



Redbird Basketball

GAME NOTES

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ILLINOIS STATE SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent (TV)	Time/Result
11/9	AUGUSTANA [S.D.] (EX)	W, 60-49
11/19	INDIANAPOLIS	W, 54-50
11/22	@ Cincinnati (WXIX)	L, 59-76
11/26	WESTERN MICHIGAN	W, 64-47
11/29	GRAMBLING STATE	W, 62-50
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12/3	UW-GREEN BAY	W, 59-51
12/6	IPFW	W, 65-36
12/10	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	L, 61-64
12/17	@ Cal. St.-Northridge	L, 69-73
12/22	@ Indiana State* (Valley-TV)	L, 59-69 (ot)
12/31	CREIGHTON*	W, 53-50
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1/2	@ Northern Iowa*	L, 47-60
1/5	@ Creighton* (KMTV)	L, 52-71
1/8	WICHITA STATE* (Cox-TV)	L, 47-56
1/11	@ Missouri State*	L, 54-70
1/14	NORTHERN IOWA*	L, 52-67
1/16	EVANSVILLE* (Valley-TV)	W, 65-57
1/22	@ Southern Illinois*	L, 44-56
1/25	INDIANA STATE* (WTWO)	W, 75-48
1/28	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS* (WSIU)	L, 52-65

2/1 @ Bradley* (WEEK) 7:35 p.m.

Bird Bit: Illinois State owns a 15-36 record against Bradley in Peoria, including a 7-17 mark in Carver Arena.

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	@ BracketBusters presented by eBay	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 (8-11, 3-8)

20 GAME



AT

**BRADLEY BRAVES (12-7, 6-5)**

Wednesday, February 1, 2006 • 7:35 p.m. CST
Carver Arena (11,300) • Peoria, Ill.

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

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

PPG RPG APG
8.3 2.6 1.4

**Neil Plank**

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

PPG RPG APG
8.3 3.5 3.1

**Dinma Odiakosa**

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

PPG RPG APG
1.7 2.4 0.3

**Brandon Holtz**

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

PPG RPG SPG
5.0 1.7 0.4

**Greg Dilligard**

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

PPG RPG BPG
10.2 5.7 2.3

BRADLEY BRAVES ▶ ▶ ▶

						ppg	rpg	apg	
F	15	Marcellus Sommerville	6-7	225	Sr.	Peoria, Ill.	15.2	6.7	0.7
F	21	Zach Andrews	6-8	225	Jr.	Sacramento, Calif.	7.4	6.3	1.2
G	5	Tony Bennett	6-0	175	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.	11.9	3.4	2.9
G	10	J.J. Tauai	6-3	215	Jr.	Verona, Mo.	1.7	1.9	2.0
G	20	Daniel Ruffin	5-10	165	So.	Peoria, Ill.	8.1	2.4	5.4

*Indicates blocked shots

About The Game: The Redbirds begin a three-game road swing while looking for their first road victory of the season. ISU has lost 10 straight on the road, dating back to last season, and has dropped seven of its last nine games. Bradley enters the game with a 9-1 mark at Carver Arena this season. The Braves have won three straight, including a 79-76 overtime win at Evansville, ending a 14-game road losing streak against Valley foes.

Series History: Tonight's game marks the 101st meeting in the storied Interstate-74 rivalry. Bradley owns a 55-45 lead in the series and has won four of the last six games. ISU's last victory in Peoria occurred on Jan. 23, 2002.

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: WEEK-TV (NBC 25) will televise tonight's game. Lee Hall will provide the play-by-play, while Joe Dalfonso will serve as the analyst.

THE COACHES

Porter Moser (Creighton '90) owns an 89-77 (.536) career mark in his third season at Illinois State, including a 34-43 (.442) 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.

Jim Les (Bradley '86) is in his fourth season at his alma mater. He owns a 52-56 (.481) record with the Braves, his only head coaching position. He is assisted by Chuck Buescher, Illinois State alumnus Eric Buescher and Lennox Forrester.



