



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
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2/1	@ Bradley* (WEEK)	L, 44-73
2/4	@ Evansville*	L, 47-54
2/7	@ Drake* (Mediacom)	L, 41-45
2/11	BRADLEY* (WMBD)	L, 59-71
2/14	DRAKE*	W, 58-56 (ot)
2/18	@ Miami (Ohio)	L, 49-51
2/22	MISSOURI ST.* (Mediacom)	7:06 p.m.
2/25	@ Wichita State* (Valley-TV)	5:07 p.m.
3/2-5	@ State Farm MVC Tournament#	TBA

All times listed are CST
Home games in CAPS
*Missouri Valley Conference game
#Savvis Center • St. Louis, Mo.

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ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (9-16, 4-12)

VS.



26 GAME

MISSOURI STATE BEARS (18-7, 10-6)

Wednesday, February 22, 2006 • 7:06 p.m. CST
Redbird Arena (10,200) • Normal, Ill.

THE GAME FACTS

The Probable Starters:

ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS ▶ ▶ ▶



Roberto Fortes

▶ Guard
Jr.-TR • 6-4 • 195
Fort Wayne, Ind.

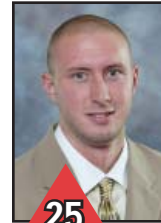
PPG RPG APG
4.3 0.6 0.5



Khalif Ford

▶ Guard
So.-1L • 6-1 • 181
Diamond Bar, Calif.

PPG RPG APG
4.8 2.1 2.4



Neil Plank

▶ Forward
Sr.-2L • 6-5 • 208
Mt. Zion, Ill.

PPG RPG APG
8.0 4.0 2.9



Levi Dyer

▶ Center
So.-1L • 6-11 • 220
Eaton, Colo.

PPG RPG APG
3.9 1.7 0.5



Greg Dilligard

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

PPG RPG BPG
10.1 5.6 2.1

MISSOURI STATE BEARS ▶ ▶ ▶

	F	C	G	G	G				ppg	rpg	apg		
	0	4	12	15	21	Nathan Bilyeu	6-6	215	Jr.	Ozark, Mo.	9.5	6.5	2.4
						Drew Richards	6-9	235	So.	Rogersville, Mo.	4.1	4.0	1.1*
						Shane Laurie	6-2	180	Fr.	Springfield, Mo.	4.2	2.1	1.8
						Blake Ahearn	6-2	190	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.	17.6	2.2	2.6
						Deke Thompson	6-0	185	Sr.	Tulsa, Okla.	9.9	2.4	2.9

*Indicates blocked shots

About The Game: Illinois State concludes its home schedule tonight and says farewell to four seniors - Dana Ford, Nedu Onyeuku, Neil Plank and Travis Wallace. The Redbirds have dropped six of their last seven, while Missouri State has won six of its last seven, including three straight.

Series History: Tonight's game marks the 46th meeting in the series. The Redbirds own a 26-19 advantage in the series, but the Bears have won six of the last eight meetings.

Radio: Dick Luedke, play-by-play; Mike Matthews, color; Bruce Evans, sideline (home only) and Jim Williams, studio host. Affiliates: WJBC (AM 1230/Bloomington), flagship; WBIG (AM 1280/Aurora), WJEZ (FM 98.9/Dwight), WZOE (AM 1490/Princeton) and WFMB (AM 1450/Springfield). All Redbird broadcasts, including Porter Moser's weekly call-in show, which generally airs each Thursday from 6:07-7 pm, depending on the schedule, can be heard via the Internet at GoRedbirds.com.

Television: Tonight's game is available on KY3-TV in Springfield, Mo. The broadcast team consists of Don West (play-by-play) and Dan Lucy (color analysis).

THE COACHES

Porter Moser (Creighton '90) owns a 90-82 (.523) career mark in his third season at Illinois State, including a 36-48 (.429) 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.

Barry Hinson (Oklahoma State '83) is in his seventh season at Missouri State. He owns a 126-88 (.589) record with the Bears and carries a 162-111 (.593) record in his nine seasons as a head coach. He is assisted by Troy Collier, Kyan Brown and Ben Miller.



TALE OF THE TAPE



W-L Record	9-16	18-7
Points Scored	55.6	77.4
Points Allowed	58.6	67.5
Scoring Margin	-3.0	+9.9
FG Percentage	41.0	46.9
Def. FG Percentage	39.8	41.1
3-pt. Percentage	32.5	38.0
Def. 3-pt. Percentage	36.1	32.6
FT Percentage	61.3	75.0
Offensive Rebounds	9.4	12.6
Total Rebounds	31.9	37.4
Rebounding Margin	-2.0	+3.4
Assists	12.8	15.3
Turnover Average	16.4	14.3
Turnover Margin	-1.0	+1.6
Steal Average	7.1	8.3
Block Average	4.5	3.4
Fouls	17.3	18.7

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, 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 MISSOURI STATE BEARS

- Missouri State, located in Springfield, Mo., was founded in 1905 and has an enrollment of 20,846.
- The Bears return nine letterwinners, including three starters, from a team that finished 19-13 overall and finished fifth in the Missouri Valley Conference with a 10-8 mark.
- Missouri State leads the league in scoring offense with 77.4 points per game, led by the conference's individual leader Blake Ahearn, who is posting 17.6 points per contest.
- Ahearn also leads the Valley in free throw percentage, shooting 94.3 percent for the season with only six missed attempts.
- The Bears offensive numbers are powered by their ability to shoot. MSU leads the Valley in field goal percentage (46.9) and three-point field goal percentage (38.0)
- Dale Lamberth leads the Valley in 3-point shooting (48.1%).

MISSOURI STATE NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
0	Nathan Bilyeu	F	6-6	215	Jr.	Ozark, Mo.
1	Justin Fuehrmeyer	G	6-0	165	Fr.	St. Charles, Mo.
2	Dale Lamberth	F	6-5	215	So.	Oklahoma City, Okla.
3	Tyler Chaney	G	6-5	205	Jr.	Neosho, Mo.
4	Drew Richards	C	6-9	250	So.	Rogersville, Mo.
5	Deven Mitchell	F	6-5	205	Jr.	Springfield, Mo.
12	Shane Laurie	G	6-2	180	Fr.	Springfield, Mo.
15	Blake Ahearn	G	6-2	190	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.
21	Deke Thompson	G	6-0	185	Sr.	Tulsa, Okla.
25	Kyle Rausch	F	6-8	213	Fr.	Blue Springs, Mo.
30	Kellen Easley	G/F	6-6	208	Sr.	Joliet, Ill.
41	Sky Fraizer	C	6-10	255	So.	Augusta, Mo.

Head Coach: Barry Hinson

Assistant Coach: Troy Collier, Kyan Brown, Ben Miller

MISSOURI STATE SCHEDULE

18-7 Overall, 10-6 Valley

Date	Opponent	Score/Time	W/L
Nov 19	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	87-51	W
Nov 26	at Arkansas State	97-80	W
Dec 2	GEORGIA SOUTHERN*	101-55	W
Dec 3	TAMU-CC*	95-75	W
Dec 7	at Oral Roberts	88-76	W
Dec 10	DETROIT	85-71	W
Dec 15	at Arkansas	75-79	L
Dec 22	ARKANSAS STATE	84-55	W
Dec 28	at Creighton*	56-78	L
Dec 30	INDIANA STATE*	97-78	W
Jan 2	at Drake*	85-79	W
Jan 5	at Evansville*	80-65	W
Jan 7	NORTHERN IOWA*	62-72	L
Jan 11	ILLINOIS STATE*	70-54	W
Jan 14	at Wichita State*	57-81	L
Jan 19	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*	71-63	W
Jan 22	WICHITA STATE*	62-68	L
Jan 25	at Bradley*	76-86	L
Jan 29	at Indiana State*	80-58	W
Feb 1	DRAKE*	84-59	W
Feb 4	BRADLEY*	70-62	W
Feb 7	at Southern Illinois*	64-66	L
Feb 11	at Northern Iowa*	66-63	W
Feb 14	EVANSVILLE*	71-50	W
Feb 18	at UW-Milwaukee	72-63	W
Feb 22	MISSOURI STATE*	Tonight	
Feb 25	CREIGHTON*	7:35 p.m.	
Mar 2-4	at State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Tournament		

* - Missouri Valley Conference game.

^ - Missouri State Price Cutter Classic (Springfield, Mo.)

HOME GAMES IN CAPS.

