



Redbird Basketball

GAME NOTES

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ILLINOIS STATE SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent (TV)	Time/Result
11/9	AUGUSTANA [S.D.] (EX)	W, 60-49
11/19	INDIANAPOLIS	W, 54-50
11/22	@ Cincinnati (WXIX)	L, 59-76
11/26	WESTERN MICHIGAN	W, 64-47
11/29	GRAMBLING STATE	W, 62-50
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12/3	UW-GREEN BAY	W, 59-51
12/6	IPFW	W, 65-36
12/10	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	L, 61-64
12/17	@ Cal. St.-Northridge	L, 69-73
12/22	@ Indiana State* (Valley-TV)	L, 59-69 (ot)
12/31	CREIGHTON*	W, 53-50

1/2	@ Northern Iowa*	L, 47-60
1/5	@ Creighton* (KMTV)	L, 52-71
1/8	WICHITA STATE* (Cox-TV)	L, 47-56
1/11	@ Missouri State*	L, 54-70
1/14	NORTHERN IOWA*	L, 52-67
1/16	EVANSVILLE* (Valley-TV)	W, 65-57
1/22	@ Southern Illinois*	L, 44-56
1/25	INDIANA STATE* (WTWO)	W, 75-48

1/28 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS* (WSIU) 4:05 p.m.

Bird Bit: Illinois State is looking to avoid its fourth straight season sweep at the hands of Southern Illinois.

2/1	@ Bradley* (WEEK)	7:35 p.m.
2/4	@ Evansville*	7:05 p.m.
2/7	@ Drake*	7:05 p.m.
2/11	BRADLEY* (WMBD)	4:05 p.m.
2/14	DRAKE*	7:05 p.m.
2/18	@ eBay BracketBusters	TBA
2/22	MISSOURI STATE*	TBA
2/25	@ Wichita State*	TBA

3/2-5 @ State Farm MVC Tournament# TBA

All times listed are CST

Home games in CAPS

*Missouri Valley Conference game

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ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (8-10, 3-7)

10 GAME



VS.



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SALUKIS (15-5, 8-2)

Saturday, January 28, 2006 • 4:05 p.m. CST

Redbird Arena (10,200) • Normal, Ill.

THE GAME FACTS

The Probable Starters:

ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS ▶ ▶ ▶



3
Nedu Onyeuku

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

PPG RPG APG
8.4 2.7 1.4



25
Neil Plank

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

PPG RPG APG
8.4 3.7 3.2



42
Dinma Odiakosa

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

PPG RPG SPG
1.7 2.2 0.2



45
Brandon Holtz

► Guard
Fr.-HS • 6-4 • 185
Bloomington, Ill.

PPG RPG SPG
4.6 1.6 0.6



50
Greg Dilligard

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

PPG RPG BPG
10.3 5.7 2.3

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SALUKIS ▶ ▶ ▶

	F	G	G	G			ppg	rpg	apg
F 14	Randal Falker	6-7	230	So.	St. Louis, Mo.		7.0	6.8	1.3*
F 32	Matt Shaw	6-7	225	So.	Centralia, Ill.		10.3	5.7	1.1
G 3	Jamaal Tatum	6-2	175	Jr.	Jefferson City, Mo.		15.3	2.6	3.4
G 10	Bryan Mullins	6-1	185	Fr.	Downers Grove, Ill.		5.7	1.9	3.0
G 15	Tony Young	6-0	190	Jr.	Schaumburg, Ill.		11.9	3.0	1.8

*Indicates blocked shots

About The Game: Illinois State heads into today's game coming off its highest offensive output of the season with 75 points against Indiana State. The Redbirds will need to continue their offensive trend as they square off against conference leading Southern Illinois for the second time in six days. On Sunday, the Salukis handed the Redbirds a 56-44 loss at SIU Arena, but Southern Illinois enters Redbird Arena with a 5-4 road record this season.

Series History: Today's game marks the 127th meeting in the series. Southern Illinois owns a 68-58 advantage in the series that began in 1915 and the Salukis have won the last eight meetings. SIU is the only league team with a winning record in Redbird Arena. The Salukis are 10-8 in the "Bird House."

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

Television: Today's game is available on Redbird All-Access at GoRedbirds.com.

THE COACHES

Porter Moser (Creighton '90) owns an 89-76 (.539) career mark in his third season at Illinois State, including a 34-42 (.447) record with the Redbirds. Prior to guiding the 'Birds, Moser served three seasons at Arkansas-Little Rock in his first head coaching position. Moser is assisted by Chris Jans, Daniyal Robinson and Brian Barone.

Chris Lowery (Southern Illinois '95) is in his second season at his alma mater. He owns a 42-13 (.764) record with the Salukis, his only head coaching position. Last season, Lowery was voted as the 2004-05 Rawlings/Missouri Valley Conference Coach of the Year. He is assisted by Rodney Watson and Jack Owens.



TALE OF THE TAPE



W-L Record	8-10	15-5
Points Scored	57.8	61.2
Points Allowed	58.4	55.0
Scoring Margin	-0.6	+6.2
FG Percentage	42.0	41.8
Def. FG Percentage	39.5	39.4
3-pt. Percentage	32.2	32.8
Def. 3-pt. Percentage	35.0	31.6
FT Percentage	62.3	69.1
Offensive Rebounds	9.9	11.5
Total Rebounds	32.4	32.3
Rebounding Margin	-0.4	+0.5
Assists	13.3	12.1
Turnover Average	16.9	14.9
Turnover Margin	-0.4	+4.5
Steal Average	7.8	9.3
Block Average	4.7	3.3
Fouls	17.7	20.1

WEEKLY MEDIA CONFERENCE

All start at 2:00 p.m. and are located in the Redbird Arena media room off the Southwest Loading Dock.

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

WHAT'S BACK

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

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

VALLEY TELECONFERENCE

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

ABOUT THE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SALUKIS

- Southern Illinois, located in Carbondale, Ill., was founded in 1869 and has an enrollment of 21,598.
- The Salukis return eight letterwinners, including two starters, from a team that finished 27-8 overall and finished tied for first in the Missouri Valley Conference with a 15-3 mark.
- Through games on Jan. 22, SIU ranks third in the nation in scoring defense, with 55 points allowed per game, out of 334 Division I teams.
- Junior Tony Young leads the MVC in scoring in conference games with 16.2 points per league contest.
- Since the start of the 2002-03 season, Southern Illinois is 55-8 in Missouri Valley Conference regular-season games.
- Sophomore Matt Shaw enters tonight's game making 12 of his last 20 three-point field goal attempts (.600).
- SIU owns a 5-4 road record this season.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
3	Jamaal Tatum	G	6-2	175	Jr.	Jefferson City, Mo.
4	Austin Brooks	G	5-10	165	Sr.	Evansville, Ind.
5	Jordan Armstrong	F	6-6	220	Fr.	Muncie, Ind.
10	Bryan Mullins	G	6-1	185	Fr.	Downers Grove, Ill.
12	Kyle Smithpeters	G	6-3	215	Sr.	Harrisburg, Ill.
14	Randal Falke	F	6-7	230	So.	St. Louis, Mo.
15	Tony Young	G	6-0	190	Jr.	Schaumburg, Ill.
21	Christian Cornelius	F	6-7	205	Fr.	Oak Park, Ill.
23	Jamaal Foster	F	6-10	210	So.	Columbia, Mo.
24	Wesley Clemmons	G	6-3	195	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind.
32	Matt Shaw	F	6-7	225	So.	Centralia, Ill.
35	Tony Boyle	F	6-8	230	Fr.	DeSoto, Mo.

Head Coach: Chris Lowery
Assistant Coach: Rodney Watson, Jack Owens

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SCHEDULE
15-5 Overall, 8-2 Valley

Date	Opponent	Score/Time	W/L
Nov 18	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	65-47	W
Nov 24	vs. Monmouth (N.J.)^	68-80	L
Nov 25	at Alaska-Anchorage^	64-72	L
Nov 26	vs. Eastern Washington^	80-72	W
Nov 30	at Saint Louis	42-56	L
Dec 3	at Wyoming	57-53	W
Dec 10	KENT STATE	58-51	W
Dec 18	at Central Michigan	64-54	W
Dec 22	ARKANSAS-LITTLE ROCK	67-42	W
Dec 28	at Murray State	57-53	W
Dec 31	DRAKE*	64-50	W
Jan 2	WICHITA STATE*	58-49	W
Jan 5	at Indiana State*	55-49	W
Jan 8	BRADLEY*	67-55	W
Jan 11	EVANSVILLE*	66-38	W
Jan 14	at Drake*	47-46	W
Jan 16	at Northern Iowa*	65-71 (2ot)	L
Jan 19	at Missouri State*	63-71	L
Jan 22	ILLINOIS STATE*	56-44	W
Jan 24	CREIGHTON*	62-48	W
Jan 28	at Illinois State*	4:05 p.m.	
Feb 1	INDIANA STATE*	7:05 p.m.	
Feb 4	at Wichita State*	11:00 a.m.	
Feb 7	MISSOURI STATE*	8:05 p.m.	
Feb 11	at Creighton*	1:00 p.m.	
Feb 14	at Bradley*	7:35 p.m.	
Feb 18	BRACKET BUSTER	TBA	
Feb 21	at Evansville*	8:05 p.m.	
Feb 25	NORTHERN IOWA*	1:00 p.m.	
Mar 2-5	at State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Tournament		

* - Missouri Valley Conference game.
^ - Great Alaska Shootout.
HOME GAMES IN CAPS.

WELCOME BACK TO THE STAGE ... TENACIOUS D

After holding its non-conference foes to 35.6 percent shooting, Illinois State opened league play without the same defensive intensity. In the first six Valley games, Redbird opponents shot 46.7 percent from the field, but in the last four the 'Birds are getting back to the basics. Not only has the higher defensive level resulted in a 2-2 record during that span, but opponents are back to shooting 37.9 percent from the floor.

HOME SWEET HOME

Illinois State enters today's game with an 8-3 record this season at Redbird Arena. With the victory over Indiana State, the Redbirds guaranteed a winning record at home for the 16th time in the 18-year history of the facility. Today's game against Southern Illinois is the first of four more home games. If the 'Birds can win out, it would be their best home record since the 2001-02 season, when they were 11-2 at the Arena.

KEEPING A HOLTZ OF THE BALL

Even while the Redbirds have averaged 17 turnovers per Valley game, it's not because of **Brandon Holtz**. In his first season of collegiate basketball, Holtz has shown value in the possession by only surrendering four turnovers in 158 minutes of conference play or one turnover for every 39.5 minutes played.

IT WAS THE BEST OF TIMES, IT WAS THE WORST OF TIMES

The tale occurred in two cities this past week for Illinois State as the Redbirds rebounded from its lowest scoring output (44 points) in Carbondale, Ill., on Sunday with his highest scoring game of the season -- 75 points in the win over Indiana State Wednesday night at Redbird Arena.

DILLIGARD JOINS THE CENTURY CLUB

When it is all said and done **Greg Dilligard** will go down in history as one of the best defensive players to suit up for ISU. In his third season, Dilligard now ranks No. 4 in career blocked shots with 104, becoming only the fifth player to post 100 or more career blocks as a Redbird. He also has 42 blocks for the year, which ranks seventh.