TALE OF THE TAPE



W-L Record	8-11	12.7
Points Scored	57.5	74.3
Points Allowed	58.7	67.7
Scoring Margin	-1.2	+6.6
FG Percentage	41.8	44.2
Def. FG Percentage	39.9	40.7
3-pt. Percentage	32.2	33.3
Def. 3-pt. Percentage	35.6	31.3
FT Percentage	62.4	71.3
Offensive Rebounds	10.1	14.1
Total Rebounds	32.4	39.2
Rebounding Margin	-0.3	+4.5
Assists	13.2	17.5
Turnover Average	16.7	15.6
Turnover Margin	-0.6	+1.1
Steal Average	7.6	9.1
Block Average	4.6	4.5
Fouls	17.7	20.0

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 BRADLEY BRAVES

- Bradley, located in Peoria, Ill., was founded in 1897 and has an enrollment of 6,069.
- The Braves return nine letterwinners, including all five starters, from a team that finished 13-15 overall and finished eighth in the Missouri Valley Conference with a 6-12 mark.
- Bradley has not won four consecutive Valley games since a five-game ride from Jan. 2 through Jan. 16, 2001.
- Bradley has won three straight home games versus Illinois State and 11 of the last 13 meetings at Carver Arena dating back to the 1992-93 season.
- Bradley leads the Valley in scoring during the conference season by averaging 76.5 points through the first 11 league games.

BRADLEY NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
1	Saihou Jassey	F	6-6	200	Fr.	Banjul, Gambia
2	Ray Brown	G	6-6	195	Fr.	Richfield, Minn.
4	Will Franklin	G	6-0	185	Jr.	Houston, Texas
5	Tony Bennett	G	6-0	175	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.
10	J.J. Tauai	G	6-3	215	Jr.	Verona, Mo.
13	Patrick O'Bryant	C	7-0	260	So.	Blaine, Minn.
14	Jeremy Crouch	G	6-5	211	So.	Pekin, Ill.
15	Marcellus Sommerville	F	6-7	225	Sr.	Peoria, Ill.
20	Daniel Ruffin	G	5-10	165	So.	Peoria, Ill.
21	Zach Andrews	F	6-8	225	Jr.	Sacramento, Calif.
22	Lawrence Wright	F	6-4	198	Sr.	Beale A.F.B., Calif.
32	Danny Adams	G	6-4	217	Jr.	Melamora, Ill.
54	Sam Singh	F	6-9	260	Fr.	Ozark, Mo.
55	Brandyn Heemskerck	C	7-1	260	Sr.	Grand Rapids, Mich.

Head Coach: Jim Les

Assistant Coaches: Chuck Buescher, Eric Buescher, Lennox Forrester

BRADLEY SCHEDULE

12-7 Overall, 6-5 Valley

Date	Opponent	Score/Time	W/L
Nov 19	at DePaul	75-60	W
Nov 26	CHICAGO STATE	68-58	W
Nov 30	at Loyola Chicago	72-86	L
Dec 3	BOWLING GREEN	93-64	W
Dec 6	at Butler	60-70	L
Dec 14	WESTERN KENTUCKY	78-76	W
Dec 17	DELAWARE STATE	68-46	W
Dec 21	at Southern Miss	56-43	W
Dec 28	NORTHERN IOWA*	68-60 (ot)	W
Dec 30	at Wichita State*	67-69 (ot)	L
Jan 2	CREIGHTON*	86-69	W
Jan 5	at Drake*	73-75	L
Jan 8	at Southern Illinois*	55-67	L
Jan 11	WICHITA STATE*	76-86	L
Jan 14	EVANSVILLE*	90-62	W
Jan 18	at Creighton*	76-80	L
Jan 21	INDIANA STATE*	85-63	W
Jan 25	MISSOURI STATE*	86-76	W
Jan 28	at Evansville*	79-76 (ot)	W
Feb 1	ILLINOIS STATE*	Tonight	
Feb 4	at Missouri State*	7:05 p.m.	
Feb 8	at Indiana State*	11:00 a.m.	
Feb 11	at Illinois State*	8:05 p.m.	
Feb 14	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*	7:35 p.m.	
Feb 18	BRACKET BUSTER	TBA	
Feb 22	at Northern Iowa*	8:05 p.m.	
Feb 25	DRAKE*	1:00 p.m.	
Mar 2-5	at State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Tournament		

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

RIVALRY ROOKIES

Not only will Illinois State have seven newcomers introduced to their first taste of the I-74 rivalry tonight, but really only two players, **Neil Plank** and **Greg Dilligard** have played in each of the last five meetings. In all, joining Plank and Dilligard, **Dana Ford**, **Khalif Ford**, **Nedu Onyeuku** and **Ronnie Carlwell** are the only players on the roster that have faced Bradley. The six players have totaled 300 minutes played and 48 points in the series.

THE YOUNG GUNS

Freshmen **Brandon Holtz** and **Michael Vandello** are starting to assert themselves as offensive threats in the Redbird line-up. In last week's three games, Holtz and Vandello ranked No. 1 and No. 2 on the team in scoring. Holtz led the 'Birds last week with nine points per game, while Vandello averaged 8.7 per contest for the week.

