	0-0	1	0	3
Burras	14	5-8	0-1	3-5	0	1	10
Ford	7	0-0	0-0	0-4	0	0	0
Strandmark	21	2-4	2-5	2-11	2	2	6
Troc	9	0-1	0-0	0-2	0	3	0
Reid	10	1-2	2-2	0-0	0	1	4
Totals	200	23-42	10-16	9-38	10	13	60

Team Pct.: FG – .548; FT – .625

3-Pt.: 4-10, .400 (Alexander 2-5, Greene 2-3, Guidry 0-2)

Blocks: 3 (Alexander 1, Arnold 2)

Turnovers: 21 (Alexander 2, Arnold 4, Bojang 2, Greene 7, Guidry 2, Burras 1, Ford 2, Reid 1)

Steals: 4 (Alexander 2, Greene 2)

Officials: Ron Berkholtz, Rob Kruger, Mark Bakko

Attendance: 8,745

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 25, Indiana State 20

GAME 21

Career-High by Greene, Loss to Bradley

PEORIA, III – Vince Greene scored a career-high 29 points and helped lead a second half offensive surge where the Illinois State men's basketball team shot 17-of-26 in the for 65 percent but Bradley answered, shooting 58 percent in the half also and beat the Redbirds, 88-76, in Valley action in Peoria Wednesday night.

Greene, who scored five points in the first half, led all scorers and was 10-of-12 from the field, two-of-two from the three-point line and 7-of-8 from the charity stripe. Bradley (9-14, 5-7 MVC) was led by Phillip Gilbert who had 26 points. James Gillingham added 20 for the Braves.

Illinois State trailed 37-25 at the half before Greene opened up the second period with two buckets and a trey and Illinois State closed the gap, 39-32, and was within seven for the first time since the 16-minute mark of the first.

A turnover charged to Andy Strandmark with 14:31 to go led to a jumper by Jason Faulknor and Gillingham as Bradley went up by nine, 48-39 but Greene remained on fire, hitting another trey before Guidry followed with his own and ISU was back to within four, 50-46 with 12 to play.

Alexander got ISU to within one, 50-49, after he answered with a three-point bucket and the Redbirds remained hot from the field. Bradley stayed consistent as well as the lead teeter-tottered before the 'Birds got to within one again, 52-51 with 10:58 to play.

Both team's played neck-to-neck for the next two minutes before ISU got their first lead of the game, 60-58, after Greene hit two free throws after a foul by Chris Mroz.

But Bradley went back on top, 64-60, charged by two free throws and a three by Gilbert boosting the Braves confidence again, 67-62.

Bradley 88, ILLINOIS STATE 76

February 12, 2003 • Carver Arena

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Arnold, f	17	1-4	2-2	0-2	1	1	4
Bojang, f	18	1-5	0-0	2-7	0	2	2
Alexander, g	37	5-12	2-2	0-5	4	5	15
Greene, g	37	10-13	7-8	0-3	7	3	29
Guidry, g	19	3-5	0-0	0-0	0	2	8
Burras	5	0-1	1-2	2-3	0	0	1
Ford	18	1-2	0-0	2-6	0	4	2
Strandmark	15	1-2	0-0	1-2	0	1	2
Troc	18	2-3	0-0	0-1	2	5	5
Reid	15	3-5	2-2	0-0	0	2	8
Gillan	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	27-52	14-16	7-30	14	25	76

Team Pct.: FG – .519; FT – .875

3-Pt.: 8-14, .571 (Alexander 3-7, Greene 2-2, Guidry 2-3, Troc 1-2)

Blocks: 5 (Arnold 1, Strandmark 3, Reid 1)

Turnovers: 14 (Bojang 1, Alexander 1, Greene 3, Guidry 4, Ford 1, Strandmark 2, Troc 1, Reid 1)

Steals: 0

Bradley	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Suggs, f	31	3-8	2-2	1-6	4	5	8
Stewart, c	23	4-7	3-5	3-6	0	4	11
Robinson, g	36	3-7	4-6	0-1	8	1	10
Gillingham, g	39	6-12	7-7	0-4	1	1	20
Gilbert, g	38	9-15	3-4	3-4	2	3	26
Mroz	4	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	1	2
Paul	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Sunley	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Faulknor	13	1-2	5-6	1-3	1	2	7
Battle	13	2-6	0-1	2-3	2	1	4
Totals	200	28-57	26-33	11-30	18	18	88

Team Pct.: FG – .491; FT – .788

3-Pt.: 6-15, .400 (Suggs 0-2, Robinson 0-1, Gillingham 1-4, Gilbert 5-8)

Blocks: 2 (Suggs 1, Stewart 1)

Turnovers: 4 (Suggs 2, Stewart 1, Gilbert 1)

Steals: 11 (Suggs 2, Stewart 1, Robinson 2, Gillingham 4, Gilbert 1, Battle 1)

Officials: Eddie Jackson, Steven Skiles, Gerry Pollard

Attendance: 9,722

Halftime Score: Bradley 37, ILLINOIS STATE 25

GAME 22

Redbird Offense Struggles, Falls to Drake

NORMAL, III – Vince Greene scored a team-high 14 points for Illinois State, but was the only player for the Redbirds to score in double figures as ISU fell to Drake 59-48 in Valley action Saturday at Redbird Arena.

Illinois State (4-18, 3-11 MVC) shot just 37 percent from the field.

Gregg Alexander finished with eight points and three assists.

Drake (8-16, 3-10 MVC) stayed ahead of the 'Birds most of the game, shooting 51 percent from the field. Sophomore Lonnie Randolph finished with a game-high 23 points. J.J. Sola shot 6-of-10 from the field, recording 12 points for the Bulldogs.

Early in the first half, Drake's Quantel Murphy set the pace for the Bulldogs scoring all of his nine points in the opening eight minutes. Randolph then took over for Drake, scoring 13 of the team's 31 first-half points.

Alexander and Greene both scored six points in the first half to lead the 'Birds. Freshman Kevin Troc snapped an 11-0 Drake run with his jumper with three minutes left in the first half. Reid recorded his first career three-point field goal, giving the Redbirds 18 points at the 10:30 mark. Drake led by nine points at half, 31-23.

