



QUICK GLANCE

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Founded	1857
Location	Normal, IL 61790-7130
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Missouri Valley
Arena	Redbird Arena (10,200)
Nickname	Redbirds
Colors	Red (PMS 186) and White
Enrollment	20,265
President	Dr. Al Bowman
Director of Athletics	Dr. Sheahon Zenger
NCAA Faculty Rep	Dr. Debbie Lindberg
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2006-07 BASKETBALL COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Tim Jankovich
Alma Mater	Kansas State '82
Record at ISU	0-0 (First year)
Assistant Coaches	Rob Judson (Illinois '80)
.....	Anthony Beane (Kansas State '94)
.....	Paris Parham (Mankato State '95)
Basketball Office Phone	309/438-8681
2006-07 Overall Record	15-16
2006-07 Valley Record	6-12
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	9/3
Starters Returning/Lost	4/1
NCAA Appearances	6 (last in 1998)

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IMPORTANT DATES

Illinois State Media Day ...	Thursday, October 11 (2:30 p.m.)
Valley Media Day	Tuesday, October 30

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2006-07 RESULTS

N12	vs. SMU*	L	55-57
N13	at Florida State*	L	59-73
N14	vs. McNeese State*	W	67-50
N20	CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE	W	66-44
N25	at St. John's	W	78-65
N29	SACRAMENTO STATE	W	86-69
D2	UT-ARLINGTON	W	86-61
D5	MIAMI (OHIO)	W	64-40
D9	at Evansville*	L	41-69
D16	at Western Michigan	L	57-65
D19	LEWIS	W	85-66
D23	at Illinois-Chicago	W	77-69
D29	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*	L	49-68
J1	at Creighton*	L	71-79
J6	INDIANA STATE* (Valley-TV)	L	50-54
J9	NORTHERN IOWA*	W	67-64 (ot)
J13	at Drake* (Mediacom)	L	66-70
J15	MISSOURI STATE* (Mediacom)	L	66-75
J18	WICHITA STATE* (NOW 22)	W	83-75
J21	DRAKE*	W	80-65
J24	at Bradley* (WEEK-TV)	L	67-88
J27	at Southern Illinois*	L	62-73
J30	EVANSVILLE*	W	65-61
F3	BRADLEY* (WMBD-TV)	L	62-70
F6	at Missouri State* (ESPNU)	L	61-73
F11	at Wichita State*	L	64-69
F14	at Indiana State*	W	68-53
F17	BALL STATE^	W	70-57
F20	CREIGHTON*	W	65-55
F24	at Northern Iowa*	L	66-71
M1	vs. Indiana State ~	L	65-68

* Colonial Classic (Tallahassee, Fla.)

* Missouri Valley Conference game

^ O'Reilly ESPNU BracketBusters

~ State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Tournament

Home games in CAPS; Times listed as Central

2007-08 SCHEDULE

N7	QUINCY (EXHIBITION)	7:05 p.m.
N11	MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS	1:05 p.m.
N14	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE!	7:05 p.m.
N18	UNC-WILMINGTON!	2:05 p.m.
N23	vs. Indiana!!	7:30 p.m.
N24	vs. Xavier/Kent State!!	TBA
N27	CHICAGO STATE	7:05 p.m.
D1	ILLINOIS-CHICAGO	7:05 p.m.
D4	at Eastern Michigan	6:00 p.m.
D8	CINCINNATI	7:05 p.m.
D16	at Bowling Green	1:00 p.m.
D22	at Ball State	1:00 p.m.
D29	at Creighton*	7:05 p.m.
J1	at Wichita State*	7:05 p.m.
J5	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*	7:05 p.m.
J8	NORTHERN IOWA*	7:05 p.m.
J12	EVANSVILLE*	7:05 p.m.
J16	WICHITA STATE*	7:05 p.m.
J19	at Drake*	7:05 p.m.
J23	at Bradley*	7:05 p.m.
J27	INDIANA STATE*	2:05 p.m.
J30	at Northern Iowa*	7:05 p.m.
F2	at Missouri State*	7:05 p.m.
F5	DRAKE*	7:05 p.m.
F9	BRADLEY*	7:05 p.m.
F13	MISSOURI STATE*	7:05 p.m.
F16	at Indiana State*	1:00 p.m.
F20	at Evansville*	7:05 p.m.
F24	ESPN BracketBusters	TBA
F27	CREIGHTON*	7:05 p.m.
M1	at Southern Illinois*	TBA
M6-9	State Farm MVC Tournament	
<i>(Scotttrade Center, St. Louis, Mo.)</i>		

! Chicago Invitational Challenge - Normal, Ill.

!! Chicago Invitational Challenge - Sears Centre, Hoffman Estates, Ill.

* Missouri Valley Conference game

Home games in BOLD CAPS; Times listed as Central



A NEW ERA

Illinois State enters a new era in 2007-08, welcoming new head coach **Tim Jankovich**, who became the program's 18th mentor on March 20, 2007. The Gary, Ind., native comes to ISU after spending the past five seasons as an assistant coach under current Kansas head coach Bill Self at both Illinois (2002-03) and with the Jayhawks (2003-07). Jankovich has coached in the NCAA Tournament in each of the last five seasons.

THE NEW STAFF

Jankovich hired three assistant coaches that boast a combined 40 years of college coaching experience. He hired 18-year state of Illinois coaching veteran **Rob Judson**, who had spent the past six years as the head coach at Northern Illinois. Prior to his stint with the Huskies, Judson spent the previous 12 years as an assistant coach at Northern Illinois (1989-91), Bradley (1991-96) and his alma mater, Illinois (1996-2001). **Anthony Beane**, who was an assistant coach under former Redbird head coach Tom Richardson (2000-02) was also hired after a four-year stint at Saint Louis. Jankovich bolstered his Chicago recruiting ties with the hiring of **Paris Parham**, a well-respected high school coach in Chicago's Public League. Parham, who was ISU sophomore Osiris Eldridge's high school coach at Morgan Park, also boasts 10 years of college coaching experience. Director of Basketball Operations **Kerry Darting** was also hired on June 28. With the Redbirds, Darting will be the liaison between the basketball program and the Karin Bone Athletics Study Center, while also overseeing community service and tape exchange. **Igor Vrztina**, a native of Indjija, Serbia, was named ISU's administrative assistant in September.

WHAT'S BACK?

Illinois State welcomes 10 returning letterwinners to the fold in 2007-08, including five of its top-six scorers. Senior center **Levi Dyer**, an honorable mention All-Missouri Valley Conference selection last season, returns after averaging a team-best 12.1 points-per-game, including a sizzling .480 three-point field goal percentage. Senior guard **Boo Richardson**, who was named to the Valley All-Newcomer team, was the 2006-07 team leader in minutes played (1,035), and assists (153). Senior **Anthony Slack**, a teammate of Richardson's at Coffeyville Community College, joined Richardson on the MVC All-Newcomer squad, and is the Redbirds' top-returning rebounder. He averaged 5.7 caroms-per-contest last season to go along with 9.4 points-per-game. Reigning Valley Freshman of the Year **Osiris Eldridge** returns for his sophomore campaign in 2007-08. Eldridge averaged a team third-best 9.5 points-per-game, and scored in double figures in six of the final 10 games last season.

Senior guard **Dom Johnson** averaged 8.3 points-per-game while registering 26 starts in the 2006-07 campaign. Other returnees include senior guard **Julius Moor**, junior forward **Mike Vandello** and junior guard **Brandon Holtz**.

THE NEWCOMERS

Jankovich welcomes five newcomers to the mix this season with the additions of freshman **Alex Rubin**, junior college transfers **Emmanuel Holloway** and **Brandon Sampay**, transfer guards **Sead Odzig** and **Landon Shipley** and senior transfer **Chamberlain Oguchi**. Rubin, who attended Armstrong High School in Plymouth, Minn., signed at ISU last November. He capped off his senior season by being recognized as a finalist for "Mr. Basketball" in Minnesota. Holloway, a junior combo guard, comes to ISU from Iowa Western College, where he averaged a team-best 15.2 points-per-game to go along with 75 steals. Sampay, who played at Howard College (Tex.), led the Hawks to a 52-13 record in his two years with the program. The 6-foot-8 forward averaged 13.6 points and 6.5 rebounds-per-contest last season. Odzig joined the Redbirds last November after transferring from USC, where he appeared in 31 games as a freshman. Shipley, a transfer from Austin Peay State, will have two years of eligibility remaining. Oguchi transferred to ISU on August 29. He was a fixture in the Ducks lineup the past three years, and helped them reach the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament last season. Oguchi will sit out this year due to NCAA transfer rules, but will have one season of eligibility with the Redbirds beginning in the 2008-09 campaign.

DYER-MAKER

Levi Dyer started the final 20 games of the 2006-07 season, and took full advantage of his increased playing time opportunities by posting double-digit scoring efforts in 19 of those outings. He scored 20 or more points in six of those contests, including a career-best 29-point performance against Ball State (2/17/07). In conference play, Dyer led the league in three-point field goal percentage in league games shooting at a 57.1 percent clip, nearly seven percent higher than his closest competitor. He also ranked fourth in scoring for Valley contests with 15.4 points-per-game.

ELDRIDGE'S STELLAR DEBUT CAMPAIGN®

Osiris Eldridge figures to be a catalyst in Jankovich's up-tempo, attack-style offense in his sophomore campaign. He ran away with 2007 MVC Newcomer of the Year honors after averaging 10.8 points-per-game in the second-half of the season, compared to just 8.1 points-per-contest in the first 15 games.

BLOCK PARTY

The Redbirds finished the 2006-07 season ranked first in the Valley in blocked shots per-game as a team. Illinois State averaged 3.26 blocks-per-contest.

DIVERSITY IN SCORING

Illinois State had six players with 200 or more points last season. **Levi Dyer** (375), **Boo Richardson** (304), **Anthony Slack** (292), **Greg Dilligard** (291), **Osiris Eldridge** (295) and **Dom Johnson** (249) all reached the plateau. The last time the Redbirds had six players score 200 or more points in a season was during the 1997-98 campaign.

DISHING THE ROCK

Point guard **Boo Richardson** ended last season averaging 4.9 assists-per-game, which is the highest average by a Redbird since Jamar Smiley dropped 6.4 assists-per-game during the 1997-98 season.

AN UNFAMILIAR TREND

After being eliminated by Indiana State in the first-round of the State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Tournament last March, the Redbirds missed out on a bid to secure a .500 or better overall record that would have ended a string of losing campaigns in four of the previous five years. In the previous 36 years of being a Division I program, ISU has had just seven losing seasons.

BIRDS TO COMPETE IN CHICAGO CHALLENGE

Illinois State will be one of seven programs competing in the 2nd Annual Chicago Invitational Challenge at the brand new Sears Centre over Thanksgiving weekend (Nov. 23-24, 2007). The Redbirds will start off the event by hosting Southeast Missouri State (first-round; Nov. 14) and UNC-Wilmington at Redbird Arena (second-round; Nov. 18) before taking on Indiana Friday, Nov. 23 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Sears Centre in Chicago. Illinois State will play either Xavier or Kent State in the championship round Nov. 24.



2007-08 ROSTERS

2007-08 ILLINOIS STATE ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.-Ex.	Hometown (previous schools)
32	Levi Dyer	C	6-11	220	Sr.-3L	Eaton, Colo. (Eaton)
0	Osiris Eldridge	G	6-3	190	So.-1L	Chicago, Ill. (Phillips Academy)
1	Emmanuel Holloway	G	6-2	190	Jr.-TR	Atlanta, Ga. (Woodland/Iowa Western CC)
45	Brandon Holtz	G	6-4	185	Jr.-2L	Bloomington, Ill. (Bloomington)
10	Dominatrix Johnson	G	6-0	185	Sr.-1L	Bell City, Mo. (Bell City/Three Rivers CC)
22	Julius Moor	G	6-3	185	Sr.-1L	Kieler, Wis. (Cuba City/Kirkwood CC)
42	Dinma Odiakosa	F	6-8	240	So.-RS	Akwukwu, Nigeria (St. Patrick's Model School)
25	Sead Odzic	G	6-3	192	So.-TR	Skokie, Ill. (Niles West/ USC)
5	Keith "Boo" Richardson	G	5-8	160	Sr.-1L	Kansas City, Kan. (Wyandotte/Coffeyville CC)
3	Alex Rubin	G	6-1	185	Fr.-HS	Plymouth, Minn. (Armstrong)
41	Brandon Sampay	F/C	6-8	255	Jr.-TR	Inglewood, Calif. (Crenshaw/ Howard College)
4	Anthony Slack	F	6-7	210	Sr.-1L	New Orleans, La. (John F. Kennedy/Coffeyville CC)
31	Mike Vandello	F	6-7	220	Jr.-2L	Bettendorf, Iowa (Bettendorf)

Head Coach: Tim Jankovich

Assistant Coaches: Anthony Beane, Rob Judson, Paris Parham

Director of Basketball Operations: Kerry Darting

Administrative Assistant: Igor Vrzina

CAREER GAMES/STARTS

No.	Player	GP	GS
5	Boo Richardson	31	31
32	Levi Dyer	67	27
10	Dom Johnson	30	26
4	Anthony Slack	31	13
0	Osiris Eldridge	31	13
31	Michael Vandello	55	9
42	Dinma Odiakosa	18	9
45	Brandon Holtz	46	7
22	Julius Moor	19	0

2006-07 VALLEY STANDINGS

	VALLEY			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
1. Southern Illinois	15	3	.833	29	7	.806
2. Creighton	13	5	.722	22	11	.667
3. Missouri State	12	6	.667	22	11	.667
4. Bradley	10	8	.556	22	13	.629
5. Northern Iowa	9	9	.500	18	13	.581
6. Wichita State	8	10	.444	17	14	.548
7. Drake	6	12	.333	17	15	.531
8. Illinois State	6	12	.333	15	16	.484
9. Evansville	6	12	.333	14	16	.452
10. Indiana State	5	13	.278	12	17	.419

2007-08 ILLINOIS STATE NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.-Ex.	Hometown (previous schools)
0	Osiris Eldridge	G	6-3	190	So.-1L	Chicago, Ill. (Phillips Academy)
1	Emmanuel Holloway	G	6-2	190	Jr.-TR	Atlanta, Ga. (Woodland/Iowa Western CC)
3	Alex Rubin	G	6-1	185	Fr.-HS	Plymouth, Minn. (Armstrong)
4	Anthony Slack	F	6-7	210	Sr.-1L	New Orleans, La. (John F. Kennedy/Coffeyville CC)
5	Keith "Boo" Richardson	G	5-8	160	Sr.-1L	Kansas City, Kan. (Wyandotte/Coffeyville CC)
10	Dominatrix Johnson	G	6-0	185	Sr.-1L	Bell City, Mo. (Bell City/Three Rivers CC)
22	Julius Moor	G	6-3	185	Sr.-1L	Kieler, Wis. (Cuba City/Kirkwood CC)
25	Sead Odzic	G	6-3	192	So.-TR	Skokie, Ill. (Niles West/ USC)
31	Mike Vandello	F	6-7	220	Jr.-2L	Bettendorf, Iowa (Bettendorf)
32	Levi Dyer	C	6-11	220	Sr.-3L	Eaton, Colo. (Eaton)
41	Brandon Sampay	F/C	6-8	255	Jr.-TR	Inglewood, Calif. (Crenshaw/Howard College)
42	Dinma Odiakosa	F	6-8	240	So.-RS	Akwukwu, Nigeria (St. Patrick's Model School)
45	Brandon Holtz	G	6-4	185	Jr.-2L	Bloomington, Ill. (Bloomington)

PRONUNCIATIONS

Levi Dyer	.....	LEE-vye
Osiris Eldridge	.....	oh-SY-ris
Dominatrix Johnson	.....	dom-me-NEE-trix
Dinma Odiakosa	.....	DEEN-muh oh-DEE-oh-kosa
Alex Rubin	.....	ROO-bin
Mike Vandello	.....	van-DUH-low

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

Seniors (5) Levi Dyer, Dominatrix Johnson, Julius Moor, Keith "Boo" Richardson, Anthony Slack

Juniors (5) Emmanuel Holloway, Brandon Holtz, Brandon Sampay, Mike Vandello

Sophomores (2) Osiris Eldridge, Dinma Odiakosa, Sead Odzic

Freshmen (1) Alex Rubin

BY STATE/COUNTRY

California (1) Brandon Sampay (Inglewood)

Colorado (1) Levi Dyer (Eaton)

Georgia (1) Emmanuel Holloway (Atlanta)

Illinois (3) Osiris Eldridge (Chicago Morgan Park), Brandon Holtz (Bloomington), Sead Odzic (Skokie)

Iowa (1) Mike Vandello (Bettendorf)

Kansas (1) Boo Richardson (Kansas City)

Louisiana (1) Anthony Slack (New Orleans)

Minnesota (1) Alex Rubin (Minneapolis)

Missouri (1) Dominatrix Johnson (Bell City)

Nigeria (1) Dinma Odiakosa (Akwukwu)



RETURNING LETTERMEN (9)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.-Ex.	Hometown	gp-gs	min.	ppg.	rpg.	apg.
0	Osiris Eldridge	G	6-3	180	So.-1L	Chicago, Ill.	31-13	23.5	9.8	2.8	1.2
4	Anthony Slack	F	6-7	210	Sr.-1L	New Orleans, La.	31-13	22.6	9.4	5.7	0.7
5	Boo Richardson	G	5-8	160	Sr.-1L	Kansas City, Kan.	31-31	33.4	9.8	2.8	4.9
10	Dominatrix Johnson	G	6-0	185	Sr.-1L	Bell City, Mo.	30-26	31.8	8.3	2.0	3.2
22	Julius Moor	G	6-3	185	Sr.-1L	Kieler, Wis.	19-0	4.4	0.4	0.4	0.1
31	Mike Vandello	F	6-7	200	Jr.-2L	Bettendorf, Iowa	27-0	9.1	1.5	1.7	0.4
32	Levi Dyer	C	6-11	220	Sr.-3L	Eaton, Colo.	31-19	21.5	12.1	3.3	1.0
42	<i>Dinma Odiakosa</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>6-8</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>So.-1L</i>	<i>Akwukwu, Nigeria</i>	<i>18-9</i>	<i>9.0</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>0.3</i>
45	Brandon Holtz	G	6-4	185	Jr.-2L	Bloomington, Ill.	20-0	8.7	2.3	0.6	0.6

NEWCOMERS (4)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.-Ex.	Hometown	High School/Last School
1	Emmanuel Holloway	G	6-2	190	Jr.-TR	Cartersville, Ga.	Woodland/Iowa Western College
3	Alex Rubin	G	6-1	185	Fr.-HS	Plymouth, Minn.	Armstrong
41	Brandon Sampay	F/C	6-8	255	Jr.-TR	Inglewood, Calif.	Crenshaw/Howard College
25	Sead Odzic	G	6-3	192	So.-TR	Skokie, Ill.	Niles West/USC

LETTERMEN LOST (4)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.-Ex.	Hometown	gp-gs	min.	ppg.	rpg.	apg.
1	Roberto Fortes	G	6-4	195	Sr.-1L	Fort Wayne, Ind.	23-3	13.3	5.4	1.0	0.5
24	Bobby Hill	F	6-5	210	Fr.-1L	St. Louis, Mo.	26-8	11.1	2.2	1.3	0.4
50	Greg Dilligard	F	6-8	230	Sr.-3L	Labelle, Mo.	28-28	30.1	9.9	5.9	1.3
51	Ronnie Carwell	C	6-11	258	Sr.-3L	Maywood, Ill.	21-1	4.2	0.2	1.0	0.1



HEAD COACH TIM JANKOVICH

Tim Jankovich Head Coach (First Season)



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In Jankovich's one year at Illinois (2002-03), the Illini finished 25-7, won the Big Ten Tournament championship and advanced to the NCAA Tournament's second round. Illinois finished the season ranked No. 11 in the final AP poll. In the past five years alone, Jankovich has coached in 12 NCAA Tournament games.