SENIOR SALUTE

For the final home game, ISU will say farewell to its four seniors following tonight's game. The Redbird seniors include Dana Ford, Nedu Onyeuku, Neil Plank and Travis Wallace. The quartet, prior to Wednesday's game, accounts for 38.4 percent of ISU's minutes played, 39.2 percent of the scoring and 33.8 percent of the rebounds.

20-20 VISION

With the Redbirds only averaging 55.6 points per game, seeing an ISU player scoring 20-plus points in back-to-back games didn't seem likely. That is, until Roberto Fortes started heating up. Fortes has torched the net for 45 points in his last two games with 22 points in the overtime win against Drake and 23 tallies at Miami (Ohio). It marked the first time a player had posted back-to-back 20-point performances since Trey Guidry, who scored 30 at Creighton on Jan. 22, 2005 and 25 against Evansville on Jan. 25, 2005.

ROBERTO FOR THREE... IT'S GOOD

In the last two games, that has been a common phase for Dick Luedke during Redbird radio broadcasts. After all, junior college transfer Roberto Fortes has made 13 three-point field goals in the last two contests, while shooting 61.9 percent from beyond the arc (13-for-21). The 13 treys in two games is the most by a Redbird since Tarise Bryson posted 14 combined threes against Miami (Fla.) and Northeastern during the 1999-2000 season.

ONE-MAN WRECKING CREW

Junior Roberto Fortes tallied 23 points in Illinois State's two-point loss at Miami (Ohio) on Saturday. Of the Redbirds' 49 points, Fortes scored 46.9 percent of his team's points. That percentage of scoring was the highest by a Redbird since Tarise Bryson tossed in 38 points in ISU's 90-79 NIT loss at Purdue, which was 48.1 percent of the Redbirds' point total.

TAKING THE NORM OUT OF NORMAL

With a 9-16 record, the Redbirds are in the midst of an aberration. ISU will likely have only its sixth losing season in the 35 years of being a Division I program. Unfortunately, four of those losing campaigns will have occurred in the last seven seasons.

ESTABLISHING A FORTES

It has taken a little longer than expected, but junior Roberto Fortes is starting to showcase his forte -- being able to score. Despite tossing in 22 points in ISU's first 21 games of the season, Fortes has put together back-to-back-to-back career nights with seven points at Drake, 11 tallies versus Bradley, 22 points at home against Drake and a new standard of 23 points at Miami (Ohio).



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 114, becoming only the fifth player to post 100 or more career blocks as a Redbird. He also has 52 blocks for the year, which is second best.

SETTING A DEFENSIVE STANDARD

In addition to having their sights set on the school record for points allowed per game, the Redbirds are also in pursuit of the school record for defensive field goal percentage. Currently, ISU foes are shooting 39.8 percent from the field, while the school mark is 40.2 percent, which was set during the 1996-97 season. That defensive percentage also ranks as the season leader in the Valley.

THE REDBIRD SHUFFLE

Through 25 games, the 'Birds have courted 10 different starting line-ups this season. The total more than doubles that of last season, in which the 'Birds had four different starting combinations. Of the 14 players on the roster, 11 have earned starting assignments and no combination has been used for more than seven games.

DILLY'S HOLDING ON

Greg Dilligard's season scoring average rests at 10.1 points per game. The scoring average, ranks No. 1 on the team, and ISU has never had its leading scorer average less than double figures for a season since becoming a Division I program in 1970-71.

197 GAMES WITH A TREY ON THE BOARD

ISU enters the game against Missouri State with at least one made three in 197 straight games. The last time ISU didn't sink a trey was an 82-43 loss at Creighton on Dec. 12, 1999.

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 9-5. ISU foes score 60 or more, the 'Birds are 0-11. It's that simple.

D-FENCE, D-FENCE

This season ISU opponents are averaging 58.6 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 58.6 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.

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 added another academic honor on Feb. 9, when he was named to the 2006 ESPN the Magazine All-America® University District V Academic team. It marked the third time that Plank had been named to the district team, he claimed second team academic all-America honors in 2005 as well as being named the 2005 Prairie Farms/Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete of the Year. 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. 22, 2003 - Unable to leave the Bloomington Airport the night before and the morning of, the Illinois State basketball team loads up in vans and cars to depart from Springfield, Ill. The Redbirds arrive at Marshall two-and-a-half hours before tip-off for a BracketBusters match-up and ISU lands its first road victory of the season 57-53. Gregg Alexander paces the 'Birds with 21 points, including a 4-for-6 effort on treys. Illinois State owns a 5-5 record on this date during the Division I era.

THE LAST TIME THEY MET

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

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

Table with 11 columns: Missouri State, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include Bilyeu, Chaney, Richards, Ahearn, Thompson, Fuehrmeyer, Lamberth, Laurie, Rausch, Easley, Fraizer, and Totals.

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

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



CHART CLIMBERS

Season Blocked Shots Leaders

1. Jeff Wilkins (1976-77)103
2. Greg Dilligard (2005-06).....52

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-) 114

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).....47

CAREER STARTS/GAMES

No.	Player	Illinois St.	
		GP	GS
50	Greg Dilligard	84	77
25	Neil Plank	82	39
43	Dana Ford	102	29
5	Khalif Ford	43	14
3	Nedu Onyeuku	28	13
31	Michael Vandello	25	9
42	Dinma Odiakosa	16	9
45	Brandon Holtz	24	7
32	Levi Dyer	33	5
51	Ronnie Carlwell	56	2
1	Roberto Fortes	19	2
14	Travis Wallace	19	0
21	Eric Vianney	11	0
23	Mark Kruse	11	0

2005-06 VALLEY STANDINGS

	VALLEY			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
1. Wichita State	12	4	.750	21	7	.750
2. Northern Iowa	11	5	.688	22	6	.786
Creighton	11	5	.688	18	7	.720
Southern Illinois	11	5	.688	18	9	.667
5. Missouri State	10	6	.625	18	7	.720
6. Bradley	9	7	.563	16	9	.640
7. Drake	5	11	.313	12	16	.429
8. Indiana State	4	12	.250	12	13	.480
Illinois State	4	12	.250	9	16	.360
10. Evansville	3	13	.188	7	18	.280

*Through Feb. 18 games

PRONOUNCIATIONS

Levi Dyer	LEE-vye
Khalif Ford	cah-LEEF
Roberto Fortes	FORE-tez
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	9-16	9-5	0-11	0-0
CONFERENCE	4-12	4-4	0-8	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	5-4	5-1	0-3	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	8:00 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
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 pm CST	* 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
02-01-06	7:37 pm CST	* at Bradley	44-73 L	11164	(12)ONYEUKU,Nedu	(6)DILLIGARD,Greg
02-04-06	7:05 pm CST	* at Evansville	47-54 L	5302	(10)FORD,Khalif (10)ONYEUKU,Nedu	(4)DILLIGARD,Greg
02-07-06	7:05 pm CST	* at Drake	41-45 L	3014	(12)DILLIGARD,Greg	(8)DILLIGARD,Greg
02-11-06	4:07 pm CST	* BRADLEY	59-71 L	8388	(16)DYER,Levi	(4)DYER,Levi
02-14-06	7:05 pm CST	* DRAKE	WOT 58-56	4326	(22)FORTES,Roberto	(10)PLANK,Neil
2/18/06	4:30 PM EST	at Miami	49-51 L	3421	(23)FORTES,Roberto	(9)PLANK,Neil

* - Conference game

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY	GAMES	TOTALS	AVG/GAME
HOME	14	76481	5463
AWAY	11	68353	6214
NEUTRAL	0	0	0
TOTAL	25	144834	5794