ISU DEFENSE HAS HAD IT'S PEAKS AND VALLEYS

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 next four games the 'Birds got back to the basics by limiting their opponents to 37.9 percent from the floor. However in Saturday's loss to Southern Illinois, the Salukis shot 46.8 percent.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

ISU enters tonight's game in search of its first road victory of the season. To date, the 'Birds are 0-7 on the road this season. Dating back to last year, ISU has dropped 9 straight road games, including 7 straight league games.

VANDELLO INDUSTRIES

ISU freshman **Michael Vandello** has been grouping his athletic talents, particularly in the last four games, and generating some profits for the Redbirds on the court. During the four-game span, Vandello is the Redbirds' leading scorer with nine points and three rebounds per game. He is also shooting 4-for-5 on threes, or 80 percent.

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 105, becoming only the fifth player to post 100 or more career blocks as a Redbird. He also has 43 blocks for the year, which ranks seventh.

KEEPING A HOLTZ OF THE BALL

Even while the Redbirds have averaged 16.7 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 five turnovers in 183 minutes of conference play or one turnover for every 36.6 minutes played.



191 GAMES WITH A TREY ON THE BOARD

ISU enters the game at Bradley with at least one made three in 191 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 4.6 blocked shots per game as a team, led by Greg Dilligard's 43 swats. With 87 blocked shots in 19 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 there of, 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 0-9. 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 11 losses, Plank is averaging 5.4 points per game and shooting 25.9 percent (21-for-81) from the floor.

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 19 games, Ford leads the 'Birds in thefts with 42 and is on pace to finish the season with 66.

D-FENCE, D-FENCE

This season ISU opponents are averaging 58.7 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 58.7 points allowed ranks as the lowest in school history.

MAKING THE GRADE

The Illinois State men's basketball team set a record GPA during the Fall 2005 semester by posting a collective 2.81 GPA, topping the old mark of 2.75. The 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.

PRIZED PUPIL PLANK

Neil Plank was named to the 2005 ESPN the Magazine Academic All-America® University Division Men's Basketball Second Team and was honored as the 2005 Prairie Farms/Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete of the Year. The two-time All-District V Academic selection was also a 2005 Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete First Team selection. He carried a 3.93 grade point average as an undergraduate finance major and is currently pursuing his master's in business administration.

THIS DATE IN REDBIRD HISTORY

Feb. 1, 1997 - Illinois State held on for a 69-67 win over Bradley at Redbird Arena. The 'Birds led by nine points with 39 seconds left in the game, but a 2-for-8 effort from the foul line down the stretch gave the Braves hope. Rico Hill led ISU with 21 points, while Dan Muller added 15 and Skipp Schaeffbauer tossed in 13. Illinois State owns a 3-4 record on this date during the Division I era.

THE LAST TIME THEY MET

Redbirds Fall to Braves in 100th Meeting

PEORIA, Ill. - In the 100th game of the Illinois State-Bradley series, the Redbirds scored the first bucket of the game, but it was all Bradley after that as the 'Birds fell to the Braves, 77-61, in front of 10,406 fans at Carver Arena.

Bradley 77, ILLINOIS STATE 61
February 23, 2005 • Carver Arena

Table with columns: ILLINOIS ST., Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include Gordon, Dilligard, Alexander, Greene, Guidry, Onyeuku, K. Ford, Plank, D. Ford, Carlwell, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .379; FT - .600
3-Pt.: 8-27, .296 (Alexander 2-8, Greene 3-6, Guidry 3-10, Onyeuku 0-1, K. Ford 0-1, Plank 0-1)
Blocks: 3 (Dilligard 1, Onyeuku 1, Carlwell 1)
Turnovers: 13 (Gordon 2, Alexander 1, Greene 3, Guidry 3, Onyeuku 2, K. Ford 1, Carlwell 1)
Steals: 2 (Alexander 1, Greene 1)

Table with columns: Bradley, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include Sommerville, O'Bryant, Bennett, Crouch, Ruffin, Heirman, Rembert, Tauai, Jones, Wright, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .528; FT - .727
3-Pt.: 5-10, .500 (Sommerville 1-1, Bennett 1-1, Crouch 1-5, Ruffin 1-1, Tauai 0-1, Wright 1-1)
Blocks: 6 (O'Bryant 3, Bennett 1, Ruffin 1, Wright 1)
Turnovers: 9 (Sommerville 1, O'Bryant 2, Bennett 2, Ruffin 2, Rembert 2)
Steals: 9 (O'Bryant 1, Bennett 6, Crouch 1, Ruffin 1)