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

In addition to working under Self, Jankovich has served as an assistant coach for the likes of Eddie Sutton, Jack Hartman, Lon Kruger, Boyd Grant, Gene Iba, Bob Weltlich and former Illinois State head coach Kevin Stallings. Other than Kansas and Illinois, his list of employers includes Vanderbilt, Texas,





Oklahoma State and Colorado State. In addition, Jankovich served as a head coach for four years at the University of North Texas and two seasons at Hutchinson Community College.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Jankovich File

EducationKansas State University (BA in business finance, 1982)
Kansas State University (MA in radio/television, 1985)

Coaching Experience

Texas-Pan American (Graduate Assistant)	1983-84
Kansas State (Assistant Coach)	1984-86
Texas (Assistant Coach)	1986-87
Colorado State (Assistant Coach)	1987-91
Baylor (Assistant Coach).....	1991-92
Oklahoma State (Assistant Coach).....	1992-93
North Texas (Head Coach).....	1993-97
Hutchinson Community College (1997-99)	1997-99
Vanderbilt (Associate Head Coach)	1999-02
Illinois (Assistant Coach).....	2003
Kansas (Assistant Coach)	2003-07
Illinois State (Head Coach)	2007-pres.

What They're Saying About Tim Jankovich:

Bill Self, head basketball coach at the University of Kansas

"Tim is one of the brightest coaches, at any level, that I've had the pleasure to be around. He has a great basketball mind, one that is very creative, and he has the ability to get a team to play to its full potential. Tim will be a breath of fresh air in the Bloomington-Normal community. He is talented, sharp, hard-working and has great people skills. I have been blessed to be around some great assistant coaches, and Tim is as talented as any of them. This should be an exciting time for Illinois State."

Eddie Sutton, former head basketball coach at Oklahoma State

"Tim Jankovich will get an A-plus when it comes to handling responsibility as a head coach. I've had a lot of wonderful assistant coaches, but Tim was certainly a first-teamer, and his knowledge of basketball is as good as any assistant I've ever had. There are a lot of outstanding young coaches in the Missouri Valley Conference, but I do believe that Tim will, in a very short period of time, reach the elite level in that league. He's a great basketball coach, but might be an even finer person."

Boyd Grant, former head basketball coach at Colorado State and Fresno State

"When I was the head coach at Colorado State, it didn't take me long to figure out that I had a great assistant in Tim Jankovich. I always had great trust in my assistants, and divvied up the coaching tasks amongst them. Tim was responsible for implementing a large portion of our offensive schemes at Colorado State. He comes from a great pedigree, coaching under guys like Jack Hartman, Eddie Sutton and Bill Self, and beyond that, his recruiting experience is really going to benefit Illinois State. Coach Jankovich will identify with the players very easily. He will be not only a coach but a mentor to them. Tim is a stand-up guy and a class act, and everyone in Illinois State's athletic department from the administration down to the other coaches and the student-athletes, will be very happy that they made this decision."

Sherron Collins, University of Kansas guard

"Coach Jankovich helped me most on my jump shot. I owe a lot to him. He was always there to help me fix it and tweak it when needed. He is a great guard coach, especially for point guards. He is a great teacher of the game and has been around basketball for a long time."

Dee Brown, Utah Jazz guard and former University of Illinois player

"I really think he is going do a great job at Illinois State. He taught me a lot about the game and really worked with me on my shooting. When he first came to Illinois, he met with me and really took an interest in helping me make my game better. That really meant a lot to me, since he wasn't even the coach that recruited me. I think the players at Illinois State are going to enjoy playing for Coach Jankovich. They're getting a great coach."

Deron Williams, Utah Jazz guard and former University of Illinois player

"Coach Jankovich is a real laid back guy and he knows how to talk and teach his players. He knows a lot about the game, because he was a player himself. I know personally, he helped me considerably with my free throws and gave me some shooting tips. Illinois State is getting a great coach ... one that truly knows the game of basketball."



Anthony Beane **Assistant Coach (First Season)**



Anthony Beane is entering his first year on head coach Tim Jankovich's staff, but begins his second stint as an assistant men's basketball coach at Illinois State. Beane assisted under former head coach Tom Richardson for two seasons (2000-02).

Beane spent the past year as the athletic director and head boys basketball coach at Soldan International Studies High School in St. Louis.

For the previous four campaigns, he was an assistant coach at Saint Louis University. The Billikens advanced to the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) in both the 2002-03 and 2003-04 seasons. In its inaugural season in the Atlantic 10 Conference in 2005-06, Saint Louis finished 16-13 overall and tied for third in the league race with a 10-6 mark.

Beane was a part of two winning campaigns (2000-01 and 2001-02) with the Redbirds, including ISU's last postseason appearance, when it advanced to the NIT following the 2001-02 season. The Birds have tallied just three winning seasons in the past nine years.

Prior to his two years at ISU, Beane broke into the Division I coaching ranks with a three-year stint at Southeast Missouri State. He helped the Redhawks to back-to-back 20-win seasons, including a 24-9 mark and trip to the NCAA Tournament following the 1998-99 campaign.

Beane's coaching start came in the junior college ranks. He spent the 1996 season as an assistant coach at Allen County Community College in Iola, Kan., before moving to West Plains Community College (now Missouri State-West Plains), for the following campaign. He coached both teams to 20-win seasons before joining the SEMO staff in August, 1997.

As a player, Beane played two seasons at Three Rivers Community College, where he garnered all-America honors and led the team to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) National Championship in 1991. From there, he moved on to Kansas State, where he played for current Creighton coach Dana Altman. At K-State, he made an immediate impact. He was named the 1992 Big Eight Conference Newcomer of the Year and was twice named to the all-conference team.

Beane and his wife, Katina, are the parents of two boys, Anthony Jr., age 13, and Darius, age 7.

Rob Judson **Assistant Coach (First Season)**



Former Northern Illinois head coach Rob Judson, who has built a reputation as a master recruiter and a detailed teacher, completed Tim Jankovich's staff of assistant coaches on June 1, 2007. Judson boasts more than 18 years of collegiate coaching experience in the state of Illinois.

Judson spent the past six seasons as the Huskies' mentor, where he compiled a 74-101 record. Taking over a team that won just five games in the 2000-01 campaign, Judson led NIU

to 12 wins in his first season. He then led the Huskies to the first of two 17-win seasons with a 17-14 record in 2002-03, followed by 10-20 and 11-17 campaigns. Judson's 2005-06 squad posted a 17-11 mark and won the Mid-American Conference West Division championship.

Judson is no stranger to the state of Illinois or the Missouri Valley Conference. Prior to his stint with the Huskies, Judson spent the previous 12 years as an assistant coach at Northern Illinois (1989-91), Bradley (1991-96) and his alma mater, Illinois (1996-2001). During 12 years as a Division I assistant, Judson contributed to nine winning campaigns, including eight 20-win seasons, and recruited three Conference Players of the Year - Bradley's Anthony Parker in the MVC (1996-97) and Illinois' Frank Williams (2000-01) and Brian Cook (2002-03) in the Big Ten.

Not only has Judson made six previous NCAA tournament appearances and two in the National Invitational Tournament, he has coached on four regular-season Division I league champions, the Mid-Continent Conference winner with Northern Illinois in 1991, the Missouri Valley Conference with Bradley in 1996, and the Big Ten Conference in 1998 and 2001 with the Illinois. During his 12 years as a Division I assistant coach, teams he coached on compiled a 233-138 record and a .628 winning percentage.

In his five years at Bradley, Judson helped the Braves to three consecutive 20-win seasons (23-8, 20-10 and 22-8 during 1993-96), and three straight postseason appearances.

As a player with the Illini, Judson earned All-Big Ten Academic and Fourth-Team College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-America honors as a senior. The next year, he repeated as an all-league all-academic selection. During his four years under former Illinois head coach Lou Henson, the Illini compiled a 70-52 record, including a 23-13 slate and third-place NIT finish in Judson's senior season. He also set the Illinois single-season (.957) and career (.875) free throw percentage standards.

In 1990, Judson was inducted into the IBCA Hall of Fame as a player. He currently serves on that organization's Board of Directors. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in liberal arts from Illinois in 1980 and a master's in administration with a perfect 5.00 grade point average from Roosevelt University in 1983.

Judson and his wife, Dr. Kim Judson, have three children, daughters, Karin, 21 and Kristin, 17; and son, Matthew, 19.



Paris Parham **Assistant Coach (First Season)**



Illinois State head basketball coach Tim Jankovich bolstered his Chicago recruiting ties with the hiring of Paris Parham, a well-respected high school coach in the Windy City's Public League. Parham also boasts 10 years of college coaching experience.

For the past year, Parham served as the head coach at Chicago Morgan Park High School, where he led the Mustangs to a 19-10 record. Morgan Park also captured the St. Rita Thanksgiving tournament championship for the

first time in school history.

For the previous two campaigns, Parham was the head coach at Phillips Academy High School, where he coached Illinois State's 2007 Missouri Valley Conference Freshman of the Year Osiris Eldridge.

During his time at Morgan Park, Parham was also a two-year head coach for the Illinois team in the Missouri vs. Illinois "River War."

In 2004-05, Parham was named the Red Central Conference Coach of the Year after leading Phillips to a 17-10 record, including a perfect 10-0 conference slate. In the 2005-06 campaign, Phillips had a 15-12 overall record.

From 2004-07, Parham also coached in the AAU ranks, mentoring the "Full Package" AAU program. He also assisted at the Chicago Bulls Training Academy.

Parham also brings a long resume of college coaching experience to the Redbirds. Prior to his stint at Phillips, Parham served on staff at Maryland-Eastern Shore for three years and at Minnesota State (formerly Mankato State) for six seasons.

At his alma mater Mankato State, he served as a graduate assistant from 1995-96, and was a full-time assistant from 1996-2001.

Parham's college basketball playing career included two years at both Lincoln College and Mankato State. At Lincoln, Parham set the single-season assist record, and was a two-year team captain.

After transferring from Lincoln to Mankato State, Parham completed his two-year career with 556 points in 54 games (10.3 ppg). At the conclusion of his time with the Mavericks, Parham ranked seventh on the school's list for season assists (138 in 1994-95) and his 243 career assists stood eighth.

He garnered All-North Central Conference Honorable Mention honors his senior season (1994-95) at MSU and was named the league's Co-Most Improved Player. Parham led the NCC in steals as a senior with 45.

Kerry Darting **Director of Basketball Operations**



Illinois State head basketball coach Tim Jankovich added another member to his staff on June 28, 2007 with the hiring of Kerry Darting, who will serve as the program's director of basketball operations. Darting brings three years of college coaching experience to ISU.

With the Redbirds, Darting will be the liaison between the basketball program and the Karin Bone Athletics Study Center, while also overseeing community service and tape exchange.

Prior to his arrival, Darting had been a part of the Missouri-Rolla men's basketball program for the past six seasons. He spent the last two years as an assistant coach after serving as a student assistant coach in the 2004-05 campaign. Prior to that, Darting was a three-year letterman and one of the top three-point shooters for the Miners.

Igor Vrzina **Administrative Assistant**



Igor Vrzina enters his first season as Illinois State's administrative assistant.

Vrzina, a native of Indjija, Serbia, played four years of college basketball in the United States. His career began at Hill College (Hillsboro, Tex.), where he played two years (2003-05) for head coach Swede Trenkle.

Vrzina transferred to Idaho for the 2005-06 campaign. He started 20 games during that season.

The 26-year old Vrzina finished his career at Abeline Christian University (Abeline, Tex.), where he averaged 16 points-per-game in conference play.

He served as the team captain last season (2006-07). Vrzina graduated with his bachelor's degree from ACU in July.



PLAYER BIOS

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Levi Dyer Center • 6-11 • Senior Eaton, Colo. (Eaton)

Drake (11) • Finished with three double-digit scoring games, including a career-high 17 points at Wichita State, thanks to a 5-for-11 effort on threes • Made the second-most three-point field goals on the team with 28 • Shot 26.5 percent from the field on two-point field goals and 35.9 percent on threes.

AS A FRESHMAN (2004-05)

Played in nine games, all as a reserve • Played a then-career-best 18 minutes at Missouri State, after only playing a combined 20 minutes in the previous 27 games • At Missouri State, posted six points and two rebounds • Scored his first collegiate points in a loss to Marquette.

AS A PREP

Received first-team all-state and all-conference honors • Led team to an 18-8 record and a fourth-place finish at the state tournament • Averaged 22 points, 11 rebounds and three blocked shots-per-game • Shot 67 percent from the field, including 33 percent from behind the three-point line on 82 attempts • Made 82 percent of his free throw attempts • Also received first-team all-state and all-conference football honors, with 22 catches for 250 yards and a punting average of 49.3 yards • The football team his senior year was runner-up at the state tournament with a 12-1 record • Coached by Kevin Brown.

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Full name: Levi P. Dyer • Birthdate: Sept. 23, 1985 • Birthplace: Greeley, Colo. • Parents: Randy and Debi Dyer • Major: industrial technology.

AS A JUNIOR (2006-07)

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

AS A SOPHOMORE (2005-06)

Played in 27 games and started in eight, including the last seven contests • Posted back-to-back double-digit scoring games for the first time in his career against Bradley (16) and

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
2006-07	31-19	668	131-254	.516	60-125	.480	53-73	.726	22-79	101	3.3	31	40	15	17	375	12.1
2005-06	27-8	359	37-112	.330	28-78	.359	22-26	.846	10-37	47	1.7	13	9	10	8	124	4.6
2004-05	9-0	39	5-11	.455	0-4	.000	4-4	1.000	0-2	2	0.2	1	2	0	4	14	1.6
TOTAL	67-27	1066	173-377	.459	88-207	.425	79-103	.767	32-118	150	2.2	45	51	25	29	513	7.7

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Dom Johnson Guard • 6-0 • Senior Bell City, Mo. (Bell City/Three Rivers CC)

AS A PREP

A three-time Class 1A all-state selection and led the Cubs to a state championship as a sophomore and a senior, en route to being named the Southeastern Missouri Player of the Year • In his three seasons as a varsity starter, the Cubs notched an 88-15 record, including a 29-4 mark his senior season • Averaged 29.3 points, 9.3 rebounds and 5.9 assists per game his senior season and scored more than 40 points in seven games, including 40 points in the state championship game • Coached by Dave Heeb.

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Full name: Dominatrix Orlando Johnson • Nickname: Dom • Birthdate: Dec. 21, 1985 • Birthplace: Sikeston, Mo. • Parents: Melvin and Bridget Johnson • Major: recreation and parks administration.

AS A JUNIOR (2006-07)

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

AT THREE RIVERS JC

Led the Raiders to a 23-8 record and averaged 15.8 points-and 2.5 rebounds-per-game • Also tallied 88 assists and 38 steals • Over his two-year career, averaged 13.5 points, 2.8 rebounds, 4.1 assists and 1.0 steals-per-game, while twice being named to the All-Midwest Community College Athletic Conference and all-region teams • Coached by Gene Bess.

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
2006-07	30-26	955	88-232	.379	54-156	.346	19-28	.679	10-51	61	2.0	97	62	7	31	249	8.3
TOTAL	30-26	955	88-232	.379	54-156	.346	19-28	.679	10-51	61	2.0	97	62	7	31	249	8.3



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Julius Moor
Guard • 6-3 • Senior
Kielers, Wis. (Kirkwood CC)

averaged nine points and four assists-per-game • The Eagles won the 2006 Regional XI Championship and posted a 28-5 overall record, including a 64-63 loss to Cecil Community College in the national championship game • Coached by Doug Wagemester.

AS A PREP

A three-year starter • Led the Cubans to a combined 42-8 record during his junior and senior seasons • As a senior, named the conference's Most Valuable Player after averaging 20 points, eight rebounds and six assists-per-game • Also received all-state honors • Coached by Jerry Petitgoue • Named to the honor roll.

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Full name: Julius Samuel Moor • Birthdate: April 10, 1986 • Birthplace: Dubuque, Iowa • Parents: Julius and Carolyn Moor • Youngest of three children • Major: business.

AS A JUNIOR (2006-07)

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

AT KIRKWOOD CC

Led the Eagles to back-to-back second-place finishes at the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II Tournament • During the 2005-06 season,

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
2006-07	19-0	83	2-8	.250	1-1	1.000	2-6	.333	1-6	7	0.4	1	8	0	5	7	0.4
TOTAL	19-0	83	2-8	.250	1-1	1.000	2-6	.333	1-6	7	0.4	1	8	0	5	7	0.4

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Boo Richardson
Guard • 5-8 • Senior
Kansas City, Mo. (Wyandotte/Coffeyville CC)

Award at the NJCAA National Tournament after averaging 11.8 points, 2.5 assists, 3.5 rebounds and 1.9 steals in four games • Finished his sophomore season averaging 15.6 points-and 3.5 rebounds-per-game • Also totaled 88 steals and 190 assists with only 92 turnovers, while playing 39 minutes-per-game • Shot 41 percent from the field, 34 percent from three-point range and 78.3 percent from the foul line • Named the Region VI Player of the Year and claimed All-Jayhawk Conference and All-Region VI honors • The Red Ravens finished with a 33-5 record, including a seventh-place finish at the NJCAA Tournament in 2006 • In his two seasons at Coffeyville, the Red Ravens compiled a 59-12 record and won two conference championships • Teammate of ISU's Anthony Slack • Coached by Jay Herkelman.

AS A PREP

Four-year starter • Earned all-city honors three years • Named first-team all-conference his senior and junior seasons • Conference MVP as a senior and co-MVP junior year • Averaged 20 points-and six assists-per-game his senior season • Coached by Wenall Moore.

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Full name: Keith Richardson • Nickname: Boo • Birthdate: Dec. 24, 1985 • Birthplace: Kansas City, Kan. • Grandmother: Erma Richardson • Major: recreation and parks administration.