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	25	25	745	29.8	113	208	.543	0	0	.000	26	52	.500	54	87	141	5.6	69	3	30	48	52	21	252	10.1
	Conference-Only...	16	16	489	30.6	71	141	.504	0	0	.000	18	33	.545	35	61	96	6.0	45	2	22	34	34	13	160	10.0
25	PLANK,Neil	25	23	716	28.6	70	184	.380	22	74	.297	37	57	.649	22	78	100	4.0	33	0	73	61	2	21	199	8.0
	Conference-Only...	16	14	433	27.1	39	109	.358	11	42	.262	11	21	.524	13	41	54	3.4	21	0	31	43	0	15	100	6.3
03	ONYEUKU,Nedu	24	12	531	22.1	67	143	.469	13	43	.302	36	59	.610	13	44	57	2.4	49	1	33	52	5	17	183	7.6
	Conference-Only...	15	12	351	23.4	42	99	.424	8	29	.276	26	40	.650	8	27	35	2.3	34	1	23	32	3	11	118	7.9
43	FORD,Dana	25	17	654	26.2	63	171	.368	18	73	.247	12	20	.600	13	90	103	4.1	50	1	48	41	20	47	156	6.2
	Conference-Only...	16	9	421	26.3	35	99	.354	8	42	.190	6	11	.545	8	52	60	3.8	28	0	28	27	14	31	84	5.3
31	VANDELLO,Michael	25	9	541	21.6	41	112	.366	11	29	.379	30	43	.698	31	46	77	3.1	53	1	32	46	4	14	123	4.9
	Conference-Only...	16	2	334	20.9	26	69	.377	9	20	.450	22	33	.667	17	28	45	2.8	35	1	17	32	1	8	83	5.2
05	FORD,Khalif	23	14	538	23.4	37	98	.378	13	38	.342	24	39	.615	8	40	48	2.1	62	2	55	66	2	18	111	4.8
	Conference-Only...	14	5	300	21.4	22	54	.407	8	22	.364	9	17	.529	5	24	29	2.1	38	1	30	32	0	11	61	4.4
01	FORTES,Roberto	20	2	218	10.9	29	75	.387	23	57	.404	4	6	.667	0	12	12	0.6	20	1	10	20	0	7	85	4.3
	Conference-Only...	15	1	164	10.9	21	57	.368	15	43	.349	2	4	.500	0	11	11	0.7	15	1	7	16	0	7	59	3.9
45	HOLTZ,Brandon	24	7	320	13.3	38	105	.362	20	66	.303	5	10	.500	10	32	42	1.8	19	0	10	12	1	12	101	4.2
	Conference-Only...	15	7	237	15.8	27	78	.346	16	49	.327	3	6	.500	7	24	31	2.1	14	0	8	6	1	8	73	4.9
32	DYER,Levi	24	5	288	12.0	28	81	.346	20	55	.364	17	20	.850	10	31	41	1.7	25	0	12	6	6	6	93	3.9
	Conference-Only...	15	3	188	12.5	21	53	.396	14	35	.400	5	8	.625	8	20	28	1.9	14	0	10	4	5	6	61	4.1
23	KRUSE,Mark	11	0	55	5.0	8	23	.348	3	12	.250	5	6	.833	5	3	8	0.7	1	0	4	3	1	4	24	2.2
	Conference-Only...	7	0	29	4.1	3	5	.600	1	2	.500	5	6	.833	3	0	3	0.4	0	0	4	3	1	4	12	1.7
42	ODIAKOSA,Dinma	16	9	158	9.9	9	28	.321	0	0	.000	6	14	.429	15	22	37	2.3	24	0	4	17	3	4	24	1.5
	Conference-Only...	10	9	131	13.1	8	21	.381	0	0	.000	4	8	.500	12	20	32	3.2	21	0	4	14	3	3	20	2.0
21	VIANNEY,Eric	11	0	39	3.5	4	8	.500	3	5	.600	2	5	.400	1	4	5	0.5	9	0	2	6	0	2	13	1.2
	Conference-Only...	7	0	20	2.9	1	4	.250	0	2	.000	0	2	.000	1	0	1	0.1	6	0	1	2	0	2	2	0.3
51	CARLWELL,Ronnie	23	2	188	8.2	7	21	.333	0	0	.000	6	13	.462	16	24	40	1.7	16	0	4	13	17	4	20	0.9
	Conference-Only...	15	2	101	6.7	5	14	.357	0	0	.000	1	7	.143	9	11	20	1.3	7	0	1	8	9	2	11	0.7
14	WALLACE,Travis	11	0	59	5.4	2	3	.667	1	1	1.000	2	2	1.000	2	7	9	0.8	2	0	4	9	0	0	7	0.6
	Conference-Only...	7	0	52	7.4	2	3	.667	1	1	1.000	0	0	.000	2	7	9	1.3	2	0	3	7	0	0	5	0.7
	TM TEAM.....													36	41	77	3.1	1			10					
	Conference-Only...													18	24	42	2.6	1			5					
	Total.....	25				516	1260	.410	147	453	.325	212	346	.613	236	561	797	31.9	433	9	321	410	113	177	1391	55.6
	Conference-Only...	16				323	806	.401	91	287	.317	112	196	.571	146	350	496	31.0	281	6	189	265	71	121	849	53.1
	Opponents.....	25				501	1259	.398	126	349	.361	338	467	.724	266	581	847	33.9	387	4	300	384	74	202	1466	58.6
	Conference-Only...	16				331	789	.420	81	219	.370	225	308	.731	154	384	538	33.6	235	2	204	237	49	141	968	60.5

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Illinois State	650	729	12	1391
Opponents	667	779	20	1466

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Illinois State	52	2	54
Opponents	60	7	67



2005-06 ILLINOIS STATE TEAM HIGHS & LOWS

	HIGHS	LOWS
POINTS	75 vs. Indiana State (01-25-06)	41 at Drake (02-07-06)
FIELD GOALS MADE	27 twice	16 at Southern Illinois (01-22-06)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	65 twice	16 at Drake (02-07-06)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	.529 (27-51) vs. Indiana State (01-25-06)	39 at Southern Illinois (01-22-06)
3 PT FIELD GOALS MADE	12 at Cal State-Northridge (12-7-05)	2 at Drake (02-07-06)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	31 at Missouri State (01-11-06)	11 three times
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)	0 at Bradley (02-01-06)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	37 vs. Evansville (01-16-06)	2 twice
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	.773 (17-22) vs. Western Michigan (11-26-05)	.000 (0-4) at Bradley (02-01-06)
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 Cal State-Northridge (12-7-05)	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)	10 at Drake (02-07-06)
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	29 at Bradley (02-01-06)	14 vs. IPFW (12-06-05)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	62 vs. UW-Green Bay (12-03-05)	42 twice
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	44 vs. Bradley (02-11-06)	23 vs. Indiana State (01-25-06)
ASSISTS	19 at Creighton (01-05-06)	5 vs. Evansville (01-16-06)
STEALS	14 at Bradley (02-01-06)	4 vs. Indianapolis (11-19-05)
BLOCKED SHOTS	6 vs. Bradley (02-11-06)	4 vs. UW-Green Bay (12-03-05)
TURNOVERS	27 at Cal State-Northridge (12-7-05)	0 twice
FOULS	28 vs. Evansville (01-16-06)	6 at Miami (Ohio) (02-18-06)
		8 three times

2005-06 ILLINOIS STATE & OPPONENT PLAYER SUPERLATIVES

	ILLINOIS STATE	OPPONENT
POINTS	23 FORTES,Roberto at Miami (Ohio) (02-18-06)	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)	.750 (6-8) DILLIGARD,Greg at Drake (02-07-06)	.875 (7-8) FALKER,Randal vs. Southern Illinois (01-28-06)
3 PT FG MADE	7 FORTES,Roberto at Miami (Ohio) (02-18-06)	5 YOUNG,Tony vs. Southern Illinois (01-28-06)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	11 FORTES,Roberto at Miami (Ohio) (02-18-06)	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)
FREE THROWS MADE	9 VANDELLO,Michael at Southern Illinois (01-22-06)	11 EFEVBERHA, Mike at Cal State-Northridge (12-07-05)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	13 ONYEUKU,Nedu vs. Evansville (01-16-06)	11 MOSS,David at Indiana State (12-22-05)
FT PCT (min. 6 att.)	.833 (5-6) FORD,Khalif vs. Georgia Southern (12-10-05)	15 EFEVBERHA, Mike at Cal State-Northridge (12-07-05)
REBOUNDS	12 DILLIGARD,Greg at Indiana State (12-22-05)	1.000 (10-10) MOORE,Gabriel at Indiana State (12-22-05)
ASSISTS	7 PLANK,Neil vs IPFW (12-06-05)	15 FALKER,Randal vs. Southern Illinois (01-28-06)
	7 PLANK,Neil at Cal State-Northridge (12-07-05)	7 SMITH,Tim vs. Indianapolis (11-19-05)
STEALS	5 PLANK,Neil at Creighton (01-05-06)	7 MOSS,David at Indiana State (12-22-05)
BLOCKED SHOTS	4 DILLIGARD,Greg vs. Drake (02-14-06)	7 STEWART,AI at Drake (02-07-06)
	4 DILLIGARD,Greg vs. Wichita State (01-08-06)	9 STEWART,AI vs. Drake (02-14-06)
	4 DILLIGARD,Greg at Missouri State (01-11-06)	5 O'BRYANT,Patrick at Bradley (02-01-06)
	4 DILLIGARD,Greg 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*	0-1-0	8-6-1*	2-0-0	2-1-0	10-2-5	0-0-0	0-5-0*
at Evansville*	0-1-0	8-4-1*	6-1-1	0-2-2	10-0-1	0-0-2	6-3-1*
at Drake*	0-1-0	12-8-0*	5-5-2*	3-5-2*	2-3-2*	7-5-1	0-1-0*
Bradley*	2-2-0	14-4-1*	16-4-0*	1-3-1*	2-3-3*	11-2-0	DNP
Drake*	DNP	5-8-2*	11-6-4*	10-6-5*	1-0-2*	22-0-0*	0-0-1
at Miami-Ohio	DNP	12-3-1*	2-5-0*	0-5-2	2-1-0*	23-1-0*	0-0-0
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*	4-1-2	2-4-1*	5-1-1*	5-0-1*	4-1-2	0-0-1	0-3-1
at Bradley*	2-0-0	0-3-0*	12-4-2*	6-4-0*	2-4-1	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Evansville*	0-0-0	0-1-0*	10-1-1*	0-3-0*	7-2-2	DNP	0-0-0
at Drake*	DNP	DNP	4-1-1	8-4-3	0-0-1	DNP	DNP
Bradley*	DNP	DNP	0-2-2	13-3-4*	0-0-0	DNP	DNP
Drake*	DNP	DNP	DNP	8-10-1*	1-3-3	DNP	DNP
at Miami-Ohio	DNP	DNP	0-0-1	7-9-6*	3-3-0	DNP	DNP
Missouri State*							
at Wichita State*							