Officials: Verne Harris, Steven Skiles, John Higgins
Attendance: 10,406
Halftime Score: Bradley, 38, ILLINOIS STATE 21



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)	43

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-)	105

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	78	71
25	Neil Plank	76	34
43	Dana Ford	96	27
3	Nedu Onyeuku	23	11
5	Khalif Ford	37	10
31	Michael Vandello	19	9
42	Dinma Odiakosa	14	7
45	Brandon Holtz	19	4
51	Ronnie Carlwell	52	2
32	Levi Dyer	27	1
14	Travis Wallace	17	0
1	Roberto Fortes	13	0
21	Eric Vianney	10	0
23	Mark Kruse	9	0

2005-06 VALLEY STANDINGS

	VALLEY			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
1. Northern Iowa	9	2	.818	19	3	.864
Southern Illinois	9	2	.818	16	5	.762
3. Wichita State	8	3	.727	17	5	.773
Creighton	8	3	.727	14	5	.737
5. Missouri State	6	5	.545	13	6	.684
Bradley	6	5	.545	12	7	.632
7. Drake	4	7	.364	11	11	.500
8. Illinois State	3	8	.273	8	11	.421
9. Indiana State	1	10	.091	8	11	.421
Evansville	1	10	.091	5	14	.263

**Through Jan. 30 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	8-11	8-4	0-7	0-0
CONFERENCE	3-8	3-3	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	(10)PLANK,Neil	(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
01-28-06	4:07 pm CST	*SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	52-65 L	7051	(12)HOLTZ,Brandon	(6)FORD,Dana (6)DILLIGARD,Greg

* - Conference game

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY	GAMES	TOTALS	AVG/GAME
HOME	12	63767	5314
AWAY	7	45452	6494
NEUTRAL	0	0	0
TOTAL	19	109219	5749

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	19	19	552	29.1	86	155	.555	0	0	.000	21	41	.512	41	67	108	5.7	51	3	24	31	43	17	193	10.2
	Conference-Only...	11	11	331	30.1	50	99	.505	0	0	.000	13	22	.591	24	42	66	6.0	30	2	17	20	26	10	113	10.3
03	ONYEUKU,Nedu	19	10	439	23.1	56	114	.491	13	40	.325	32	54	.593	11	38	49	2.6	40	1	26	40	4	17	157	8.3
	Conference-Only...	11	10	266	24.2	31	70	.443	8	26	.308	22	35	.629	6	21	27	2.5	26	1	17	21	2	11	92	8.4
25	PLANK,Neil	19	18	542	28.5	53	144	.368	18	59	.305	33	50	.660	13	54	67	3.5	24	0	59	49	2	17	157	8.3
	Conference-Only...	11	10	290	26.4	25	75	.333	7	28	.250	8	16	.500	6	24	30	2.7	14	0	23	32	0	11	65	5.9
43	FORD,Dana	19	15	518	27.3	58	146	.397	16	63	.254	8	13	.615	9	72	81	4.3	40	1	36	34	12	42	140	7.4
	Conference-Only...	11	7	306	27.8	30	75	.400	6	33	.182	2	4	.500	4	39	43	3.9	19	0	18	20	8	26	68	6.2
31	VANDELLO,Michael	19	9	424	22.3	36	94	.383	10	24	.417	28	36	.778	26	39	65	3.4	46	1	25	37	3	11	110	5.8
	Conference-Only...	11	2	238	21.6	22	54	.407	8	16	.500	21	28	.750	13	23	36	3.3	29	1	10	26	1	5	73	6.6
45	HOLTZ,Brandon	19	4	261	13.7	36	87	.414	18	53	.340	5	10	.500	9	24	33	1.7	17	0	8	11	1	11	95	5.0
	Conference-Only...	11	4	183	16.6	25	61	.410	14	37	.378	3	6	.500	6	16	22	2.0	12	0	6	5	1	7	67	6.1
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
32	DYER,Levi	18	1	160	8.9	13	46	.283	10	29	.345	15	16	.938	7	13	20	1.1	16	0	5	5	4	2	51	2.8
	Conference-Only...	10	0	84	8.4	7	25	.280	4	14	.286	3	4	.750	6	6	12	1.2	6	0	3	3	3	2	21	2.1
23	KRUSE,Mark	9	0	45	5.0	7	22	.318	3	12	.250	5	6	.833	5	3	8	0.9	1	0	4	1	0	4	22	2.4
	Conference-Only...	5	0	19	3.8	2	4	.500	1	2	.500	5	6	.833	3	0	3	0.6	0	0	4	1	0	4	10	2.0
42	ODIAKOSA,Dinma	14	7	135	9.6	9	28	.321	0	0	.000	6	14	.429	14	19	33	2.4	18	0	4	13	1	3	24	1.7
	Conference-Only...	8	7	108	13.5	8	21	.381	0	0	.000	4	8	.500	11	17	28	3.5	15	0	4	10	1	2	20	2.5
01	FORTES,Roberto	14	0	90	6.4	8	26	.308	6	21	.286	0	0	.000	0	3	3	0.2	8	0	7	9	0	3	22	1.6
	Conference-Only...	10	0	69	6.9	7	22	.318	5	18	.278	0	0	.000	0	3	3	0.3	4	0	4	7	0	3	19	1.9
21	VIANNEY,Eric	10	0	37	3.7	4	8	.500	3	5	.600	2	5	.400	1	4	5	0.5	8	0	2	5	0	2	13	1.3
	Conference-Only...	6	0	18	3.0	1	4	.250	0	2	.000	0	2	.000	1	0	1	0.2	5	0	1	1	0	2	2	0.3
51	CARLWELL,Ronnie	19	2	169	8.9	6	17	.353	0	0	.000	6	13	.462	14	21	35	1.8	15	0	4	13	15	4	18	0.9
	Conference-Only...	11	2	82	7.5	4	10	.400	0	0	.000	1	7	.143	7	8	15	1.4	6	0	1	8	7	2	9	0.8
14	WALLACE,Travis	9	0	57	6.3	2	3	.667	1	1	1.000	2	2	1.000	2	7	9	1.0	2	0	4	9	0	0	7	0.8
	Conference-Only...	5	0	50	10.0	2	3	.667	1	1	1.000	0	0	.000	2	7	9	1.8	2	0	3	7	0	0	5	1.0
	TM TEAM.....														33	28	61	3.2				9				
	Conference-Only...														16	13	29	2.6				4				
	Total.....	19				401	960	.418	107	332	.322	184	295	.624	191	425	616	32.4	336	8	250	318	87	145	1093	57.5
	Conference-Only...	11				227	552	.411	58	188	.309	88	151	.583	108	237	345	31.4	195	5	128	184	49	91	600	54.5
	Opponents.....	19				379	951	.399	98	275	.356	260	356	.730	196	425	621	32.7	315	3	226	307	52	147	1116	58.7
	Conference-Only...	11				228	527	.433	58	155	.374	155	211	.735	91	250	341	31.0	171	1	141	166	27	92	669	60.8