AS A JUNIOR (2006-07)

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

AT COFFEYVILLE CC

Earned first-team National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) All-America honors in 2006 • Awarded the Bud Obee Outstanding Small Player

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
2006-07	31-31	1035	101-259	.390	38-117	.325	64-92	.696	15-73	88	2.8	153	105	0	30	304	9.8
TOTAL	31-31	1035	101-259	.390	38-117	.325	64-92	.696	15-73	88	2.8	153	105	0	30	304	9.8



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Anthony Slack

Forward • 6-7 • Senior

New Orleans, La. (John F. Kennedy/Coffeyville CC)

AS A JUNIOR (2006-07)

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

AT COFFEYVILLE CC

Named to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) All-Tournament Team after averaging a tournament-best 11 rebounds-per-game and 21.5 points-per-game, which ranked third at the event • During his sophomore season, averaged 11.6 points and 9.0 rebounds • Led the team with 93 blocked shots and added 55 steals, while shooting 60.8 percent from the floor • Earned All-Jayhawk Conference and All-Region VI honors • The Red Ravens finished with a 33-5 record, including a seventh-place finish at the NJCAA Tournament in 2006 • In his two seasons at Coffeyville, the Red Ravens compiled a 59-12 record and won two conference championships • Teammate of ISU's Keith "Boo" Richardson • Coached by Jay Herkelman.

AS A PREP

Predominately a defensive player and was honored as the team's defensive player of the year after his senior season • Owns the school record with 18 blocked shots in a single game • Two-year all-metro selection • Earned all-district honors as a senior.

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Full name: Anthony Slack • Birthdate: Nov. 12, 1984 • Birthplace: New Orleans, La. • Mother: Christine Slack • Major: recreation and parks administration.

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
2006-07	31-13	700	108-185	.584	2-9	.222	74-123	.602	67-110	177	5.7	21	65	32	43	292	9.4
TOTAL	31-13	700	108-185	.584	2-9	.222	74-123	.602	67-110	177	5.7	21	65	32	43	292	9.4

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Emmanuel Holloway

Guard • 6-2 • Junior

Cartersville, Ga. (Woodland/Iowa Western JC)

AT IOWA WESTERN CC

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

AS A PREP

Led Woodland High School in points (20) and assists (5) in senior season • Named Northwest Georgia Player of the Year in 2004 and was the back-to-back player of the year in Bartow County.

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Full name: Emmanuel Naylon Holloway • Birthdate: July 28, 1986 • Birthplace: San Diego, Calif. • Parents: Charles and Lolita Holloway • Has an older and younger sister • Major: communications.



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Brandon Holtz
Guard • 6-4 • Junior
Bloomington, Ill. (Bloomington)

AS A SOPHOMORE (2006-07)

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

AS A FRESHMAN (2005-06)

Played in 26 games with seven starting assignments • Was a steady contributor in the first half of the season, but his playing time dropped off near the end of the season • Over half of his made field goals were from three-point range • Posted three double-digit scoring games, including a career-best 12 points against Southern Illinois.

AS A PREP

Led the Purple Raiders to a pair of Big 12 Conference championships his junior and senior seasons • Averaged 16 points, five rebounds, four assists and three steals as a senior, while Bloomington compiled a 25-5 record • Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) Class AA All-State Third-Team selection as a senior • Played in the IBCA All-Star Game • As a junior, averaged 20.1 points-per-game, while shooting 43 percent from the field and firing in 81 three-pointers • A two-time All-Big 12 Conference selection and *Pantagraph* All-Area honoree • Earned IBCA Class AA Honorable Mention plaudits as a junior • A four-year varsity player • Also lettered four years in golf • Coached by Ron Rose.

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Full name: Brandon Lee Holtz • Birthdate: Sept. 24, 1986 • Birthplace: Bloomington, Ill. • Parents: Jeff Holtz and Teri Sandage • Honor roll member throughout high school also served as a D.A.R.E. role model • His brother, Brent, is a sophomore on the Redbird football team • Major: marketing.

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
2006-07	20-0	174	16-48	.333	12-39	.308	2-4	.500	2-9	11	0.6	11	10	1	8	46	2.3
2005-06	26-7	326	39-107	.364	20-67	.299	5-10	.500	10-34	44	1.7	10	12	1	12	103	4.0
TOTAL	67-27	1066	173-377	.459	88-207	.425	79-103	.767	32-118	150	2.2	45	51	25	29	513	7.7

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Sead Odzic
Guard • 6-3 • Sophomore
Stokie, Ill. (Niles West/USC)

AS A FRESHMAN (2005-06) - USC

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

AS A PREP

Averaged 20 points, five rebounds and four assists as a senior at Niles West • Finished his high school career with a shooting percentage of better than 40 percent from three-point range • A three-time All-Central Suburban South League First-Team selection and was an Illinois all-state honoree.

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Full name: Sead Odzic • Birthdate: Oct. 22, 1986 • Birthplace: Montenegro, Yugoslavia • Parents: Julija and Charlie Odzic • Moved to Illinois when he was four, due to religious fighting and escalating violence in Yugoslavia • He is bilingual in both English and Serbian • Major: Business.

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TOTAL	67-27	1066	173-377	.459	88-207	.425	79-103	.767	32-118	150	2.2	45	51	25	29	513	7.7



Chamberlain Oguchi
Guard • 6-5 • Senior-Transfer
Houston, Texas (George W. Bush/Oregon)

AS A JUNIOR (2006-07) - OREGON

Played in 32 games, starting 10. Averaged 4.8 points per game • One of the better free throw shooters on the team at 84.6 percent • Scored season-high 25 points in win over UC Irvine • Had six rebounds in upset win at Georgetown before suffering a severely sprained left ankle that caused him to miss the next five games • Scored 15 points at Washington.

AS A SOPHOMORE (2005-06) - OREGON

Terrific last month of the season where he netted 40 of his team-best 68 three-pointers • Named to the Pac-10 all-tournament team after hitting a tourney record 14 three-pointers (6 versus Washington State and Washington, and 2 against California) • Ranked fifth in the Pac-10 in averaging 2.1 threes per game • Played in 32 games and started 10 • Was third on the team in scoring at 9.6 points per game • Grabbed 2.3 rebounds per game • Was second on the squad in 3-point percentage (.360) and fourth in free throw percentage (.792). Hit career-best six threes five different times • Nine of his 13 double figure scoring games came in the team's last 10 contests • Season began to take off with a 25-point game (6 threes) Jan. 28 versus USC • Had three straight 20-point games between Feb. 9-16 against Arizona (21, 6 threes), Arizona State (20, 6 threes) and Washington (21, 4 threes) • Scored 20 March 4 at Oregon State •

Netted 6 threes to key a career-high 26 points in Pac-10 tournament opener versus Washington State • Drained another 6 threes (22 points) in second round upset of Washington • Had 15 points in the semifinal loss to California • Was named the team's most improved player.

AS A FRESHMAN (2004-05) - OREGON

Played in 22 games, but saw much more time the second half of the season • Five of his six double-figure scoring games came during the last 10 games of the season • Averaged 5.0 points and 1.4 rebounds per game • Sixth on the team in scoring • Shot 74.1 percent from the free throw line (20-of-27) • Had a season-high 13 points in home overtime loss to Washington • Followed that with 12 points in win over Washington State that featured three three-pointers • Closed season with 11 points in a win at USC and 12 points in loss at UCLA.

AS A PREP

Rated as the nation's 74th-best player by Rivals • That service also ranked him as the No. 16 shooting guard • Was a first team all-district and a second team all-region selection his senior season • Averaged 20 points and six rebounds per game for a team that went 20-12 • Scored 24.3 points per game as a junior and hit 124 three-point baskets.

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Full Name: Chamberlain Emeka Oguchi • Birthdate: April 28, 1986 • Birthplace: Houston, Texas • Goes by Champ • Parents: Godwin and Pearl Oguchi • Has two older sisters and one younger brother • Major is political science • Coached by Bobby Knotts.

Oguchi's three-year Oregon statistics

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
2006-07	32-10	509	52-166	.313	29-112	.259	22-26	.846	21-32	53	1.7	24	32	4	22	155	4.8
2005-06	32-10	620	98-252	.389	68-189	.360	42-53	.792	18-55	73	2.3	40	29	7	11	306	9.6
2004-05	22-0	184	36-94	.383	18-60	.300	20-27	.741	12-18	30	1.4	4	14	1	5	110	5.0
TOTAL	86-20	1313	186-512	.363	115-361	.319	84-106	.792	51-105	156	1.8	68	75	12	38	571	6.6

41 Brandon Sampay
Forward/Center • 6-8 • Junior
Inglewood, Calif. (Crenshaw/Howard College)

AT HOWARD COLLEGE

Averaged 3.6 points, 6.4 rebounds and 1.6 steals while shooting 60.3 percent from the field and 70.8 percent at the free throw line • Ranked in the top-10 in scoring and top-20 in steals for the Western Junior College Athletic Conference • Was named to the all-Western Junior College Athletic Conference team the past two seasons • Was ranked as high as 15th among Division 1 Junior College players • Made visits to Connecticut and Cal State-Fullerton before signing with Illinois State.

AS A PREP

Played football and basketball • Was a standout tight end, who was recruited by Southern California, Penn State, Oregon State and California.

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Full Name: Brandon Alexander Sampay • Birthdate: Aug. 18, 1986 • Birthplace: Lancaster, Calif. • Parents: Ronald Sampay and Shelly Lee • Has one younger brother and one younger sister • Major: African-American Studies.



Landon Shipley
Guard • 6-0 • Junior-Transfer
St. Louis, Mo. (Lafayette/Austin Peay State)

Recorded first double-figure scoring performance with 11 points against East Tennessee • Next game against Evansville, dropped in 24 points, including five-for-five three-point shooting effort, the best single-game effort in the Dunn Center history • Had 17-points and a career-high five assists against Middle Tennessee • Tallied 15 points against Jacksonville State.

AS A SOPHOMORE (2006-07) - AUSTIN PEAY STATE

Played in 31 games, recording two starts • Averaged 8.8 points-per-game • Shot a team-best 82 percent from the free-throw line • Registered 13 double-digit scoring outputs • Had 16 points on 5-of-9 shooting against Tennessee Wesleyan • Followed it up with three-consecutive double-digit scoring outings, including a season-high 18 points at Eastern Kentucky • Tied his season-best 18 points on a 6-of-7 shooting effort, including a 5-for-6 three-point output, against Eastern Illinois.

AS A FRESHMAN (2005-06) - AUSTIN PEAY STATE

Provided valuable reserve at the point guard position • Played in 31 games, and an average of 13.7 minutes per contest • Scored 5.5 points-per-game • Shot better than 83 percent from the free throw line •

AS A PREP

Averaged 20.2 points-per-game as a senior • Connected on 55 percent from the floor, including 46 percent from three-point range, and 83 percent from the free throw line • Named the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* St. Louis Metro Player of the Year • Also was a two-time first-team Missouri All-State performer • was a four-time all-district selection and three-time All-Suburban West pick • Left Lafayette as the school's all-time leading scorer.

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Full name: Landon Shipley • Birthdate: Nov. 16, 1985 • Birthplace: St. Louis • Parents: David and Tonya Shipley • David was a former 1,000-point scorer at Southeast Missouri State.

Shipley's two-year Austin Peay State statistics

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
2006-07	31-2	669	68-195	.349	46-132	.348	91-111	.820	7-40	47	1.5	52	40	2	18	273	8.8
2005-06	31-0	425	42-127	.331	26-84	.310	60-72	.833	5-33	38	1.2	40	53	2	11	170	5.5
TOTAL	62-2	1094	110-322	.342	72-216	.333	151-183	.825	12-73	85	1.4	92	93	4	29	443	7.1

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Mike Vandello
Forward • 6-7 • Junior
Bettendorf, Iowa (Bettendorf)

AS A PREP

Averaged 12.7 points-per-game and led the team with six rebounds-per-contest • His team won the Mississippi Athletic Conference title with a perfect 16-0 mark • Led the Bulldogs to a 25-1 record and an Iowa Class 4A state basketball championship • Opened the state championship game with the first nine points of the contest • Earned all-tournament honors after tallying a combined 42 points and 18 rebounds in three tournament games • Claimed second-team all-state honors • First-team all-district and first-team all-conference selection • *Quad City Times* First-Team All-Metro • *Quad City Times* senior all-star slam dunk winner • As a junior, named second-team all-conference and all-metro honorable mention • A three-year letterwinner in basketball and soccer • A midfielder on the 2003 state championship soccer team • School's valedictorian with a 4.0 grade-point-average (351 seniors) • Member of the National Honor Society • Honor Roll student every semester • Selected to the academic all-state team • State of Iowa scholar • Coached by Kevin Skillet.

AS A SOPHOMORE (2006-07)

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

AS A FRESHMAN (2005-06)

Logged the most minutes of any of ISU's seven newcomers (582 minutes) • Played in all 28 games and had nine starting assignments • Had three double-digit scoring games on the season • Scored a career-best 11 points against Indiana State on 4-for-4 shooting • Ended the season by making 10 of his last 20 three-point attempts • Ranked fourth on the team in rebounding with 3.1 boards-per-game.

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Full name: Michael Wayne Vandello • Birthdate: Dec. 31, 1986 • Birthplace: Ottumwa, Iowa • Parents: Gary and Betty Vandello • One of two children • His sister, Karisa, was a member of the Drake women's soccer team • Major: biological sciences.

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
2005-06	28-9	582	47-125	.376	14-34	.412	30-43	.698	36-50	86	3.1	34	48	4	16	138	4.9
2006-07	27-0	246	14-37	.378	1-3	.333	12-17	.706	19-27	46	1.7	11	28	2	6	41	1.5
TOTAL	55-9	828	61-162	.377	15-37	.405	42-60	.700	55-77	132	3.3	45	76	6	22	179	3.3



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Osiris Eldridge
Guard • 6-3 • Sophomore
Chicago, Ill. (Phillips Academy)

AS A FRESHMAN (2006-07)

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

AS A PREP

As a senior, averaged 25 points, eight rebounds and three assists-per-game • Named first team all-city in 2006 • A second team all-state selection by Illinois Hoops and was on the third team all-state by the *Associated Press* • Rated No. 137 in the national 2006 recruiting class by Rivals.com and No. 38 nationally among shooting guards • Ranked as the Valley's top incoming freshman by Scout.com • As a junior, averaged 21 points, six rebounds, three assists and nearly five steals • Played in the 2005 Wallace Prather Jr. Memorial All-Star Classic, which features the top players from the adidas camp • The 2005 IHSA Class AA Slam Dunk Champion • Played in the 2006 Riverwar All-Star Game • Coached by Paris Parham.

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Full name: Osiris Eldridge • Birthdate: June 18, 1988 • Birthplace: Chicago, Ill. • Mother: Beverly Eldridge • Major: undecided • Osiris means "the Egyptian god of the dead" • Pronounced: oh-SY-ris.

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
2006-07	31-13	728	97-253	.383	49-130	.377	52-66	.788	37-102	139	4.5	37	40	2	32	295	9.5
TOTAL	31-13	728	97-253	.383	49-130	.377	52-66	.788	37-102	139	4.5	37	40	2	32	295	9.5

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Dinma Odiakosa
Forward • 6-8 • Sophomore
Akwukwu, Nigeria (St. Patrick's Model School)

AS A SOPHOMORE (2006-07)

Redshirted at Illinois State.

AS A FRESHMAN (2005-06)

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

PRIOR TO ILLINOIS STATE

During the summer of 2005, competed for the Nigerian National Team at the FIBA U21 World Championships in Mar Del Plata, Argentina • Ranked third on the Nigerian squad in scoring (7.8 ppg.), first in rebounding (6.2 rpg.), fourth in assists and second in steals • In the six games, he shot 48.6 percent from the field, while logging 158 minutes • The tournament marked the first time a Nigerian team ever qualified for the world championships, and the squad finished a surprising ninth out of 12 teams • He posted his best overall game against eventual gold medal winner, Lithuania, with 14 points on 4-for-5 shooting and eight rebounds • Also poured in 14 points and grabbed six boards against Puerto Rico • Has been playing organized basketball for only four years.

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Full name: Chuckwudinma Odiakosa • Pronounced: CHUK-wuh-deen-muh oh-DEE-oh-kosa • Born Dec. 21, 1985 • Birthplace: Akwukwu, Nigeria • One of four children • Parents: Kaine and Grace Odiakosa • Major: telecommunications management.

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
2005-06	18-9	162	9-29	.310	0-0	.000	6-14	.429	15-23	38	2.1	5	17	3	4	24	1.3
TOTAL	18-9	162	9-29	.310	0-0	.000	6-14	.429	15-23	38	2.1	5	17	3	4	24	1.3



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Alex Rubin Guard • 6-1 • Freshman Plymouth, Minn. (Armstrong)

AT ARMSTRONG HIGH SCHOOL

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

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Full name: Alex C. Rubin • Birthdate: January 25, 1989 • Birthplace: Plymouth, Minn. • Parents: Joseph and Marquorite Rubin • Has an older sister • Major is business.



GAME-BY-GAME CAPSULES

EXHIBITION 1

REDBIRDS WIN LONE EXHIBITION, 60-49

NORMAL, Ill. – The newcomers made quite an opening impression for the Illinois State men's basketball team, as freshman guard Osiris Eldridge led the team with 13 points, on 3-for-4 shooting from beyond the arc, and junior-transfer Anthony Slack recorded a double-double-over 10 points and a team-leading 11 rebounds in ISU's 83-58 victory over Division II Missouri-St. Louis in exhibition action Wednesday night at Redbird Arena.

Eldridge and Slack were two of four Redbirds to score in double figures as junior center Levi Dyer and senior forward Greg Dilligard each chipped in 10 points a piece.

The 'Birds also had a fantastic shooting night, connecting on 57 percent of their shots, including 9-of-22 from long distance. The Redbird defense proved to be equally up to the challenge, holding the Rivermen to 33 percent from the floor and scoring 16 points off USML turnovers.

Illinois State opened the second half on a 17-4 run and never looked back. Junior Dominatrix Johnson poured in five points for the 'Birds during the run that put the game out of reach. The Redbirds' hot shooting touch carried over from the first half as ISU built its lead to as many as 28 points.

ILLINOIS STATE 83, Missouri-St. Louis 58
November 1, 2006 • Redbird Arena

USML	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Ledbetter, f	29	5-9	4-6	4-4	2-5	1	1	18
Slaten, f	27	3-12	2-7	4-4	1-3	1	1	12
Ward, c	27	3-7	0-0	0-0	2-5	2	2	6
Boateng, g	18	2-6	1-3	0-2	3-4	0	1	5
Hawkins, g	20	2-10	0-0	0-1	2-4	2	2	4
DeChellis	19	2-3	0-0	0-0	0-3	0	2	4
Kliethermes	8	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	2	2
Jackson	16	1-3	0-1	0-0	1-3	1	0	2
Whittaker	22	2-7	1-2	0-0	0-1	2	0	5
Adams	14	0-5	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	2	0
Totals	200	21-63	8-19	8-11	14-35	9	13	58

Team Pct.: FG – .333; FT – .727

Blocks: 1 (Jackson 1)

Turnovers: 14 (Ledbetter 1, Slaten 3, Ward 1, Boateng 2, Hawkins 3, Kliethermes 1, Jackson 1, Whittaker 2)

Steals: 4 (Ledbetter 1, Slaten 1, Hawkins 2)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Slack, f	20	5-9	0-1	0-1	3-11	0	3	10
Vandello, f	16	1-2	0-0	2-2	2-4	1	1	4
Dilligard, f	18	5-7	0-0	0-2	1-3	0	2	10
Richardson, g	24	4-7	0-3	1-2	0-0	7	1	9
Johnson, g	20	2-4	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	5
Eldridge	21	5-8	3-4	0-0	1-4	2	1	13
Fortes	19	2-7	2-4	1-2	0-2	4	1	7
Moor	10	3-4	1-2	0-0	0-1	1	0	7
Hill	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Dyer	18	4-7	1-3	1-2	0-3	2	0	10
Odiakosa	9	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-4	0	3	2
Holtz	11	2-4	1-3	0-0	0-1	2	1	5
Carlwell	7	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-2	0	1	1
Totals	200	34-60	9-22	6-13	9-39	21	15	83

Team Pct.: FG – .567; FT – .462

Blocks: 5 (Slack 1, Dilligard 1, Odiakosa 2, Carlwell 1)

Turnovers: 12 (Vandello 2, Dilligard 1, Richardson 2, Eldridge 2, Moor 1, Hill 1, Dyer 1, Odiakosa 2)

Steals: 9 (Dilligard 2, Richardson 1, Johnson 1, Eldridge 3, Holtz 2)

Officials: Dan Dorian, Bill Oostdyk, Tom O'Neill Jr.