Illinois State went on an 8-0 run with 16:19 to play in the second half, spurred by Alexander's drive to the basket. Randolph sank a jumper at the 11:45 mark to stretch the Drake lead, 40-35. A steal and layup by Greene sparked a short comeback by ISU, setting up a six-point run. However, Drake's lead was too much for the Redbirds, forcing Illinois State to foul at the two-minute mark. Consecutive free throws by Randolph and David Newman sealed the Drake win.

Drake 59, ILLINOIS STATE 48

February 15, 2003 • Redbird Arena

Drake	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Sola, f	33	6-10	0-0	1-5	1	2	12
Tracy, f	18	0-3	0-0	0-3	2	2	0
Danielson, c	22	0-1	1-2	1-7	1	3	1
Randolph, g	34	7-8	7-9	0-1	2	1	23
McDonald, g	35	3-11	0-0	0-2	2	1	8
Welton	18	0-1	0-0	0-2	1	0	0
Murphy	9	4-5	0-0	1-3	0	4	9
Newman	15	1-1	3-4	0-3	2	2	6
Powell	6	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Bancroft	10	0-1	0-0	0-2	0	0	0
Totals	200	21-41	11-15	3-31	11	15	59

Team Pct.: FG – .512; FT – .733

3-Pt.: 6-15, .400 (Sola 0-1, Tracy 0-1, Randolph 2-3, McDonald 2-7, Welton 0-1, Murphy 1-1, Newman 1-1)

Blocks: 2 (Danielson 1, Murphy 1)

Turnovers: 14 (Sola 2, Tracy 1, Danielson 2, Randolph 5, McDonald 2, Welton 1, Murphy 1)

Steals: 2 (Randolph 2)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Burras, f	20	1-6	2-4	2-5	1	2	4
Reid, f	22	2-3	0-0	0-4	1	1	5
Bojang, c	27	1-5	2-2	1-3	0	3	4
Alexander, g	33	3-6	0-0	0-1	3	2	8
Greene, g	36	7-16	0-0	2-3	3	4	14
Ford	6	0-0	0-1	1-1	0	0	0
Strandmark	14	1-3	0-0	1-4	0	0	2
Troc	11	2-5	0-0	0-1	0	3	4
Arnold	17	2-5	1-3	1-5	0	1	5
Guidry	14	1-5	0-0	0-1	0	2	2
Totals	200	20-54	5-10	10-30	8	18	48

Team Pct.: FG – .370; FT – .500

3-Pt.: 3-14, .214 (Reid 1-1, Alexander 2-4, Greene 0-5, Troc 0-2, Guidry 0-2)

Blocks: 0

Turnovers: 10 (Burras 1, Bojang 1, Alexander 2, Greene 3, Strandmark 1, Troc 1, Guidry 1)

Steals: 10 (Bojang 2, Alexander 3, Greene 4, Troc 1)

Officials: Ron Berkholtz, Frank Spencer, Warren Evans

Attendance: 5,161

Halftime Score: Drake 31, ILLINOIS STATE 23

2002-03 Season Review

GAME 23

Strandmark Leads 'Birds Past Aces

NORMAL, Ill. – Andy Strandmark notched his first career double-double, with 11 points and a career high 14 rebounds, and came up with two big rebounds down the stretch to lead Illinois State over Evansville, 65-61, Wednesday at Redbird Arena.

Illinois State (5-18, 4-11 MVC) avoided a season sweep by Evansville after falling to the Aces earlier in the year and also put an end to a two game losing streak. Trey Guidry led the 'Birds in scoring with a game high 22 points, 13 of those coming in the first half. Vince Greene chipped in eight points and eight assists.

Evansville (10-13, 6-8 MVC) was paced by Clint Cuffie who had a team high 17 points on 5 of 9 shooting. The Aces had two other players in double digits, with both Ian Hanavan and Tobias Brinkley netting 13 points apiece.

Illinois State came out to a slow start in the first half, only managing three points in the first seven minutes, but Evansville was not much better, only netting five points over the same time span. The 'Birds heated up on the strength of three first half three pointers from Guidry. Guidry and Chris Burras accounted for every basket during a 9-2 run that gave the 'Birds their first double digit lead of the half, 25-15. Evansville outscored the 'Birds 5-2 over the final minute to end the half only down eight, 31-23.

Evansville threatened early in the second half, cutting the lead to 37-34 with 14:51 remaining, on a Ian Hanavan three-point play. The Redbirds went on a 7-2 run over the next two minutes to establish a 44-36 lead. Evansville battled back throughout the rest of the second half to cut the lead to 63-61 on a Lucious Wagner three-pointer at the one minute mark. Two rebounds on consecutive possessions and two free-throws with two seconds remaining by Strandmark sealed the victory for the 'Birds.

ILLINOIS STATE 65, Evansville 61
February 19, 2003 • Redbird Arena

Evansville	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Cuffie, f	31	5-9	4-4	0-4	1	2	17
Hanavan, f	27	5-9	3-5	4-11	1	4	13
Lytle, c	19	2-4	0-0	1-2	0	3	4
Burton, g	25	3-5	1-2	0-2	4	3	8
Wagner, g	33	1-3	0-0	0-3	4	1	3
Lee	7	0-0	0-0	0-1	2	1	0
Long	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Gore	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Brinkley	24	3-11	7-7	1-4	0	2	13
Ferguson	26	1-4	1-2	0-5	1	2	3
Totals	200	20-46	16-20	6-32	14	18	61

Team Pct.: FG – .435; FT – .800

3-Pt.: 5-14, .357 (Cuffie 3-7, Hanavan 0-1, Lytle 0-1, Burton 1-1, Wagner 1-1, Brinkley 0-2, Ferguson 0-1)

Blocks: 4 (Lytle 1, Lee 2, Ferguson 1)

Turnovers: 20 (Cuffie 3, Hanavan 4, Lytle 4, Burton 3, Wagner 3, Gore 2, Brinkley 1)