VANDELLO INDUSTRIES

ISU freshman **Michael Vandello** has been grouping his athletic talents, particularly in the last three games, and generating some profits for the Redbirds on the court. During the three game span, Vandello is averaging 10 points and three rebounds per game. He is also shooting 50 percent from the field and a perfect 3-for-3 on treys.



OH-DEE-OH

It doubtful that freshman Dinma Odiakosa has seen The Wizard of Oz, but lately he has been a wizard on the boards. Against Indiana State, Odiakosa had a break-out game with a career best 10 rebounds, including six offensive caroms, and six points. In the last four games, he is averaging 3.8 points and 5.0 boards per contest.

190 GAMES WITH A TREY ON THE BOARD

ISU enters the game against Southern Illinois with at least one made three in 190 straight games. The last time ISU didn't sink a trey was an 82-43 loss at Creighton on Dec. 12, 1999.

BLOCK PARTY

The Redbirds are averaging 4.7 blocked shots per game as a team, led by Greg Dilligard's 42 swats. With 85 blocked shots in 18 games, ISU leads the Missouri Valley Conference in blocked shots, while Dilligard ranks second with 2.3 blocks per game. At this pace, the Redbirds would post the second best blocking average in school history, trailing only the 1976-77 team which averaged 4.9 blocks per game.

GONE IN 60 POINTS

It's not the sequel to Nicholas Cage's car thief film, but it has proven to be the recipe for success, or lack thereof, for the Redbirds this season. The formula is easy to follow. Opponents score less than 60 points, the Redbirds are 8-2. ISU foes score 60 or more, the 'Birds are 0-8. It's that simple.

WALKING THE PLANK

It isn't the sole reason for defeat, but the 'Birds appear to go how senior Neil Plank goes. In ISU's seven wins this season, Plank is leading the team with 12.3 points per game, while shooting 50.8 percent (32-for-63) from the field. In the 10 losses, Plank is averaging 5.4 points per game and shooting 25 percent (19-for-76) from the floor.

WITH A NAME LIKE WALLACE, HE WAS BORN TO LEAD

It wasn't quite like William Wallace, but senior walk-on Travis Wallace did supply the 'Birds some offensive freedom against Indiana State. He nearly doubled his minutes played this season, by logging 19 against the Sycamores. He also spurred the ISU offense, while posting a career best in scoring (5 points) and rebounds (5).

THIS FORD'S A STEAL

Just by looking at the sticker price, senior Dana Ford has been a steal. He entered his senior campaign averaging just 11 minutes per game in his first three seasons, but now he's on the verge of setting the ISU single season steals record. After 18 games, Ford leads the 'Birds in thefts with 42 and is on pace to finish the season with 70.

D-FENCE, D-FENCE

This season ISU opponents are averaging 58.4 points per contest. If the Redbirds can maintain this effort, it would mark the first time that foes have been held below 66 points per game for three straight seasons since the 1985-86, 1984-85 and 1983-84 campaigns. Also, the 58.4 points allowed also ranks as the lowest in school history.

MAKING THE GRADE

The Illinois State men's basketball set a record GPA during the Fall 2005 semester by posting a collective 2.81 GPA, topping the old mark of 2.75. The athletic department as a whole also netted a new standard with a 2.93 GPA, while having a record 201 student-athletes named to the AFNI athletic honor roll.

SO THIS IS WHAT A FULL ROSTER LOOKS LIKE?

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

OUT OF AFRICA ...

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

THIS DATE IN REDBIRD HISTORY

Jan. 28, 1995 - Illinois State scorched the nets at SIU Arena by shooting a season-best 66 percent from the field as the Redbirds handed Southern Illinois a 94-91 defeat. Maurice Trotter led the way for the 'Birds with 22 points to pace five ISU players in double figures. Illinois State owns an 8-4 record on this date during the Division I era.

THE LAST TIME THEY MET

ISU Challenges, But Falls to SIU

CARBONDALE, Ill. - Senior Dana Ford came off the bench to lead Illinois State with 10 points and three steals, but the Redbirds could never take control as Southern Illinois added to its nation-best 32-game home court winning streak with a 56-44 win at SIU Arena, Sunday afternoon.

SIU's Tony Young scored the Salukis' first six points in the second half, but the Redbirds used a 7-0 run to close the deficit to 32-30 with 13:12 left in the game. ISU's Ronnie Carlwell went to the foul line at the 11:38 mark for two shots, and the chance to tie, but both charity shots bounced off the back of the iron.

During the Redbird run, the Salukis were held scoreless for over five minutes. After Carlwell's failed free throw attempts, SIU responded with a 9-0 spurt and took a commanding 41-30 lead with 8:30 on the clock, and the Redbirds were only able to get with nine points.

To open the game, SIU jumped out to a quick 12-4 start in the first seven minutes, thanks to nine points by Matt Shaw. But, the Redbird defense locked down and kept the Salukis off the scoreboard for the next six minutes, while closing the gap to 12-9 with 9:21 left in the half.

Ford was the only Redbird in double-figure scoring, while Michael Vandello finished with nine points, off three second half 3-pointers. Shaw led all scorers with 21 points.

Southern Illinois 56, ILLINOIS STATE 44
January 22, 2006 • SIU Arena

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

Team Pct.: FG - .410; FT - .500
3-Pt.: 7-14, .500 (Onyeuku 0-2, K. Ford 1-1, Holtz 2-4, Fortes 1-2, Plank 0-1, Vandello 3-3, D. Ford 0-1)
Blocks: 4 (Dilligard 1, D. Ford 2, Carlwell 1)
Turnovers: 20 (Odiakosa 1, Dilligard 2, Onyeuku 3, K. Ford 5, Holtz 1, Fortes 1, Plank 1, Vandello 2, D. Ford 2, Carlwell 1, Team 1)
Steals: 11 (Odiakosa 1, Dilligard 1, Onyeuku 1, K. Ford 2, Fortes 1, Plank 1, D. Ford 3, Carlwell 1)

Table with 8 columns: S. Illinois, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include Falker, Shaw, Tatum, Mullins, Young, Brooks, Foster, Clemons, Boyle, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .417; FT - .846
3-Pt.: 5-13, .385 (Shaw 3-4, Tatum 1-3, Young 1-3, Brooks 0-1, Clemons 0-2)
Blocks: 3 (Falker 1, Shaw 1, Foster 1)
Turnovers: 17 (Falker 1, Shaw 1, Tatum 3, Mullins 2, Young 7, Clemons 3)
Steals: 9 (Mullins 4, Young 4, Clemons 1)

Officials: Paul Janssen, Verne Harris, Sid Rodenhoffer
Attendance: 7,529
Halftime Score: Southern Illinois 26, ILLINOIS STATE 18



CHART CLIMBERS

Season Blocked Shots Leaders

1. Jeff Wilkins (1976-77)	103
2. LeRoy Watkins (1998-99)	49
3. Joe Galvin (1977-78)	48
4. Bill Braksick (1985-86)	46
Joe Galvin (1978-79)	46
6. Mike VandeGarde (1991-92)	44
7. Greg Dilligard (2005-06)	42

Career Blocked Shots Leaders

1. LeRoy Watkins (1996-99)	143
2. Mike VandeGarde (1990-94)	134
3. Joe Galvin (1976-80)	132
4. Greg Dilligard (2004-)	104

Season Steals Leaders

1. Todd Starks (1986-87)	61
6. Todd Wemhoener (1991-92)	52
Ron Jones (1978-79)	52
8. Richard Thomas (1992-93)	50
9. Richard Thomas (1989-90)	48
Rickie Johnson (1984-85)	48
-- Dana Ford (2005-06)	42

CAREER STARTS/GAMES

No.	Player	Illinois St.	
		GP	GS
50	Greg Dilligard	77	70
25	Neil Plank	75	33
43	Dana Ford	95	27
5	Khalif Ford	37	10
3	Nedu Onyeuku	22	10
31	Michael Vandello	18	9
42	Dinma Odiakosa	13	6
45	Brandon Holtz	18	3
51	Ronnie Carlwell	51	2
32	Levi Dyer	26	1
14	Travis Wallace	16	0
1	Roberto Fortes	12	0
21	Eric Vianney	9	0
23	Mark Kruse	8	0

2005-06 VALLEY STANDINGS

	VALLEY			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
1. Northern Iowa	8	2	.800	18	3	.857
Wichita State	8	2	.800	17	4	.810
Southern Illinois	8	2	.800	15	5	.750
4. Creighton	7	3	.700	13	5	.722
5. Missouri State	5	5	.500	12	6	.667
Bradley	5	5	.500	11	7	.611
7. Drake	4	6	.400	11	10	.524
8. Illinois State	3	7	.300	8	10	.444
9. Indiana State	1	9	.100	8	10	.444
Evansville	1	9	.100	5	13	.278

**Through Jan. 25 games*

PRONUNCIATIONS

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

2005-06 ILLINOIS STATE RESULTS

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	8-10	8-3	0-7	0-0
CONFERENCE	3-7	3-2	0-5	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	5-3	5-1	0-2	0-0

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTEND	HIGH POINTS	HIGH REBOUNDS
11-19-05	2:05 pm CST	INDIANAPOLIS	W 54-50	3747	(12)PLANK,Neil	(5)FORD,Dana (5)FORD,Khalif
11-22-05	8 pm EST	at Cincinnati	59-76 L	8802	(16)DILLIGARD,Greg	(6)FORD,Dana
11-26-05	2:05 pm CST	WESTERN MICHIGAN	W 64-47	3980	(16)PLANK,Neil	(7)VANDELLO,Michael
11-29-05	7:05 pm CST	GRAMBLING STATE	W 62-50	5149	(18)DILLIGARD,Greg	(9)DILLIGARD,Greg
12-03-05	4:05 pm CST	UW-GREEN BAY	W 59-51	5871	(13)PLANK,Neil	(7)DILLIGARD,Greg
12-06-05	7:05 pm CST	IPFW	W 65-36	5181	(13)DILLIGARD,Greg	(7)DILLIGARD,Greg
12-10-05	7:05 pm CST	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	61-64 L	6762	(14)ONYEUKU,Nedu	(7)PLANK,Neil
12-17-05	7:05 pm PST	at Cal State Northridge	69-73 L	1013	(15)FORD,Dana	(7)PLANK,Neil
12-22-05	7:07 pm EST	* at Indiana State	59-69 LOT	5072	(22)DILLIGARD,Greg	(12)DILLIGARD,Greg
12-31-05	2:05 pm CST	* CREIGHTON	W 53-50	5970	(17)PLANK,Neil	(6)PLANK,Neil
01-02-06	7:05 pm CST	*at Northern Iowa	47-60 L	4014	(12)DILLIGARD,Greg	(5)PLANK,Neil
01-05-06	7:07 pm CST	* at Creighton	52-71 L	12882	(17)ONYEUKU,Nedu	(5)DILLIGARD,Greg
01-08-06	2:05 pm CST	*WICHITA STATE	47-56 L	5289	(16)FORD,Dana	(7)FORD,Dana
01-11-06	7:05 pm CST	*at Missouri State	54-70 L	6140	(9)VANDELLO,Michael (9)PLANK,Neil	(7)DILLIGARD,Greg (7)VANDELLO,Michael (7)PLANK,Neil
01-14-06	4:05 pm CST	*NORTHERN IOWA	52-67 L	5336	(14)ONYEUKU,Nedu	(10)DILLIGARD,Greg
01-16-06	7:07 pm CST	* EVANSVILLE	W 65-57	4143	(14)ONYEUKU,Nedu	(10)DILLIGARD,Greg
01-22-06	2:05 p.m.	*at Southern Illinois	44-56 L	7529	(10)FORD,Dana	(4)ODIAKOSA,Dinma
01-25-06	7:07 pm CST	*INDIANA STATE	W 75-48	5288	(15)PLANK,Neil	(10)ODIAKOSA,Dinma