Attendance: 3,295

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 38, USML 30

GAME 1

SMU TIP-IN SPOILS REDBIRD COMEBACK

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – SMU's Devon Pearson tipped in a missed lay-up by Derrick Roberts in the game's final second to spoil Illinois State's rally from 11 points down in the season opener at the Colonial Classic at the Donald L. Tucker Center on Sunday night.

Trailing 44-33 with 9:54 left in the game, the Redbirds (0-1) used a 19-5 run, including 10 points by Boo Richardson, to take a 52-49 lead with 3:43 on the clock. However, Ike Ofoegbu scored 11 of the Mustangs' final 13 points to give SMU (1-0) a 55-52 with 1:50 remaining. Dominatrix Johnson buried a deep three-pointer, his fifth of the game, to tie the score at 55-55 with 27 seconds on the clock.

Holding for the last possession, Roberts drove along the left side of the lane and his lay-up bounced off the rim, but Pearson flashed in from the right side with the tip-in.

The three-ball was working early for the Redbirds, as ISU shot its way to an early 16-7 lead with 12:13 left in the first half. Trailing 7-6, the Redbirds used a 10-0 run, with treys from post players Anthony Slack and Levi Dyer. However, ISU suffered through a pair of four-minute scoring droughts in the final 12 minutes and SMU responded with an 18-5 spurt to take a 25-21 lead. Thanks to a Bamba Fall's jumper at the buzzer, the Mustangs took a 29-23 lead at the intermission.

Johnson led the way for the Redbirds with 15 points, with all five baskets coming from beyond the arc. Richardson added 10 points, while Slack finished with nine points and a game-high 12 rebounds. SMU was led by Ofoegbu, who finished with 21 points, and Bamba Fall, who tossed in 11.

The Redbirds shot 35 percent from the field, including 31 percent in the first half. ISU also finished with nine free throw attempts, while SMU recorded 25.

SMU 57, ILLINOIS STATE 55
November 12, 2006 • Donald L. Tucker Center

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Slack, f	25	4-7	1-2	0-2	3-12	0	4	9
Dilligard, f	27	2-2	0-0	0-0	2-6	2	4	4
Fortes, g	24	2-5	1-3	1-1	1-5	0	3	6
Richardson, g	38	4-13	0-4	2-2	1-2	4	3	10
Johnson, g	35	5-12	5-11	0-0	1-1	1	1	15
Eldridge	15	0-7	0-3	0-0	0-0	3	1	0
Moor	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Vandello	18	1-5	0-0	2-2	2-2	0	0	4
Dyer	13	1-5	1-3	2-2	1-2	0	3	5
Carlwell	3	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2
Totals	200	20-57	8-26	7-9	12-32	10	21	55

Team Pct.: FG – .351; FT – .778

Blocks: 5 (Slack 2, Dilligard 2, Johnson 1)

Turnovers: 20 (Slack 3, Dilligard 2, Fortes 2, Richardson 6, Johnson 1, Eldridge 2, Vandello 2, Dyer 2)

Steals: 7 (Slack 2, Richardson 1, Eldridge 3, Vandello 1)

SMU	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Pearson, f	33	3-12	0-4	1-1	3-10	1	2	7
Ofoegbu, f	28	4-8	1-2	12-17	2-5	1	4	21
Fall, c	29	5-9	0-0	1-2	2-5	1	4	11
Killen, g	38	1-5	0-1	2-2	0-2	3	1	4
Roberts, g	28	3-6	0-1	0-1	1-3	0	1	6
Ritter	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Willingham	18	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	0
Rackauskas	21	3-7	0-1	2-2	2-8	0	5	8
Spencer	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	19-48	1-10	18-25	11-36	7	18	57

Team Pct.: FG – .396; FT – .720

Blocks: 5 (Fall 3, Rackauskas 2)

Turnovers: 22 (Pearson 2, Ofoegbu 4, Fall 3, Killen 5, Roberts 2, Rackauskas 6)

Steals: 8 (Ofoegbu 1, Killen 4, Roberts 2, Willingham 1)

Officials: Mike Sanzere, Gerry Pollard, Don Daily

Attendance: 6,807

Halftime Score: SMU 29, ILLINOIS STATE 23

GAME 2

JOHNSON'S HOT HAND CAN'T SINK SEMINOLES

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Junior guard Dominatrix Johnson single-handedly kept Illinois State in the game, but in the end his career-high 32 points weren't enough as the Redbirds fell to Florida State 73-59, in the second day of the Colonial Classic at the Donald L. Tucker Center, Monday night.

The Redbirds (0-2) were never able to overcome a seven-point halftime deficit as Florida State (2-0) led by as many as 17 points in the second half. However, Johnson continued his torrid shooting with his fifth 3-point basket of the second half and dwindled the lead to 66-57 with 2:55 left. Florida State's Al Thornton tried to match Johnson point for point in the second half and finished with 20 points, including 18 in the final frame.

For the second night in a row, Illinois State stormed out of the gate early. The Redbirds jumped on the Seminoles and took an 11-1 lead at the 16:31 mark. It was a total team effort as all five starters scored a basket in the game's first four minutes with Roberto Fortes hitting the game's first three-pointer.

The teams traded baskets to make the score 13-3 with 14:54 left on the clock, but much like the SMU game, the Redbirds were slowed by a couple of four minute scoring droughts in the final 12 minutes of the half. FSU took advantage of the first drought and closed the score to 13-12.

ISU recovered from Florida State's first run and continued to lead thanks the hot shooting of Johnson, who finished with 11 points in the first half. But with the Redbirds leading 19-17 and 8:56 on the clock, ISU suffered its second four-minute scoreless rut of the half. Again the Seminoles capitalized with a 14-5 run to end the half and as a result took a seven-point lead into the locker room at 31-24.

Johnson's 30-point scoring night was the first by a Redbird since Trey Guidry fired in 30 at Creighton on Jan. 22, 2005 and the most since Tarise Bryson scored 38 points in the 2001 National Invitational Tournament game at Purdue.

Florida State 73, ILLINOIS STATE 59
November 13, 2006 • Donald L. Tucker Center

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Slack, f	26	4-5	0-1	0-0	0-5	2	2	8
Dilligard, f	20	4-6	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	4	8
Fortes, g	31	2-7	1-3	0-1	0-2	2	2	5
Richardson, g	34	1-6	0-0	2-2	1-2	4	4	4
Johnson, g	37	12-23	7-15	1-1	0-1	4	1	32
Eldridge	17	0-4	0-3	2-2	0-3	1	2	2
Vandello	19	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-3	0	4	0
Dyer	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0
Carlwell	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	23-53	8-23	5-7	6-22	14	20	59

Team Pct.: FG – .434; FT – .714

Blocks: 3 (Dilligard 2, Johnson 1)

Turnovers: 26 (Slack 5, Dilligard 1, Fortes 5, Richardson 6, Johnson 3, Eldridge 4, Vandello 2)

Steals: 9 (Slack 1, Dilligard 1, Fortes 2, Johnson 3, Vandello 1, Dyer 1)

Florida State	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Thornton, f	27	8-12	1-2	3-3	1-5	1	2	20
Echefe, f	16	1-3	0-0	0-1	0-0	0	2	2
Swann, g	24	5-9	2-3	2-3	2-4	0	2	14
Douglas, g	30	3-9	0-1	1-2	0-5	5	1	7
Rich, g	32	5-9	0-2	1-1	1-6	1	3	11
Mims	17	2-3	1-2	2-2	2-3	1	0	7
Allen	26	2-2	1-1	1-2	0-4	2	1	6
Breedon	11	0-4	0-2	2-2	0-1	1	0	2
Reid	17	2-2	0-0	0-0	3-3	1	2	4
Totals	200	28-53	5-13	12-16	11-35	12	13	73

Team Pct.: FG – .528; FT – .750

Blocks: 4 (Echefe 1, Rich 1, Allen 2)

Turnovers: 27 (Thornton 5, Echefe 3, Swann 5, Douglas 4, Rich 3, Mims 4, Allen 1, Breedon 1, Reid 1)

Steals: 8 (Thornton 4, Rich 2, Allen 1, Reid 1)

Officials: Mike Sanzere, Gerry Pollard, Don Daily

Attendance: 6,897

Halftime Score: Florida State 31, ILLINOIS STATE 24



GAME 3

DILLIGARD, RICHARDSON LEAD 'BIRDS TO VICTORY

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The inside and outside combination of Illinois State's Greg Dilligard and Boo Richardson was too much for McNeese State as the Redbirds notched their first win of the season with a 67-50 win over the Cowboys in the third and final day of the Colonial Classic at the Donald L. Tucker Center.

Richardson lead the Redbirds (1-2) with a game-high 23 points, while Dilligard collected 20 points. The victory was the first for ISU away from Redbird Arena in its last 18 tries. The last Redbird victory away from Normal occurred on Feb. 19, 2005, when ISU topped Wisconsin-Green Bay 79-69 in ESPN BracketBusters.

Illinois State took the lead 9-7 at the 15:20 mark on an Anthony Slack lay up and never relinquished the lead. Over the next seven minutes, ISU went on a 14-3 run, which included six points by Dilligard, to give the 'Birds a 23-10 with 8:30 left in the first half. The Redbirds increased their lead to 16 points and took a 36-20 advantage into the locker room led by Dilligard's 11 first-half points.

In the second half, the Redbirds could never fully put McNeese State (0-3) away, but the Cowboys were unable to get any closer than 10 points. Both times McNeese State closed the gap to 10 points, the Redbirds responded including a 9-0 run in the game's final three minutes.

ILLINOIS STATE 67, McNeese State 50
November 14, 2006 • Donald L. Tucker Center

McNeese St.	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Wardell, f	28	3-9	0-0	4-4	1-5	1	3	10
Bradley, g	38	6-10	0-0	3-8	2-3	0	3	15
Aaron, g	37	5-12	1-4	1-2	1-5	3	1	12
Ford, g	34	2-11	1-4	4-4	1-7	2	1	9
Pichon, g	24	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-3	2	2	2
Lawrence	26	1-3	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	2
Penn	8	0-2	0-0	0-1	1-2	0	0	0
Barnhill	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	2	0
Totals	200	18-48	2-10	12-19	9-27	9	13	50

Team Pct.: FG – .375; FT – .632

Blocks: 6 (Bradley 2, Lawrence 1, Penn 3)

Turnovers: 17 (Wardell 4, Bradley 2, Aaron 3, Ford 4, Pichon 4)

Steals: 9 (Wardell 1, Bradley 4, Aaron 1, Ford 1, Pichon 2)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Slack, f	23	3-5	0-1	1-2	4-8	0	4	7
Dilligard, f	32	9-14	0-0	2-3	5-5	3	4	20
Fortes, g	24	2-6	1-4	2-2	0-3	2	1	7
Richardson, g	36	8-12	3-5	4-5	1-3	7	1	23
Johnson, g	35	1-11	1-8	0-0	2-3	2	1	3
Eldridge	20	1-6	1-4	0-0	1-5	0	1	3
Moor	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Hill	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
Vandello	19	1-3	0-0	0-0	2-4	1	4	2
Dyer	5	1-3	0-0	0-0	1-3	0	1	2
Holtz	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Carlwell	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	26-60	6-22	9-12	18-40	15	17	67

Team Pct.: FG – .433; FT – .750

Blocks: 4 (Slack 4)

Turnovers: 16 (Slack 1, Dilligard 1, Fortes 1, Richardson 2, Johnson 3, Eldridge 1, Moor 2, Vandello 2, Dyer 3)

Steals: 6 (Slack 1, Dilligard 1, Fortes 1, Richardson 1, Johnson 2)

Officials: Gerry Pollard, Dan Struffeler, Don Daily

Attendance: 6,780

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 36, McNeese State 20

GAME 4

REDBIRDS CONVINCING IN HOME OPENER

NORMAL, Ill. – Illinois State's Dom Johnson led three Redbirds in double figures with 16 points, but it was the ISU defense that got the best of Cal State Northridge in a 66-44 nonconference win at Redbird Arena.

The Matadors offense was stifled as the Redbirds held CSUN to a Redbird Arena low 25.9 percent from the field. CSUN also converted 14 field goals, tying the facility low.

The Matadors jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead when Calvin Chitwood threw down a fast-break dunk on the game's opening play. However, the Redbirds quickly answered on a Boo Richardson three-pointer that opened up a 10-0 run to put the 'Birds up 10-2. Thomas Shewmake then converted on a three-point play for CSUN and ended the ISU run, cutting the lead to 10-5 with 16:03 left in the first half.

ISU continued to score at will, going on a 21-7 run that spanned nearly nine minutes to widen the lead to 31-12. Johnson scored 10 points in the second run, including two baskets from beyond the arc. Jayme Miller's jumper stopped the run for the Matadors and cut the lead to 31-14 and a free throw by Jason Hill then made the score 31-15 at the 2:52 mark.

ILLINOIS STATE 66, Cal State Northridge 44
November 20, 2006 • Redbird Arena

CS Northridge	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Heard, f	20	0-4	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	2	0
Chitwood, f	28	6-14	2-5	0-0	2-3	0	1	14
Shewmake, c	15	1-7	0-1	1-1	2-8	0	2	3
Haynes, g	15	0-3	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	2	0
Hill, g	16	1-2	0-1	1-2	0-1	3	4	3
Peters	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	0	0
Noblitt	14	0-6	0-4	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Miller	17	3-5	0-0	4-7	2-2	0	5	10
Tyson	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Colston	16	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	2	0
Jones	21	1-5	0-1	4-6	3-6	0	2	6
McCrory	11	1-2	0-1	3-3	0-3	0	0	5
Powers	10	1-4	0-0	0-	3-5	0	1	2
Everage	4	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	1	1
Waggener	6	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-4	0	0	0
Totals	200	14-54	2-14	14-21	14-38	8	24	44

Team Pct.: FG – .259; FT – .667

Blocks: 1 (Jones 1)

Turnovers: 23 (Heard 1, Chitwood 2, Shewmake 3, Hill 3, Peters 4, Noblitt 2, Miller 3, Colston 3, Jones 1, McCrory 1)

Steals: 9 (Heard 1, Chitwood 1, Haynes 1, Hill 2, Noblitt 1, Miller 1, Colston 1, Powers 1)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Slack, f	28	5-11	0-1	2-5	2-7	1	1	12
Dilligard, f	24	3-4	0-0	0-2	0-4	3	4	6
Fortes, g	25	0-3	0-1	2-2	1-4	1	2	2
Richardson, g	30	4-7	1-3	6-7	1-2	8	2	15
Johnson, g	27	5-9	4-7	2-2	1-5	1	2	16
Eldridge	19	0-5	0-3	1-2	1-4	0	0	1
Moor	3	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	0	1
Hill	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	2	0
Vandello	12	1-2	0-0	2-2	2-3	0	2	4
Dyer	16	0-3	0-3	0-0	0-4	0	3	0
Holtz	9	3-6	3-6	0-0	0-1	0	1	9
Carlwell	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Totals	200	21-51	8-24	16-24	10-37	14	20	66

Team Pct.: FG – .412; FT – .667

Blocks: 7 (Slack 1, Dilligard 4, Dyer 2)

Turnovers: 18 (Slack 3, Fortes 2, Richardson 5, Johnson 4, Eldridge 1, Vandello 2, Dyer 1)

Steals: 12 (Slack 5, Fortes 3, Johnson 2, Vandello 1, Dyer 1)

Officials: John Higgins, David Warfel, Mark Mayhood

Attendance: 4,699

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 36, CS Northridge 16

GAME 5

'BIRDS ADD TO VALLEY'S BIG WEEKEND; WIN AT ST. JOHN'S

QUEENS, N.Y. – The offensive play of point guard Boo Richardson and the defensive effort of Roberto Fortes paved the way as the Illinois State men's basketball team earned a precious road victory, the Redbirds' first in 16 games, with a 78-65 victory over St. John's at Carnesecca Arena.

The road win was the first by ISU since posting a 79-69 win at Wisconsin-Green Bay as part of BracketBusters Saturday.

St. John's took its only lead of the game at 2-0, but the Redbirds claimed a 9-4 lead after single baskets by four of the five starters. With ISU up 16-13 at the 13:45 mark, the Redbirds went on a 15-3 run, which included a pair of three-pointers by Osiris Eldridge, and took a 31-16 lead with 7:57 on the clock. St. John's responded with a 9-2 spurt and closed the gap to 33-25 with 4:48 left. The two teams traded baskets the rest of the half and the Redbirds took a 41-31 lead into the locker room.

The Redbirds increased their lead to 15 points at 50-35, thanks to a pair of baskets by Richardson. With Illinois State leading 61-49 and 9:42 left in the game, the Red Storm made their final run. St. John's used a 9-1 run over the next three minutes to close the gap to 62-58. But, Dom Johnson hit two of three free throws after being fouled on a 3-point try and Richardson added a basket to put the lead back to 66-58.

After a pair of free throws by Daryll Hill, Fortes sank a big three-pointer and Greg Dilligard added five straight points as the Redbirds regained control with a 74-61 advantage. ISU hit 4-of-8 free throws down the stretch to secure the win.