Steals: 6 (Cuffie 1, Burton 2, Wagner 2, Brinkley 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Bojang, f	31	2-8	0-0	5-7	0	3	4
Reid, f	27	2-6	0-0	1-1	1	2	4
Strandmark, c	34	2-7	7-10	5-14	0	3	11
Alexander, g	16	2-6	0-0	0-1	0	1	5
Greene, g	28	3-6	2-2	0-0	8	2	8
Burras	11	3-6	0-0	0-5	0	2	6
Ford	10	2-3	1-3	0-2	0	1	5
Troc	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	3	0	0
Arnold	4	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Guidry	27	7-12	4-4	0-0	1	2	22
Totals	200	23-56	14-19	12-34	13	18	65

Team Pct.: FG – .411; FT – .737

3-Pt.: 5-11, .455 (Alexander 1-3, Greene 0-1, Guidry 4-7)

Blocks: 1 (Strandmark 1)

Turnovers: 16 (Reid 1, Strandmark 2, Alexander 3, Greene 8, Ford 1, Arnold 1)

Steals: 9 (Bojang 1, Reid 1, Alexander 3, Greene 3, Ford 1)

Officials: Ron Zetcher, Bob Staffen, Kipp Kissinger

Attendance: 4,815

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 31, Evansville 23

GAME 24

Alexander Leads 'Birds to First Road Win

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. – Gregg Alexander scored 21 points to lead the Illinois State men's basketball team to its first road victory of the year, a 57-53 win over Marshall, as part of ESPN's Bracket Buster Saturday.

Illinois State (6-18) was also paced by Baboucarr Bojang who had 11 points and eight rebounds while Casey Reid contributed 10 points and four assists. Marshall (11-12) was led by Ronald Blackshear who scored 16 points and Marvin Black who added 12.

Alexander scored the first bucket of the game as the Redbirds got off on the right foot before Marshall attacked and led by five with 17:00 to play in the first. ISU dwindled the lead to one off a jumper by Vince Greene and the Thundering Herd led 10-9 with 14 minutes to go. Marshall kept the lead until 1:55 to go in the first before Alexander hit again, from the three-point line, and gave ISU a 23-20 advantage en route to a 27-22 halftime lead.

Illinois State came out strong in the second, never trailing again in the game, and led by as many as 16 with 14:12 to play, 43-27. There was a threat, however, as Marshall stormed back to within one, 49-48, at the 6:31 mark after Blackshear hit a trey of his own but the 'Birds held on for the win after Alexander hit a jumper with 43 seconds remaining to secure the Redbird victory, 57-53.

ILLINOIS STATE 57, Marshall 53
February 22, 2003 • Cam Henderson Center

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Bojang, f	35	5-13	1-2	3-8	1	2	11
Reid, f	27	5-6	0-1	2-3	4	2	10
Strandmark, c	24	1-6	0-0	0-5	2	1	2
Alexander, g	31	8-12	1-4	0-3	2	3	21
Greene, g	35	3-10	0-0	1-5	5	0	7
Burras	5	1-2	0-0	0-1	0	1	2
Ford	2	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	0	0
Troc	10	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	0
Arnold	16	1-2	0-0	2-5	0	2	2
Guidry	15	1-5	0-0	1-1	1	1	2
Totals	200	25-57	2-7	9-38	16	13	57

Team Pct.: FG – .439; FT – .286

3-Pt.: 5-13, .385 (Alexander 4-6, Greene 1-3, Troc 0-1, Guidry 0-3)

Blocks: 0

Turnovers: 14 (Bojang 1, Reid 1, Strandmark 3, Greene 2, Burras 1, Ford 2, Troc 2, Arnold 1, Guidry 1)

Steals: 8 (Bojang 2, Reid 2, Strandmark 1, Alexander 1, Greene 1, Guidry 1)

Marshall	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Black, f	35	6-7	0-0	3-18	5	4	12
Armpalu, c	24	2-4	0-1	2-4	2	2	4
Wright, g	29	1-8	0-0	1-2	2	3	3
Hamilton, g	38	4-10	0-0	0-2	4	2	10
Blackshear, g	34	5-19	2-2	1-3	0	1	16
Bunch	8	0-2	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
Dawn	9	0-2	1-2	0-2	0	0	1
Anderson	19	3-5	1-1	0-0	0	1	7
Patton	3	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Totals	200	21-58	4-6	9-35	13	14	53

Team Pct.: FG – .362; FT – .667

3-Pt.: 7-22, .318 (Wright 1-3, Hamilton 2-3, Blackshear 4-14, Bunch 0-1, Dawn 0-1)

Blocks: 6 (Armpalu 4, Hamilton 1, Anderson 1)

Turnovers: 13 (Black 3, Wright 4, Blackshear 4, Anderson 2)

Steals: 5 (Black 2, Hamilton 2, Blackshear 1)

Officials: Steve Morris, Ron Berkholtz, Tim Hutchison

Attendance: 3,255

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 27, Marshall 22

GAME 25

Redbirds Drop Valley Road Game at Drake

DES MOINES, Iowa – Trey Guidry led Illinois State with 15 points, but the Redbirds were unable to extend their winning streak to three games as they fell to Drake, 70-63, in Valley basketball action at the Knapp Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

Illinois State, 6-19 overall, 4-12 in the Valley, led by as many as nine points in the second half, but could not put the Bulldogs away late in the game. Marcus Arnold also scored in double figures for the 'Birds with 10 points, while Andy Strandmark contributed seven points and a team-high seven rebounds.

Drake, 10-17 overall, 5-11 Valley, was led by J.J. Sola with 16 points, while Luke McDonald chipped in 14. The Bulldogs shot 52 percent (14-for-27) in the second half and outscored the 'Birds 18-to-8 in points off of turnovers.

Illinois State had the lead at 63-62 with 1:55 left after Vince Greene drove to the basket for a lay-up, but Drake responded with a McDonald three-pointer to put the Bulldogs up by one. Baboucarr Bojang missed a pair of free throws with 1:15 remaining in regulation and Sola was able to score on the ensuing possession driving to the basket for a lay-up.

Drake made three of its four free throws in the closing minute to seal the victory and ended the game on an 8-0 run.