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Illinois State	492	592	9	1093
Opponents	490	607	19	1116

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Illinois State	45	1	46
Opponents	48	7	55



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 four 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)	.875 (7-8) FALKER,Randal vs. Southern Illinois (01-28-06)
	.727 (8-11) DILLIGARD,Greg at Cincinnati (11-22-05)	
3 PT FG MADE	3 VIANNEY,Eric vs IPFW (12-06-05)	5 YOUNG,Tony vs. Southern Illinois (01-28-06)
	3 VANDELLO,Michael at Southern Illinois (01-22-06)	
	3 HOLTZ,Brandon vs. Southern Illinois (01-28-06)	
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	9 HOLTZ,Brandon vs. Southern Illinois (01-28-06)	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)	15 FALKER,Randal vs. Southern Illinois (01-28-06)
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*	1-1-0	8-6-0*	3-1-0	6-6-2	DNP	0-0-0	12-5-1*
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
at Creighton*	DNP	DNP	7-3-3*	0-1-3*	6-3-0	DNP	DNP
Wichita State*	DNP	0-0-0	7-1-1*	9-7-3*	9-7-0*	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*	4-1-2	2-4-1*	5-1-1*	5-0-1*	4-1-2	0-0-1	0-3-1
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 (1-1)
W – Indiana State
L – Southern Illinois

FIRST POINTS:

- Dilligard 6, Plank 4, Onyeuku 3, Odiakosa 3, K. Ford 1, D. Ford 1, Vandello 1

DOUBLE-DIGIT SCORERS (38):

- Dilligard 9, Plank 9, D. Ford 7, Onyeuku 6, Holtz 3, 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, Holtz 1

LEADING REBOUNDER:

- Dilligard 9, Plank 5, D. Ford 4, Vandello 2, Odiakosa 2, K. Ford 1

DOUBLE-DOUBLES (2):

- Dilligard 2

DUNKS (22):