ILLINOIS STATE 78, St. John's 65
November 25, 2006 • Carnesecca Arena

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Slack, f	29	3-7	0-1	4-7	1-7	1	2	10
Dilligard, f	33	8-15	0-0	1-5	7-11	4	4	17
Fortes, g	27	3-10	1-6	6-8	2-7	1	3	13
Richardson, g	31	5-10	3-8	5-6	1-3	4	3	18
Johnson, g	37	2-7	1-5	2-3	0-0	2	2	7
Eldridge	17	2-5	2-3	2-2	1-2	2	1	8
Vandello	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	1	0
Dyer	6	1-2	1-2	2-2	0-0	0	2	5
Carlwell	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Totals	200	24-56	8-25	22-33	16-35	16	19	78

Team Pct.: FG – .429; FT – .667

Blocks: 2 (Slack 1, Dilligard 1)

Turnovers: 17 (Slack 1, Dilligard 3, Fortes 1, Richardson 5, Johnson 3, Eldridge 2, Vandello 2)

Steals: 8 (Dilligard 2, Richardson 1, Johnson 3, Eldridge 1, Vandello 1)

St. John's	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Mason, f	32	5-10	0-1	2-2	1-3	1	3	12
Hamilton, f	29	5-13	1-2	0-0	1-9	2	4	11
Spears, c	10	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	3	2
Lawrence, g	23	2-3	1-1	0-0	0-1	3	3	5
Patterson, g	30	3-8	0-3	2-2	0-3	1	4	8
Calhoun	21	2-3	0-1	2-3	0-3	0	2	6
Hill	25	4-8	0-0	4-8	1-1	3	2	12
Wright	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Jasiulionis	19	3-3	0-0	0-0	2-3	0	1	6
Torres	4	1-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	0	0	3
Totals	200	26-52	2-8	11-16	8-29	10	22	65

Team Pct.: FG – .500; FT – .688

Blocks: 5 (Hamilton 2, Calhoun 1, Jasiulionis 2)

Turnovers: 22 (Mason 2, Hamilton 4, Spears 4, Lawrence 4, Patterson 2, Calhoun 2, Hill 3, Jasiulionis 1)

Steals: 3 (Patterson 1, Hill 2)

Officials: John Higgins, Steve Skiles, Tom Clark

Attendance: 4,038

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 41, St. John's 31



GAME-BY-GAME CAPSULES

GAME 6

SLACK, DILLIGARD LEAD 'BIRDS PAST SACRAMENTO ST., 86-69

NORMAL, Ill. – The Illinois State men's basketball team was dominate on the interior as junior-transfer Anthony Slack recorded his first career double-double with a career-high 21 points and 10 rebounds and senior Greg Dilligard recorded his second-consecutive double-double (11 points, 10 rebounds) for the first time in his career as Illinois State defeated Sacramento State 86-69 Wednesday night at Redbird Arena.

Slack and Dilligard were just two of five Redbirds to score in double figures as the team shot a season-high 61 percent from the field, including 7-of-15 from the three-point stripe. Senior Roberto Fortes was steady, scoring 11 points, while sophomore Brandon Holtz came off the bench to contribute 10 points. Boo Richardson reached double figures in scoring for the fifth time this season with 12 points and tied his career-high with eight assists.

The Hornets proved to be no match for the 'Birds on the inside, as ISU scored 50 points in the paint. The Redbirds also out-rebounded CSUS, 37-29, and notched six blocked shots, three coming from Slack.

The Hornets jumped out to an early 11-5 with 15:20 left in the half thanks in large part to six early turnovers by the Redbirds. The 'Birds regained their composure and went on a 15-4 run, capped by a three pointer by Fortes that gave the 'Redbirds a 20-15 lead at the 9:22 mark.

In the second half, Slack and Richardson proved to be too much for CSUS to overcome, as the two Redbird newcomers combined to score 27 of the team's 47 points in the second half. Slack was a force inside scoring 17 points, including a high-rising dunk from sophomore Mike Vandello that brought the crowd to its feet with 14: 52 left in the game.

ILLINOIS STATE 86, Sacramento State 69

November 29, 2006 • Redbird Arena

Sacramento St.	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Bausley, f	24	5-9	3-4	0-2	1-1	1	5	13
Alamo, c	26	7-8	0-0	2-2	3-6	0	4	16
Hargrave, g	36	4-12	1-4	0-0	0-2	5	2	9
Adams, g	24	4-6	0-0	1-3	0-4	2	3	9
Leath, g	32	4-18	2-8	2-2	2-2	1	1	12
Harrison	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Thomas	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Young	13	0-3	0-0	0-0	0-1	3	0	0
Williams	13	3-6	0-0	0-0	2-3	0	3	6
Davis	10	1-1	0-0	0-0	2-3	0	2	2
Roberts	16	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-4	0	1	2
Totals	200	29-65	6-16	5-9	13-29	12	21	69

Team Pct.: FG – .446; FT – .556

Blocks: 1 (Young 1)

Turnovers: 18 (Bausley 3, Alamo 3, Hargrave 6, Adams 3, Young 1, Williams 1, Davis 1)

Steals: 15 (Bausley 2, Alamo 1, Hargrave 8, Adams 1, Leath 1, Young 1, Davis 1)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Slack, f	27	9-10	0-0	3-4	2-10	1	3	21
Dilligard, f	24	5-6	0-0	1-5	5-10	4	4	11
Fortes, g	32	4-8	3-6	0-0	0-0	3	0	11
Richardson, g	27	4-8	2-2	2-3	0-3	8	3	12
Johnson, g	34	2-5	0-2	4-4	0-2	4	1	8
Eldridge	6	1-3	0-0	1-2	1-1	0	1	3
Moor	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Hill	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Vandello	23	4-7	0-0	0-0	3-8	4	1	8
Dyer	5	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	2
Holtz	19	4-7	2-5	0-1	1-3	1	2	10
Carlwell	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	34-56	7-15	11-19	12-37	26	15	86

Team Pct.: FG – .607; FT – .579

Blocks: 6 (Slack 3, Dilligard 1, Johnson 1, Dyer 1)

Turnovers: 20 (Slack 3, Dilligard 1, Fortes 4, Richardson 5, Johnson 3, Eldridge 1, Vandello 1, Dyer 1, Holtz 1)

Steals: 7 (Slack 1, Fortes 2, Richardson 1, Johnson 2, Holtz 1)

Officials: Dave Draucker, Terry Oglesby, Dan Doran

Attendance: 5,417

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 39, Sacramento State 28

GAME 7

RECORD THREE-POINT SHOOTING LEADS 'BIRDS PAST UTA

NORMAL, Ill. – The Illinois State men's basketball team was on fire from the perimeter hitting a Redbird Arena record with 14 three-pointers, led by freshman Osiris Eldridge's four as part of his career-high 14 points off the bench in the Redbirds' 86-61 victory over UT-Arlington Saturday night. Eldridge wasn't the only story off the bench as junior Levi Dyer, also in reserve, tied his career-high with 17 points on 6-of-7 shooting, including 3-of-4 from beyond the arc.

Eldridge and Dyer led a group of five Redbirds who scored in double figures as the team shot 53 percent from the field, including 14-of-27 from the three-point stripe. Senior Roberto Fortes and junior Dom Johnson both scored 13 points with three treys each, while junior-transfer Anthony Slack chipped in 10 points along with three rebounds and three blocks.

Along with the record-setting three-point shooting, the Redbird defense also came through with a tremendous effort, forcing 27 turnovers which resulted in 32 points.

The victory improved the 'Birds' record to 5-2 on the season. The win was the team's fifth straight, the longest streak in the Porter Moser era. The loss dropped the Mavericks to 3-3, despite the efforts of sophomore Anthony Vereen, who scored 17 points and grabbed four rebounds.

ILLINOIS STATE 86, UT-Arlington 61

December 2, 2006 • Redbird Arena

UT-Arlington	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Griffin, f	22	3-3	0-0	0-0	2-4	1	2	6
Vereen, f	26	2-6	1-3	12-14	3-4	2	3	17
Posey, f	22	1-2	0-0	0-0	2-6	0	2	2
Guignard, g	28	1-7	1-5	0-0	0-1	2	0	3
Epps, g	28	2-8	0-3	0-0	0-1	2	3	4
Henry	14	1-3	1-3	0-0	2-4	0	1	3
Hunter	10	1-6	0-0	0-0	1-1	1	3	2
Read	9	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-4	0	3	2
Long	23	6-11	3-6	2-2	1-2	2	2	17
Moffitt	14	2-5	1-2	0-0	1-4	1	1	5
Dewalt	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Totals	200	20-52	7-22	14-16	13-34	11	20	61

Team Pct.: FG – .385; FT – .875

Blocks: 2 (Griffin 1, Posey 1)

Turnovers: 27 (Griffin 6, Vereen 2, Posey 2, Guignard 6, Epps 6, Henry 1, Hunter 2, Long 2)

Steals: 7 (Griffin 1, Guignard 2, Epps 2, Henry 1, Long 1)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Slack, f	26	4-8	0-0	2-2	2-3	2	2	10
Dilligard, f	26	3-4	0-0	0-0	1-3	3	2	6
Fortes, g	28	5-10	3-6	0-0	1-3	4	1	13
Richardson, g	31	2-3	1-2	2-4	0-1	7	1	7
Johnson, g	24	4-8	3-6	2-2	0-3	3	0	13
Eldridge	12	5-9	4-7	0-0	0-2	2	0	14
Moor	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Hill	5	1-3	0-0	2-2	1-2	1	0	4
Vandello	6	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Dyer	16	6-7	3-4	2-2	0-4	1	2	17
Holtz	14	0-2	0-2	1-2	0-1	1	1	1
Carlwell	6	0-2	0-0	1-2	0-2	1	2	1
Totals	200	30-57	14-27	12-16	8-28	25	14	86

Team Pct.: FG – .526; FT – .750

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

Turnovers: 16 (Slack 3, Dilligard 2, Fortes 1, Richardson 5, Moor 2, Hill 1, Vandello 2)

Steals: 11 (Slack 3, Dilligard 1, Fortes 2, Richardson 2, Moor 1, Dyer 2)

Officials: Mike Litzelfelner, Kerry Campbell, Robert Burris

Attendance: 5,941

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 36, UT-Arlington 29

GAME 8

REDBIRDS WIN SIXTH STRAIGHT, DROP MIAMI 64-40

NORMAL, Ill. – Allowing just 13 second-half points, a new Redbird Arena low, the fast-paced, second-half offensive effort by the duo of Greg Dilligard and Anthony Slack lifted the Illinois State men's basketball team over Miami (Ohio), 64-40, Tuesday night at Redbird Arena. Dilligard finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds, while Slack added 15 points and 10 boards for the 'Birds.

With the game knotted at 30, just over two minutes into the second half, Illinois State used a 34-10 run to close out the game. The story of the second half unfolded in the first eight minutes of the final period, as the Redbirds erupted for a 10 unanswered points, taking a 40-30 lead at the 12:42 mark. Sparked by a blocked shot by Slack, the 'Birds ran the length of the floor where Boo Richardson threw up an alley-oop that Slack slammed home on the fast break. A foul was called on the play and Slack drained his shot from the charity stripe, finishing the traditional three-point play. Dilligard tossed in a lay up and Osiris Eldridge put down a dunk of his own, adding to the excitement in the stretch.

Miami broke the streak with 12:21 left in the game, with Monty St. Clair connecting on a lay up. But the Redbirds answered with back-to-back three pointers from Richardson and Eldridge, extending their lead to 46-32. Richardson ended the game with 13 points and four assists.

The 'Birds used a 18-8 run in the game's final nine minutes to secure the win, while holding the RedHawks to just 13 second-half points.

ILLINOIS STATE 64, Miami (Ohio) 40

December 5, 2006 • Redbird Arena

Miami (Ohio)	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Peavy, f	34	4-9	1-2	1-5	0-6	1	5	10
T. Pollitz, f	28	8-17	0-0	1-2	1-3	0	2	17
St. Clair, c	15	1-2	0-1	0-1	1-5	1	1	2
Moosmann, g	27	0-3	0-3	0-0	0-0	2	2	0
Bramos, g	34	3-9	1-4	0-0	2-6	1	1	7
Penno	17	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-2	1	1	0
Dierkers	22	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-5	3	4	2
Richburg	8	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	2	0
E. Pollitz	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Ballard	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Fletcher	4	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	0	2
Totals	200	18-47	2-13	2-8	5-31	11	19	40

Team Pct.: FG – .383; FT – .250

Blocks: 3 (T. Pollitz 1, Dierkers 1, Fletcher 1)

Turnovers: 23 (Peavy 4, T. Pollitz 3, St. Clair 1, Moosmann 4, Bramos 4, Dierkers 1, Richburg 2, E. Pollitz 4)

Steals: 10 (Peavy 1, T. Pollitz 2, St. Clair 2, Bramos 1, Dierkers 3, E. Pollitz 1)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Slack, f	33	4-9	0-1	7-10	2-10	2	2	15
Dilligard, f	31	5-7	0-0	1-3	5-10	0	1	11
Fortes, g	23	0-3	0-3	2-2	0-0	2	3	2
Richardson, g	35	4-9	1-2	4-7	0-4	4	1	13
Johnson, g	34	3-9	3-8	0-0	0-2	3	3	9
Eldridge	21	2-5	1-3	0-0	0-2	1	2	5
Moor	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Hill	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Dyer	15	4-6	1-1	0-0	1-4	1	0	9
Holtz	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Carlwell	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	0	0
Totals	200	22-49	6-18	14-22	8-35	13	12	64

Team Pct.: FG – .449; FT – .636

Blocks: 2 (Slack 2)

Turnovers: 15 (Slack 3, Dilligard 3, Fortes 2, Richardson 5, Johnson 1, Eldridge 1)

Steals: 10 (Slack 4, Dilligard 1, Richardson 1, Johnson 3, Eldridge 1)

Officials: Steve Skiles, Terry Anderson, Todd Williams

Attendance: 5,735

Halftime Score: Miami (Ohio) 27, ILLINOIS STATE 25



GAME 9

SECOND HALF SNOWBALLS FOR REDBIRDS IN LOSS

EVANSVILLE, Ind. – For the eighth straight season, Illinois State failed to win its Missouri Valley Conference opener as the Redbirds fell 69-41, at Evansville on Saturday at Roberts Stadium.

Evansville opened the second half with a 19-2 run, which included an Illinois State seven-minute scoring drought. The Redbirds were outscored 41-14 in the second half.

ISU opened the game with a 15-8 run which included eight points by Dom Johnson. The Aces responded with a 14-0 run to take a 22-15 advantage with 10 minutes left in the first frame. During the spurt, the Redbirds were held scoreless for five minutes.

However, the Redbirds were able to close the gap before the intermission as Evansville was scoreless from the floor for over six minutes and the Aces held a 28-27 lead at the half.

Evansville 69, ILLINOIS STATE 41
December 9, 2006 • Roberts Stadium

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Slack, f	18	2-7	0-0	0-0	2-6	0	4	4
Dilligard, f	21	3-5	0-0	0-2	4-9	2	4	6
Fortes, g	21	1-6	1-4	0-0	1-2	2	4	3
Richardson, g	35	0-11	0-5	2-3	0-1	2	1	2
Johnson, g	32	4-10	3-7	0-0	0-1	1	1	11
Eldridge	21	3-8	3-6	0-0	2-7	0	2	9
Moor	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Hill	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Vandello	12	1-1	0-0	2-2	2-3	1	2	4
Dyer	17	0-1	0-1	2-4	2-2	0	0	2
Holtz	8	0-3	0-3	0-0	0-2	1	0	0
Carlwell	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	14-52	7-26	6-11	15-36	9	18	41

Team Pct.: FG – .269; FT – .545

Blocks: 2 (Dilligard 1, Carlwell 1)

Turnovers: 17 (Slack 2, Dilligard 6, Fortes 1, Richardson 5, Vandello 2, Carlwell 1)

Steals: 6 (Slack 1, Richardson 2, Johnson 1, Eldridge 1, Vandello 1)

Evansville	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Cousnard, f	9	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-1	1	0	0
Webster, f	30	8-15	1-2	4-6	0-3	3	2	21
Strickland, c	29	4-9	0-0	4-6	1-5	0	2	12
Anslinger, g	35	3-4	2-3	0-0	0-3	3	1	8
Holsinger, g	26	2-4	1-2	0-0	1-6	5	3	5
Stalbergs	18	2-3	2-2	0-0	1-7	2	3	6
Ely	24	5-6	0-0	0-2	0-1	2	1	10
Morrow	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Gomez	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Wargel	1	0-1	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	0	1
Gregory	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Granger	19	2-4	2-2	0-0	0-3	0	1	6
Petty	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
Totals	200	26-49	8-12	9-16	6-32	16	13	69

Team Pct.: FG – .531; FT – .563

Blocks: 4 (Strickland 2, Holsinger 1, Granger 1)

Turnovers: 11 (Cousnard 1, Webster 3, Strickland 2, Anslinger 4, Ely 1)

Steals: 4 (Strickland 2, Anslinger 1, Wargel 1)

Officials: Frank Spencer, Kipp Kissinger, Terry Oglesby

Attendance: 5,806

Halftime Score: Evansville 28, ILLINOIS STATE 27

GAME 10

REDBIRD RALLY FALLS SHORT AT SHOTS DON'T FALL

KALAMAZOO, Mich. – Illinois State had an opportunity to tie Saturday's non-conference game at Western Michigan three times in the game's final minute and a half, but Boo Richardson, Dom Johnson and Roberto Fortes each missed three-point attempts as the Redbirds fell 65-57 at University Arena.

The Broncos took the lead at the 2:10 mark in the first half and never looked back. WMU led by as many as 11 points, with a 52-41 advantage at the 7:37 mark, but a 10-2 Redbird run, including five points by Greg Dilligard, closed the gap to 54-51 with 5:44 on the clock.

WMU stretched the lead back to seven points at 58-51, however, again, the Redbirds got to within three points after a Fortes' trey at the 2:46 mark to make the score 60-57. With 1:32 left in the contest, Richardson shot the potential tying three, but it bounced off the front of the iron and Dilligard hauled in the offensive rebound. Dilligard kicked the ball out to Johnson, who also missed from three, but again Dilligard grabbed the carom. Fortes took ISU's third-straight shot from three, but it also was off the mark.

The first half was close throughout with four lead changes and neither team owning a bigger lead than six points. Richardson sank all three free throws after being fouled a three-point attempt and tied the score at 15-15. The game was tied for the fifth time at 24-24, but WMU scored the final three points of the half to take a 27-24 lead at the intermission.

Western Michigan 65, ILLINOIS STATE 57
December 16, 2006 • University Arena

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Slack, f	22	4-5	0-0	1-2	1-2	0	5S9	
Dilligard, f	21	4-7	0-0	1-1	5-7	3	4	9
Fortes, g	29	6-11	2-7	1-1	0-4	1	3	15
Richardson, g	39	1-9	1-7	3-4	1-2	6	2	6
Johnson, g	35	2-11	1-7	0-0	0-2	3	1	5
Eldridge	18	2-5	0-2	0-0	1-2	1	0	4
Vandello	11	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	1	0
Dyer	16	3-9	1-5	0-1	0-2	0	2	7
Carlwell	9	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	3	2
Totals	200	23-59	5-28	6-9	11-27	14	21	57

Team Pct.: FG – .390; FT – .667

Blocks: 3 (Slack 2, Dyer 1)

Turnovers: 9 (Dilligard 1, Fortes 3, Richardson 1, Johnson 1, Eldridge 1, Dyer 1, Carlwell 1)

Steals: 3 (Richardson 1, Johnson 1, Dyer 1)

W. Michigan	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Hershberger, f	30	3-7	0-2	2-3	4-7	2	4	8
Reitz, f	33	6-11	0-0	5-8	7-18	0	1	17
Redell, g	16	1-3	0-2	2-2	0-0	2	4	4
Kool, g	17	1-6	1-4	4-4	0-2	2	0	7
Gary, g	31	2-7	1-2	0-0	0-4	3	3	5
Fracalossi	19	2-3	0-0	3-6	1-1	1	1	7
Drews	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
Ricks	29	4-9	1-2	0-0	0-2	2	1	9
Lawson	7	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
Cloutier	10	2-2	2-2	2-2	0-2	0	2	8
Totals	200	21-51	5-14	18-25	16-42	12	16	65

Team Pct.: FG – .412; FT – .720

Blocks: 3 (Gary 2, Lawson 1)

Turnovers: 14 (Hershberger 4, Reitz 2, Redell 3, Gary 2, Fractalossi 1, Drews 1, Ricks 1)

Steals: 3 (Reitz 1, Fractalossi 2)

Officials: Tim Hutchinson, Rob Kruger, Dave Cronin

Attendance: 3,091

Halftime Score: Western Michigan 27, ILLINOIS STATE 24

GAME 11

REDBIRDS GET BACK ON TRACK, DEFEAT LEWIS 85-66

NORMAL, Ill. – Junior Boo Richardson recorded his first career double-double with 20 points and 11 assists and junior Anthony Slack posted a double-digit scoring effort for the sixth time this season with a career-high 22 points on an 8-for-9 shooting effort, as the pair led the Illinois State men's basketball team to a 85-66 win over Lewis Tuesday night at Redbird Arena.