Drake 70, ILLINOIS STATE 63
February 26, 2003 • Knapp Center

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Bojang, f	23	4-6	0-2	1-3	2	4	8
Reid, f	27	3-4	0-0	0-3	2	1	6
Strandmark, c	27	3-5	1-2	1-7	1	1	7
Alexander, g	25	2-8	0-0	1-5	0	5	5
Greene, g	39	3-9	2-2	1-1	4	0	8
Burras	8	2-3	0-2	0-2	0	2	4
Ford	3	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	1	0
Troc	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Arnold	22	3-6	4-6	2-5	0	1	10
Guidry	23	5-11	0-0	0-0	0	2	15
Totals	200	25-53	7-14	9-31	9	19	63

Team Pct.: FG – .472; FT – .500

3-Pt.: 6-16, .375 (Reid 0-1, Alexander 1-3, Greene 0-6, Guidry 5-6)

Blocks: 1 (Troc 1)

Turnovers: 12 (Bojang 2, Reid 1, Alexander 1, Greene 4, Burras 2, Ford 1, Troc 1)

Steals: 8 (Strandmark 1, Alexander 5, Burras 1, Arnold 1)

Drake	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Murphy, f	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Powell, f	15	2-2	0-0	1-2	0	0	4
Danielson, c	38	5-9	1-2	2-5	3	2	11
Randolph, g	36	2-6	3-3	1-5	8	3	9
McDonald, g	28	5-13	0-0	0-3	1	1	14
Sola	26	6-9	4-4	2-5	3	3	16
Tracy	11	1-2	0-0	1-4	2	2	2
Robinson	20	2-7	1-2	0-0	1	0	7
Newman	22	2-4	3-4	0-6	1	0	7
Totals	200	25-53	12-15	8-32	19	13	70

Team Pct.: FG – .472; FT – .800

3-Pt.: 8-16, .500 (Randolph 2-3, McDonald 4-7, Robinson 2-4, Newman 0-2)

Blocks: 0

Turnovers: 11 (Murphy 1, Powell 1, Danielson 1, Randolph 2, McDonald 1, Sola 2, Tracy 1, Robinson 2)

Steals: 6 (Powell 1, Danielson 2, Randolph 1, McDonald 1, Robinson 1)

Officials: Steven Skiles, Glenn Mayborg, Kipp Kissinger

Attendance: 2,739

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 31, Drake 31

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GAME 26

Guidry Paces 'Birds to First Valley Road Win

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

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

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

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

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

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

ILLINOIS STATE 80, Indiana State 50

March 1, 2003 • Hulman Center

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Bojang, f	23	2-3	2-3	2-6	0	1	6
Reid, f	20	3-5	0-0	1-3	2	3	6
Strandmark, c	12	1-2	0-0	1-4	0	0	2
Alexander, g	27	4-10	0-1	1-3	3	0	10
Greene, g	31	4-9	2-2	0-3	3	2	13
Burras	20	2-3	1-2	1-5	2	2	5
Ford	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Troc	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Harris	2	0-0	0-0	1-1	1	1	0
Arnold	23	3-6	2-3	1-4	3	2	8
Guidry	27	4-7	4-4	0-3	1	2	15
Hill	2	3-3	0-0	0-1	0	1	9
Gillan	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	29-54	11-15	10-38	15	18	80

Team Pct.: FG – .537; FT – .733

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

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

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

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

Indiana State	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Green, f	15	1-4	0-0	0-1	0	5	2
Giesen, f	26	2-4	2-5	5-6	2	2	6
Howard, g	39	3-10	1-2	1-6	4	2	9
Antoine, g	31	3-8	2-2	0-3	0	3	8
Moss, g	39	2-9	5-5	1-6	2	1	9
Evans	15	2-5	0-2	1-2	0	1	4
Grimes	12	0-1	3-4	0-0	0	2	3
Morris	13	2-6	3-3	1-2	0	0	7
Adler	10	1-5	0-0	0-0	0	1	2
Totals	200	16-52	16-23	11-28	8	17	50

Team Pct.: FG – .308; FT – .696

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

Blocks: 3 (Howard 2, Morris 1)

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

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

Officials: Larry Spalding, Brad Fowler, Paul Kaster

Attendance: 4,055

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 37, Indiana State 22

GAME 27

SIU Pulls Away from Illinois State, 78-62

NORMAL, Ill. – Vince Greene hit four three-point shots on his way to a game-high 22 points for Illinois State, but he didn't have enough support to prevent a 78-62 loss to Missouri Valley Conference Champion Southern Illinois Monday at Redbird Arena.

Darren Brooks led SIU with 20 points, backed by Kent Williams with 18 and Jermaine Dearman with 17.

The Redbirds, 7-20 overall, 5-13 in the Missouri Valley, took a 9-8 lead at the 13:55 mark in the first half on Marcus Arnold's rebound basket, but a succession of Redbird turnovers led to an 8-0 SIU run to a 16-9 SIU lead. After Brooks hit the fifth shot on the next SIU possession, Arnold scored again for ISU to make it 18-17.

Grege Alexander was called for a foul while trying to deflect a pass and the Redbird bench was hit with a technical on the play. Williams, drained all four free throws and SIU took a lead which quickly grew to 29-20. ISU answered with jump shots by Trey Guidry and Alexander, followed by Greene's third three-pointer to slice the lead to 29-27 with 1:10 left.

Andy Strandmark's two free throws in the first minute of the second half tied the score at 32-32, but Brooks hit a three-pointer to start a 12-4 run putting SIU up 44-36 at the 16-minute mark. ISU never got closer than six points after that.

Illinois State hit 9 of 14 three-pointers for a season-best 64.3 percent.

The Birds honored senior players Strandmark, Baboucarr Bojang, Brett Gillan and Casey Reid in post-game ceremonies.