SUPERLATIVES

STARTING LINEUPS – F, F, C, G, G (10):

- Plank, Dilligard, Dyer, K. Ford, D. Ford (1-1)
W – Indianapolis
L – Bradley
- 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 (1-3)
W – Indiana State
L – Southern Illinois, at Bradley, at Evansville
- Dilligard, Dyer, K. Ford, D. Ford, Holtz (0-1)
L – at Drake
- Plank, Dilligard, Dyer, Fortes, K. Ford (1-1)
W – Drake
L – at Miami (Ohio)

FIRST POINTS:

- Dilligard 6, Onyeuku 5, Plank 5, Odiakosa 3, D. Ford 2, K. Ford 1, Vandello 1, Dyer 1, Fortes 1

DOUBLE-DIGIT SCORERS (52):

- Dilligard 12, Plank 10, Onyeuku 8, D. Ford 8, K. Ford 4, Fortes 3, Holtz 3, Vandello 2, Dyer 2

DOUBLE-DIGIT REBOUNDING (5):

- Dilligard 3, Odiakosa 1, Plank 1

LEADING SCORER:

- Plank 7, Onyeuku 6, Dilligard 6, D. Ford 3, Fortes 2, Vandello 1, Holtz 1, K. Ford 1, Dyer 1

LEADING REBOUNDER:

- Dilligard 13, Plank 7, D. Ford 4, Vandello 2, Odiakosa 2, K. Ford 1, Dyer 1

DOUBLE-DOUBLES (2):

- Dilligard 2

DUNKS (28):

- Dilligard 18, Onyeuku 8, Fortes 1, Carlwell 1

FIRST SUBSTITUTION:

- Vandello 8, Carlwell 7, Holtz 3, Onyeuku 3, Fortes 2, Plank 1, D. Ford 1

CHARGES DRAWN (14):

- Dilligard 7, Holtz 2, Dyer 2, Carlwell 1, Plank 1, Odiakosa 1

MOST MINUTES:

- 38, D. Ford vs. Wichita State, 1-8-06
- 38, Plank vs. Creighton, 12-31-05
- 38, Plank vs. Drake, 2-14-06
- 37, Plank at Creighton, 1-5-06
- 37, D. Ford vs. Grambling State, 11-29-05
- 37, Dilligard vs. Drake, 2-14-06
- 37, Fortes vs. Drake, 2-14-06
- 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*	18-37
at Evansville*	23-13
at Drake*	19-14
Bradley*	13-8
Drake*	11-26
at Miami-Ohio	3-17
Missouri State*	
at Wichita State*	
Total	471-361

2005-06 VALLEY RANKINGS

Through Feb. 20 (All Games)

TEAM		
Scoring Offense	10th	55.6
Scoring Defense	3rd	58.6
Scoring Margin	8th	-3.0
Free Throw Pct	10th	61.3
Field Goal Pct	10th	41.0
FG Pct. Defense	1st	39.8
3-Point FG Pct.	9th	32.5
3-Point FG Pct. Def	8th	36.1
Rebounding Offense	9th	31.9
Rebounding Defense	15th	33.9
Rebounding Margin	8th	-2.0
Blocked Shots	2nd	4.52
Assists	9th	12.84
Steals	6th	7.08
Turnover Margin	9th	-1.04
Assist/Turnover Ratio	10th	0.78
Offensive Rebounds	8th	9.44
Defensive Rebounds	7th	22.44
3-Point Field Goals Made	6th	5.88

REBOUNDING

Greg Dilligard	115th	5.6
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FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Greg Dilligard	4th	54.3
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STEALS

Dana Ford	5th	1.88
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3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Roberto Fortes	7th	40.4
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BLOCKED SHOTS

Greg Dilligard	3rd	2.08
Dana Ford	10th	0.80

OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS

Greg Dilligard	19th	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.Baboucar Bojang (15) vs. UNI, 1-30-02
 OpponentRandal Falcker (15), Southern Illinois, 1-28-06

A player had a double-double ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Greg Dilligard (10p, 10r) vs. Evansville, 1-16-06
 OpponentPatrick O'Bryant (23p, 13r), Bradley, 2-11-06
 Marcellus Sommerville (18p, 11r), Bradley, 2-11-06

A player made five 3-pointers ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Roberto Fortes (7-11) at Miami (Ohio), 2-18-06
 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
 OpponentAl Stewart (9), Drake, 2-14-06

A player blocked five shots ...
 ILLINOIS ST.Greg Dilligard (7) at Loyola-Chicago, 12-18-04
 OpponentPatrick O'Bryant (5), Bradley, 2-1-06

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.vs. Drake (11-25), 2-14-06
 OpponentWichita State (10-20), 2-10-05

A team had 25 3-point field goal attempts ...
 ILLINOIS ST.vs. Drake (11-25), 2-14-06
 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
 OpponentMiami (Ohio) (500, 5-10), 2-18-06

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	9-16	ISU Scores 60 or More	5-2
Missouri Valley Conference	4-12	ISU Scores less than 60	4-13
Playing Nationally Ranked Teams	0-0	Opponent Scores 100 or More	0-0
Leading at the Half	8-1	Opponent Scores 90 or More	0-0
Trailing at the Half	1-13	Opponent Scores 80 or More	0-0
Tied at the Half	0-2	Opponent Scores 70 or More	0-6
Leading with 5:00 to Play	6-0	Opponent Scores 60 or More	0-11
Trailing with 5:00 to Play	2-16	Opponent Scores less than 60	9-5
Tied with 5:00 to Play	1-0	In Games Decided by 5 or less	3-4
In Overtime	1-1	In Games Decided by 6-10 Points	2-3
ISU out-rebounds opponent	6-3	In Games Decided by 11-20 Points	2-8
Opponents out-rebound ISU	3-11	In Games Decided by 21+ Points	2-1
ISU has 15 or fewer Turnovers	4-8	Day Games	4-6
ISU has fewer Turnovers than opp	4-5	Night Games	5-10
ISU shoots 50 Percent or Better	3-0	Home Court	9-5
ISU shoots 40 Percent or Better	6-8	Away Games	0-11
Opponents shoot less than 40 Percent	7-3	Neutral Games	0-0
Opponents shoot 40 Percent or Better	2-13	When ISU Scores First	4-1
ISU shoots better than Opponent	9-3	When ISU Wins Tip	3-3
Opponent shoots better than ISU	0-12	In November	3-1
ISU has more FG Attempts	2-7	In December	3-3
Opponent has more FG Attempts	6-8	In January	2-7
ISU Shoots better than 35 Percent on 3's	5-5	In February	1-5
ISU Attempts more 3's	4-13	In March	0-0
Opponents Attempt more 3's	5-2	On Sunday	0-2
ISU has more FT Attempts	7-3	On Monday	1-1
Opponent has more FT Attempts	2-13	On Tuesday	3-2
ISU Scores 100 or More	0-0	On Wednesday	1-2
ISU Scores 90 or More	0-0	On Thursday	0-2
ISU Scores 80 or More	0-0	On Friday	0-0
ISU Scores 70 or More	1-0	On Saturday	4-7



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:
 Did not play.