* - Conference game

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY	GAMES	TOTALS	AVG/GAME
HOME	11	56716	5156
AWAY	7	45452	6494
NEUTRAL	0	0	0
TOTAL	18	102168	5676

2005-06 ILLINOIS STATE NUMERICAL ROSTER

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

Head Coach: Porter Moser
Assistant Coaches: Chris Jans, Daniyal Robinson, Brian Barone



2005-06 ILLINOIS STATE STATISTICS

##	Player	GP	GS	Min	Avg	TOTAL			3-PTS			REBOUNDS				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg			
						FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off									Def	Tot	Avg
50	DILLIGARD,Greg	18	18	524	29.1	83	146	.568	0	0	.000	19	38	.500	41	61	102	5.7	49	3	24	30	42	16	185	10.3
	Conference-Only...	10	10	303	30.3	47	90	.522	0	0	.000	11	19	.579	24	36	60	6.0	28	2	17	19	25	9	105	10.5
03	ONYEUKU,Nedu	18	9	418	23.2	55	111	.495	13	39	.333	29	50	.580	11	37	48	2.7	36	1	25	40	4	17	152	8.4
	Conference-Only...	10	9	245	24.5	30	67	.448	8	25	.320	19	31	.613	6	20	26	2.6	22	1	16	21	2	11	87	8.7
25	PLANK,Neil	18	17	521	28.9	51	139	.367	17	58	.293	33	50	.660	13	54	67	3.7	23	0	58	47	2	16	152	8.4
	Conference-Only...	10	9	269	26.9	23	70	.329	6	27	.222	8	16	.500	6	24	30	3.0	13	0	22	30	0	10	60	6.0
43	FORD,Dana	18	15	493	27.4	55	140	.393	16	60	.267	8	13	.615	8	67	75	4.2	36	1	34	32	12	42	134	7.4
	Conference-Only...	10	7	281	28.1	27	69	.391	6	30	.200	2	4	.500	3	34	37	3.7	15	0	16	18	8	26	62	6.2
31	VANDELLO,Michael	18	9	401	22.3	34	86	.395	9	22	.409	27	34	.794	24	38	62	3.4	44	1	24	36	3	11	104	5.8
	Conference-Only...	10	2	215	21.5	20	46	.435	7	14	.500	20	26	.769	11	22	33	3.3	27	1	9	25	1	5	67	6.7
05	FORD,Khalif	17	10	396	23.3	27	70	.386	9	25	.360	21	35	.600	6	33	39	2.3	49	2	42	52	2	12	84	4.9
	Conference-Only...	9	2	181	20.1	13	29	.448	4	11	.364	6	13	.462	3	18	21	2.3	26	1	17	19	0	6	36	4.0
45	HOLTZ,Brandon	18	3	236	13.1	32	75	.427	15	44	.341	4	8	.500	5	23	28	1.6	16	0	7	10	1	11	83	4.6
	Conference-Only...	10	3	158	15.8	21	49	.429	11	28	.393	2	4	.500	2	15	17	1.7	11	0	5	4	1	7	55	5.5
32	DYER,Levi	17	1	147	8.6	12	45	.267	9	28	.321	15	16	.938	7	12	19	1.1	16	0	5	5	3	2	48	2.8
	Conference-Only...	9	0	71	7.9	6	24	.250	3	13	.231	3	4	.750	6	5	11	1.2	6	0	3	3	2	2	18	2.0
23	KRUSE,Mark	8	0	36	4.5	7	21	.333	3	11	.273	1	2	.500	4	3	7	0.9	1	0	2	0	0	3	18	2.3
	Conference-Only...	4	0	10	2.5	2	3	.667	1	1	1.000	1	2	.500	2	0	2	0.5	0	0	2	0	0	3	6	1.5
42	ODIAKOSA,Dinma	13	6	122	9.4	8	27	.296	0	0	.000	6	14	.429	12	17	29	2.2	17	0	3	11	1	3	22	1.7
	Conference-Only...	7	6	95	13.6	7	20	.350	0	0	.000	4	8	.500	9	15	24	3.4	14	0	3	8	1	2	18	2.6
01	FORTES,Roberto	13	0	88	6.8	8	26	.308	6	21	.286	0	0	.000	0	3	3	0.2	8	0	7	9	0	3	22	1.7
	Conference-Only...	9	0	67	7.4	7	22	.318	5	18	.278	0	0	.000	0	3	3	0.3	4	0	4	7	0	3	19	2.1
21	VIANNEY,Eric	9	0	35	3.9	4	8	.500	3	5	.600	2	3	.667	1	4	5	0.6	8	0	1	5	0	1	13	1.4
	Conference-Only...	5	0	16	3.2	1	4	.250	0	2	.000	0	0	.000	1	0	1	0.2	5	0	0	1	0	1	2	0.4
51	CARLWELL,Ronnie	18	2	168	9.3	6	17	.353	0	0	.000	5	11	.455	14	20	34	1.9	14	0	4	13	15	4	17	0.9
	Conference-Only...	10	2	81	8.1	4	10	.400	0	0	.000	0	5	.000	7	7	14	1.4	5	0	1	8	7	2	8	0.8
14	WALLACE,Travis	8	0	40	5.0	2	3	.667	1	1	1.000	2	2	1.000	1	5	6	0.8	1	0	3	5	0	0	7	0.9
	Conference-Only...	4	0	33	8.3	2	3	.667	1	1	1.000	0	0	.000	1	5	6	1.5	1	0	2	3	0	0	5	1.3
	TM TEAM.....														32	28	60	3.3	1			9				
	Conference-Only...														15	13	28	2.8	1			4				
	Total.....	18				384	914	.420	101	314	.322	172	276	.623	179	405	584	32.4	319	8	239	304	85	141	1041	57.8
	Conference-Only...	10				210	506	.415	52	170	.306	76	132	.576	96	217	313	31.3	178	5	117	170	47	87	548	54.8
	Opponents.....	18				357	904	.395	90	257	.350	247	338	.731	187	405	592	32.9	295	2	211	296	49	142	1051	58.4
	Conference-Only...	10				206	480	.429	50	137	.365	142	193	.736	82	230	312	31.2	151	0	126	155	24	87	604	60.4

SCORE BY PERIODS: 1st 2nd OT Total
 Illinois State 469 563 9 1041
 Opponents 462 570 19 1051

DEADBALL REBOUNDS: OFF DEF TOTAL
 Illinois State 41 1 42
 Opponents 47 7 54



2005-06 ILLINOIS STATE TEAM HIGHS & LOWS

	HIGHS	LOWS
POINTS	75 vs. Indiana State (01-25-06)	44 at Southern Illinois (01-22-06)
FIELD GOALS MADE	27 twice	16 at Southern Illinois (01-22-06)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	65 twice	39 at Southern Illinois (01-22-06)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	.529 (27-51) vs. Indiana State (01-25-06)	.323 (21-65) vs. Northern Iowa (01-14-06)
3 PT FIELD GOALS MADE	12 at Cal State-Northridge (12-7-05)	2 vs. Georgia Southern (12-10-05)
		2 vs. Evansville (01-16-06)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	31 at Missouri State (01-11-06)	11 twice
3 PT FG PERCENTAGE	.571 (8-14) vs. IPFW (12-06-05)	.143 (2-14) vs. Georgia Southern (12-10-05)
FREE THROWS MADE	23 vs. Evansville (01-16-06)	1 twice
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	37 vs. Evansville (01-16-06)	2 twice
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	.773 (17-22) vs. Western Michigan (11-26-05)	.400 (4-10) vs. Indianapolis (11-19-05)
REBOUNDS	44 vs. Evansville (01-16-06)	21 at Southern Illinois (01-22-06)
ASSISTS	19 vs. IPFW (12-06-05)	8 at Northern Iowa (1-2-06)
STEALS	13 at Missouri State (01-11-06)	1 at Cincinnati (11-22-05)
BLOCKED SHOTS	8 vs. Wichita State (01-08-06)	2 three times
TURNOVERS	26 at Cincinnati (11-22-05)	12 vs. Indianapolis (11-19-05)
		12 vs. Western Michigan (11-26-05)
FOULS	31 at Indiana State (12-22-05)	10 vs. Indianapolis (11-19-05)

2005-06 OPPONENT TEAM HIGHS & LOWS

	HIGHS	LOWS
POINTS	76 at Cincinnati (11-22-05)	36 vs. IPFW (12-06-05)
FIELD GOALS MADE	26 at Creighton (01-05-06)	14 vs. IPFW (12-06-05)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	62 vs. UW-Green Bay (12-03-05)	42 at Cal State-Northridge (12-7-05)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	.605 (26-43) at Creighton (01-05-06)	.290 (18-62) vs. UW-Green Bay (12-03-05)
3 PT FIELD GOALS MADE	9 at Creighton (01-05-06)	1 vs. Indiana State (01-25-06)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	25 vs. Evansville (01-16-06)	7 at Missouri State (01-11-06)
3 PT FG PERCENTAGE	.714 (5-7) at Missouri State (01-11-06)	.125 (1-8) vs. Indiana State (01-25-06)
FREE THROWS MADE	33 at Indiana State (12-22-05)	2 twice
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	43 at Indiana State (12-22-05)	7 vs. IPFW (12-06-05)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	1.000 (12-12) vs. Indianapolis (11-19-05)	.222 (2-9) vs. Creighton (12-31-05)
REBOUNDS	42 twice	23 vs. Indiana State (01-25-06)
ASSISTS	19 at Creighton (01-05-06)	5 vs. Evansville (01-16-06)
STEALS	13 at Creighton (01-05-06)	4 vs. Indianapolis (11-19-05)
		4 vs. UW-Green Bay (12-03-05)
BLOCKED SHOTS	7 twice	0 twice
TURNOVERS	27 at Cal State-Northridge (12-7-05)	9 at Northern Iowa (1-2-06)
FOULS	28 vs. Evansville (01-16-06)	8 at Northern Iowa (1-2-06)
		8 at Creighton (01-05-06)