Southern Illinois 78, ILLINOIS STATE 62

March 3, 2003 • Redbird Arena

S. Illinois	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Willis, f	14	1-4	0-0	2-5	0	3	2
Dearman, c	31	7-11	3-3	1-5	2	3	17
Brooks, g	34	9-16	1-1	6-9	5	1	20
Hairston, g	27	3-6	2-2	1-3	2	1	18
Williams, g	30	4-10	9-9	0-3	2	1	18
Schoen	13	0-0	1-2	0-1	0	2	1
Hughes	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Korn	18	0-3	2-2	0-0	1	0	2
Turner	14	1-4	0-0	0-1	1	4	3
Warren	15	3-5	0-0	0-4	0	3	6
Taylor	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Carney	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	28-60	18-19	10-32	13	18	78

Team Pct.: FG – .467; FT – .947

3-Pt.: 4-16, .250 (Brooks 1-3, Hairston 1-3, Williams 1-4, Hughes 0-1, Korn 0-2, Turner 1-3)

Blocks: 4 (Dearman 1, Williams 1, Warren 2)

Turnovers: 7 (Dearman 2, Williams 1, Korn 1, Turner 1, Warren 2)

Steals: 12 (Willis 1, Dearman 2, Brooks 4, Hairston 2, Williams 1, Schoen 1, Turner 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Bojang, f	25	0-5	1-2	1-4	3	1	2
Reid, f	14	1-3	0-0	1-2	1	1	2
Strandmark, c	18	0-2	2-6	7	0	5	2
Greene, g	37	7-12	4-4	1-2	3	1	22
Gillan, g	6	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	6
Burras	12	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	1	0
Alexander	26	2-7	3-4	1-4	1	1	8
Ford	8	0-3	1-2	1-1	1	1	1
Troc	5	0-0	0-0	1-1	1	0	0
Harris	2	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Arnold	24	6-9	0-1	2-4	1	3	12
Guidry	18	3-5	0-0	0-1	0	1	8
Hill	5	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Totals	200	21-48	11-19	9-32	11	17	62

Team Pct.: FG – .438; FT – .579

3-Pt.: 9-14, .643 (Reid 0-1, Greene 4-7, Gillan 2-2, Alexander 1-2, Guidry 2-2)

Blocks: 1 (Reid 1)

Turnovers: 17 (Bojang 1, Reid 3, Strandmark 4, Greene 3, Harris 1, Guidry 4, Hill 1)

Steals: 2 (Bojang 1, Strandmark 1)

Officials: Eddie Jackson, Gerry Pollard, Mark McMullen

Attendance: 6,650

Halftime Score: Southern Illinois 32, ILLINOIS STATE 30

GAME 28

Alexander, Redbirds Escape Drake

ST. LOUIS – Sophomore Gregg Alexander poured in a game-high 17 points to lead Illinois State, but it was a last-second defensive stand that sealed the Redbirds' 63-62 victory over Drake in the first round of the 2003 State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Tournament at the Savvis Center.

With the victory, Illinois State improved to 8-20 on the season and will face No. 1 seed Southern Illinois on Saturday at 12:05 p.m. Drake fell to 10-20.

In the waning seconds, Drake's Greg Danielson attempted a hook shot in the lane that bounced off the rim. Illinois State's Baboucarr Bojang tipped the rebound out, trying to run out the clock, but the ball fell in the hands of the Bulldogs' Luke McDonald. McDonald fired a 25-footer with three tenths left on the clock that hit the front of the rim and bounced out.

The 'Birds led 62-59 after Chris Burras made the second of two free throws. Drake's David Newman put the Bulldogs within one point on a three-pointer with 40 seconds left.

Freshman Marcus Arnold added 15 points as the only other Redbird in double figures. Chris Burras came off the bench to contribute eight points and lead the team with five rebounds.

ILLINOIS STATE 63, Drake 62

March 7, 2003 • Savvis Center

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Arnold, f	27	7-9	1-3	2-3	0	3	15
Reid, f	9	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	2	0
Bojang, c	17	3-5	0-0	1-1	0	4	6
Alexander, g	35	6-10	2-3	0-4	1	1	17
Greene, g	35	3-6	0-0	0-1	3	1	7
Burras	20	3-8	2-3	3-5	2	3	8
Ford	13	0-0	0-0	0-2	3	1	0
Strandmark	15	1-2	2-4	2-4	1	3	4
Troc	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Guidry	28	3-11	0-0	0-4	2	1	6
Totals	200	26-51	7-13	9-28	13	19	63

Team Pct.: FG – .510; FT – .538

3-Pt.: 4-9, .444 (Alexander 3-3, Greene 1-3, Guidry 0-3)

Blocks: 4 (Reid 1, Bojang 1, Strandmark 2)

Turnovers: 13 (Arnold 1, Reid 1, Bojang 2, Alexander 1, Greene 4, Burras 2, Ford 1, Team 1)

Steals: 4 (Bojang 3, Burras 1)

Drake	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Sola, f	20	2-5	6-7	0-2	2	5	10
McDonald, f	34	3-9	4-4	1-3	0	1	12
Danielson, c	31	7-14	4-4	3-7	0	3	18
Randolph, g	39	2-5	3-4	0-3	4	0	9
Robinson, g	23	1-3	0-0	0-0	3	1	3
Tracy	14	1-3	0-0	2-4	0	1	2
Murphy	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Newman	10	2-4	0-0	0-0	2	0	5
Powell	16	0-1	1-2	1-4	0	1	1
Bancroft	6	0-0	2-2	1-3	0	1	2
Totals	200	18-45	20-23	8-26	11	13	62

Team Pct.: FG – .400; FT – .870

3-Pt.: 6-17, .353 (McDonald 2-5, Randolph 2-5, Robinson 1-3, Murphy 0-1, Newman 1-3)

Blocks: 4 (Sola 1, Randolph 1, Bancroft 2)

Turnovers: 12 (Sola 3, McDonald 2, Danielson 1, Randolph 2, Robinson 2, Bancroft 2)

Steals: 6 (Sola 2, Randolph 1, Newman 2, Powell 1)

Officials: Mike Sanzere, Eddie Jackson, J.D. Collins

Attendance:

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 29, Drake 27

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GAME 29

Illinois State Upset Bid Falls Short

ST. LOUIS – Illinois State, the No. 9 seed, took the floor at the Savvis Center for the second time in 16 hours and gave No. 1 Southern Illinois all it could handle in the quarterfinals of the 2003 State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Tournament.