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
at Bradley*	6	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Evansville*	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0	1	0	0
at Drake*	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bradley*	6	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-2	1	0	0	1	0	2
Drake*											
at Miami-Ohio											
Missouri State*											
at Wichita 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 – 37 vs. Drake, 2-14-06

SEASON BESTS:

Points – 22 at Indiana State, 12-22-05
 Rebounds – 12 at Indiana State, 12-22-05
 Assists – 3, twice
 Blocked Shots – 4, four times
 Steals – 3 vs. Western Michigan, 11-26-05
 Minutes – 37 vs. Drake, 2-14-06

Last Time Out:
 Tossed in 12 points, on 6-for-11 shooting, with three rebounds and a blocked shot.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has swatted at least one blocked shot in 23 of 25 games this season.
- 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 114.
- Owns 18 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	2-5	3	1	2	1	0	16	6
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	1-1	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
at Bradley*	26	4-10	0-0	0-2	3-6	4	1	2	0	0	8
at Evansville*	30	3-7	0-0	2-2	0-4	3	1	4	1	1	8
at Drake*	35	6-8	0-0	0-0	4-8	2	0	2	0	0	12
Bradley*	30	6-12	0-0	2-3	0-4	4	1	2	3	1	14
Drake*	37	2-5	0-0	1-4	4-8	2	2	4	4	1	5
at Miami-Ohio	35	6-11	0-0	0-0	2-3	3	1	3	1	1	12
Missouri State*											
at Wichita State*											

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Levi Dyer 32

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

CAREER BESTS:

Points - 16 vs. Bradley, 2-11-06
Rebounds - 6 vs. Drake, 2-14-06
Assists - 4 vs. Drake, 2-14-06
Blocked Shots - 1, five times
Steals - 3 at Drake, 2-7-06
Minutes - 35 vs. Drake, 2-14-06

SEASON BESTS:

Points - 16 vs. Bradley, 2-11-06
Rebounds - 6 vs. Drake, 2-14-06
Assists - 4 vs. Drake, 2-14-06
Blocked Shots - 1, five times
Steals - 3 at Drake, 2-7-06
Minutes - 35 vs. Drake, 2-14-06

Last Time Out:

Registered two points, on 1-for-7 shooting, and added five rebounds in 24 minutes of play.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Posted back-to-back double-digit scoring games for the first time in his career against Bradley and Drake.
• Coming off a career day against Bradley. Finished with 16 points on 5-for-9 shooting, including 5-for-8 on threes.
• Increased his vertical jump by five inches during the off-season.
• A strong outside shooter.

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 - 5 vs. Drake, 2-14-06
Blocked Shots - 2, six times
Steals - 4, three times
Minutes - 38 vs. Wichita State, 1-8-06

SEASON BESTS:

Points - 16, twice
Rebounds - 7, twice
Assists - 5 vs. Drake, 2-14-06
Blocked Shots - 2, five times
Steals - 4, four times
Minutes - 38 vs. Wichita State, 1-8-06

Last Time Out:

Held scoreless in 21 minutes of action, but added five rebounds and two assists.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- 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, three times
Blocked Shots – 1, twice
Steals – 2, twice
Minutes – 34 vs. Indianapolis, 11-19-05

Last Time Out:
Played 23 minutes without an assist and one turnover, while added two points and a steal.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has made two of his last 17 field goals (.118) and has missed seven straight three-point attempts.
- Has four double-digit scoring games on the season.
- 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
Indiana State*											
Southern Illinois*											
at Bradley*	26	4-7	2-4	0-0	0-2	1	5	5	0	1	10
at Evansville*	17	4-4	2-2	0-0	0-0	3	1	0	0	1	10
at Drake*	24	0-5	0-1	2-2	1-3	3	2	2	0	1	2
Bradley*	30	1-7	0-3	0-0	1-3	2	3	3	0	0	2
Drake*	22	0-2	0-1	1-2	0-0	3	2	3	0	2	1
at Miami-Ohio	23	1-3	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	0	1	0	1	2
Missouri State*											
at Wichita State*											

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**Missouri Valley Conference game*



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

CAREER BESTS:
Points – 23 at Miami (Ohio), 2-18-06
Rebounds – 5 at Drake, 2-7-06
Assists – 2, three times
Blocked Shots – 0
Steals – 3 vs. Drake, 2-14-06
Minutes – 37 vs. Drake, 2-14-06

Last Time Out:
Collected another career high with a game-high 23 points, including seven three-pointers.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- For the fourth straight game, notched a career-high with 23 points, on 7-for-11 shooting on treys, at Miami (Ohio).
- Poured in 22 points, on 6-for-10 shooting from beyond the arc, in the overtime victory over Drake.
- Has scored 63 of his 85 points on the season in the last four games.
- Has played 186 minutes in the last 14 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
at Bradley*	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Evansville*	7	0-3	0-2	0-0	0-1	0	2	0	0	0	0
at Drake*	24	2-9	2-8	1-3	0-5	5	1	1	0	1	7
Bradley*	24	4-9	2-5	1-1	0-2	3	0	4	0	0	11
Drake*	37	8-13	6-10	0-0	0-0	3	0	4	0	3	22
at Miami-Ohio	33	7-14	7-11	2-2	0-1	1	0	2	0	0	23
Missouri State*											
at Wichita State*											

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**Missouri Valley Conference game*



Brandon Holtz 45
G • 6-4 • 185 • Fr.-HS • Bloomington, Ill. (Bloomington)

CAREER BESTS:

Points – 12 vs. Southern Illinois, 1-28-06
 Rebounds – 5, twice
 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:

Logged five minutes and missed his lone field goal attempt, a three-pointer.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- In his last five games, he's shooting 6-for-30 (.200).
- Has played 20 combined minutes in the last four games, after playing an average of 19.3 minutes in the previous seven contests.
- Won the team's three-point shooting contest at the Redbird Hoopfest, which kicked off the 2005-06 season.

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
at Bradley*	20	0-7	0-4	0-0	1-5	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Evansville*	19	2-8	2-6	0-0	0-3	1	1	1	0	1	6
at Drake*	9	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bradley*											
Drake*	6	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0
at Miami-Ohio	5	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri State*											
at Wichita State*											

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** Missouri Valley Conference game*



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:

Did not play.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has played 23 total minutes in the last 14 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*	9	0-1	0-1	4-4	1-1	0	2	1	0	1	4
at Bradley*	2	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	1	0	2
at Evansville*	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Drake*											
Bradley*											
Drake*											
at Miami-Ohio											
Missouri State*											
at Wichita 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, four times
 Blocked Shots – 2 at Bradley, 2-1-06
 Steals – 1, three times
 Minutes – 20, twice

Last Time Out:
 Did not play.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Had a career game against Indiana State with a career-best six points and 10 rebounds.
- 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
at Bradley*	16	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	2	0	3	2	1	0
at Evansville*	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	4	0	1	0	0	0
at Drake*											
Bradley*											
Drake*											
at Miami-Ohio											
Missouri State*											
at Wichita State*											

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 * Missouri Valley Conference game



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:
 Played seven minutes and was held scoreless, but added an assist and a turnover.

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 not scored in three straight games.
- Has posted eight double-digit scoring games this season.
- 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	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*	21	1-3	0-1	3-4	0-1	4	1	0	0	0	5
at Bradley*	31	6-14	0-0	0-1	1-4	0	2	6	1	0	12
at Evansville*	30	3-8	0-2	4-4	1-1	3	1	1	0	0	10
at Drake*	15	2-5	0-1	0-0	0-1	2	1	2	0	0	4
Bradley*	9	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-2	3	2	2	0	0	0
Drake*											
at Miami-Ohio	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Missouri State*											
at Wichita State*											

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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 - 10 vs. Drake, 2-14-06
Assists - 7, twice
Blocked Shots - 1, twice
Steals - 5 at Creighton, 1-5-06
Minutes - 38, twice

Last Time Out:

Posted a good all-around game with seven points, nine rebounds and six assists.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- He has registered double figure points in 10 games this season.
• Grabbed a season-best 10 boards in the overtime home win against Drake.
• 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 three 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

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

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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, four times
Steals - 3 vs. Evansville, 1-16-06
Minutes - 31 vs. Georgia Southern, 12-10-05

Last Time Out:

Tossed in three points, on 1-for-3 shooting, with three rebounds and three turnovers in 21 minutes.