- Dilligard 13, Onyeuku 7, Fortes 1, Carlwell 1

FIRST SUBSTITUTION:

- Carlwell 7, Vandello 5, 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*	20-4
at Bradley*	
at Evansville*	
at Drake*	
Bradley*	
Drake*	
at Brackett Buster	
Missouri State*	
at Wichita State*	
Total	384-246

2005-06 VALLEY RANKINGS

Through Jan. 30 (All Games)

TEAM		
Scoring Offense	10th	57.5
Scoring Defense	3rd	58.7
Scoring Margin	8th	-1.2
Free Throw Pct	10th	62.4
Field Goal Pct	9th	41.8
FG Pct. Defense	3rd	39.9
3-Point FG Pct.	9th	32.2
3-Point FG Pct. Def	8th	35.6
Rebounding Offense	8th	32.4
Rebounding Defense	5th	32.7
Rebounding Margin	7th	-0.3
Blocked Shots	1st	4.58
Assists	9th	13.16
Steals	6th	7.63
Turnover Margin	9th	-0.58
Assist/Turnover Ratio	10th	0.79
Offensive Rebounds	7th	10.05
Defensive Rebounds	7th	22.37
3-Point Field Goals Made	9th	5.63

REBOUNDING

Greg Dilligard	15th	5.7
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FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Greg Dilligard	16th	55.5
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ASSISTS

Neil Plank	8th	3.11
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STEALS

Dana Ford	4th	2.21
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BLOCKED SHOTS

Greg Dilligard	2nd	2.26
Ronnie Carlwell	8th	0.79

OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS

Greg Dilligard	9th	2.16
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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
OpponentRandal Falck (15), Southern Illinois, 1-28-06
A player had a double-double ...
ILLINOIS ST.Greg Dilligard (10p, 10r) vs. Evansville, 1-16-06
OpponentRandal Falck (18p, 15r), Southern Illinois, 1-28-06
A player made five 3-pointers ...
ILLINOIS ST.Gregg Alexander (5-6) at UW-Green Bay, 2-19-05
OpponentTony Young (5-10), Southern Illinois, 1-28-06
A player made 10 free throws ...
ILLINOIS ST.Lorenzo Gordon (10-14) vs. St. John's, 12-4-04
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

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

TEAM

ILLINOIS STATE'S 2005-06 RECORD WHEN

Overall	8-11
Missouri Valley Conference	3-8
Playing Nationally Ranked Teams	0-0
Leading at the Half	7-0
Trailing at the Half	1-10
Tied at the Half	0-1
Leading with 5:00 to Play	6-0
Trailing with 5:00 to Play	1-11
Tied with 5:00 to Play	1-0
In Overtime	0-0
ISU out-rebounds opponent	6-2
Opponents out-rebound ISU	2-7
ISU has 15 or fewer Turnovers	4-4
ISU has fewer 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	2-10
ISU shoots better than Opponent	8-2
Opponent shoots better than ISU	0-9
ISU has more FG Attempts	2-6
Opponent has more FG Attempts	5-5
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	7-3
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	3-9
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	0-9
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	2-7
In Games Decided by 21+ Points	2-0
Day Games	4-4
Night Games	4-7
Home Court	8-4
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	2-7
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	4-4



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, and Bradley.



Ronnie Carlwell 1

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

CAREER BESTS:

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

SEASON BESTS:

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

Last Time Out:
 Scored one point after playing the game's final minute.

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*	1	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	1
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Greg Dilligard 50

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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:
 Finished with eight points, but was 3-for-9 from the field, and added six rebounds.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has swatted at least one blocked shot in every game this season.
- Has converted eight of his last 10 free throw attempts (.800).
- 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 105.
- 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	0	2	0	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*	28	3-9	0-0	2-3	0-6	2	0	1	1	1	8
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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:
Played 13 minutes and made his only field goal attempt, which was a three-pointer.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has made three of his last seven treys (.429).
- 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