Sophomore Vince Greene led the Illinois State charge with 21 points, but a four minute scoring drought in the second half erased the upset hopes as the 'Birds fell 75-63 to the regular-season conference champions.

With the loss, the Redbirds ended their season with an 8-21 record, only the fourth losing record in the schools' Division I history.

ISU's Marcus Arnold buried a jumper at the 10:01 mark in the second half to put the Redbirds up 50-47. Southern Illinois responded with a 13-0 run to take a 60-50 lead, one that it would never relinquish.

The Redbirds closed the gap to seven points at the 6:13 mark, but SIU (23-5) rattled off another seven consecutive points to take a commanding 67-53 advantage.

The Redbirds didn't have an answer for Southern Illinois' Jermaine Dearman, who tied a career high with 26 points. He also posted his 19th career double-double with 12 boards. Kent Williams added 12 points for the Salukis and Darren Brooks and Josh Warren each finished with 10.

Southern Illinois 75, ILLINOIS STATE 63

March 3, 2003 • Savvis Center

S. Illinois	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Brooks, f	36	3-11	3-5	0	5	2	10
Dearman, f	32	11-17	4-4	2	1	3	26
Willis, c	14	2-3	0-0	1	0	1	4
Hairston, g	29	2-6	5-5	1	1	1	9
Williams, g	30	4-7	1-2	0	2	2	12
Schoen	5	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Korn	15	1-3	0-0	1	0	1	2
Turner	21	1-4	0-0	0	3	4	2
Warren	17	3-3	4-4	2	0	1	10
Carney	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	200	27-54	17-20	7	12	16	75

Team Pct.: FG – .500; FT – .850

3-Pt.: 4-13, .308 (Brooks 1-6, Hairston 0-1, Williams 3-3, Korn 0-1, Turner 0-2)

Blocks: 2 (Dearman 1, Williams 1)

Turnovers: 8 (Dearman 3, Hairston 1, Turner 1, Warren 2, Carney 1)

Steals: 8 (Brooks 3, Dearman 2, Williams 2, Korn 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Arnold, f	29	4-10	2-2	2	1	5	10
Reid, f	11	1-1	0-0	0	1	0	2
Bojang, c	20	0-3	1-2	2	0	2	1
Alexander, g	32	4-6	0-3	0	0	2	10
Greene, g	39	6-10	5-5	0	3	1	21
Burras	25	3-6	2-2	3	1	5	9
Ford	9	1-2	1-2	1	0	0	3
Troc	5	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Harris	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Guidry	24	2-9	2-2	0	3	5	7
Hill	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	4
Gillan	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	200	21-47	13-18	8	10	21	63

Team Pct.: FG – .447; FT – .722

3-Pt.: 8-13, .615 (Greene 4-5, Burras 1-2, Alexander 2-3, Guidry 1-3)

Blocks: 1 (Arnold 1)

Turnovers: 15 (Arnold 1, Bojang 1, Alexander 2, Greene 2, Guidry 4, Burras 2, Ford 2)

Steals: 5 (Arnold 3, Reid 1, Alexander 1)

Officials: J.D. Collins, Frank Spencer, Warren Evans

Attendance:

Halftime Score: Southern Illinois 29, ILLINOIS STATE 31

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##	Player	GP	GS	Min	Avg	TOTAL			3-PTS				REBOUNDS							PF	FQ	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
						FGA	Pct	FT	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg									
11	Vince Greene	29	27	943	32.5	125	.245	.510	46	102	.451	61	69	.884	12	66	78	2.7	55	1	129	96	0	47	357	12.3	
02	Conference-Only...	18	18	609	33.8	85	.153	.556	29	61	.475	44	52	.846	9	41	50	2.8	39	0	78	65	0	34	243	13.5	
	Gregg Alexander	29	27	894	30.8	112	.262	.427	61	134	.455	38	48	.792	18	70	88	3.0	56	3	38	52	5	38	323	11.1	
24	Conference-Only...	18	16	549	30.5	63	.163	.387	34	81	.420	27	30	.900	15	46	61	3.4	34	2	27	33	4	29	187	10.4	
	Trey Guidry	29	14	731	25.2	112	.288	.389	63	151	.417	34	41	.829	3	42	45	1.6	57	1	43	60	2	9	321	11.1	
21	Conference-Only...	18	9	426	23.7	64	.158	.405	40	90	.444	29	35	.829	0	22	22	1.2	32	0	18	39	0	1	197	10.9	
	Marcus Arnold	29	20	619	21.3	98	.195	.503	0	0	.000	48	72	.667	42	58	100	3.4	79	5	14	27	17	7	244	8.4	
23	Conference-Only...	18	13	392	21.8	64	.132	.485	0	0	.000	38	53	.717	24	36	60	3.3	45	4	10	16	8	4	166	9.2	
	Babouarr Bojang	29	26	764	26.3	77	.187	.412	0	0	.000	54	75	.720	57	87	144	5.0	83	4	19	48	9	24	208	7.2	
05	Conference-Only...	18	18	486	27.0	52	.114	.456	0	0	.000	34	46	.739	38	53	91	5.1	49	2	11	28	3	14	138	7.7	
	Andy Strandmark	28	11	500	17.9	42	.100	.420	0	0	.000	34	60	.567	36	103	139	5.0	50	1	15	31	18	12	118	4.2	
40	Conference-Only...	18	4	274	15.2	21	.51	.412	0	0	.000	17	32	.531	24	63	87	4.8	25	1	6	21	10	4	59	3.3	
	Casey Reid	23	8	286	12.4	34	.55	.618	1	5	.200	13	17	.765	11	20	31	1.3	32	0	20	16	5	11	82	3.6	
01	Conference-Only...	13	5	191	14.7	22	.38	.579	1	4	.250	13	16	.812	8	15	23	1.8	23	0	12	10	3	7	58	4.5	
	Chris Burras	28	2	307	11.0	29	.84	.345	2	4	.500	17	32	.531	28	49	77	2.8	48	1	13	24	3	10	77	2.8	
10	Conference-Only...	17	2	185	10.9	16	.47	.340	1	2	.500	13	27	.481	13	30	43	2.5	26	0	8	13	3	5	46	2.7	
	Kevin Troc	28	1	307	11.0	22	.54	.407	9	20	.450	9	12	.750	7	26	33	1.2	40	1	22	26	2	6	62	2.2	
03	Conference-Only...	17	0	192	11.3	14	.34	.412	7	16	.438	7	8	.875	4	15	19	1.1	28	1	10	14	1	5	42	2.5	
	Dana Ford	29	8	376	13.0	27	.65	.415	1	2	.500	3	13	.231	25	47	72	2.5	40	0	18	35	5	12	58	2.0	
34	Conference-Only...	18	4	239	13.3	16	.42	.381	1	1	1.000	2	8	.250	17	33	50	2.8	33	0	12	23	3	8	35	1.9	
	Kenneth Hill	8	0	20	2.5	5	.6	.833	3	4	.750	0	1	.000	1	3	4	0.5	3	0	0	1	2	0	13	1.6	
44	Conference-Only...	5	0	12	2.4	4	.5	.800	3	4	.750	0	1	.000	0	2	2	0.4	2	0	0	1	2	0	11	2.2	
	Brett Gillan	9	1	17	1.9	2	.3	.667	2	3	.667	0	0	.000	1	0	1	0.1	0	0	0	3	0	1	6	0.7	
12	Conference-Only...	6	1	14	2.3	2	.3	.667	2	3	.667	0	0	.000	1	0	1	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1.0	
	Rebert Harris	10	0	36	3.6	2	.10	.200	0	2	.000	0	2	.000	2	1	3	0.3	5	0	3	9	2	2	4	0.4	
TM	Conference-Only...	7	0	31	4.4	2	.9	.222	0	2	.000	0	2	.000	2	1	3	0.4	5	0	2	9	1	2	4	0.6	
	TEAM.....														40	41	81	2.8	1			3					
	Conference-Only...														29	24	53	2.9	1			1					
	Total.....	29				687	1554	.442	188	427	.440	311	442	.704	283	613	896	30.9	549	17	334	431	70	179	1873	64.6	
	Conference-Only...	18				425	949	.448	118	264	.447	224	310	.723	184	381	565	31.4	342	10	194	273	38	113	1192	66.2	
	Opponents.....	29				709	1497	.474	189	478	.395	428	584	.733	261	662	923	31.8	477	-	406	394	94	222	2035	70.2	
	Conference-Only...	18				448	927	.483	115	281	.409	278	382	.728	161	397	558	31.0	317	5	264	234	53	146	1289	71.6	