2005-06 ILLINOIS STATE & OPPONENT PLAYER SUPERLATIVES

	ILLINOIS STATE	OPPONENT
POINTS	22 DILLIGARD,Greg at Indiana State (12-22-05)	27 EFEVBERHA,Mike at Cal State-Northridge (12-07-05)
FIELD GOALS MADE	11 DILLIGARD,Greg at Indiana State (12-22-05)	9 SHAW,Matt at Southern Illinois (01-22-06)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	18 DILLIGARD,Greg at Indiana State (12-22-05)	18 RUSH,Brion vs. Grambling State (11-29-05)
FG PCT (min. 5 made)	.727 (8-11) DILLIGARD,Greg vs Grambling State (11-29-05)	.700 (7-10) TOLLIVER,Anthony vs. Creighton (12-31-05)
	.727 (8-11) DILLIGARD,Greg at Cincinnati (11-22-05)	.700 (7-10) STOUT,Grant at Northern Iowa (1-2-06)
3 PT FG MADE	3 VIANNEY,Eric vs IPFW (12-06-05)	4 AHEARN,Blake at Missouri State (01-11-06)
	3 VANDELLO,Michael at Southern Illinois (01-22-06)	
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	8 PLANK,Neil vs Western Michigan (11-26-05)	11 HOLSINGER,Jason vs. Evansville (01-16-06)
3-PT FG PCT (min. 3 made)	1.000 (3-3) VIANNEY,Eric vs IPFW (12-06-05)	1.000 (3-3) ALLEN,Ronald at Cincinnati (11-22-05)
	1.000 (3-3) VANDELLO,Michael at Southern Illinois (01-22-06)	
FREE THROWS MADE	9 ONYEUKU,Nedu vs. Evansville (01-16-06)	11 EFEVBERHA,Mike at Cal State-Northridge (12-07-05)
		11 MOSS,David at Indiana State (12-22-05)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	13 ONYEUKU,Nedu vs. Evansville (01-16-06)	15 EFEVBERHA,Mike at Cal State-Northridge (12-07-05)
FT PCT (min. 6 att.)	.833 (5-6) FORD,Khalif vs. Georgia Southern (12-10-05)	1.000 (10-10) MOORE,Gabriel at Indiana State (12-22-05)
REBOUNDS	12 DILLIGARD,Greg at Indiana State (12-22-05)	14 COLEMAN,Eric vs. Northern Iowa (01-14-06)
ASSISTS	7 PLANK,Neil vs IPFW (12-06-05)	7 SMITH,Tim vs. Indianapolis (11-19-05)
	7 PLANK,Neil at Cal State-Northridge (12-07-05)	7 MOSS,David at Indiana State (12-22-05)
STEALS	5 PLANK,Neil at Creighton (01-05-06)	4 11 times
BLOCKED SHOTS	4 DILLIGARD,Greg vs. Wichita State (01-08-06)	3 HICKS,Eric at Cincinnati (11-22-05)
	4 DILLIGARD,Greg at Missouri State (01-11-06)	3 SHEWMAKE,Thomas at Cal State-Northridge (12-07-05)
	4 DILLIGARD,Greg vs. Northern Iowa (01-14-06)	3 TOLLIVER,Anthony vs. Creighton (12-31-05)
		3 STOUT,Grant vs. Northern Iowa (01-14-06)



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

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

Opponent	Kruse	Odiakosa	Onyeuku	Plank	Vandello	Vianney	Wallace
Indianapolis	DNP	DNP	9-2-1	12-2-3*	6-4-1	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Cincinnati	2-2-0	1-2-0	0-4-1	8-2-6*	3-1-2*	2-1-1	DNP
Western Michigan	DNP	0-0-0	6-1-3	16-5-1*	9-7-0*	DNP	DNP
Grambling St.	DNP	0-0-0	7-5-1	11-4-4*	0-3-1*	DNP	0-0-1
UW-Green Bay	5-0-0	DNP	11-3-0	13-5-4*	4-4-5*	DNP	DNP
IPFW	5-2-0	2-1-0	4-5-0	10-5-7*	8-3-2*	9-3-0	2-0-0
Ga. Southern	0-1-0	0-1-0	14-2-1	12-7-4*	7-4-3*	0-0-0	DNP
at Cal St.-Northridge	DNP	1-1-0	14-0-2	10-7-7*	0-3-1*	DNP	0-0-0
at Indiana State*	DNP	3-2-1*	8-4-3*	2-1-2*	9-2-0	0-0-0	0-1-1
Creighton*	DNP	0-2-0*	6-0-1*	17-6-3*	2-5-3	DNP	0-0-0
at Northern Iowa*	0-0-0	DNP	3-1-2*	2-5-1*	4-4-0	2-0-0	0-0-0
at Creighton*	DNP	DNP	17-4-1*	8-4-6*	7-2-3*	0-0-0	DNP
Wichita State*	DNP	DNP	7-3-3*	0-1-3*	6-3-0	DNP	DNP
at Missouri State*	DNP	0-0-0	7-1-1*	9-7-3*	9-7-0*	DNP	DNP
Northern Iowa*	2-2-1	5-4-0*	14-1-0*	2-2-1*	0-1-0	0-0-0	DNP
Evansville*	DNP	4-2-0*	14-7-0	4-0-1	10-5-0	DNP	DNP
at S. Illinois*	DNP	0-4-1*	2-0-2*	1-1-2	9-2-1	DNP	DNP
Indiana State*	4-0-1	6-10-1*	9-5-3*	15-3-0*	11-2-2	0-1-0	5-5-1
S. Illinois*							
at Bradley*							
at Evansville*							
at Drake*							
Bradley*							
Drake*							
at Bracket Buster							
Missouri State*							
at Wichita State*							

SUPERLATIVES

- STARTING LINEUPS – F, F, C, G, G (8):**
- Plank, Dilligard, Dyer, K. Ford, D. Ford (1-0)
W – Indianapolis
 - Plank, Dilligard, Vandello, K. Ford, D. Ford (4-3)
W – Western Michigan, Grambling State, UW-Green Bay, IPFW
L – at Cincinnati, Georgia Southern, at Cal State-Northridge
 - Odiakosa, Dilligard, Onyeuku, Plank, D. Ford (1-2)
W – Creighton
L – at Indiana State, Northern Iowa
 - Dilligard, Carlwell, Onyeuku, Plank, D. Ford (0-2)
L – at Northern Iowa, Wichita State
 - Vandello, Dilligard, Onyeuku, Plank, D. Ford (0-2)
L – at Creighton, at Missouri State
 - Odiakosa, Dilligard, K. Ford, Plank, Holtz (1-0)
W – Evansville
 - Odiakosa, Dilligard, K. Ford, Onyeuku, Holtz (0-1)
L – at Southern Illinois
 - Odiakosa, Dilligard, Onyeuku, Plank, Holtz (1-0)
W – Indiana State
- FIRST POINTS:**
Dilligard 6, Plank 4, Onyeuku 3, Odiakosa 2, K. Ford 1, D. Ford 1, Vandello 1
- DOUBLE-DIGIT SCORERS (37):**
Dilligard 9, Plank 9, D. Ford 7, Onyeuku 6, Holtz 2, K. Ford 2, Vandello 2
- DOUBLE-DIGIT REBOUNDING (4):**
Dilligard 3, Odiakosa 1
- LEADING SCORER:**
Plank 7, Dilligard 5, Onyeuku 4, D. Ford 3, Vandello 1
- LEADING REBOUNDER:**
Dilligard 8, Plank 5, D. Ford 3, Vandello 2, Odiakosa 2, K. Ford 1
- DOUBLE-DOUBLES (2):**
Dilligard 2
- DUNKS (21):**
Dilligard 12, Onyeuku 7, Fortes 1, Carlwell 1
- FIRST SUBSTITUTION:**
Carlwell 7, Vandello 4, Holtz 3, Onyeuku 2, Fortes 1, Plank 1
- CHARGES DRAWN (9):**
Dilligard 4, Carlwell 1, Holtz 1, Plank 1, Odiakosa 1, Dyer 1
- MOST MINUTES:**
38, D. Ford vs. Wichita State, 1-8-06
38, Plank vs. Creighton, 12-31-05
37, Plank at Creighton, 1-5-06
37, D. Ford vs. Grambling State, 11-29-05
36, Dilligard vs. Creighton, 12-31-05
36, Dilligard at Indiana State, 12-22-05
36, Dilligard vs. UW-Green Bay, 12-3-05
36, Plank vs. Western Michigan, 11-26-05

2005-06 Honors and Awards

Prairie Farms Scholar-Athlete of the Week
Dec. 7 Neil Plank



BENCH SCORING (ISU-OPP)

Indianapolis	21-11
at Cincinnati	17-36
Western Michigan	15-7
Grambling St.	13-10
UW-Green Bay	22-5
IPFW	27-9
Ga. Southern	21-15
at Cal St.-Northridge	28-36
at Indiana State*	22-2
Creighton*	5-18
at Northern Iowa*	23-5
at Creighton*	9-13
Wichita State*	10-14
at Missouri State*	21-18
Northern Iowa*	23-12
Evansville*	32-8
at S. Illinois*	25-4
Indiana State*	30-19
S. Illinois*	
at Bradley*	
at Evansville*	
at Drake*	
Bradley*	
Drake*	
at Bracket Buster	
Missouri State*	
at Wichita State*	
Total	364-242

2005-06 VALLEY RANKINGS

Through Jan. 27 (All Games)

TEAM		
Scoring Offense	10th	57.8
Scoring Defense	2nd	58.4
Scoring Margin	8th	-0.6
Free Throw Pct	10th	62.3
Field Goal Pct	8th	42.0
FG Pct. Defense	2nd	39.5
3-Point FG Pct.	9th	32.2
3-Point FG Pct. Def	8th	35.0
Rebounding Offense	8th	32.4
Rebounding Defense	5th	32.9
Rebounding Margin	8th	-0.4
Blocked Shots	1st	4.72
Assists	9th	13.28
Steals	5th	7.83
Turnover Margin	9th	-0.44
Assist/Turnover Ratio	10th	0.79
Offensive Rebounds	7th	9.94
Defensive Rebounds	7th	22.50
3-Point Field Goals Made	8th	5.61

REBOUNDING

Greg Dilligard	15th	5.7
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FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Greg Dilligard	4th	56.8
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ASSISTS

Neil Plank	8th	3.22
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STEALS

Dana Ford	3rd	2.33
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BLOCKED SHOTS

Greg Dilligard	11st	2.33
Ronnie Carlwell	8th	0.83

OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS

Greg Dilligard	9th	2.28
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THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

INDIVIDUAL

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

A player scored 30 points ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Trey Guidry (30) at Creighton, 1-22-05
 OpponentJermaine Boyette (31), Weber St., 11-16-01

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

A player grabbed 15 rebounds ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Baboucarr Bojang (15) vs. UNI, 1-30-02
 OpponentGrant Stout (15), UNI, 1-3-05

A player had a double-double ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Greg Dilligard (10p, 10r) vs. Evansville, 1-16-06
 OpponentEric Coleman (13p, 14r), Northern Iowa, 1-14-06
 Grant Stout (10p, 12r), Northern Iowa, 1-14-06

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

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

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

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

A player had five steals ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Neil Plank (5) at Creighton, 1-5-06
 OpponentDeven Mitchell (6), Missouri State 2-26-05

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

TEAM

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

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

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

A team shot 50 percent from the field ...
 ILLINOIS ST.vs. Indiana State (529, 27-51), 1-25-06
 OpponentMissouri State (500, 23-46), 1-11-06

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

A team had 25 3-point field goal attempts ...
 ILLINOIS ST.at Missouri State (9-31), 1-11-06
 OpponentEvansville (6-25), 1-16-06

A team shot 50 percent on 3-pointers ...
 ILLINOIS ST.at Southern Illinois (500, 7-14), 1-22-06
 OpponentMissouri State (714, 5-7), 1-11-06

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

A team had 25 assists ...
 ILLINOIS ST.vs. Hofstra (25), 11-25-01
 OpponentEvansville (26), 2-11-04