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	20	2-10	2-5	0-0	0-2	2	2	0	1	0	6
at Cincinnati	15	3-5	3-5	0-0	0-1	2	0	1	0	0	9
Western Michigan	14	1-3	1-2	2-2	1-3	3	0	0	0	0	5
Grambling State	7	0-1	0-1	4-4	0-1	1	0	1	0	0	4
UW-Green Bay	4	0-1	0-1	2-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2
IPFW	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia Southern	3	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	2
at Cal St.-Northridge	9	0-1	0-1	2-2	0-1	0	0	0	0	0	2
at Indiana State*	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Creighton*											
Did not play - coach's decision											
at Northern Iowa*	13	2-4	1-2	0-0	2-3	1	0	0	0	0	5
at Creighton*	4	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Wichita State*	6	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	1	0	0
at Missouri State*	14	1-7	0-3	1-2	3-3	1	1	1	0	1	3
Northern Iowa*	5	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Evansville*	9	0-1	0-0	2-2	1-2	1	2	0	0	0	2
at Southern Illinois*	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indiana State*	14	2-6	2-6	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	6
Southern Illinois*	13	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	1	0	3
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Dana Ford 43
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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:
Held without a steal for only the second time all season, but ended with six points and six boards.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has had at least one steal in every game this season except for two.
- Has only made four of his last 25 three-point attempts (.160) and has missed 13 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

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Indianapolis	24	3-10	1-4	0-1	2-5	1	2	0	1	3	7
at Cincinnati	30	3-8	2-3	4-4	1-6	1	3	2	0	1	12
Western Michigan	30	3-11	0-3	0-0	1-4	5	3	1	0	4	6
Grambling State	37	7-13	2-4	0-0	0-7	1	2	2	0	2	16
UW-Green Bay	20	1-4	0-3	0-0	0-5	3	2	2	2	1	2
IPFW	23	1-3	1-2	1-2	0-3	3	3	1	0	2	4
Georgia Southern	19	4-9	1-4	1-2	0-4	3	0	3	0	0	10
at Cal St.-Northridge	28	6-13	3-7	0-0	1-4	4	3	3	1	3	15
at Indiana State*	32	1-7	0-4	0-0	1-6	3	1	2	1	2	2
Creighton*	32	6-9	2-4	0-0	0-2	0	2	2	2	4	14
at Northern Iowa*	27	3-9	1-4	0-0	0-4	1	1	0	0	1	7
at Creighton*	21	0-3	0-1	0-0	0-3	1	1	3	0	1	0
Wichita State*	38	7-12	2-6	0-2	0-7	2	0	6	0	4	16
at Missouri State*	28	1-5	1-3	0-0	1-2	1	0	1	1	4	3
Northern Iowa*	26	1-8	0-5	0-0	0-4	2	4	0	1	2	2
Evansville*	29	3-6	0-1	0-0	0-5	1	1	1	0	3	6
at Southern Illinois*	32	4-8	0-1	2-2	1-1	1	3	2	2	3	10
Indiana State*	16	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-3	3	3	1	1	2	2
Southern Illinois*	25	3-6	0-3	0-0	1-6	4	2	2	0	0	6
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Khalif Ford **5**
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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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Roberto Fortes **1**
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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:
 Played the final two minutes without recording a statistic.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has made one of his last nine three-point attempts (.111).
- Has played 57 minutes in the last eight 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
Southern Illinois*	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Brandon Holtz 45
G • 6-4 • 185 • Fr.-HS • Bloomington, Ill. (Bloomington)

CAREER BESTS:

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

Last Time Out:

Collected a career best 12 points and five rebounds, including four offensive, in 25 minutes of play.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has started the last four games, including the first of his career at home against Evansville.
- Has converted at least one 3-pointer in each of the last six games and 11 of the last 13.
- Averaging 8.2 points per game over his last six 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
Southern Illinois*	25	4-12	3-9	1-2	4-5	1	1	1	0	0	12
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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 – 2 vs. Southern Illinois, 1-28-06
 Blocked Shots – 0
 Steals – 2 vs. Northern Iowa, 1-14-06
 Minutes – 12 vs. UW-Green Bay, 12-3-05

Last Time Out:

Logged his most playing time in the last 14 games with nine minutes and finished with four points.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has scored four points in each of the last two games.
- Has played 19 total minutes in the last 12 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	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*	9	0-1	0-1	4-4	1-1	0	2	1	0	1	4
at Bradley*											
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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, four times
 Blocked Shots – 1 vs. Creighton, 12-31-05
 Steals – 1, three times
 Minutes – 20, twice

Last Time Out:

Earned his fifth straight start, but only played 13 minutes with two points and four rebounds.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Had 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 17 points in the last five games, after scoring a total of seven points in the first 14 games.
- He is also averaging 4.8 rebounds per game over the last five 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*	13	1-1	0-0	0-0	2-4	1	1	2	0	0	2
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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:

Limited to five points in 21 minutes of action. Shot 1-for-3 from the field, but was 3-for-4 from the line.