The first half began with both teams not encountering any problems scoring on the offensive end, as the Redbirds and Flyers traded baskets until ISU was able to pull ahead on a 22-7 run capped off by a dunk from Richardson to Slack, who slammed it down. Slack led the 'Birds during the stretch that lasted 7:46, as he scored eight points during the run that put the Redbirds ahead 28-13 with 11:46 remaining.

The 'Birds led by as many as 19 when Richardson drove to the basket, spun around a Flyer defender and made a quick pass to Dilligard who converted an uncontested lay up to make the score 44-25 with 3:26 left to play in the half. But Lewis was able to cut into the lead with a 11-3 scoring run to close out the half, with Illinois State leading Lewis 47-36 at intermission.

ILLINOIS STATE 85, Lewis 66
December 19, 2006 • Redbird Arena

Lewis	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Bolt, f	26	3-4	0-0	2-2	1-5	0	4	8
Warfield, f	31	3-5	1-2	0-0	0-3	2	3	7
Marino, g	28	4-7	2-2	0-0	0-2	4	3	10
Hunter, g	19	1-4	1-4	0-0	0-2	4	1	3
Dagans, g	34	5-15	4-7	11-11	2-5	2	1	25
Bogue	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0
Murdock	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	2	2	0
Sharp	9	2-2	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	6
Donald	16	1-2	1-1	0-2	0-4	2	4	3
Alexander	15	2-2	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	4	4
Jones	6	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	1	0
Lewis	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Sellers	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	21-42	11-18	13-15	5-28	18	25	66

Team Pct.: FG – .500; FT – .867

Blocks: 2 (Warfield 1, Hunter 1)

Turnovers: 28 (Bolt 5, Warfield 6, Marino 6, Hunter 1, Dagans 2, Bogue 1, Sharp 1, Donald 3, Alexander 2, Jones 1)

Steals: 7 (Warfield 1, Dagans 2, Sharp 2, Donald 1, Alexander 1)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Slack, f	17	8-9	0-0	6-7	2-4	1	5	22
Dilligard, f	22	5-8	0-0	3-6	0-1	1	4	13
Fortes, g	24	1-4	1-3	0-1	0-0	3	2	3
Richardson, g	32	8-11	3-5	1-4	0-4	11	1	20
Johnson, g	31	3-5	3-5	2-2	0-2	5	1	11
Eldridge	17	3-4	0-1	0-3	0-1	1	1	6
Moor	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Hill	7	1-4	0-0	2-2	2-2	0	0	4
Vandello	13	0-2	0-0	0-0	3-5	0	2	0
Dyer	18	2-7	0-3	2-2	0-2	1	3	6
Holtz	7	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Carlwell	9	0-2	0-0	0-2	1-3	0	1	0
Totals	200	31-58	7-19	16-29	13-30	23	20	85

Team Pct.: FG – .534; FT – .552

Blocks: 1 (Carlwell 1)

Turnovers: 12 (Dilligard 2, Fortes 2, Richardson 2, Johnson 2, Eldridge 1, Dyer 2, Carlwell 1)

Steals: 14 (Slack 2, Dilligard 2, Fortes 1, Richardson 1, Johnson 2, Eldridge 2, Vandello 1, Dyer 3)

Officials: Mark Mayhood, Cory Burkle, Roland Simmons

Attendance: 3,691

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 47, Lewis 36



GAME-BY-GAME CAPSULES

GAME 12

ELDRIDGE, REDBIRDS TOP UIC, 77-69

CHICAGO – Freshman Osiris Eldridge returned to his hometown of Chicago and led Illinois State to a 77-69 non-conference victory over Illinois-Chicago at the UIC Pavilion on Saturday afternoon. Eldridge tossed in a career-high 19 points and added six rebounds in the victory.

ISU opened up the second half by sinking its first four treys, including a pair by Levi Dyer as the Redbirds built a 48-38 lead with 16:50 left in the contest. UIC responded with a 7-0 spurt, but then ISU's Eldridge went on a run of his own. With the Redbirds leading 48-45, Eldridge rattled off eight straight points and added a pair of rebounds to give ISU a 56-45 lead with 11:36 left.

Again the Flames bounced back with a 13-3 run to cut the ISU lead to 60-58 with 7:02 left. UIC took its first lead since the 16:04 mark of the first half when Karl White made a three-pointer with 4:52 on the clock at 63-62. The lead was short-lived as Dom Johnson and Anthony Slack added a pair of field goals to give the 'Birds a 66-63 lead.

UIC's Othys Jeffers and Daniel Zoric each added a pair of buckets to give the Flames a 67-66 lead, but the Redbirds closed the game with a 11-2 run thanks to six points by Eldridge and five tallies from Boo Richardson.

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .433; FT – .667

Blocks: 3 (Dilligard 2, Johnson 1)

Turnovers: 13 (Dilligard 1, Dyer 2, Richardson 5, Eldridge 1, Slack 4)

Steals: 8 (Fortes 1, Johnson 1, Richardson 1, Eldridge 2, Slack 3)

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

Team Pct.: FG – .413; FT – .750

Blocks: 5 (VanderMeer 4, Zoric 1)

Turnovers: 18 (Jeffers 4, Stefanov 2, VanderMeer 1, Mayo 1, Stewart 5, Gray 2, White 2, Zoric 1)

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

Officials: Eugene Crawford, Frank Spencer, Bert Smith
Attendance: 4,827

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 36, Illinois-Chicago 24

GAME 13

REDBIRDS FALL TO IN-STATE RIVAL SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

NORMAL, Ill. – The Illinois State men's basketball team had three players reach double figures in scoring, but it wasn't enough as the Redbirds fell to Southern Illinois, 68-49, in a Missouri Valley Conference game Friday night at Redbird Arena.

The first half began with both Illinois State and Southern Illinois trading early baskets, as Osiris Eldridge hit consecutive three pointers to give the Redbirds an early 8-5 lead with 16:27 remaining. However, the Salukis were able to pull ahead with a 14-2 scoring run, led by Jamaal Tatum's five points, to give SIU the advantage at 19-10 with 8:33 left in the half. The Redbirds trailed the Salukis 27-20 at the break, with Matt Shaw leading all scorers with 10 points.

Southern Illinois opened up the game in the early minutes of the second half by going on a 18-6 run, giving the Salukis their largest lead of the game at 45-26 with 12:14 left. The run was backed by senior Tony Young, who had seven points during the run. The Salukis proved to be too much for the Redbirds to handle, as SIU was able to hold on its lead for the remainder of the second half, courtesy of a 14-7 run to close out the game.

Southern Illinois 68, ILLINOIS STATE 49
December 29, 2006 • Redbird Arena

Southern Illinois	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Falker, f	35	4-8	0-0	2-6	3-17	3	2	10
Shaw, f	27	7-12	2-4	0-0	2-6	2	4	16
Tatum, g	35	4-8	2-4	6-7	0-4	5	1	16
Mullins, g	33	2-4	2-3	2-4	0-1	4	0	8
Young, g	33	5-10	2-6	0-1	0-1	2	2	12
Armstrong	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Green	5	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Clemons	14	0-2	0-2	1-2	0-4	1	0	1
Boyle	17	2-3	0-0	1-2	2-2	0	2	5
Totals	200	24-48	8-20	12-22	9-41	17	11	68

Team Pct.: FG – .500; FT – .545

Blocks: 7 (Falker 4, Boyle 3)

Turnovers: 13 (Falker 4, Shaw 3, Tatum 1, Mullins 1, Young 4)

Steals: 7 (Falker 2, Tatum 2, Young 2, Clemons 1)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Dilligard, f	27	3-10	0-0	0-0	1-5	0	2	6
Dyer, c	24	4-13	2-6	0-3	3-9	1	1	10
Fortes, g	20	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-2	1	3	0
Richardson, g	27	0-5	0-2	0-0	0-0	3	5	0
Johnson, g	38	4-10	2-7	1-2	0-2	3	3	11
Eldridge	26	4-11	2-6	0-0	2-4	0	1	10
Slack	23	3-5	1-1	2-4	3-10	1	2	9
Hill	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1	1	0
Vandello	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Holtz	7	1-3	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	3
Carlwell	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	19-59	8-27	3-9	11-34	10	18	49

Team Pct.: FG – .322; FT – .333

Blocks: 1 (Dyer 1)

Turnovers: 11 (Fortes 2, Richardson 6, Johnson 2, Eldridge 1)

Steals: 5 (Dilligard 1, Richardson 2, Eldridge 2)

Officials: Steve Welmer, J.D. Collins, John Higgins
Attendance: 6,429
Halftime Score: Southern Illinois 27, ILLINOIS STATE 20

GAME 14

CREIGHTON SHOOTS PAST REDBIRDS, 79-71

OMAHA, Neb. – Freshman Osiris Eldridge scored a career-high 28 points, thanks to a school-record tying eight three-pointers, but it wasn't enough as Illinois State dropped its third straight Missouri Valley Conference game Monday afternoon against Creighton 79-71, at the Qwest Center OMAHA™. The Jays shot 64.3 percent from the field for the game.

Creighton extended its second-half lead with a 14-5 run to take a 58-44 lead with 10 minutes remaining. The Jays remained in control for the rest of the contest, as the Redbirds weren't able to get any closer than seven points.

Both teams opened the game with the hot-hand offensively. At the first media time out, at the 15:56 mark, the Bluejays held a slim edge at 12-11, with six of ISU's points coming from Eldridge. The game remained tight with six lead changes, but with Creighton leading 20-18 with 8:42 left in the half, the Jays were able to pull away as the Redbirds were held scoreless for four minutes. The Jays fired off 10 straight points, including six by Nick Porter, to take a 30-18 lead with 4:45 on the clock.

Two more Eldridge three-pointers and six straight points by Anthony Slack enabled the Redbirds to close the deficit to 38-30, by the intermission.

Creighton 79, ILLINOIS STATE 71
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ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Slack, f	27	5-7	0-1	2-4	3-3	0	2	12
Dyer, c	23	6-8	1-3	0-0	0-3	1	5	13
Eldridge, g	29	10-17	8-11	0-0	1-3	0	4	28
Richardson, g	38	2-9	1-3	2-2	1-3	9	1	7
Johnson, g	37	2-10	2-6	0-0	0-0	6	2	6
Fortes	15	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	1	2	0
Hill	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Vandello	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Holtz	6	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Dilligard	16	2-4	0-0	1-3	2-2	0	3	5
Carlwell	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	0	0
Totals	200	27-58	12-26	5-9	11-20	17	21	71

Team Pct.: FG – .466; FT – .556

Blocks: 3 (Dyer 1, Eldridge 1, Johnson 1)

Turnovers: 13 (Slack 1, Dyer 3, Eldridge 1, Richardson 1, Johnson 4, Holtz 1, Dilligard 2)

Steals: 8 (Slack 1, Dyer 1, Eldridge 2, Richardson 1, Johnson 1, Holtz 1, Dilligard 1)

Creighton	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Watts, f	29	2-4	0-1	1-2	1-4	1	3	5
Tolliver, c	32	11-11	0-0	1-2	4-9	1	2	23
Miles, g	17	1-4	0-2	2-2	0-2	1	0	4
Porter, g	27	3-6	0-1	7-8	2-8	4	3	13
Funk, g	34	6-10	2-2	5-5	0-2	2	1	19
Hibma	12	0-0	0-0	2-2	1-3	0	0	2
Gakou	8	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	2
Nengsu	19	3-4	2-3	1-1	0-2	0	3	9
Bahe	22	0-2	0-2	2-4	0-0	3	1	2
Totals	200	27-42	4-11	21-26	8-31	12	14	79

Team Pct.: FG – .643; FT – .808

Blocks: 1 (Watts 1)

Turnovers: 18 (Watts 2, Tolliver 1, Miles 2, Porter 3, Funk 2, Hibma 2, Gakou 1, Nengsu 1, Bahe 3, Team 1)

Steals: 8 (Watts 2, Tolliver 2, Miles 3, Funk 1)

Officials: Gerry Pollard, Curtis Shaw, Tom O'Neill
Attendance: 14,869
Halftime Score: Creighton 38, ILLINOIS STATE 30



GAME 15

'BIRDS REMAIN WINLESS IN VALLEY; FALL TO INDIANA STATE

NORMAL, Ill. – The Illinois State men's basketball team came into Saturday night's game against Indiana State looking for its first win in Missouri Valley Conference play. However, the Redbirds could only connect on 32.7 percent of their shots and fell to the Sycamores, 54-50, in front of 4,543 fans at Redbird Arena.

Both teams struggled from the field in the first half, with Illinois State shooting just 25 percent from the floor and Indiana State shooting 25.9 percent. The Sycamores held a 5-0 lead until Anthony Slack connected on two free throws with 14:16 left in the half to cut the lead to 5-2. After a three-pointer from Levi Dyer tied the score at 7-7, Greg Dilligard's free throw gave ISU its first lead of the game at 8-7 with 11:25 left in the first half.

From there the teams traded baskets for the rest of the half and the lead changed hands seven times before Indiana State went on an 8-2 run to finish the half and take a 25-20 lead into the locker room at halftime. The 20 points scored by the Redbirds tied a season-low at halftime and the 25 points by the Sycamores were also a season-low for a Redbird opponent.

The Sycamores kept their lead until the 12:10 mark in the second half when Dom Johnson's three-pointer put the 'Birds up 31-30, capping off a 7-0 Illinois State run. Seven lead changes then followed, with Indiana State eventually pulling out to a four-point lead at 44-40. However, Johnson would score five unanswered points to put the Redbirds up 45-44 with just under five minutes to play in the game.

With the score tied at 49-49, a Matt Arnold jumper gave the Sycamores a 51-49 lead with 1:38 left and Indiana State would never relinquish the advantage. Jay Tunnel led the way for the Sycamores with a game-high 13 points while Arnold added nine points and eight rebounds in the win. Dyer and Johnson were both in double figures for the Redbirds, scoring 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Indiana State 54, ILLINOIS STATE 50
January 6, 2007 • Redbird Arena

Indiana State	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Wurtz, f	22	1-3	0-1	1-1	2-7	0	2	3
Tunnell, c	28	3-9	1-2	6-7	2-4	3	2	13
Moore, g	40	1-4	0-1	4-4	2-3	6	2	6
Holmstrom, g	28	2-8	2-5	0-0	0-3	0	3	6
Stinson, g	33	2-11	2-9	2-2	1-4	1	1	8
Arnold	22	4-6	0-0	1-4	2-8	0	3	9
Marshall	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
McCoy	12	1-3	1-1	4-4	2-2	0	2	7
Yelovich	7	1-3	0-2	0-0	0-1	0	1	2
Totals	200	15-47	6-21	18-22	11-35	10	16	54

Team Pct.: FG – .319; FT – .818
Blocks: 0
Turnovers: 14 (Wurtz 3, Tunnell 2, Moore 3, Holmstrom 3, Stinson 3)
Steals: 6 (Moore 4, Stinson 1, Arnold 1)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Slack, f	20	2-5	0-0	2-3	2-8	0	5	6
Dyer, c	26	3-9	1-5	4-4	2-5	0	4	11
Eldridge, g	32	4-13	1-6	0-0	6-8	1	2	9
Richardson, g	35	0-10	0-4	1-2	2-5	6	3	1
Johnson, g	38	4-11	2-9	0-0	0-2	2	1	10
Fortes	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Hill	14	1-2	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	0	4
Vandello	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Dilligard	30	4-5	0-0	1-4	2-10	1	4	9
Totals	200	18-55	4-24	10-15	16-40	10	19	50

Team Pct.: FG – .327; FT – .667
Blocks: 1 (Dilligard 1)
Turnovers: 12 (Slack 2, Dyer 1, Eldridge 4, Richardson 3, Hill 1, Vandello 1)
Steals: 7 (Dyer 2, Eldridge 2, Richardson 1, Johnson 1, Hill 1)

Officials: Brad Gaston, Dave Draucker, Terry Oglesby
Attendance: 4,543
Halftime Score: Indiana State 25, ILLINOIS STATE 20

GAME 16

DYER, ELDRIDGE STUN UNI; 'BIRDS PICK UP FIRST VALLEY WIN

NORMAL, Ill. – Junior Levi Dyer poured in a career-high 20 points, and freshman Osiris Eldridge tossed in an additional 18, as the pair led the Illinois State men's basketball team to a 67-64 overtime win over Northern Iowa Tuesday night at Redbird Arena. The Missouri Valley Conference victory was the first of the season for the 'Birds, as they downed UNI, who was previously undefeated in Valley play.

Northern Iowa took a 29-25 lead just over two minutes into the second half, scoring on consecutive offensive possessions. But the Redbirds responded with a Greg Dilligard lay up, on a quick pass from Boo Richardson and a fast-break Eldridge lay up to tie the game with 17:07 to play.

Dyer then scored the next eight points for Illinois State, burying two shots from the charity stripe and a pair of three-pointers. The 'Birds led by as many as five in the stretch, 40-35, as the second media time out of the half was called. The Panthers' Coleman tied the game at 43 on a put-back. But Dyer ran the length of the floor and drained his fourth trey of the game from the top of the key to give the Redbirds a 46-43 advantage.

The teams traded buckets for the almost six minutes before Dilligard blocked a lay up on a Northern Iowa fast break at the 1:04 mark as Richardson drove the basket for an open lay up on the ensuing out-of-bounds play to put Illinois State up by one, 57-56. After being fouled with just seconds remaining, Dyer connected on a pair of free throws to give ISU a three-point, 59-56 lead. But a McKowen, running three-pointer at the buzzer sent the game into overtime.

In the extra five-minute period, ISU's Johnson was fouled on a driving lay up that fell with 3:41 left to play. Johnson hit the ensuing free throw, putting the 'Birds up 62-59. Eldridge took over from there, scoring five of the Redbirds' eight points in the overtime to secure the ISU win, 67-64.