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

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

ILLINOIS STATE'S 2005-06 RECORD WHEN

Overall	8-10
Missouri Valley Conference	3-7
Playing Nationally Ranked Teams	0-0
Leading at the Half	7-0
Trailing at the Half	1-9
Tied at the Half	0-1
Leading with 5:00 to Play	6-0
Trailing with 5:00 to Play	1-10
Tied with 5:00 to Play	1-0
In Overtime	0-0
ISU out-rebounds opponent	6-1
Opponents out-rebound ISU	2-7
ISU has 15 or fewer Turnovers	4-3
ISU has more Turnovers than opp	4-4
ISU shoots 50 Percent or Better	3-0
ISU shoots 40 Percent or Better	5-7
Opponents shoot less than 40 Percent	6-1
Opponents shoot 40 Percent or Better	2-9
ISU shoots better than Opponent	8-2
Opponent shoots better than ISU	0-8
ISU has more FG Attempts	2-6
Opponent has more FG Attempts	5-4
ISU Shoots better than 35 Percent on 3's	4-4
ISU Attempts more 3's	3-9
Opponents Attempt more 3's	5-1
ISU has more FT Attempts	7-2
Opponent has more FT Attempts	1-8
ISU Scores 100 or More	0-0
ISU Scores 90 or More	0-0
ISU Scores 80 or More	0-0
ISU Scores 70 or More	1-0

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



2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with 15 columns: Team, Final, FG, FG%, 3FG, 3%, FT, FT%, O-D-T Reb., Fouls, Assists, Turnovers, Blocks, Steals, Halftime. Rows include games against Indianapolis, Western Michigan, Grambling State, UW-Green Bay, IPFW, Georgia Southern, Cal St.-Northridge, Creighton, Northern Iowa, Wichita State, Northern Iowa, Evansville, Indiana State, Southern Illinois, Bradley, Evansville, Drake, Bracket Buster, and Missouri State.



Ronnie Carlwell¹

C • 6-11 • 258 • So.-1L • Maywood, Ill. (Proviso East)

CAREER BESTS:

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

SEASON BESTS:

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

Last Time Out:

Finished the game with a fast-break dunk at the buzzer after playing the game's final four minutes.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

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

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	12	0-3	0-0	0-0	2-3	0	0	0	1	0	0
at Cincinnati	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Western Michigan	17	0-0	0-0	2-2	2-4	2	0	0	3	0	2
Grambling State	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	3	0	0	0
UW-Green Bay	9	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-3	1	0	0	1	0	2
IPFW	10	0-0	0-0	3-4	1-2	3	2	0	1	2	3
Georgia Southern	15	1-2	0-0	0-0	2-5	0	1	1	2	0	2
at Cal St.-Northridge	10	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	0	1	0	0	0
at Indiana State*	11	0-1	0-0	0-2	1-2	1	0	2	1	0	0
Creighton*	12	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	2	1	0	0
at Northern Iowa*	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	1	0	1	0	0	0
at Creighton*	5	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Wichita State*	16	0-2	0-0	0-1	1-4	0	1	0	2	0	0
at Missouri State*	7	2-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0	2	1	4
Northern Iowa*	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Evansville*	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	1	0	0	0
at Southern Illinois*	9	0-1	0-0	0-2	1-1	1	0	1	1	1	0
Indiana State*	4	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Southern Illinois*											
at Bradley*											
at Evansville*											
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at Bracket Buster%											
Missouri State*											
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Greg Dilligard⁵⁰

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

CAREER BESTS:

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

SEASON BESTS:

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

Last Time Out:

Pounded out eight points on 2-for-3 shooting and a 4-for-5 effort from the line, along with three blocks.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has swatted at least one blocked shot in every game this season.
- Has converted six of his last seven free throw attempts (.857).
- Collected his second double-double of the season and third of his career with 10 points and 10 boards against Evansville.
- Notched his first career 20-point game when he recorded career bests with 22 points and 12 rebounds at Indiana State.
- Stands in fourth place in the Redbirds all-time career blocked shot standings with 104.
- Owns 15 double digit scoring games in his career.
- One of the top defensive players in the Missouri Valley Conference.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	25	2-3	0-0	0-3	0-4	0	1	1	2	0	4
at Cincinnati	30	8-11	0-0	0-1	2-5	3	1	2	1	0	16
Western Michigan	23	3-4	0-0	1-2	2-5	3	1	0	2	3	7
Grambling State	34	8-11	0-0	2-6	3-9	3	2	2	3	0	18
UW-Green Bay	36	5-9	0-0	3-4	4-7	2	1	1	3	2	13
IPFW	30	3-8	0-0	2-3	3-7	2	0	4	2	2	8
Georgia Southern	27	3-5	0-0	0-0	1-3	3	0	0	2	0	6
at Cal St.-Northridge	16	4-5	0-0	0-0	2-2	5	1	1	2	0	8
at Indiana State*	36	11-18	0-0	0-1	3-12	5	3	3	3	0	22
Creighton*	36	5-10	0-0	1-2	1-3	3	3	1	1	1	11
at Northern Iowa*	31	6-11	0-0	0-0	2-3	3	3	2	1	2	12
at Creighton*	33	5-7	0-0	1-2	3-5	1	1	2	2	0	11
Wichita State*	32	6-9	0-0	2-3	2-3	3	0	2	4	1	14
at Missouri State*	26	2-6	0-0	1-1	2-7	5	2	2	4	2	5
Northern Iowa*	29	3-10	0-0	0-0	5-10	2	1	4	4	2	6
Evansville*	27	5-11	0-0	0-3	4-10	2	2	2	0	2	10
at Southern Illinois*	33	2-5	0-0	2-2	0-3	2	1	2	1	1	6
Indiana State*	20	2-3	0-0	4-5	2-4	2	1	1	3	0	8
Southern Illinois*											
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Levi Dyer 32
C • 6-10 • 220 • So.-1L • Eaton, Colo. (Eaton)

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

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

Last Time Out:
Logged 14 minutes, his longest outing in four games, and finished with six points.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has made three of his last 16 treys (.188).
• Increased his vertical jump by five inches during the off-season.
• A strong outside shooter, but has been a detriment defensively.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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Dana Ford 43
G • 6-4 • 195 • Sr.-3L • Tamms, Ill. (Egyptian)

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

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

Last Time Out:
Only finished with two points, but had two momentum changing steals in the first half.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has had at least one steal in every game this season except for one (Georgia Southern). Has 11 straight games with at least one steal.
• Has only made four of his last 22 three-point attempts (.181) and has missed 10 straight.
• Tied his career high with 16 points against Wichita State, while also matching his season best in rebounds (7) and steals (4).
• Sank a 40-footer at the buzzer to give the Redbirds a 53-50 win at home over Creighton on Dec. 31. The play ranked at No. 6 on ESPN's "Plays of the Day," and No. 8 on "Plays of the Week."
• The longest tenured Redbird on the roster.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 11, twice
 Rebounds – 7 vs. Evansville, 1-16-06
 Assists – 6 vs. Indiana State, 1-6-05
 Blocked Shots – 1, twice
 Steals – 2, four times
 Minutes – 34 vs. Indianapolis, 11-19-05

SEASON BESTS:

Points – 11, twice
 Rebounds – 7 vs. Evansville, 1-16-06
 Assists – 5, twice
 Blocked Shots – 1, twice
 Steals – 2, twice
 Minutes – 34 vs. Indianapolis, 11-19-05

Last Time Out:
 Did not play.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Equalled his career high with 11 points against Evansville, which was the second double-digit scoring game of his career. Also added a career best seven rebounds.
- During the exhibition season, showed some offensive potential with 15 points in the first half of the Red-White Scrimmage on 5-for-6 shooting. Also added 11 points against Augustana (S.D.) in the exhibition game.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	34	2-6	0-2	0-0	1-5	2	5	2	0	1	4
at Cincinnati	27	1-5	1-3	0-0	1-1	4	2	6	1	0	3
Western Michigan	27	3-7	0-0	5-8	1-4	0	3	3	0	0	11
Grambling State	27	2-6	0-1	0-0	0-2	3	5	3	1	1	4
UW-Green Bay	32	1-4	0-1	3-4	0-1	3	3	5	0	1	5
IPFW	17	2-4	2-3	2-4	0-2	3	3	4	0	1	8
Georgia Southern	28	0-2	0-1	5-6	0-1	3	1	5	0	2	5
at Cal St.-Northridge	24	3-7	2-3	0-0	0-2	5	3	5	0	0	8
at Indiana State*	26	1-5	0-1	2-2	1-2	4	4	1	0	0	4
Creighton*	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	0	0	0
at Northern Iowa*	12	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0	0	3
at Creighton*	24	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-3	5	2	1	0	0	2
Wichita State*	22	2-3	0-1	0-2	0-1	2	2	6	0	1	4
at Missouri State*	17	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-3	1	2	0	0	1	0
Northern Iowa*	23	3-8	2-4	1-3	0-4	4	3	2	0	1	9
Evansville*	28	4-5	0-1	3-6	1-7	4	2	2	0	1	11
at Southern Illinois*	22	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	4	0	5	0	2	3
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Did not play - coach's decision

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Roberto Fortes 1
G • 6-4 • 195 • Jr.-TR • Fort Wayne, Ind. (North Side)

CAREER BESTS:

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

Last Time Out:
 Logged the final three minutes of the game, but was 0-for-2 from the field.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has made one of his last nine three-point attempts (.111).
- Has played 55 minutes in the last seven games, after logging 33 total minutes in the previous 11 games.
- One of Illinois State's four African born players. Born in Angola before moving to the United States as a youth.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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

CAREER BESTS:

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

Last Time Out:
Finished with seven points, on 3-for-8 shooting, and added three rebounds and a steal.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has started the last three games, including the first of his career at home against Evansville.
- Has converted at least one 3-pointer in each of the last five games and 10 of the last 12.
- Averaging 7.4 points per game over his last five outings.
- Won the team's three-point shooting contest at the Redbird Hoopfest, which kicked off the 2005-06 season.
- Has lost 20 pounds since reporting to the team.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	8	3-5	0-2	0-2	0-1	0	0	0	0	1	6
at Cincinnati	6	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Western Michigan	14	1-5	0-4	0-0	1-2	0	0	2	0	0	2
Grambling State	12	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-3	0	0	1	0	1	2
UW-Green Bay	3	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	2
IPFW	5	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Georgia Southern	7	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	3
at Cal St.-Northridge	23	4-10	3-7	0-0	1-2	4	2	1	0	2	11
at Indiana State*	20	4-6	1-2	0-0	0-1	2	0	0	0	0	9
Creighton*	17	1-3	1-2	0-0	0-3	0	1	0	1	1	3
at Northern Iowa*	23	2-4	2-3	0-0	1-4	0	0	0	0	1	6
at Creighton*	5	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Wichita State*	13	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	3	0	0	1	0
at Missouri State*	9	3-6	2-5	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	8
Northern Iowa*	19	4-8	1-3	1-1	0-1	4	0	0	0	2	10
Evansville*	14	1-5	1-4	1-3	0-2	2	0	1	0	1	4
at Southern Illinois*	19	3-7	2-4	0-0	0-2	0	1	1	0	0	8
Indiana State*	19	3-8	1-3	0-0	1-3	2	0	0	0	1	7
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Mark Kruse 23
G/F • 6-7 • 205 • Jr.-TR • St. Cloud, Minn. (Apollo)