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES:

- Has scored a combined four points in the last four games.
• Has made seven of his last 15 three-point attempts (.467).
• He is shooting 2-for-12 (.167) on threes at home and 9-for-17 (.529) 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

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

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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:
Did not play.

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
at Bradley*	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0
at Evansville*											
at Drake*											
Bradley*											
Drake*											
at Miami-Ohio											
Missouri State*											
at Wichita State*											

BOLD indicates games started
* Missouri Valley Conference game



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:
Did not play.

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:

- 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
at Bradley*	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Evansville*	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Drake*											
Bradley*											
Drake*											
at Miami-Ohio											
Missouri State*											
at Wichita State*											

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EXHIBITION 1

Redbirds Win Lone Exhibition, 60-49

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

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

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

ILLINOIS STATE 60, Augustana (S.D.) 49
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Table with columns: Augustana (S.D.) Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include 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. Rows include 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. Rows include 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. Rows include 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. Rows include 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. Rows include Hicks, McGowan, Kirkland, Muhammad, White, Tilford, Downey, Watt, Miller, Allen, Coleman, Murray, and Totals.

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

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



GAME 3

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

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

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

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

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

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

ILLINOIS STATE 64, Western Michigan 47

November 26, 2005 • Redbird Arena

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

Team Pct.: FG – .314; FT – .632

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

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

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .420; FT – .773

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

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

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

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

Officials: John Yorkovich, Greg Webb, Jeff Malham

Attendance: 3,980

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 34, Western Michigan 20

GAME 4

Hot Second Half Shooting Propels ISU to 62-50 Win

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

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

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

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

ILLINOIS STATE 62, Grambling State 50

November 29, 2005 • Redbird Arena

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

Team Pct.: FG – .368; FT – .417

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

Blocks: 0

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .500; FT – .556

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

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

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

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

Officials: Paul Janssen, Paul Kaster, Neil Armstrong

Attendance: 5,149

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 26, Grambling State 16

GAME 5

'Birds Hold Off UW-Green Bay

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

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

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

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

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

ILLINOIS STATE 59, UW-Green Bay 51

December 3, 2005 • Redbird Arena

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

Team Pct.: FG – .290; FT – .750

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

Blocks: 2 (Lawrence 1, Morris 1)

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .429; FT – .741

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

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

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

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

Officials: Patrick Adams, Bo Boroski, Jeb Hartness

Attendance: 5,871

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



GAME 6

ISU Sets New Arena Record; Defeats IPFW

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GAME 7

Second Half Surge Not Enough for ISU

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GAME 8

Redbird Rally Falls Short; ISU Downed 73-69

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 ILLINOIS STATE and Cal State Northridge players and totals.

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

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

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

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



GAME 9

'Birds Battle to OT, but Fall 69-59

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

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

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

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .414; FT – .471

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

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

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .362; FT – .767

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

Blocks: 1 (Wurtz 1)

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

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

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

Attendance: 5,072

Halftime Score: Indiana State 28, ILLINOIS STATE 22

GAME 10

Ford Hits Buzzer-Beater to Lift ISU over the Jays

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

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

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .465; FT – .222

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

Blocks: 3 (Tolliver 3)

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .500; FT – .545

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

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

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

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

Officials: Steve Olson, Curtis Shaw, Robert Staffen

Attendance: 5,970

Halftime Score: Creighton 28, ILLINOIS STATE 23

GAME 11

Slow Start Sinks 'Birds

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

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

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .417; FT – .500

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

Blocks: 2 (Dilligard 1, Onyeuku 1)

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .478; FT – .684

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

Blocks: 2 (Jacobson 1, Santos 1)

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

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

Officials: John Higgins, Frank Spencer, Steve Gordon

Attendance: 4,014

Halftime Score: Northern Iowa 29, ILLINOIS STATE 16



GAME 12

Second-Half Run Downs Illinois State

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GAME 13

Wichita State Spurts Past Redbirds 56-47

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GAME 14

Bears Pull Away in Second Half, 70-54

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



GAME 15

Northern Iowa Handles Redbirds

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

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

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

Northern Iowa 67, ILLINOIS STATE 52
January 14, 2006 • Redbird Arena

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

Team Pct.: FG – .435; FT – .815
3-Pt.: 5-18, .278 (Stout 0-1, Little 0-3, Jacobson 2-6, McKowen 0-3, Brown 3-5)
Blocks: 7 (Stout 3, Coleman 1, Little 1, Jacobson 1, Josten 1)
Turnovers: 16 (Stout 2, Little 1, Jacobson 5, McKowen 4, Josten 2, Brown 1, Howard 1)
Steals: 6 (Jacobson 4, McKowen 1, Josten 1)

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

Team Pct.: FG – .323; FT – .545
3-Pt.: 4-21, .190 (Onyeuku 1-2, Plank 0-1, D. Ford 0-5, Fortes 0-3, K. Ford 2-4, Vandello 0-2, Dyer 0-1, Holtz 1-3)
Blocks: 5 (Dilligard 4, D. Ford 1)
Turnovers: 13 (Odiakosa 1, Dilligard 4, Onyeuku 2, Plank 2, Fortes 1, K. Ford 2, Carlwell 1)
Steals: 11 (Dilligard 2, Onyeuku 2, D. Ford 2, K. Ford 1, Kruse 2, Holtz 2)

Officials: Paul Janssen, Kerry Campbell, David Warfel
Attendance: 5,336
Halftime Score: Northern Iowa 33, ILLINOIS STATE 18

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, Evansville 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
January 22, 2006 • SIU Arena

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
January 25, 2006 • Redbird Arena

Table with columns: Indiana State, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include 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 columns: ILLINOIS STATE, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include 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 Falke 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.

Southern Illinois 65, ILLINOIS STATE 52
January 28, 2006 • Redbird Arena

Table with columns: Southern Illinois, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include Falke, 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 (Falke 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)

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

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

GAME 20

Second Half Sinks 'Birds Again

PEORIA, Ill. - Holding Illinois State scoreless for the first seven minutes of the second half, the Bradley Braves came out firing with a 16-0 run ignited by Daniel Ruffin on a three-point basket. The Braves held Illinois State to only 14 second half points to defeat the Redbirds, 73-44 in Missouri Valley conference play at Carver Arena in front of 11,164 fans.

The Braves' 16-0 run in the first minutes of the second half was stopped on a Nedu Onyeuku lay-up at 13:02. Dana Ford answered with a steal and a lay-up to bring the 'Birds within 14, but Bradley continued its offensive attack with a 12-0 run, extending the lead to 62-36. Bradley held ISU to only 28 percent shooting in the final 20 minutes, and kept them scoreless from beyond the arc.

Bradley 73, ILLINOIS STATE 44
February 1, 2006 • Carver Arena

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

Team Pct.: FG - .396; FT - .000
3-Pt.: 2-11, .182 (Plank 0-1, Holtz 0-4, K. Ford 2-4, Vandello 0-1)
Blocks: 4 (Odiakosa 2, Onyeuku 1, Kruse 1)
Turnovers: 25 (Odiakosa 3, Dilligard 2, Onyeuku 6, Plank 3, K. Ford 5, Vianney 1, Kruse 2, Vandello 2, D. Ford 1)
Steals: 4 (Odiakosa 1, Plank 1, K. Ford 1, D. Ford 1)

Table with columns: Bradley, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include Sommerville, O'Bryant, Bennett, Tauai, Ruffin, Brown, Franklin, Crouch, Andrews, Wright, Adams, Lavin, Heemskerck, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .475; FT - .667
3-Pt.: 5-12, .417 (Sommerville 0-2, Bennett 0-1, Ruffin 1-1, Brown 0-1, Franklin 1-2, Crouch 1-1, Wright 1-2, Adams 1-2)
Blocks: 7 (O'Bryant 5, Andrews 1, Wright 1)
Turnovers: 13 (Sommerville 1, O'Bryant 3, Bennett 1, Tauai 2, Ruffin 2, Andrews 2, Wright 1, Team 1)
Steals: 14 (O'Bryant 1, Bennett 3, Tauai 3, Ruffin 2, Franklin 2, Andrews 1, Wright 1, Adams 1)

Officials: Steve Olson, Don Daily, Kipp Kissinger
Attendance: 11,164
Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 30, Bradley 30



GAME 21

Slow Start Sinks Redbirds

EVANSVILLE, Ind. – Cold shooting followed the Illinois State men's basketball team from Peoria, Ill., to Evansville, Ind., as the Purple Aces snapped an eight-game losing streak with a 54-47 victory Saturday night at Roberts Stadium.