ILLINOIS STATE 67, Northern Iowa 64
January 9, 2007 • Redbird Arena

Northern Iowa	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Stout, f	30	3-10	0-2	2-2	1-8	3	4	8
Coleman, c	35	4-8	0-0	4-7	3-7	5	4	12
Josten, g	37	3-7	1-2	2-2	0-0	1	3	9
Brown, g	20	1-4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	2
McKowen, g	39	4-8	2-4	2-2	1-9	4	2	12
Jones	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Ahelegbe	13	0-3	0-2	0-0	0-2	1	0	0
Viet	24	3-7	3-7	0-0	0-0	1	2	9
Koch	18	2-5	0-2	3-4	0-1	0	1	7
Eglseder	7	2-2	0-0	1-2	0-2	0	1	5
Totals	200	22-54	6-20	14-19	5-32	15	18	64

Team Pct.: FG – .407; FT – .737
Blocks: 4 (Stout 1, Coleman 3)
Turnovers: 15 (Stout 3, Coleman 4, Josten 1, Brown 1, McKowen 4, Koch 2)
Steals: 8 (Stout 1, Coleman 3, McKowen 2, Viet 1, Koch 1)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Dilligard, f	28	2-4	0-0	0-0	3-7	1	4	4
Dyer, c	27	6-13	4-5	4-5	0-5	0	3	20
Eldridge, g	33	6-11	1-4	5-6	0-4	3	0	18
Richardson, g	38	2-8	0-4	0-0	0-4	4	2	4
Johnson, g	33	3-6	0-3	11	0-3	4	2	7
Slack	10	1-3	0-0	2-2	0-1	0	0	4
Hill	14	3-4	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	6
Vandello	15	0-2	0-1	1-2	1-3	0	4	1
Holtz	18	1-3	1-2	0-0	0-1	0	1	3
Carlwell	9	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-2	1	1	0
Totals	200	24-55	6-19	13-16	6-36	13	17	67

Team Pct.: FG – .436; FT – .813
Blocks: 2 (Dilligard 1, Dyer 1)
Turnovers: 16 (Dilligard 2, Dyer 1, Eldridge 1, Richardson 1, Johnson 3, Slack 2, Vandello 1, Holtz 4, Carlwell 1)
Steals: 7 (Eldridge 3, Richardson 2, Holtz 2)

Officials: Tom Eades, Eddie Jackson, Ronnie Jones
Attendance: 3,585

GAME 17

COMEBACK FALLS SHORT FOR REDBIRDS, RICHARDSON

DES MOINES, Iowa – Boo Richardson entered Saturday's game with 14 points combined in Missouri Valley Conference action, but Illinois State's junior point guard poured in a career-high 24 points against Drake in the Redbirds' 70-66 loss at the Knapp Center. ISU overcame a 13-point, first-half deficit, but a pair of late turnovers proved costly in the defeat.

The Bulldogs held their five-point lead through the first five minutes of the second half. ISU's Johnson had the opportunity to tie the game at the 12:27 mark with a pair of free throws, but the Redbird junior hit only one as ISU trailed 40-39. Drake used an 8-2 run with five points coming from Grant to take a 48-41 lead at the 10:36 mark.

Again the Redbirds responded with a 9-2 run, thanks to five more points from Richardson, to tie the game at 50-50 with 8:23 left in the game. Dyer gave the Redbirds their first lead of the second half with a basket at the 6:48 mark, but back-to-back lay ups by Aliou Keita and Al Stewart gave the Bulldogs a 57-54 edge with 5:44 on the clock.

Richardson drained his sixth three-pointer of the game at the 5:22 mark to force the fourth tie of the contest at 57-57. Drake's Stewart sank a pair of foul shots and Dyer countered with a basket as the two teams remained tied 59-59 with 3:34 left on the clock. Following a pair of ISU turnovers, Drake took a 63-59 lead on a pair of Ajay Calvin chip shots with 2:14 remaining.

ISU continued to battle down the stretch, but a missed free throw by Anthony Slack, an intentional foul called on Richardson and rushed three-pointer by Osiris Eldridge with 10 seconds remaining were too much to overcome.

Drake 70, ILLINOIS STATE 66
January 13, 2007 • Knapp Center

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Dilligard, f	12	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	4	2
Dyer, c	34	6-8	2-3	0-1	3-13	1	2	14
Eldridge, g	31	1-8	0-2	2-3	2-7	1	0	4
Richardson, g	39	8-13	6-9	2-2	0-2	3	5	24
Johnson, g	32	1-6	1-5	1-2	2-2	5	3	4
Fortes	3	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	0	1
Slack	23	6-7	0-0	0-2	5-7	1	4	12
Hill	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Vandello	6	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Holtz	13	2-6	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	2	5
Carlwell	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	25-53	10-22	6-12	15-35	11	21	66

Team Pct.: FG – .472; FT – .500
Blocks: 5 (Dilligard 1, Slack 2, Holtz 1)
Turnovers: 17 (Dyer 2, Dilligard 1, Eldridge 2, Richardson 4, Johnson 3, Hill 1, Vandello 1, Holtz 1, Team 2)
Steals: 8 (Dyer 1, Eldridge 1, Richardson 1, Slack 1, Hill 2, Holtz 2)

Drake	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Korver, f	17	2-6	1-3	0-1	1-1	0	1	5
Calvin, f	37	6-13	0-1	7-9	2-9	1	2	19
Cox, c	21	3-3	1-1	2-3	1-3	0	2	9
Stewart, g	28	2-5	0-0	3-4	3-7	4	2	7
Grant, g	28	5-13	0-0	5-7	5-6	0	3	15
Baryenbruch	14	0-3	0-3	0-0	1-1	1	1	0
Emmenecker	13	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	0
Young	24	3-6	1-3	0-0	0-2	6	2	7
Keita	18	4-5	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	1	8
Totals	200	25-55	3-11	17-24	15-33	13	17	70

Team Pct.: FG – .455; FT – .708
Blocks: 2 (Cox 2)
Turnovers: 13 (Korver 2, Calvin 1, Cox 2, Stewart 3, Grant 3, Baryenbruch 1, Emmenecker 1)
Steals: 6 (Cox 1, Welfel 1, Grant 2, Emmenecker 1, Young 1)

Officials: David Warfel, Darron George, Brad Gaston
Attendance: 4,735
Halftime Score: Drake 33, ILLINOIS STATE 28



GAME-BY-GAME CAPSULES

GAME 18

DYER SCORES CAREER-HIGH; MSU DEFEATS 'BIRDS, 75-66

NORMAL, Ill. – Junior Levi Dyer set a career high with 23 points and senior Greg Dilligard tallied 13 points and became the school's all-time leading shot blocker, but a late Illinois State men's basketball team rally wasn't enough as Missouri State held on to down the Redbirds 75-66, Monday at Redbird Arena.

After trailing throughout the second half, Illinois State cut the lead to 65-63 with 1:41 left in the game after back-to-back baskets by Dilligard, but the Bears answered with a Nathan Bilyeu jumper from the left side and a lay up by Deven Mitchell off a Dom Johnson turnover to build their lead back up 69-64.

Illinois State stayed close all night despite only having two players in double digits, thanks to forcing 17 turnovers that led to 23 points. However, while the 'Birds held the Bears to only 38 shots, MSU took full advantage of those shots nailing 66 percent from the floor, including 8-of-12 from distance.

Missouri State had four players in double figures, led by senior Blake Ahearn with 17 points.

Missouri State 75, ILLINOIS STATE 66
January 15, 2007 • Redbird Arena

Missouri State	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Bilyeu, f	32	2-6	0-0	7-10	2-6	4	3	11
Richards, c	11	1-1	0-0	0-2	0-2	1	4	2
Chaney, g	28	5-8	1-3	0-0	1-4	3	2	11
Sp. Laurie, g	26	2-3	2-2	2-2	0-3	4	1	8
Ahearn, g	30	6-9	3-5	2-2	0-0	2	1	17
Fuehrmeyer	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	1	0
Lamberth	16	2-3	1-1	1-1	0-2	0	3	6
Mitchell	22	4-4	1-1	5-9	0-4	1	3	14
Sh. Laurie	16	1-1	0-0	0-2	0-4	0	1	2
Rausch	12	2-3	0-0	0-0	1-4	1	1	4
Totals	200	25-38	8-12	17-28	5-30	18	20	75

Team Pct.: FG – .658; FT – .607

Blocks: 1 (Rausch 1)

Turnovers: 17 (Bilyeu 2, Richardson 1, Chaney 1, Sp. Laurie 3, Ahearn 2, Fuehrmeyer 1, Lamberth 1, Mitchell 5, Rausch 1)

Steals: 5 (Bilyeu 1, Sp. Laurie 1, Fuehrmeyer 1, Mitchell 2)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Dilligard, f	25	4-7	0-0	5-10	0-2	0	4	13
Dyer, c	32	8-13	2-5	5-6	0-4	1	4	23
Eldridge, g	31	3-9	0-6	1-2	2-7	1	1	7
Richardson, g	36	4-12	1-3	0-0	1-2	5	2	9
Johnson, g	38	3-4	2-3	0-1	1-2	8	2	8
Fortes	14	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	1	2	0
Slack	21	2-2	0-0	2-3	1-3	1	5	6
Hill	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Holtz	1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Totals	200	24-49	5-19	13-22	7-22	17	21	66

Team Pct.: FG – .490; FT – .591

Blocks: 2 (Dilligard 2)

Turnovers: 12 (Dilligard 1, Dyer 1, Richardson 3, Johnson 5, Fortes 1, Slack 1)

Steals: 9 (Dilligard 1, Eldridge 2, Richardson 2, Johnson 1, Slack 2, Hill 1)

Officials: Ed Hightower, Randy McCall, Steven Skiles

Attendance: 4,191

Halftime Score: Missouri State 32, ILLINOIS STATE 29

GAME 19

DYER, REDBIRDS SNAP LOSING STREAK; BEAT WICHITA STATE

NORMAL, Ill. – Junior Levi Dyer scored 20 points, including a perfect 4-for-4 from three-point land, as the Illinois State men's basketball team defeated Wichita State 83-75 in a Missouri Valley Conference game Thursday night at Redbird Arena.

Head coach Porter Moser secured his 100th career coaching victory, leading the Redbirds to its first win over the Shockers since January, 2002.

The first half began with both teams trading baskets until Wichita State was able to take an early lead at 10-5, courtesy of a layup from Ryan Martin at the 12:45 mark. The 'Birds knotted the score at 10 when Dom Johnson hit a leaning jumper at 11:52; however, ISU and WSU traded baskets again until a lay up in traffic from Slack gave the Redbirds a 19-17 advantage with 8:01 remaining.

The Redbirds were able to pull ahead, 30-22, when they went on a 13-5 scoring run that spanned just under five minutes. The run was sparked by sophomore Mike Vandello, who had five points. However, the Shockers went on a 7-4 spurt to close the gap at the half, 34-29.

The second half began similar to the opening frame, as both the Redbirds and Shockers traded early buckets. It wasn't until a 10-3 run by the 'Birds that ISU was able to take a 54-45 advantage on a three pointer from Eldridge with 9:34 remaining, forcing a Shocker timeout. Wichita State was able to re-group and cut into the 'Birds' lead on a 7-2 run, paced by three points from guard Matt Braeuer, with the Redbirds clinging to a 54-52 lead with 8:16 left.

The 'Birds took their largest lead of the game after Slack hit two free throws and Illinois State built a 10-point lead at 67-57 at the 4:22 mark. They matched the 10-point lead at 70-60 after Slack hit a layup and was fouled by the Shockers' Wilson, nailing the subsequent free throw. Wilson committed his fifth foul during the play and fouled out with 27 points.

ILLINOIS STATE 83, Wichita State 75
January 18, 2007 • Redbird Arena

Wichita State	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Martin, f	27	6-9	0-0	2-4	3-6	0	2	14
Cousnard, f	31	5-11	3-5	2-2	5-5	5	3	15
Wilson, f	33	7-12	5-6	8-10	4-6	2	5	27
Braeuer, g	27	1-7	1-5	1-1	0-1	5	2	4
Ogirri, g	25	0-8	0-7	1-2	1-6	0	2	1
Mekel	12	0-7	0-4	2-2	1-1	2	3	2
Preadom	6	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
Bradley	24	3-6	3-5	0-0	0-0	2	1	9
Thomasson	15	1-3	0-0	1-2	0-2	1	4	3
Totals	200	23-65	12-33	17-23	17-31	17	22	75

Team Pct.: FG – .354; FT – .739

Blocks: 3 (Cousnard 2, Wilson 1)

Turnovers: 11 (Martin 1, Cousnard 3, Wilson 1, Ogirri 1, Mekel 1, Preadom 1, Bradley 1, Thomasson 2)

Steals: 7 (Cousnard 3, Wilson 1, Braeuer 1, Mekel, Thomasson 1)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Dilligard, f	18	4-4	0-0	2-2	2-4	1	4	10
Dyer, c	32	6-10	4-4	4-4	0-4	2	2	20
Eldridge, g	30	5-11	3-5	3-4	3-6	1	4	16
Richardson, g	28	3-7	1-2	2-4	1-3	5	4	9
Johnson, g	29	1-4	0-2	0-0	1-5	2	0	2
Fortes	16	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	0
Slack	18	4-6	0-0	6-7	1-4	1	2	14
Moor	7	0-1	0-0	1-2	0-1	0	0	1
Hill	10	1-2	0-0	2-2	0-1	0	2	4
Vandello	12	2-2	0-0	3-4	2-5	0	0	7
Totals	200	26-48	8-14	23-29	10-37	13	19	83

Team Pct.: FG – .542; FT – .793

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

Turnovers: 18 (Dyer 3, Eldridge 2, Richardson 2, Johnson 5, Fortes 3, Slack 2, Moor 1)

Steals: 2 (Richardson 1, Moor 1)

Officials: Don Daily, Kipp Kissinger, Dave Draucker

Attendance: 5,422

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 34, Wichita State 29

GAME 20

REDBIRDS WIN SECOND STRAIGHT, BEAT DRAKE 80-65

NORMAL, Ill. – Junior Levi Dyer tallied 20-plus points for the third consecutive game, scoring a career-high 27 points on 10-for-14 shooting, including a career-high 5-for-7 from three point land, as the Illinois State men's basketball team defeated Drake 80-65 in a Missouri Valley Conference game Sunday afternoon at Redbird Arena. The Redbirds also scored 80-plus points for the second consecutive game, a feat the team has not achieved since November of 2004.

The Redbirds were able to pull out of the gates to an early 14-4 lead in the first half after Dyer hit his first four shots, all but one from beyond the arc, with the last three pointer causing Drake to call an early timeout with 16:22 remaining. Drake cut the lead to 20-18 with 9:26 courtesy of a 12-2 run, as Calvin led the Bulldogs with nine points. However, the 'Birds were able to regain a 10 point lead after Richardson drove and converted a reverse lay up, capping off a 9-2 run to close out the half with the Redbirds in front, 34-24.

Drake started the second half on an 8-2 run, closing the gap to 36-32 at the 17:37 mark on a three pointer from Cox, forcing Illinois State to call its second timeout. After Dyer hit another three from the left corner to put the Redbirds up 55-47 with 8:03 remaining, the Redbirds went on a 9-3 run to give ISU a 64-55 advantage, capped with a lay up from Slack with 3:39 left in the period. The 'Birds never looked back, closing out the game with an 8-3 run to secure the 80-65 victory.

ILLINOIS STATE 80, Drake 65
January 21, 2007 • Redbird Arena

Drake	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Calvin, f	35	7-12	1-2	0-0	2-10	0	3	15
Keita, c	16	0-4	0-0	0-0	1-3	0	1	0
Stewart, g	26	2-4	0-0	0-0	1-3	4	1	4
Grant, g	26	2-7	0-1	3-4	0-0	1	2	7
Young, g	17	2-7	0-1	2-2	0-0	2	0	6
Traore Dit Nignan	1	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-1	0	2	0
Houston	9	2-4	1-3	1-1	0-1	2	3	6
Barynbruch	25	1-4	1-4	0-0	0-1	4	1	3
Emmenecker	12	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-2	3	0	2
Eaddy	1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Korver	10	3-5	1-3	1-2	0-1	1	2	8
Cox	22	6-10	1-3	1-1	2-5	2	5	14
Totals	200	26-60	5-18	8-12	8-27	19	21	65

Team Pct.: FG – .433; FT – .667

Blocks: 7 (Keita 5, Cox 2)

Turnovers: 7 (Calvin 1, Keita 1, Grant 2, Barynbruch 1, Emmenecker 1, Cox 1)

Steals: 4 (Keita 1, Stewart 2, Cox 1)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Dilligard, f	23	2-2	0-0	1-2	2-5	1	4	5
Dyer, c	30	10-14	5-7	2-2	1-2	2	3	27
Eldridge, g	25	1-4	1-3	4-4	1-7	2	0	7
Richardson, g	36	5-12	1-3	5-6	1-3	6	2	16
Johnson, g	32	0-4	0-2	0-0	1-5	6	1	0
Fortes	14	1-1	1-1	5-8	0-3	1	1	8
Slack	21	5-6	0-0	4-6	2-5	0	2	14
Moor	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Hill	9	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Vandello	6	1-3	1-1	0-0	1-4	0	1	3
Totals	200	25-49	9-17	21-28	10-38	18	14	80

Team Pct.: FG – .510; FT – .750

Blocks: 8 (Dilligard 4, Dyer 2, Slack 2)

Turnovers: 11 (Dyer 3, Richardson 1, Johnson 2, Slack 2, Vandello 2, Team 1)

Steals: 3 (Eldridge 1, Richardson 1, Johnson 1)

Officials: Paul Janssen, Ted Hillary, Gerry Pollard

Attendance: 3,988

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 34, Drake 24



GAME 21

BRADLEY'S TORRID SHOOTING SINKS ISU, 88-67

PEORIA, Ill. – Bradley did miss nine field goals in the first half, however the bad news for Illinois State was the fact that the Braves attempted 31 shots. It was that type of offensive production on 22-of-31 first-half shooting which secured an 88-67 victory over the Redbirds in Missouri Valley Conference action Wednesday night before a Carver Arena record crowd of 11,444.

Bradley jumped out to a 17-point lead in the first eight minutes as the Braves made 13 of their first 14 field goal attempts to build a 28-11 advantage at the 11:37 mark. Bradley, one of the nation's top 3-point shooting teams, used three dunks and three lay-ups to boost its lofty field goal percentage.

ISU closed the gap to 12 points at 28-16, but the Braves used a 13-5 run to increase their lead to 41-21 with 6:55 left in the half. The Redbirds put together a 6-0 run late in the half, but again Bradley countered with eight straight points and went into the intermission with a 54-32 lead. The 54 first-half points were the most allowed by ISU all season, as Bradley shot 71 percent from the floor in the first frame.

Bradley's shooting cooled off in the second half, but Illinois State wasn't able to get any closer than 18 points.