2002-03 RESULTS (8-21, 5-13)

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTEND	HIGH POINTS	HIGH REBOUNDS
11-23-02	7:05 pm CST	UTAH STATE	53-68 L	7948	(20)GUIDRY,Trey	(5)BOJANG,Babouarr
11-26-02	7:30 pm EST	at Central Michigan	69-74 L	2259	(18)ALEXANDER,Gregg	(7)STRANDMARK,Andy
11-30-02	7:05 pm CST	ILLINOIS-CHICAGO	65-78 L	5536	(14)GREENE,Vince	(8)STRANDMARK,Andy
					(14)GUIDRY,Trey	
12-02-02	7:12 pm CST	CHATTANOOGA	68-75 L	5444	(26)GUIDRY,Trey	(10)BOJANG,Babouarr
12-07-02	2 p.m.	at Kent State	61-76 L	3716	(15)GUIDRY,Trey	(6)BOJANG,Babouarr
12-15-02	3 p.m.	at Western Kentucky	43-63 L	5130	(18)ALEXANDER,Gregg	(9)STRANDMARK,Andy
12-18-02	7:05 pm CST	JACKSONVILLE	W 74-50	5121	(17)GREENE,Vince	(8)BOJANG,Babouarr
12-21-02	2:05 pm CST	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	65-72 L	4641	(19)GUIDRY,Trey	(6)STRANDMARK,Andy
					(6)BURRAS,Chris	(4)BURRAS,Chris
12-29-02	2:05 pm CST	* SMS	48-76 L	5042	(14)ARNOLD,Marcus	
					(14)GREENE,Vince	
01-04-03	3:05 p.m.	* at Southern Illinois	65-74 L	7104	(18)ALEXANDER,Gregg	(8)FORD,Dana
01-07-03	7:05 p.m.	* at Northern Iowa	64-66 L	2122	(19)ARNOLD,Marcus	(5)FORD,Dana
						(5)ALEXANDER,Gregg
						(5)BOJANG,Babouarr
01-11-03	7:05 pm CST	* #16 CREIGHTON	57-76 L	5913	(17)GREENE,Vince	(6)ARNOLD,Marcus
01-15-03	7:05 p.m.	* at SMS	46-60 L	5232	(16)GUIDRY,Trey	(8)BOJANG,Babouarr
01-18-03	2:05 pm CST	* WICHITA STATE	66-69 L	5970	(15)GUIDRY,Trey	(9)BOJANG,Babouarr
01-20-03	7:05 p.m.	* at #10 Creighton	82-95 L	8729	(21)GUIDRY,Trey	(6)BOJANG,Babouarr
01-25-03	7:05 CST	* at Evansville	74-85 L	6456	(27)GUIDRY,Trey	(7)BOJANG,Babouarr
01-29-03	7:05 pm CST	* NORTHERN IOWA	W 76-71	5099	(17)ALEXANDER,Gregg	(7)ALEXANDER,Gregg
02-01-03	4:02 pm CST	* BRADLEY	W 89-74	8213	(21)ALEXANDER,Gregg	(10)ALEXANDER,Gregg
02-04-03	7:00 p.m.	* at Wichita State	71-85 L	7406	(21)BOJANG,Babouarr	(5)BOJANG,Babouarr
						(5)STRANDMARK,Andy
02-08-03	2:05 p.m.	* INDIANA STATE	W 60-52	8745	(14)GREENE,Vince	(11)STRANDMARK,Andy
02-12-03	7:37 p.m.	* at Bradley	76-88 L	9722	(29)GREENE,Vince	(7)BOJANG,Babouarr
02-15-03	7:05 pm CST	* DRAKE	48-59 L	5161	(14)GREENE,Vince	(5)BURRAS,Chris
						(5)ARNOLD,Marcus
02-19-03	7:05 pm CST	* EVANSVILLE	W 65-61	4815	(22)GUIDRY,Trey	(14)STRANDMARK,Andy
02-22-03	2:05 pm EST	at Marshall	W 57-53	3255	(21)ALEXANDER,Gregg	(8)BOJANG,Babouarr
02-26-03	7:05 p.m.	* at Drake	63-70 L	2739	(15)GUIDRY,Trey	(7)STRANDMARK,Andy
03/01/03	2:05 PM	* at Indiana State	W 80-50	4055	(15)GUIDRY,Trey	(6)BOJANG,Babouarr
03-03-03	6:05 p.m.	* SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	62-78 L	6650	(22)GREENE,Vince	(7)STRANDMARK,Andy
03-07-03	6:00 p.m.	vs Drake	W 63-62		(17)ALEXANDER,Gregg	(5)BURRAS,Chris
03-08-03	12:00 p.m.	vs Southern Illinois	63-75 L		(21)GREENE,Vince	(9)BURRAS,Chris