The Redbird offensive struggles continued in the first half (7-for-21), as ISU didn't crack the scoring column until the 14:39 mark on a basket by Nedu Onyeuku. Luckily, the Aces had only mustered three field goals of their own for an early 6-2 lead. With Evansville leading 12-6 and 12:33 left in the opening frame, the Redbirds endured another five-minute scoring drought which led to an 8-0 Aces run and a 20-6 advantage. The Aces led by as many as 15 points in the half, 25-10, but a pair of three-pointers by Michael Vandello and Brandon Holtz help cut the halftime deficit to 30-18.

The 'Birds ended up shooting 36.2 percent from the field for the game, while Onyeuku and Khalif Ford were the only players in double figures with 10 points apiece. Ford was perfect from the floor on 4-for-4 shooting, including 2-of-2 on treys.

Evansville 54, ILLINOIS STATE 47
February 4, 2006 • Roberts Stadium

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Odiakosa, f	7	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	4	0
Dilligard, f	30	3-7	2-2	0-4	1	3	8
Onyeuku, g	30	3-8	4-4	1-1	1	3	10
Plank, g	23	0-1	0-0	0-3	0	0	0
Holtz, g	19	2-8	0-0	0-3	1	1	6
Fortes	7	0-3	0-0	0-1	2	0	0
K. Ford	17	4-4	0-0	0-0	1	3	10
Wallace	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Kruse	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Vandello	28	3-9	0-0	1-2	2	1	7
Dyer	12	2-5	1-2	0-1	1	0	6
D. Ford	22	0-1	0-0	0-2	2	2	0
Carlwell	3	0-1	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
Totals	200	17-47	7-8	5-25	11	17	47

Team Pct.: FG – .362; FT – .875
3-Pt.: 6-18, .333 (Onyeuku 0-2, Holtz 2-6, Fortes 0-2, K. Ford 2-2, Vandello 1-1, Dyer 1-4, D. Ford 0-1)
Blocks: 3 (Dilligard 1, D. Ford 1, Carlwell 1)
Turnovers: 14 (Odiakosa 1, Dilligard 4, Onyeuku 1, Plank 3, Holtz 1, Vandello 2, D. Ford 1, Team 1)
Steals: 5 (Dilligard 1, Plank 1, Holtz 1, K. Ford 1, Vandello 1)

Evansville	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Ely, f	32	3-10	0-1	5-10P	3	1	7
Webster, f	27	6-10	3-5	1-8	1	3	15
Strickland, c	13	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	5	2
Anslinger, g	36	1-5	2-2	0-4	5	0	4
Holsinger, g	34	4-10	2-2	1-3	2	2	13
Stalbergs	13	1-4	0-0	0-3	0	1	3
Blakey	14	2-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	4
Phifer	12	0-0	0-0	0-3	2	0	0
Petty	20	2-3	2-2	0-1	1	3	6
Totals	200	20-48	9-12	11-37	15	15	54

Team Pct.: FG – .417; FT – .750
3-Pt.: 5-15, .333 (Ely 1-2, Webster 0-1, Holsinger 3-9, Stalbergs 1-2, Blakey 0-1)
Blocks: 2 (Ely 1, Petty 1)
Turnovers: 17 (Ely 2, Webster 6, Strickland 2, Anslinger 1, Holsinger 2, Stalbergs 2, Phifer 1, Petty 1)
Steals: 8 (Ely 2, Webster 1, Anslinger 3, Holsinger 1, Blakey 1)

Officials: David Warfel, Greg Webb, Jerry Seibert
Attendance: 5,302
Halftime Score: Evansville 30, ILLINOIS STATE 18

GAME 22

Slow-Starting Halves Too Much for ISU

DES MOINES, Iowa – The Illinois State men's basketball team opened the game with a 2-for-12 effort from the field and added a 1-for-10 performance to start the second half and was never able to fully recover, despite overcoming a 17-point deficit, as the Redbirds fell to Drake 45-41 in Missouri Valley Conference action at the Knapp Center Tuesday night.

After another slow start and a five-minute scoring drought, the Redbirds shook off a double-digit deficit and clawed to within seven points, 27-20, by the intermission.

The Redbirds endured the same start in the second half, being held scoreless for the first five minutes and quickly fell behind 39-22 with 11:27 left. ISU responded with a 12-0 run of its own, thanks to six points from Neil Plank, to close to within 39-36 at the 6:08 mark.

ISU regained possession in the game's final minute on a steal by Plank. With seven seconds left, Plank's in-bounds pass was intercepted by the Bulldogs and Al Stewart sank a pair of free throws to seal a 45-41 Drake victory.

Drake 45, ILLINOIS STATE 41
February 7, 2006 • Knapp Center

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Dilligard, f	35	6-8	0-0	4-8	0	2	12
Dyer, c	22	2-6	0-0	0-5	2	3	5
K. Ford, g	24	0-5	2-2	1-3	2	3	2
D. Ford, g	23	1-5	1-2	2-5	2	1	3
Holtz, g	9	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Fortes	24	2-9	1-3	0-5	1	5	7
Onyeuku	15	2-5	0-0	0-1	1	2	4
Plank	29	3-9	0-0	1-4	3	2	8
Vandello	15	0-2	0-2	0-0	1	0	0
Carlwell	4	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Totals	200	16-50	4-9	8-34	12	19	41

Team Pct.: FG – .320; FT – .444
3-Pt.: 5-25, .200 (Dyer 1-4, K. Ford 0-1, D. Ford 0-1, Holtz 0-1, Fortes 2-8, Onyeuku 0-1, Plank 2-7, Vandello 0-2)
Blocks: 1 (D. Ford 1)
Turnovers: 10 (Dilligard 2, K. Ford 2, D. Ford 1, Fortes 1, Onyeuku 2, Plank 1, Vandello 1)
Steals: 8 (Dyer 3, K. Ford 1, D. Ford 2, Fortes 1, Vandello 1)

Drake	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Heemskerk, f	22	1-1	1-3	1-5	1	4	3
Calvin, f	28	3-9	1-1	1-8	0	1	7
Bryant, g	22	1-6	2-2	2-3	1	0	5
Stewart, g	29	2-9	4-7	2-6	7	1	8
Brooks, g	30	3-7	1-2	0-2	1	1	8
Grant	17	0-2	1-4	1-2	0	1	1
Emmenecker	3	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Tracy	18	0-1	2-2	0-1	0	0	2
Cox	13	1-3	0-0	0-1	0	1	3
Keita	18	4-4	0-1	1-7	0	2	8
Totals	200	15-42	12-22	8-37	10	11	45

Team Pct.: FG – .357; FT – .545
3-Pt.: 3-11, .273 (Bryant 1-5, Stewart 0-1, Brooks 1-2, Cox 1-3)
Blocks: 1 (Keita 1)
Turnovers: 13 (Heemskerk 2, Calvin 2, Stewart 5, Brooks 1, Cox 1, Keita 2)
Steals: 5 (Heemskerk 3, Brooks 1, Tracy 1)

Officials: Paul Janssen, Verne Harris, Gerry Pollard
Attendance: 3,014
Halftime Score: Drake 27, ILLINOIS STATE 20

GAME 23

Redbirds Fall to Bradley, 71-59

NORMAL, Ill. – Illinois State center Levi Dyer scored a career-high 16 points on 5-for-8 shooting from beyond the arc, but it wasn't enough as Illinois State fell 71-59 to in-state rival Bradley in front of 8,388 fans in Missouri Valley Conference play Saturday at Redbird Arena.

Bradley opened the first half hot on the offensive end, hitting seven of their first 16 shots. The 'Birds were unable to contain Patrick O' Bryant's strong play in the post, as he paced the Braves with 10 points during an 18-5 scoring run to begin the game. However, the Braves went cold, as they only made three of their next 13 tries from the field.

The 'Birds were able to take advantage of the Braves' cold streak as they battled back with their own 19-6 run to tie the game at 24-24 on a three-pointer from Dyer with 7:12 remaining. The 'Birds then captured their first lead of the game on 9-3 run, taking a 33-27 lead with 3:33 remaining. After both teams traded baskets, the Redbirds held a 36-33 advantage at the break.