CAREER BESTS:

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

Last Time Out:
Played the last four minutes and finished with four points, an assist and a steal.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has played 10 total minutes in the last 11 games.
- The leading scorer at the 2005 National Junior College Basketball Tournament.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis											
at Cincinnati	1	1-4	0-2	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Western Michigan											
Grambling State											
UW-Green Bay	12	2-7	1-4	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	5
IPFW	9	2-6	1-3	0-0	0-2	0	0	0	0	0	5
Georgia Southern	4	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Cal St.-Northridge											
at Indiana State*											
Creighton*											
at Northern Iowa*	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Creighton*											
Wichita State*											
at Missouri State*	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Iowa*	4	1-1	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	1	0	0	2	2
Evansville*											
at Southern Illinois*											
Indiana State*	4	1-2	1-1	1-2	0-0	0	1	0	0	1	4
Southern Illinois*											
at Bradley*											
at Evansville*											
at Drake*											
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Missouri State*											
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Dinma Odiakosa
F • 6-8 • 240 • Fr.-HS • Akwukwu, Nigeria (St. Patrick's Model School)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 6 vs. Indiana State, 1-25-06
 Rebounds – 10 vs. Indiana State, 1-25-06
 Assists – 1, three times
 Blocked Shots – 1 vs. Creighton, 12-31-05
 Steals – 1, three times
 Minutes – 20, twice

Last Time Out:

Tallied a career-best six points and 10 rebounds, including six off the offensive glass.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Coming off a career game against Indiana State with a career-best six points and 10 rebounds.
- Has become more of a factor offensively by scoring a combined 15 points in the last four games, after scoring a total of seven points in the first 14 games.
- He is also averaging 5.0 rebounds per game over the last four contests.
- Earned his first collegiate start at Indiana State.
- Spent the summer as a member of the Nigerian U21 National Team, which competed in the World Championships in Mar Del Plata, Argentina.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis											
at Cincinnati	5	0-2	0-0	1-2	0-2	0	0	1	0	0	1
Western Michigan	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grambling State	3	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	2	0	1	0	0	0
UW-Green Bay											
IPFW	4	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Georgia Southern	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Cal St.-Northridge	12	0-3	0-0	1-2	1-1	1	0	0	0	1	1
at Indiana State*	20	1-4	0-0	1-2	1-2	3	1	1	0	1	3
Creighton*	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	3	0	0	1	0	0
at Northern Iowa*											
at Creighton*											
Wichita State*											
at Missouri State*	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Northern Iowa*	15	2-6	0-0	1-3	1-4	3	0	1	0	0	5
Evansville*	14	2-4	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	0	1	0	0	4
at Southern Illinois*	13	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-4	2	1	1	0	1	0
Indiana State*	20	2-4	0-0	2-3	6-10	3	1	2	0	0	6
Southern Illinois*											
at Bradley*											
at Evansville*											
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Nedu Onyeuku
G • 6-3 • 185 • Sr.-1L • Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 17 at Creighton, 1-5-06
 Rebounds – 7 vs. Evansville, 1-16-06
 Assists – 4 vs. St. John's, 12-4-04
 Blocked Shots – 2 vs. Southern Illinois, 2-16-05
 Steals – 2, six times
 Minutes – 34 at Creighton, 1-5-06

Last Time Out:

Tossed in nine points and added five rebounds and three assists in 29 minutes of play.

SEASON BESTS:

Points – 17 at Creighton, 1-5-06
 Rebounds – 7 vs. Evansville, 1-16-06
 Assists – 3, three times
 Blocked Shots – 1, three times
 Steals – 2, four times
 Minutes – 34 at Creighton, 1-5-06

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has posted six double-digit scoring games this season, including back-to-back 14-point efforts.
- Scored a career-high 17 points in front of his hometown crowd at Creighton on Jan. 5.
- Crowned the team's slam dunk champion at Redbird HoopFest, an event that kicked off the first day of practice.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	17	4-6	1-1	0-0	0-2	2	1	2	0	0	9
at Cincinnati	17	0-1	0-1	0-2	1-4	2	1	3	0	0	0
Western Michigan	19	2-3	0-1	2-2	0-1	0	3	1	0	0	6
Grambling State	23	3-5	0-0	1-2	3-5	3	1	3	0	1	7
UW-Green Bay	23	3-4	2-3	3-4	0-3	1	0	4	0	1	11
IPFW	25	2-4	0-1	0-0	1-5	1	0	2	1	1	4
Georgia Southern	26	5-9	0-2	4-7	0-2	3	1	3	1	2	14
at Cal St.-Northridge	23	6-12	2-5	0-2	0-0	2	2	1	0	1	14
at Indiana State*	25	3-8	1-3	1-2	0-4	5	3	1	0	2	8
Creighton*	19	1-3	1-2	3-4	0-0	2	1	3	0	1	6
at Northern Iowa*	18	1-2	0-0	1-2	1-1	0	2	3	1	0	3
at Creighton*	34	8-15	1-4	0-0	1-4	2	1	4	0	2	17
Wichita State*	29	2-4	2-3	1-2	1-3	2	3	1	1	1	7
at Missouri State*	24	3-9	0-4	1-2	1-1	3	1	1	0	1	7
Northern Iowa*	21	5-8	1-2	3-4	1-1	3	0	2	0	2	14
Evansville*	26	2-7	1-2	9-13	1-7	3	0	0	0	0	14
at Southern Illinois*	20	1-3	0-2	0-2	0-0	1	2	3	0	1	2
Indiana State*	29	4-8	1-3	0-0	0-5	1	3	3	0	1	9
Southern Illinois*											
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Neil Plank 25
G/F • 6-5 • 208 • Sr.-2L • Mt. Zion, Ill. (Mt. Zion)

CAREER BESTS:

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

SEASON BESTS:

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

Last Time Out:

Paced the 'Birds with 15 points, his ninth double-digit game of the season, on 5-for-8 shooting.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Seems to be breaking out of his shooting slump with a 5-for-8 (.625) effort against Indiana State, after shooting 10-for-48 (.208) from the field in his previous seven games.
- He has registered double figure points in nine games this season
- Dished out a career high seven assists against IPFW and again at Cal State Northridge
- Continues to play four positions for the Redbirds, including spotting relief at the point guard position.
- One of two players on the Redbird roster this season to have a 20-point game at ISU. He did it once with 21 points at Utah State in 2003. His other 21-point game came while playing for Wisconsin, against Marshall.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	33	3-9	2-4	4-4	1-2	2	3	2	0	2	12
at Cincinnati	30	2-8	1-4	3-3	0-2	4	6	2	0	0	8
Western Michigan	36	6-12	3-8	1-2	0-5	0	1	2	1	0	16
Grambling State	30	3-8	2-3	3-4	1-4	1	4	3	0	1	11
UW-Green Bay	31	3-5	0-1	7-11	0-5	0	4	1	0	0	13
IPFW	30	3-6	1-1	3-3	1-5	1	7	3	0	1	10
Georgia Southern	34	4-10	0-4	4-7	1-7	0	4	2	1	1	12
at Cal St.-Northridge	28	4-11	2-6	0-0	3-7	2	7	2	0	1	10
at Indiana State*	23	1-4	0-3	0-2	0-1	3	2	2	0	0	2
Creighton*	38	7-10	1-2	2-5	0-6	0	3	3	0	0	17
at Northern Iowa*	28	1-9	0-4	0-0	1-5	1	1	4	0	1	2
at Creighton*	37	3-10	2-6	0-0	2-4	1	6	6	0	5	8
Wichita State*	26	0-6	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	3	4	0	0	0
at Missouri State*	32	3-12	2-6	1-2	2-7	3	3	1	0	1	9
Northern Iowa*	22	1-4	0-1	0-0	0-2	1	1	2	0	0	2
Evansville*	20	2-5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	4	0	1	4
at Southern Illinois*	18	0-2	0-1	1-2	0-1	1	2	1	0	1	1
Indiana State*	25	5-8	1-2	4-5	1-3	1	0	3	0	1	15
Southern Illinois*											
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at Evansville*											
at Drake*											
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Missouri State*											
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Michael Vandello 21
F • 6-7 • 220 • Fr.-HS • Bettendorf, Iowa (Bettendorf)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 11 vs. Indiana State, 1-25-06
Rebounds – 7, twice
Assists – 5 vs. UW-Green Bay, 12-3-05
Blocked Shots – 1, three times
Steals – 3 vs. Evansville, 1-16-06
Minutes – 31 vs. Georgia Southern, 12-10-05

Last Time Out:

Shot 4-for-4 from the field and finished with a career best 11 points in 21 minutes.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Averaging 10 points per game over his last three outings.
- Has made five of his last eight 3-point attempts (.625).
- He is shooting 1-for-10 (.100) on threes at home and 8-for-12 (.667) on the road.
- Set a career best in the home game against Indiana State with 11 points on a perfect 4-for-4 effort from the floor.
- Posted his first double digit scoring game with 10 points against Evansville on Jan. 16.
- Dished out a career best five assists in the win over UW-Green Bay.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	18	3-4	0-1	0-0	2-4	1	1	3	1	2	6
at Cincinnati	22	1-3	1-1	0-0	0-1	4	2	2	0	0	3
Western Michigan	19	2-5	1-2	4-4	3-7	4	0	3	1	0	9
Grambling State	9	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-3	1	1	1	0	0	0
UW-Green Bay	30	2-7	0-0	0-0	4-2	5	0	0	0	1	4
IPFW	30	4-8	0-0	0-0	2-3	1	2	0	0	2	8
Georgia Southern	31	2-9	0-1	3-4	3-4	2	3	0	0	0	7
at Cal St.-Northridge	27	0-2	0-0	0-0	2-3	2	1	2	0	1	0
at Indiana State*	18	2-4	1-2	4-6	0-2	3	0	2	0	0	9
Creighton*	25	1-5	0-1	0-0	1-5	4	3	2	0	0	2
at Northern Iowa*	20	2-4	0-1	0-0	0-4	3	0	4	0	0	4
at Creighton*	24	3-7	1-2	0-0	1-2	3	3	4	1	1	7
Wichita State*	17	1-1	0-0	4-4	0-3	2	0	2	0	0	6
at Missouri State*	21	3-4	2-3	1-2	2-7	5	0	3	0	1	9
Northern Iowa*	21	0-5	0-2	0-0	1-1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Evansville*	26	1-4	0-0	8-10	4-5	2	0	4	0	3	10
at Southern Illinois*	22	3-8	3-3	0-0	1-2	2	1	2	0	0	9
Indiana State*	21	4-4	0-0	3-4	1-2	1	2	2	0	0	11
Southern Illinois*											
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Eric Vianney 21
G • 6-2 • 210 • Fr.-HS • Yaoundé, Cameroon (Picayune)

CAREER BESTS:

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

Last Time Out:
Played the game's final six minutes and finished with a rebound and turnover.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

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

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 5 vs. Indiana State, 1-25-06
Rebounds – 5 vs. Indiana State, 1-25-06
Assists – 1, six times
Blocked Shots – 0
Steals – 3 at Marquette, 11-15-04
Minutes – 19 vs. Indiana State, 1-25-06

Last Time Out:
Logged a career-best 19 minutes, while finishing with a career high 5 points and 5 boards.