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	0-0	1-2	3	1	2	3	0	1
Indiana State*	29	4-8	1-3	0-0	0-5	1	3	3	0	1	9
Southern Illinois*	21	1-3	0-1	3-4	0-1	4	1	0	0	0	5
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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:

Finished with five points, on only five shot attempts in 21 minutes of action.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Seems to be breaking out of his shooting slump with a 7-for-13 (.538) effort in his last two games, 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*	21	2-5	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	1	5
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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:

Logged 23 minutes, but was 2-for-8 from the field and finished with six points and three boards.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Averaging nine points per game over his last four outings.
- Has made six of his last 10 3-point attempts (.600).
- He is shooting 2-for-12 (.167) 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*	23	2-8	1-2	1-2	2-3	2	1	1	0	0	6
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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, twice
Minutes – 8 vs. IPFW, 12-6-05

Last Time Out:
Played the game's final two minutes. Recorded a steal and was 0-for-2 from the foul line.

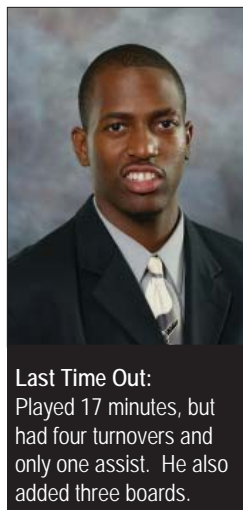
UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- 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*	2	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	0	1	0	0	1	0
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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, seven times
Blocked Shots – 0
Steals – 3 at Marquette, 11-15-04
Minutes – 19 vs. Indiana State, 1-25-06

Last Time Out:
Played 17 minutes, but had four turnovers and only one assist. He also added three boards.

SEASON BESTS:

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

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- After playing only 21 minutes in the first 17 games, has logged 36 in the last two outings.
- 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*	17	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	1	1	4	0	0	0
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at Drake*											
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Missouri State*											
at Wichita State*											

BOLD indicates games started
* Missouri Valley Conference game
% ESPN Bracket Buster



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 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.

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.

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 and Cal State Northridge players.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

Table with 8 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. 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 Missouri 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 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
January 25, 2006 • Redbird Arena

Table with 8 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Indiana State players including 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: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for ILLINOIS STATE players including 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

GAME 19

'Birds Bested by Southern's Second-Half Effort

NORMAL, Ill. - Evenly matched in the first half, the Illinois State men's basketball team was bested by a 37-point second half Southern Illinois scoring surge, as the Salukis downed the Redbirds 65-52, Saturday afternoon at Redbird Arena in front of a crowd of 7,501.

Jamaal Tatum got the Salukis' on the board early, scoring SIU's first five points. But Nedu Onyeuku would give the 'Birds their first lead of the night, 6-5, driving the lane for a quick layup at the 16:29 mark. Southern regained the lead on the ensuing play off a Matt Shaw jumper and would lead by as much as seven in the half (10-17) after Tatum drained another jumper with 10:05 left in the first period.

Quickly extending its lead to 12, Southern Illinois opened the half with a Tony Young three-pointer as Randal Falker added a jumper and Shaw drained a trey of his own to make the score 37-25 with 18 minutes left to play. Redbird freshman Michael Vandello silenced the Saluki run with a three-pointer, bringing the 'Birds within nine, 37-28.

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Table with 8 columns: Player, Min, FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Southern Illinois and ILLINOIS STATE players including Falker, Shaw, Tatum, Mullins, Young, Brooks, Smithpeters, Foster, Clemons, Boyle, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .468; FT - .722
3-Pt.: 8-18, .444 (Shaw 1-2, Tatum 1-4, Mullins 0-1, Young 5-10, Brooks 1-1)
Blocks: 3 (Falker 2, Shaw 1)
Turnovers: 11 (Shaw 2, Tatum 2, Mullins 2, Young 3, Brooks 1, Team 1)
Steals: 5 (Shaw 1, Tatum 2, Mullins 1, Young 1)

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Team Pct.: FG - .370; FT - .632
3-Pt.: 6-18, .333 (Onyeuku 0-1, Plank 1-1, Holtz 3-9, Kruse 0-1, Vandello 1-2, Dyer 1-1, D. Ford 3-3)
Blocks: 2 (Dilligard 1, Dyer 1)
Turnovers: 14 (Odiakosa 2, Dilligard 1, Plank 2, Holtz 1, Wallace 4, Kruse 1, Vandello 1, D. Ford 2)
Steals: 4 (Dilligard 1, Plank 1, Vianney 1, Kruse 1)

Officials: Steven Skiles, Terry Ogelsby, Brad Gaston
Attendance: 7,051
Halftime Score: Southern Illinois 28, ILLINOIS STATE 23