The second half began with five lead changes, with the Braves leading 44-43 on a put back by O'Bryant with 12:26 remaining. However, the Bradley bench was assessed a technical foul following the play, allowing the Redbirds to tie the game again at 44-44. The Braves regained the lead, 56-47, courtesy of a 12-3 run with six points coming from Marcellus Sommerville, who had 15 points in the second half. The Braves never looked back, going on a 16-7 run to end the game.

Bradley 71, ILLINOIS STATE 59
February 11, 2006 • Redbird Arena

Bradley	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Sommerville, f	28	5-10	5-5	2-11	1	3	18
O'Bryant, c	34	7-15	9-10	8-13	0	2	23
Bennett, g	36	2-7	0-0	1-6	2	2	4
Tauai, g	27	1-1	0-0	0-2	1	1	2
Ruffin, g	30	3-8	9-10	0-3	5	0	16
Franklin	18	1-4	0-0	0-0	1	1	3
Crouch	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Wright	21	2-8	1-2	2-5	0	1	5
Adams	3	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	0
Totals	200	21-54	24-27	14-44	11	12	71

Team Pct.: FG – .389; FT – .889
3-Pt.: 5-11, .455 (Sommerville 3-4, Ruffin 1-2, Bennett 0-1, Franklin 1-2, Wright 0-1, Adams 0-1)
Blocks: 8 (Sommerville, O'Bryant 4, Tauai 2, Wright 1)
Turnovers: 14 (Sommerville 3, Ruffin 1, O'Bryant 3, Bennett 4, Tauai 1, Franklin 1, Adams 1)
Steals: 10 (Ruffin 5, Bennett 1, Tauai 2, Franklin 1, Wright 1)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Dilligard, f	30	6-12	2-3	0-4	1	4	14
Dyer, c	29	5-9	1-2	1-4	0	2	16
K. Ford, g	30	1-7	0-0	1-3	3	2	2
Plank, g	34	4-9	3-3	1-3	4	2	13
D. Ford, g	24	0-3	1-2	0-3	1	2	1
Fortes	24	4-9	1-1	0-2	0	3	11
Onyeuku	9	0-2	0-0	0-2	2	0	3
Vandello	14	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Carlwell	6	1-2	0-0	1-2	0	1	2
Totals	200	21-53	8-11	4-26	11	21	59

Team Pct.: FG – .396; FT – .727
3-Pt.: 9-20, .450 (Plank 2-3, Dyer 5-8, K. Ford 0-3, D. Ford 0-1, Fortes 2-5)
Blocks: 7 (Dilligard 3, Dyer 1, D. Ford 2, Carlwell 1)
Turnovers: 15 (Dilligard 2, K. Ford 3, D. Ford 3, Fortes 4, Onyeuku 2, Vandello 1)
Steals: 5 (Plank 2, Dilligard 1, D. Ford 2)

Officials: Mike Sanzere, John Moore, Terry Anderson
Attendance: 8,388
Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 36, Bradley 33



GAME 24

Redbirds Win in Overtime Against Drake

NORMAL, Ill. - Illinois State went into Tuesday night's game with the intent of ending its five-game losing streak and making up for the close loss to Drake, 41-45, just one week ago.

The Bulldogs held a 23-16 advantage with 6:17 left in the frame, but ISU responded with an 11-0 run, fueled by eight Fortes points and a Dana Ford three-point field goal to take a 27-23 lead.

Neil Plank started out the second half with a three-point shot putting the Redbirds' lead at 31-28. However the lead was short-lived when Drake's Aliou Keita began a 7-0 Bulldog run leaving the 'Birds to catch up with 17:11 left in the game.

The lead came to a halt when Drake's Corey Bryant hit a three-point field goal and Chaun Brooks' laid one in with 28 seconds left sending the game into overtime.

After various turnovers by both teams, Greg Dilligard scored the first points of the overtime period with 1:45 to go, putting the 'Birds ahead 57-55. Drake's only point came via a Jacob Baryenbruch foul shot with 22 seconds left.

ILLINOIS STATE 58, Drake 56 OT
February 14, 2006 • Redbird Arena

Stat table for Game 24 showing player performance for Drake and Illinois State.

Team Pct.: FG - .316; FT - .714
3-Pt.: 5-15, .333 (Brooks 0-1, Cox 1-3, Stewart 0-1, Bryant 3-8, Heemskerk 0-1, Baryenbruch 1-1)
Blocks: 4 (Cox 1, Keita 1, Heemskerk 2)
Turnovers: 14 (Keita 2, Stewart 4, Grant 2, Bryant 1, Heemskerk 1, Houston 1, Baryenbruch 1, Emmenecker 1, Tracy 1)
Steals: 12 (Brooks 1, Stewart 9, Bryant 1, Heemskerk 1)

Stat table for Game 24 showing player performance for Illinois State.

Team Pct.: FG - .412; FT - .385
3-Pt.: 11-25, .440 (Plank 0-3, Dyer 3-5, Fortes 6-10, K. Ford 0-1, D. Ford 2-5, Holtz 0-1)
Blocks: 7 (Dilligard 4, Dyer 1, D. Ford 2)
Turnovers: 17 (Plank 4, Dilligard 4, Dyer 1, Fortes 4, K. Ford 3, D. Ford 1)
Steals: 8 (Dilligard 1, Dyer 1, Fortes 3, K. Ford 2, Vandello 1)

Officials: J.D. Collins, Frank Spencer, Don Daily
Attendance: 4,326
Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 29, Drake 28

GAME 25

Redbirds, Fortes Fall Just Short Against Miami

OXFORD, Ohio - Illinois State's Roberto Fortes tossed in a career high scoring total for the fourth straight game, but his layup under pressure in the game's final six seconds didn't get over the rim and the Redbirds dropped a 51-49 nonconference decision to Miami (Ohio) at Millett Hall on Saturday.

Miami jumped out to a 3-0 lead, but Fortes continued his torrid shooting with his first of five first half treys to knot the score at 3-3 at the 17:37 mark. The Redbirds took their first lead of the game at 7-5 on Khalif Ford's fastbreak layup off a steal.

Miami opened up the second half with a Nathan Peavy basket to give the RedHawks their largest lead of the game at 31-25, but the Redbirds countered with a 9-0 run, including another three-pointer by Fortes, to take a 34-31 advantage at the 14:41 mark.

The RedHawks bounced back and claimed a 37-36 lead with 10:44 left, but another 7-1 spurt gave the 'Birds a 43-38 lead with 7:55 on the clock. The RedHawks again countered with their own 13-2 run, including five points by William Hatcher, to claim a 51-45 lead.

ISU would not go away as Greg Dilligard buried a jumper with 2:08 left, followed by a pair of free throws by Fortes to make the score 51-49 with 1:41 left. Neil Plank forced a turnover and passed the ball ahead to a streaking Fortes, but the ball was pinched between the rim and backboard before falling out of bounds off a RedHawk player. With six seconds left the in-bounded pass went to Michael Vandello, but the Redbird freshman lost the handle resulting in an ISU turnover.

Miami (Ohio) 51, ILLINOIS STATE 49
February 18, 2006 • Millett Hall

Stat table for Game 25 showing player performance for Illinois State.

Team Pct.: FG - .413; FT - .667
3-Pt.: 7-22, .318 (Plank 0-1, Dyer 0-5, Fortes 7-11, K. Ford 0-2, Vandello 0-1, D. Ford 0-1, Holtz 0-1)
Blocks: 4 (Dilligard 1, Vandello 1, D. Ford 2)
Turnovers: 11 (Plank 1, Dilligard 3, Fortes 2, K. Ford 1, Onyeuku 1, Vandello 3)
Steals: 2 (Dilligard 1, K. Ford 1)

Stat table for Game 25 showing player performance for Miami (Ohio).

Team Pct.: FG - .413; FT - .571
3-Pt.: 5-10, .500 (Peavy 1-1, Hausfeld 0-1, Hatcher 1-3, Penno 3-4, E. Pollitz 0-1)
Blocks: None
Turnovers: 6 (T. Pollitz 1, VanderSluis 1, Hausfeld 2, Hatcher 1, E. Pollitz 1)
Steals: 6 (Peavy 3, T. Pollitz 1, Hausfeld 1, Hatcher 1)

Officials: J.D. Collins, Frank Spencer, Don Daily
Attendance: 4,326
Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 29, Drake 28