SEASON BESTS:

Points – 5 vs. Indiana State, 1-25-06
Rebounds – 5 vs. Indiana State, 1-25-06
Assists – 1, three times
Blocked Shots – 0
Steals – 0
Minutes – 19 vs. Indiana State, 1-25-06

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Nearly doubled his minutes played on the season with a 19-minute outing against Indiana State. Finished with a career high five points and five rebounds.

2005-06 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0	0	0
at Cincinnati											
Western Michigan											
Grambling State	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0
UW-Green Bay											
IPFW	2	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Georgia Southern											
at Cal St.-Northridge	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Indiana State*	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Creighton*	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Northern Iowa*	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0
at Creighton*											
Wichita State*											
at Missouri State*											
Northern Iowa*											
Evansville*											
at Southern Illinois*											
Indiana State*	19	2-2	1-1	0-0	1-5	1	1	2	0	0	5
Southern Illinois*											
at Bradley*											
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EXHIBITION 1

Redbirds Win Lone Exhibition, 60-49

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

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

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG - .308; FT - .600
3-Pt.: 5-17, .294 (Olson 1-1, Hardy 0-1, Thomas 2-8, Medema 0-4, Blank 2-2, Hartzell 0-1)

Blocks: 3 (Olson 1, Klepatz 2)
Turnovers: 20 (VerDouw, Hardy 6, Thomas 4, Medema 2, Blank 3, Richardson 2, Klepatz 1)
Steals: 6 (Olson 2, Hardy 2, Thomas 1, Klepatz 1)

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

Team Pct.: FG - .400; FT - .576
3-Pt.: 1-11, .091 (Plank 1-2, Dyer 0-2, K. Ford 0-3, D. Ford 0-1, Vianney 0-1, Holtz 0-2)

Blocks: 7 (Dilligard 2, Dyer 1, K. Ford 1, D. Ford 1, Vandello 2)
Turnovers: 14 (Plank 1, Dilligard 3, K. Ford 1, D. Ford 1, Fortes 2, Wallace 1, Vianney 1, Kruse 2, Vandello 1, Odiakosa 1)
Steals: 7 (Plank 1, Dilligard 2, K. Ford 1, D. Ford 1, Vianney 1, Vandello 1)

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

GAME 1

Redbirds Win Late in Season Opener Over Indy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Blocks: 1 (Mills 1)
Turnovers: 15 (Mills 1, LaBad 1, McClung 4, Cox 2, Strahm 3, Blank 1, Smith 3)
Steals: 4 (Mills 1, McClung 1, Blank 1, Lulow 1)

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

Team Pct.: FG - .386; FT - .400
3-Pt.: 6-19, .316 (Dyer 2-5, K. Ford 0-2, Plank 2-4, D. Ford 1-4, Onyeuku 1-1, Vandello 0-1, Holtz 0-2)

Blocks: 6 (Dilligard 2, Dyer 1, D. Ford 1, Vandello 1, Carlwell 1)
Turnovers: 12 (Dilligard 1, K. Ford 2, Plank 2, Onyeuku 2, Wallace 2, Vandello 3)
Steals: 9 (K. Ford 1, Plank 2, D. Ford 3, Vandello 2, Holtz 1)

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

GAME 2

Redbirds Fall Short Against Bearcats, 76-59

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

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

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

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

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

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

Blocks: 2 (Dilligard 1, K. Ford 1)
Turnovers: 26 (Plank 2, Dilligard 2, Vandello 2, K. Ford 6, D. Ford 2, Fortes 1, Onyeuku 3, Vianney 1, Dyer 1, Odiakosa 1, Holtz 1, Team 4)
Steals: 1 (D. Ford 1)

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

Team Pct.: FG - .410; FT - .692
3-Pt.: 8-20, .400 (McGowan 0-1, Kirkland 0-3, Muhammad 0-2, White 3-6, Tilford 0-1, Downey 2-3, Allen 3-3, Coleman 0-1)

Blocks: 7 (Hicks 3, Kirkland 2, White 1, Allen 1)
Turnovers: 13 (Kirkland 5, Muhammad 3, White 1, Downey 3, Allen 1)
Steals: 12 (Hicks 2, McGowan 1, Kirkland 3, White 2, Downey 4)

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



GAME 3

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

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

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

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

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

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

ILLINOIS STATE 64, Western Michigan 47

November 26, 2005 • Redbird Arena

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

Team Pct.: FG – .314; FT – .632

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

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

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .420; FT – .773

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

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

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

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

Officials: John Yorkovich, Greg Webb, Jeff Malham

Attendance: 3,980

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 34, Western Michigan 20

GAME 4

Hot Second Half Shooting Propels ISU to 62-50 Win

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

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

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

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

ILLINOIS STATE 62, Grambling State 50

November 29, 2005 • Redbird Arena

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

Team Pct.: FG – .368; FT – .417

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

Blocks: 0

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .500; FT – .556

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

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

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

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

Officials: Paul Janssen, Paul Kaster, Neil Armstrong

Attendance: 5,149

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 26, Grambling State 16

GAME 5

'Birds Hold Off UW-Green Bay

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

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

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

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

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

ILLINOIS STATE 59, UW-Green Bay 51

December 3, 2005 • Redbird Arena

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

Team Pct.: FG – .290; FT – .750

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

Blocks: 2 (Lawrence 1, Morris 1)

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .429; FT – .741

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

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

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

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

Officials: Patrick Adams, Bo Boroski, Jeb Hartness

Attendance: 5,871

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



GAME 6

ISU Sets New Arena Record; Defeats IPFW

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

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

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

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

Table with 10 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Scott, Hawkins, Best, Carouthers, Pompey, Johnson, Posley, Savelly, Essegghir, Ademi, Egeric, and Totals.

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

Table with 10 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Plank, Vandello, Dilligard, K. Ford, D. Ford, Fortes, Onyeuku, Wallace, Vianney, Kruse, Dyer, Odiakosa, Holtz, Carlwell, and Totals.

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

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

GAME 7

Second Half Surge Not Enough for ISU

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

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

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

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

Table with 10 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Ga. Southern players and ISU players (Olivier, Graham, Gennie, Nesbitt, Tobias, Foreman, Dunn, Swain, Salazar, Ward) and Totals.

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

Table with 10 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for ISU players (Plank, Vandello, Dilligard, K. Ford, D. Ford, Onyeuku, Vianney, Kruse, Dyer, Odiakosa, Holtz, Carlwell) and Totals.

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

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

GAME 8

Redbird Rally Falls Short; ISU Downed 73-69

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

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

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

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

Table with 10 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for ISU players (Plank, Vandello, Dilligard, K. Ford, D. Ford, Onyeuku, Wallace, Dyer, Odiakosa, Holtz, Carlwell) and Totals.

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

Table with 10 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for CS-Northridge players (Efevberha, Powers, Waggener, Haynes, Altheimer, Locke, Heard, Miller, Hill, Jones, Shewmake, Everage) and Totals.

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

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



GAME 9

'Birds Battle to OT, but Fall 69-59

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

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

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

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .414; FT – .471
3-Pt.: 3-15, .200 (Onyeuku 1-3, Plank 0-3, D. Ford 0-4, K. Ford 0-1, Vandello 1-2, Holtz 1-2)
Blocks: 5 (D. Ford 1, Dilligard 3, Carlwell 1)
Turnovers: 16 (Onyeuku 1, Plank 2, Odiakosa 1, D. Ford 2, Dilligard 3, K. Ford 1, Vandello 2, Dyer 1, Carlwell 2, Team 1)
Steals: 5 (Onyeuku 2, Odiakosa 1, D. Ford 2)

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

Team Pct.: FG – .362; FT – .767
3-Pt.: 2-12, .167 (Moore 2-3, Schnitker 0-5, Wurtz 0-1, Moss 0-1, Tunnell 0-2)
Blocks: 1 (Wurtz 1)
Turnovers: 13 (Moore 3, Schnitker 3, Moss 5, Tunnell 1, Yelovich 1)
Steals: 5 (Moore 1, Wurtz 1, Moss 2, Yelovich 1)

Officials: J.D. Collins, Steve Skiles, Dave Draucker
Attendance: 5,072
Halftime Score: Indiana State 28, ILLINOIS STATE 22

GAME 10

Ford Hits Buzzer-Beater to Lift ISU over the Jays

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

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

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .465; FT – .222
3-Pt.: 8-14, .571 (Watts 1-4, Porter 1-2, Mathies 2-2, Bishop 1-1, Funk 3-5)
Blocks: 3 (Tolliver 3)
Turnovers: 19 (Watts 3, Tolliver 2, Porter 1, Mathies 6, Dotzler 5, Funk 1, Day 1)
Steals: 11 (Watts 1, Tolliver 4, Mathies 1, Dotzler 4, Day 1)

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

Team Pct.: FG – .500; FT – .545
3-Pt.: 5-11, .455 (Onyeuku 1-2, Plank 1-2, D. Ford 2-4, Vandello 0-1, Holtz 1-2)
Blocks: 6 (Odiakosa 1, Dilligard 1, D. Ford 2, Holtz 1, Carlwell 1)
Turnovers: 16 (Dilligard 1, Onyeuku 3, Plank 3, D. Ford 2, Fortes 1, K. Ford 2, Vandello 2, Carlwell 2)
Steals: 8 (Dilligard 1, Onyeuku 1, D. Ford 4, Fortes 1, Holtz 1)

Officials: Steve Olson, Curtis Shaw, Robert Staffen
Attendance: 5,970
Halftime Score: Creighton 28, ILLINOIS STATE 23

GAME 11

Slow Start Sinks 'Birds

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

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

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .417; FT – .500
3-Pt.: 6-17, .353 (Plank 0-4, D. Ford 1-4, Fortes 1-1, K. Ford 1-2, Vandello 0-1, Dyer 1-2, Holtz 2-3)
Blocks: 2 (Dilligard 1, Onyeuku 1)
Turnovers: 15 (Dilligard 2, Carlwell 1, Onyeuku 3, Plank 4, Wallace 1, Vandello 4)
Steals: 6 (Dilligard 2, Plank 1, D. Ford 1, Vianney 1, Holtz 1)

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

Team Pct.: FG – .478; FT – .684
3-Pt.: 3-12, .250 (Stout 0-1, Crawford 1-4, Jacobson 0-2, McKowen 1-2, Little 1-3)
Blocks: 2 (Jacobson 1, Santos 1)
Turnovers: 9 (Coleman 2, Crawford 2, Williams 1, Little 2, Josten 2)
Steals: 11 (Stout 4, Crawford 1, Jacobson 1, McKowen 3, Little 2)

Officials: John Higgins, Frank Spencer, Steve Gordon
Attendance: 4,014
Halftime Score: Northern Iowa 29, ILLINOIS STATE 16



GAME 12

Second-Half Run Downs Illinois State

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GAME 13

Wichita State Spurts Past Redbirds 56-47

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

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

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

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

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

Table with 8 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Wichita State players: Cousinard, Wilson, Miller, Braeuer, Ogirri, Martin, Bradley, Young, and Totals.

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

Table with 8 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Illinois State players: Dilligard, Carlwell, Onyeuku, Plank, D. Ford, Fortes, K. Ford, Vandello, Dyer, Holtz, and Totals.