* indicates conference game

CoSIDA Material Request Sheet:

BASKETBALL, 2003 (Illinois State)

GENERAL

Name of School	Illinois State University
City/Zip	Normal, IL 61790
Founded	1857
Enrollment	21,035
Nickname	Redbirds
School colors	Red (Pantone 186) & White
Arena/Gym Name	Redbird Arena
Capacity	10,200
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Missouri Valley
President (Alma Mater)	Dr. Al Bowman (Augustana '75)
Athletics Dir. (Alma Mater)	Perk Weisenburger (C. Michigan '79)
Athletics Dept. Phone	309/438-3633
Ticket Office Phone	309/438-8000
Athletics Dept. Website	www.redbirds.org

HISTORY

First yr. of basketball	1898-99
Overall all-time record	1342-945
No. yrs. in NCAA Tour./last	6/1998
No. yrs. in NIT/last	8/2001
Last post-season opponent	Purdue
Result	L, 90-79

MEDIA RELATIONS

Asst. AD/Media Relations	Todd Kober
SID Office Phone	309/438-3805
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SID FAX	309/438-5634
Media Row Phone(s)	309/438-5950/8217
SID Mailing Address	Illinois State University,
Athletics Media Relations, Campus	Box 7130, Normal, IL 61790-7130
Overnight Address	Horton 202, College at Delaine
BKB SID e-mail address	gtkober@ilstu.edu

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Porter Moser
Alma Mater/Year	Creighton '90
Record at School (yrs.)	0-0 (first year)
Career Record (yrs.)	54-34 (3 years)
Basketball Office Phone	309/438-8681
Best time/day to reach coach	weekday mornings
Assistant Coaches (Alma Mater/Year)	Brian Barone (Marquette '00), Steve Forbes (Southern Arkansas '88), Daniyal Robinson (Arkansas-Little Rock '98)
Ath. Trainer for Basketball	John Munn

TEAM INFORMATION

	total	home	away	neutral
Overall record last season	8-21	5-9	2-11	1-1
Conference record/finish	5-13/t8th	4-5	1-8	0-0
Final ranking (poll)	na			
(poll)	na			
Starters returning/lost	4/1			
Letterwinners returning/lost	7/5			

MEDIA INFORMATION

Originating Radio Station	WJBC-AM (1230)
Radio contact person	Red Pitcher
Address	236 Greenwood Ave. Bloomington, IL 61704
Phone	309/829-1221
Play-by-play announcer	John Fitzgerald
Address	236 Greenwood Ave. Bloomington, IL 61704
Phone/fax:	(309) 821-1000 ex. 209/ (309) 827-8071
Color Announcer	Mike Matthews
Address	12 Redstone Ct. Bloomington, IL 61704
Phone/fax	(309) 661-0658/766-0936

Media services (fax service codes, teleconferences, media gatherings, etc.) Sports Systems Services release-6512, statistics-6511, latest box-6514

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TEAM INFORMATION

Starters Returning (R) and Lost (L)		Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Pos.	Gp/Gs	Ppg.	Rpg.	other
(R)	Gregg Alexander	6-4	190	Jr.	F	29/27	11.1	3.0	61 3FG
(R)	Marcus Arnold	6-7	225	So.	F	29/20	8.4	3.4	
(R)	Vince Greene	5-9	160	Sr.	G	29/27	12.3	2.7	
(R)	Trey Guidry	6-2	185	Jr.	G	29/14	11.1	1.6	63 3FG
(L)	Baboucarr Bojang	6-9	205	Sr.	F	29/26	7.2	5.0	

Other Key Returnees

	Chris Burras	6-5	210	So.	F	28/2	2.8	2.8	
	Dana Ford	6-4	185	So.	G	29/8	2.0	2.5	
	Kevin Troc	6-4	190	So.	G	28/1	2.2	1.2	

Other Key Losses

	Casey Reid	6-7	205	-	F	23/8	3.6	1.3	
	Andy Strandmark	6-11	240	-	C	28/11	4.2	5.0	

Key Newcomers

	Ht.	Wt.	Cl	Pos.	Ppg.	Rpg.	other	Last school
Ronnie Carlwell	6-10	250	Fr.	C	4.0	10.0	8.0 bpg.	Proviso East
Greg Dilligard	6-8	215	Fr.	F	17.0	12.0		Highland
Najeeb Echols*	6-7	230	Jr.	F	3.1	2.8		Missouri
Neil Plank	6-5	200	So.	G/F	0.9	0.9		Wisconsin
Michael Sams	6-7	215	Fr.	F	14.5	5.4		Mt. Zion

*Eligible on December 19.

All-star candidates (names only) Gregg Alexander, Marcus Arnold, Vince Greene, Trey Guidrey

NOTES/CLARIFICATIONS

Marcus Arnold was selected to the Missouri Valley Conference All-Newcomer team in 2002-03. Vince Greene was named All-Valley Honorable Mention.