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

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

GAME 14

Bears Pull Away in Second Half, 70-54

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Table with 8 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Illinois State players: Bilyeu, Chaney, Richards, Ahearn, Thompson, Fuehrmeyer, Lamberth, Laurie, Rausch, Easley, Fraizer, and Totals.

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

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



GAME 15

Northern Iowa Handles Redbirds

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

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

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

Northern Iowa 67, ILLINOIS STATE 52

January 14, 2006 • Redbird Arena

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Officials: Paul Janssen, Kerry Campbell, David Warfel

Attendance: 5,336

Halftime Score: Northern Iowa 33, ILLINOIS STATE 18

GAME 16

Illinois State Holds On, Defeats Evansville

NORMAL, Ill.- A three-point basket by Brandon Holtz with eight minutes left to play in the first half gave Illinois State a 10-point lead that propelled the Redbirds to a 65-57 win over Evansville in Missouri Valley Conference action Monday night at Redbird Arena in front of 4,143 fans.

Holding Evansville to only 30.8 percent shooting from the field in the first half, Illinois State was able to take the lead in the opening minutes of play. The two teams traded baskets early, until the Redbirds took a five-point lead off of a Greg Dilligard lay-up and a tip-in by Nedu Onyeuku.

Down by 13 points at the half, the Aces battled back on a tip-in by Art Stalbergs and a layup by Shy Ely, which cut the lead to nine just a minute into the second half. Illinois State went on to rack up 12 points to gain its largest lead of the half at 45-27. Evansville continued to claw its way back, eventually cutting the Redbird lead to three points at 48-45 with 4:51 to go in the half. But that was as close as Evansville got as the Redbirds sealed the win with 13 free throws.

Onyeuku and the Aces' Shy Ely led all scorers with 14 points apiece, while Khalif Ford tied his career-high with 11 points and 7 rebounds for the 'Birds. Neil Plank also chipped in 11 points and seven rebounds, while Mike Vandello and Greg Dilligard added 10 points a piece. Dilligard also pulled down 10 boards on the night for his third career double-double.

ILLINOIS STATE 65, Northern Iowa 57

January 16, 2006 • Redbird Arena

Evansville	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Stalbergs, f	20	3-7	0-0	2-4	0	4	7
Ely, f	29	5-11	4-4	3-7	0	4	14
Strickland, c	27	2-4	2-6	1-6	0	4	6
Anslinger, g	34	4-12	2-2	0-6	0	3	12
Holsinger, g	36	3-15	2-2	1-3	4	4	10
Wargel	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Welch	9	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Blakey	11	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	0
Phifer	14	1-4	0-0	2-4	0	1	2
Petty	19	2-5	1-3	0-2	0	4	6
Totals	200	20-61	11-16	11-36	5	28	57

Team Pct.: FG - .328; FT - .688

3-Pt.: 6-25, .240 (Stalbergs 1-2, Ely 0-2, Anslinger 2-6, Holsinger 2-11, Welch 0-1, Petty 1-3)

Blocks: 3 (Strickland 1, Petty 2)

Turnovers: 15 (Stalbergs 2, Ely 2, Strickland 2, Anslinger 3, Holsinger 2, Blakey 3, Phifer 1)

Steals: 5 (Stalbergs 1, Ely 1, Strickland 1, Holsinger 1, Blakey 1)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Odiakosa, f	14	2-4	0-0	0-2	0	0	4
Dilligard, f	27	5-11	0-3	4-10	2	2	10
K. Ford, g	28	4-5	3-6	1-7	2	4	11
Plank, g	20	2-5	0-0	0-0	1	1	4
Holtz, g	14	1-5	1-3	0-2	2	0	0
Fortes	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0
Onyeuku	26	2-7	9-13	1-7	0	3	14
Vandello	26	1-4	8-10	4-5	0	2	10
Dyer	9	0-1	2-2	1-2	2	1	2
D. Ford	29	3-6	0-0	0-5	1	1	6
Carlwell	4	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Totals	200	20-49	23-37	12-44	10	16	65

Team Pct.: FG - .408; FT - .622

3-Pt.: 2-9, .222 (K. Ford 0-1, Holtz 1-4, Fortes 0-1, Onyeuku 1-2, D. Ford 0-1)

Blocks: 2 (Dilligard 2)

Turnovers: 15 (Odiakosa 1, K. Ford 2, Plank 4, Holtz 1, Vandello 4, D. Ford 1, Carlwell 1, Holtz 1)

Steals: 9 (K. Ford 1, Plank 1, Holtz 1, Vandello 3, D. Ford 3)

Officials: Ed Hightower, David Hall, Paul Janssen

Attendance: 4,143

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 33, Evansville 20

GAME 17

ISU Challenges, But Falls to SIU

CARBONDALE, Ill.- Senior Dana Ford came off the bench to lead Illinois State with 10 points and three steals, but the Redbirds could never take control as Southern Illinois added to its nation-best 32-game home court winning streak with a 56-44 win at SIU Arena, Sunday afternoon.

SIU's Tony Young scored the Salukis' first six points in the second half, but the Redbirds used a 7-0 run to close the deficit to 32-30 with 13:12 left in the game. ISU's Ronnie Carlwell went to the foul line at the 11:38 mark for two shots, and the chance to tie, but both charity shots bounced off the back of the iron.

During the Redbird run, the Salukis were held scoreless for over five minutes. After Carlwell's failed free throw attempts, SIU responded with a 9-0 spurt and took a commanding 41-30 lead with 8:30 on the clock, and the Redbirds were only able to get with nine points.

To open the game, SIU jumped out to a quick 12-4 start in the first seven minutes, thanks to nine points by Matt Shaw. But, the Redbird defense locked down and kept the Salukis off the scoreboard for the next six minutes, while closing the gap to 12-9 with 9:21 left in the half.

Ford was the only Redbird in double-figure scoring, while Michael Vandello finished with nine points, off three second half 3-pointers. Shaw led all scorers with 21 points.

Southern Illinois 56, ILLINOIS STATE 44

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ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Odiakosa, f	13	0-1	0-0	1-4	1	2	0
Dilligard, f	33	2-5	2-2	0-3	1	2	6
Onyeuku, g	20	1-3	0-2	0-0	2	1	2
K. Ford, g	22	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	4	3
Holtz, g	19	3-7	0-0	0-2	1	0	8
Fortes	10	2-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	5
Plank	18	0-2	1-2	0-1	2	1	1
Vandello	22	3-8	0-0	1-2	1	2	9
Dyer	2	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
D. Ford	32	4-8	2-2	1-1	3	1	10
Carlwell	9	0-1	0-2	1-1	0	1	0
Totals	200	16-39	5-10	6-21	11	14	44

Team Pct.: FG - .410; FT - .500

3-Pt.: 7-14, .500 (Onyeuku 0-2, K. Ford 1-1, Holtz 2-4, Fortes 1-2, Plank 0-1, Vandello 3-3, D. Ford 0-1)

Blocks: 4 (Dilligard 1, D. Ford 2, Carlwell 1)

Turnovers: 20 (Odiakosa 1, Dilligard 2, Onyeuku 3, K. Ford 5, Holtz 1, Fortes 1, Plank 1, Vandello 2, D. Ford 2, Carlwell 1, Team 1)

Steals: 11 (Odiakosa 1, Dilligard 1, Onyeuku 1, K. Ford 2, Fortes 1, Plank 1, D. Ford 3, Carlwell 1)

S. Illinois	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Falker, f	27	1-3	2-2	1-6	2	0	4
Shaw, f	33	9-14	0-1	4-9	1	2	21
Tatum, g	25	4-8	3-4	0-2	1	1	12
Mullins, g	32	1-2	0-0	1-3	4	3	2
Young, g	31	3-10	6-6	0-0	3	2	13
Brooks	7	0-2	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
Foster	9	0-2	0-0	2-2	0	1	0
Clemons	25	1-5	0-0	3-4	2	0	2
Boyle	11	1-2	0-0	1-2	0	0	2
Totals	200	20-48	11-13	15-33	13	9	56

Team Pct.: FG - .417; FT - .846

3-Pt.: 5-13, .385 (Shaw 3-4, Tatum 1-3, Young 1-3, Brooks 0-1, Clemons 0-2)

Blocks: 3 (Falker 1, Shaw 1, Foster 1)

Turnovers: 17 (Falker 1, Shaw 1, Tatum 3, Mullins 2, Young 7, Clemons 3)

Steals: 9 (Mullins 4, Young 4, Clemons 1)

Officials: Paul Janssen, Verne Harris, Sid Rodenhoffer

Attendance: 7,529

Halftime Score: Southern Illinois 26, ILLINOIS STATE 18



GAME 18

Redbird Scoring Spree Cuts Down Sycamores

NORMAL, Ill. - For a team known for playing tenacious defense, the Illinois State men's basketball team showed it could score in large amounts too, shooting nearly 53 percent from the field on the way to a season-high 75 points in a 75-48 victory over Indiana State at Redbird Arena Wednesday night.

An early 6-5 lead was all that ISU needed, as the 'Birds continued to score and kept the lead for the entire game. With the score at 16-14, the Redbirds went on a 21-7 run that began at the 11:29 mark and lasted until halftime. Dana Ford jump-started the run with back-to-back steals that resulted in fast break layups by Travis Wallace and Ford to bring the score to 22-14.

The Redbirds opened the second half much like they finished the first, going on an 8-4 run to start the half. Greg Dilligard scored the first points of the second half, converting on his second three-point play of the game to extend the Redbird lead to 38-21 early in the half. Neil Plank added five points during the run, which gave ISU its largest lead thus far at 45-25.

ILLINOIS STATE 75, Indiana State 48
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Table with 8 columns: Indiana State, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists player stats for Evans, Wurtz, Tunnell, Moore, Schnitker, Arnold, Booe, Trudeau, Wise, Gray, Yelovich, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .353; FT - .647
3-Pt.: 1-8, .125 (Wurtz 0-2, Moore 0-1, Schnitker 0-1, Wise 1-3, Gray 0-1)
Blocks: 1 (Yelovich 1)
Turnovers: 15 (Wurtz 4, Moore 3, Schnitker 1, Booe 2, Wise 1, Gray 2, Yelovich 2)
Steals: 7 (Wurtz 1, Moore 2, Schnitker 2, Wise 1, Yelovich 1)

Table with 8 columns: ILLINOIS STATE, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists player stats for Odiakosa, Dilligard, Onyeuku, Plank, Holtz, Fortes, Wallace, Vianney, Kruse, Vandello, Dyer, D. Ford, Carlwell, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .529; FT - .737
3-Pt.: 7-19, .368 (Onyeuku 1-3, Plank 1-2, Holtz 1-3, Fortes 0-1, Wallace 1-1, Vianney 0-1, Kruse 1-1, Dyer 2-6, D. Ford 0-1)
Blocks: 5 (Dilligard 3, Dyer 1, D. Ford 1)
Turnovers: 18 (Odiakosa 2, Dilligard 1, Onyeuku 3, Plank 3, Fortes 1, Wallace 2, Vianney 1, Vandello 2, Dyer 1, D. Ford 1, Team 1)
Steals: 6 (Onyeuku 1, Plank 1, Holtz 1, Kruse 1, D. Ford 2)

Officials: Tom O'Neill, Mark Mayhood, Darron George
Attendance: 5,288
Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 37, Indiana State 21