Bradley 88, ILLINOIS STATE 67
January 24, 2007 • Carver Arena

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Dilligard, f	23	8-8	0-0	2-6	2-4	1	2	18
Dyer, c	24	4-11	1-4	2-4	2-4	1	2	11
Eldridge, g	32	2-10	0-4	4-4	2-6	2	1	8
Richardson, g	26	2-4	1-3	0-0	0-5	0	3	5
Johnson, g	29	1-5	1-3	0-0	0-0	3	1	3
Fortes	15	1-4	0-1	1-2	0-5	1	1	3
Slack	23	2-3	0-0	4-6	3-4	1	2	8
Moor	5	2-2	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	5
Hill	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Vandello	11	1-2	0-0	1-2	0-2	0	2	3
Holtz	6	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	3
Carlwell	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	0	0	0
Totals	200	24-52	5-18	14-24	9-35	11	14	67

Team Pct.: FG – .462; FT – .583

Blocks: 1 (Dilligard 1)

Turnovers: 16 (Dilligard 1, Eldridge 2, Richardson 5, Johnson 1, Fortes 1, Slack 3, Vandello 1, Holtz 2)

Steals: 7 (Dilligard 1, Eldridge 2, Richardson 1, Slack 3)

Bradley	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Salley, f	26	5-7	0-0	0-3	0-7	2	3	10
Andrews, c	22	8-10	0-0	3-3	1-3	2	2	19
Franklin, g	34	7-16	6-11	2-2	0-4	4	3	22
Tauai, g	28	5-11	2-7	0-0	1-6	3	3	12
Ruffin, g	34	6-9	2-3	2-2	2-3	10	1	16
Jassey	4	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Phillips	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Warren	21	2-3	0-0	2-2	0-3	1	1	6
Adams	20	1-5	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	1	3
Lavin	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Singh	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	0	3	0
Totals	200	34-63	11-26	9-12	5-30	22	17	88

Team Pct.: FG – .540; FT – .750

Blocks: 3 (Salley 1, Andrews 1, Ruffin 1)

Turnovers: 7 (Salley 4, Andrews 1, Tauai 1, Ruffin 1)

Steals: 8 (Andrews 1, Franklin 2, Tauai 1, Ruffin 2, Adams 1, Lavin 1)

Officials: John Higgins, David Warfel, Brad Gaston
Attendance: 11,444
Halftime Score: Bradley 54, ILLINOIS STATE 32

GAME 22

TATUM, FALKER TOO MUCH FOR ISU IN SECOND HALF

CARBONDALE, Ill. – Jamaal Tatum and Randal Falker combined to score 29 of Southern Illinois' 41 second-half points to spoil Illinois State's upset bid at SIU Arena on Saturday afternoon, as the Salukis posted a 73-62 Missouri Valley Conference victory.

The Redbirds gave the Salukis a dose of their own medicine in the early going with a stifling defense and built a 13-3 advantage at the 15:26 mark in the first half. After four Saluki starters returned from an earlier-than-anticipated trip the bench, SIU responded with a 13-3 run of its own to knot the score at 16-16 with 8:15 left.

ISU regained the lead as Mike Vandello was fouled on a fast break dunk, but Vandello was shaken up on the play and Levi Dyer replaced the Redbird sophomore to finish the three-point play. SIU's Tony Young followed with a three-point basket of his own to tie the game again at 19-19. Young gave the Salukis its only lead of the first half with another trey at the 6:24 mark, but the Redbirds closed the half with a 10-2 run and held a 31-25 lead at the intermission.

Again the two teams exchanged baskets to open the second half, but Falker established an inside presence and took control of the contest. ISU led 41-39 with 13:59 left in the game, but SIU went on a 16-8 run, including 13 points by Falker, to take a 55-49 lead. Later in the half, Tatum added six straight Saluki points to push the lead to 63-54 and the Redbirds were never able to recover.

Southern Illinois 73, ILLINOIS STATE 62
January 27, 2007 • SIU Arena

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Dilligard, f	18	4-5	0-0	0-1	2-2	1	3	8
Dyer, c	31	5-9	4-5	4-5	0-2	0	3	18
Eldridge, g	31	6-12	4-5	1-2	0-8	4	1	17
Fortes, g	20	2-5	0-1	0-0	3-5	2	2	4
Richardson, g	23	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	5	5	0
Slack	24	3-4	0-0	3-4	1-4	2	5	9
Johnson	20	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	1	2
Moor	11	0-1	0-0	0-2	1-3	0	0	0
Hill	15	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-1	0	1	2
Vandello	6	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	2
Carlwell	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	22-41	8-11	10-16	9-30	15	22	62

Team Pct.: FG – .537; FT – .625

Blocks: 3 (Dyer 2, Slack 1)

Turnovers: 24 (Dilligard 1, Dyer 3, Eldridge 1, Fortes 5, Richardson 3, Slack 5, Johnson 5, Moor 1)

Steals: 5 (Dilligard 1, Dyer 1, Slack 2, Johnson 1)

Southern Illinois	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Falker, f	29	6-8	0-0	7-12	2-4	5	3	19
Shaw, f	27	2-4	0-2	0-0	1-4	0	4	4
Tatum, g	35	7-15	5-8	3-4	1-2	3	2	22
Mullins, g	32	3-6	1-3	2-2	0-0	5	2	9
Young, g	34	6-13	4-6	0-0	0-4	4	3	16
Bone	9	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	1	0	0
Armstrong	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Acquah	1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2
Green	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Foster	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Clemons	9	0-0	0-0	1-2	2-2	0	1	1
Boyle	9	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	1	0
Totals	200	34-63	11-26	9-12	5-30	22	17	88

Team Pct.: FG – .510; FT – .650

Blocks: 5 (Falker 5)

Turnovers: 14 (Falker 2, Shaw 5, Tatum 2, Young 2, Foster 1, Clemons 1, Boyle 1)

Steals: 8 (Falker 2, Shaw 1, Mullins 2, Young 1, Bone 1, Clemons 1)

Officials: Eddie Jackson, Kipp Kissinger, Mark Mayhoad
Attendance: 8,608
Halftime Score: Illinois State 31, Southern Illinois 25

GAME 23

ELDRIDGE, ISU STRONG DOWN STRETCH, DEFEAT EVANSVILLE

NORMAL, Ill. – Freshman Osiris Eldridge scored 14 points, including nine in the final 1:54, and grabbed a career-high tying eight rebounds as the Illinois State men's basketball team defeated Evansville, 65-61, in a Missouri Valley Conference game Tuesday night. The Redbirds improved to 9-3 at home this season, and snapped a two-game conference losing streak.

Evansville was able to jump out to a commanding advantage in the beginning stages of the second half, taking a 39-34 lead at the 16:38 mark after a three from Jason Holsinger. The Aces built their largest lead of the game at 47-37 during the first five minutes of the half, courtesy of a 15-8 scoring run. But, the Redbirds were able to build a scoring run of their own, an 11-5 stretch that cut the Aces' lead to 52-51 with 7:22 remaining. The Redbirds were able to tie the game at 57-57 after freshman Eldridge hit an open three on a drive and pass from Richardson with 1:54 left. After forcing an Evansville turnover, Eldridge hit another jumper, this time inside the arc that gave the 'Birds their first lead at 59-57 since the 7:12 mark in the first half.

After an Aces time out, Matt Webster drove the lane and shot a jumper that rattled in to tie the game at 59 with 55 seconds remaining. The Redbirds quickly regained the advantage after Eldridge sank two free throws, giving Illinois State a 61-59 lead at 42.0 seconds. The 'Birds never relinquished that lead, closing out the game by hitting four more free throws to seal the victory.

ILLINOIS STATE 65, Evansville 61
January 30, 2007 • Redbird Arena

Evansville	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Webster, f	34	6-13	1-2	5-6	1-4	3	3	18
Strickland, c	34	2-3	0-0	0-2	1-5	0	2	4
Anslinger, g	36	3-11	2-8	1-1	0-2	2	4	9
Cousnard, g	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Holsinger, g	35	8-13	6-10	2-4	0-4	2	2	24
Stalbergs	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	3	0
Ely	28	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	3	1	2
Morrow	3	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0
Granger	9	1-4	0-1	0-0	1-2	0	1	2
Petty	4	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	3	2
Totals	200	21-47	9-21	10-15	4-24	11	22	61

Team Pct.: FG – .447; FT – .667

Blocks: 1 (Strickland 1)

Turnovers: 15 (Webster 8, Strickland 2, Anslinger 1, Cousnard 1, Holsinger 2, Stalbergs 1)

Steals: 9 (Webster 1, Strickland 3, Anslinger 2, Stalbergs 1, Granger 2)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Hill, f	22	0-2	0-0	2-2	0-1	1	1	2
Dilligard, f	33	3-3	0-0	2-5	2-6	0	4	8
Dyer, c	18	2-8	1-4	1-2	0-1	0	3	6
Eldridge, g	30	4-8	2-5	4-4	0-8	0	2	14
Richardson, g	31	4-8	2-5	1-1	1-2	5	3	11
Fortes	9	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-2	1	0	2
Slack	26	4-8	0-0	6-9	3-9	1	2	14
Moor	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Vandello	3	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2
Holtz	20	2-6	1-3	1-1	1-2	3	2	6
Totals	200	21-46	6-17	17-24	9-34	11	17	65

Team Pct.: FG – .457; FT – .708

Blocks: 0

Turnovers: 16 (Hill 3, Dilligard 2, Eldridge 2, Richardson 5, Fortes 1, Slack 1, Holtz 3)

Steals: 9 (Hill 1, Eldridge 3, Richardson 2, Slack 3)

Officials: Tom Eades, Frank Spencer, Darron George
Attendance: 4,560
Halftime Score: Evansville 32, Illinois State 29



GAME-BY-GAME CAPSULES

GAME 24

'BIRDS FALL 70-62 TO BRADLEY ON DOUG COLLINS NIGHT

NORMAL, Ill. – On a night where the Illinois State athletics department paid tribute to the backcourt magician, Doug Collins, by naming the court at Redbird Arena in his honor, junior Dom Johnson scored 14 points to lead four Redbirds in double figures, but it wasn't enough as in-state rival Bradley completed the season sweep by defeating ISU 70-62 on Saturday night.

The Braves used a balance offense, which included three players in double figures led by Zach Andrew's 15 points on 7-of-8 shooting, and a solid defensive effort which forced the Redbirds into 15 turnovers resulting in 21 points.

Illinois State received 13 points from junior Levi Dyer, who also notched a new career high with six assists. Junior Boo Richardson also chipped in 12 points and senior Greg Dilligard contributed 11 points and a team-high 10 rebounds.

The Redbirds struggled from the foul line hitting only 12-of-22 (55 percent) and from beyond the arc connecting on 8-of-24 (33 percent).

Bradley opened the second half hitting three of its first five shots, including an Andrews' dunk off a fast break, pushing the lead to 41-34 with 16:07 to play. With the Braves up 43-38 at the 14:16 mark, ISU went on a 7-0 run spurred by five points from Johnson and a jumper by Dyer that gave the 'Birds a 45-43 lead with 12:23 remaining.

Bradley would quickly regain the lead on the strengths of a 12-2 run, which included a pair of threes from Danny Adams that put the Braves up 55-47 with 8:42 to play.

The Redbirds came to within five points at 60-55 on Dyer shot from beyond the arc with 4:49 left to play, but Adams answered, nailing his fourth from long range, to stabilize the Braves' lead at 63-55 with 3:10 remaining in the game.

Bradley 70, ILLINOIS STATE 62

February 3, 2007 • Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena

Bradley	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Andrews, f	21	7-8	0-0	1-2	1-3	1	4	15
Salley, f	20	3-8	0-0	0-0	4-7	1	2	6
Franklin, g	36	5-10	1-3	4-4	0-0	6	0	15
Tauai, g	30	1-6	0-2	0-3	2-6	1	3	2
Ruffin, g	31	2-8	0-4	2-3	0-4	7	3	6
Crouch	24	2-9	2-7	1-2	0-3	3	2	7
Warren	13	1-1	1-1	2-2	0-2	0	1	5
Adams	21	5-7	4-6	0-0	0-1	1	3	14
Singh	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	2	0
Totals	200	26-58	8-23	10-16	8-31	20	20	70

Team Pct.: FG – .448; FT – .625

Blocks: 0

Turnovers: 5 (Salley 2, Tauai 1, Ruffin 1, Crouch 1)

Steals: 10 (Andrews 2, Salley 2, Tauai 1, Ruffin 2, Crouch 1, Adams 2)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Hill, f	24	1-1	0-0	3-4	0-2	3	1	5
Dilligard, f	31	5-5	0-0	1-2	2-10	3	3	11
Dyer, c	24	4-8	2-5	3-4	1-2	6	3	13
Eldridge, g	26	0-5	0-4	2-2	1-4	1	2	2
Richardson, g	36	5-9	2-6	0-1	0-7	1	2	12
Fortes	8	0-1	0-0	1-2	0-1	0	1	1
Slack	16	1-3	0-0	2-5	1-3	0	3	4
Johnson	29	5-10	4-9	0-2	0-3	1	4	14
Vandello	6	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Totals	200	21-44	8-24	12-22	7-36	15	20	62

Team Pct.: FG – .477; FT – .545

Blocks: 2 (Hill 1, Dilligard 1)

Turnovers: 15 (Dilligard 2, Dyer 3, Eldridge 3, Richardson 2, Slack 3, Johnson 2)

Steals: 2 (Dilligard 1, Dyer 1)

Officials: Eddie Jackson, Dave Draucker, Steve Gordon

Attendance: 9,294

Halftime Score: Bradley 34, ILLINOIS STATE 30

GAME 25

ISU FALLS BEHIND EARLY, UNABLE TO REBOUND

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Missouri State used a 31-10 rebounding edge in the first half to build an early lead and the Bears maintained the advantage by posting a 73-61 Missouri Valley Conference victory over Illinois State at the Hammons Student Center on Tuesday night.

Inside baskets by Greg Dilligard and Levi Dyer closed the ISU gap to 49-42 with 10:58 on the clock, but Missouri State responded with eight straight points to extend the lead back to 57-42 with 8:44 left in the game. Thanks to three triples by Osiris Eldridge and another by Dyer, the Redbirds cut the lead to 69-59 at the 2:13 mark.

To open the game, Missouri State began with a 7-0 run which included a pair of baskets by Nathan Bilyeu. The Redbirds countered with a 14-4 run, including eight points by Dyer, to take a 14-11 lead with 11:21 left in the half. Even though the Bears went an eight minute stretch without a field goal, the Redbirds weren't able to capitalize as Missouri State converted four free throws and took a 15-14 lead.

MSU used an 18-9 run over the next six minutes and held a 33-23 lead with 2:35 on the clock, only to extend the lead to 37-25 at the half. ISU held the Bears to 39 percent shooting in the first 20 minutes, but were out rebounded 31-10 in first period, including 15-0 on offensive boards.

Missouri State 73, ILLINOIS STATE 61

February 6, 2007 • Hammons Student Center

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Hill, f	24	1-2	0-0	1-2	0-4	2	3	3
Dilligard, f	27	4-10	0-0	0-1	1-3	1	4	8
Dyer, c	27	6-9	4-7	1-1	0-4	1	4	17
Eldridge, g	22	4-9	3-3	0-0	0-5	1	3	11
Richardson, g	35	4-10	0-3	4-5	0-3	4	3	12
Fortes	7	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	2
Slack	18	0-3	0-0	1-4	1-2	0	5	1
Johnson	21	1-4	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	3	3
Vandello	4	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	1	1
Holtz	12	1-3	1-3	0-0	0-1	0	1	3
Carlwell	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Totals	200	22-51	9-19	8-15	2-25	12	27	61

Team Pct.: FG – .431; FT – .533

Blocks: 8 (Dilligard 6, Dyer 1, Slack 1)

Turnovers: 14 (Dilligard 3, Dyer 3, Richardson 3, Slack 2, Johnson 1, Vandello 2)

Steals: 8 (Eldridge 1, Richardson 2, Slack 2, Johnson 2, Holtz 1)

Missouri State	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Bilyeu, f	28	3-11	0-0	5-8	5-10	1	2	11
Chaney, f	29	4-6	0-0	5-10	1-5	0	1	13
Richards, c	24	4-13	0-0	3-8	5-9	0	1	11
Sp. Laurie, g	28	3-4	2-2	2-4	0-3	3	2	10
Ahearn, g	31	7-11	1-2	5-5	1-4	1	1	20
Fuehmyer	8	1-2	1-2	0-0	1-1	0	1	3
Lamberth	22	1-7	0-2	0-0	1-5	2	1	2
Mitchell	12	1-3	0-0	1-2	3-6	0	4	3
Sh. Laurie	14	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-2	2	0	0
Rausch	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	24-59	4-10	21-37	19-50	9	13	73

Team Pct.: FG – .407; FT – .568

Blocks: 3 (Chaney 1, Lamberth 2)

Turnovers: 13 (Bilyeu 3, Chaney 2, Richards 1, Ahearn 2, Mitchell 2, Sh. Laurie 3)

Steals: 6 (Chaney 3, Richards 2, Lamberth 1)

Officials: John Higgins, Randy McCall, Mike Sanzere

Attendance: 6,827

Halftime Score: Missouri State 37, ILLINOIS STATE 25

GAME 26

ISU FALLS SHORT IN WICHITA STATE, 69-64

WICHITA, Kan. – Osiris Eldridge's game-tying three-point attempt with three seconds remaining rolled in and-out as Illinois State fell to Wichita State 69-64 on Sunday afternoon at Charles Koch Arena.

To open the second half, the Shockers pushed their lead to 54-43 with 13:26 left in the game, but the Redbirds responded with a 10-0 run, including eight points by Levi Dyer, to close the gap to 54-53 with 10:28 on the clock. ISU had a chance to take its first lead of the second half, but Anthony Slack came up a little short on his fast break dunk attempt.

WSU regained control with a 5-0 run on a pair of P.J. Cousnarn free throws and a Karon Bradley three-pointer to take a 59-53 lead into the third media timeout of the second half. Over the next six minutes, the Redbirds scratched and clawed their way back into it and trailed 65-64 with 1:13 on the clock.

ISU jumped out to an early 7-0 lead on a Boo Richardson trey and baskets from both Osiris Eldridge and Dyer. The Shockers responded with an 11-4 run to tie the score at 11-11 with 14:39 left in the half. The two teams continued to trade baskets for the rest of the half and Richardson's breakaway lay up with 1:18 on the clock brought the Redbirds to within a single point at 32-31. The Shockers ended the half with a pair of dunks, including Ryan Martin's off an inbound play and P.J. Cousnarn's following a steal to push the halftime lead to 35-31.

Wichita State 69, ILLINOIS STATE 64

February 11, 2007 • Charles Koch Arena

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Hill, f	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	4	0
Dilligard, f	30	7-11	0-0	1-1	2-7	3	2	15
Dyer, c	27	9-12	4-6	0-0	0-1	2	3	22
Eldridge, g	22	3-8	1-4	0-1	0-6	2	4	7
Richardson, g	33	3-5	1-1	0-0	0-0	3	0	7
Fortes	7	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Slack	18	5-10	0-0	3-4	2-3	1	3	13
Johnson	25	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	6	0	0
Moor	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Vandello	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	4	0
Holtz	11	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	0
Totals	200	27-50	6-15	4-7	4-20	19	24	64

Team Pct.: FG – .540; FT – .571

Blocks: 2 (Slack 1, Vandello 1)

Turnovers: 15 (Hill 2, Dilligard 1, Dyer 1, Eldridge 2, Richardson 2,

Slack 3, Johnson 1, Vandello 3)

Steals: 7 (Dilligard 1, Dyer 1, Eldridge 1, Slack 1, Johnson 1, Moor 1, Holtz 1)

Wichita State	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Cousnarn, f	26	4-8	0-1	9-11	2-6	1	4	17
Martin, f	28	4-4	0-0	4-5	1-3	2	2	12
Wilson, f	33	4-8	1-3	4-4	1-3	3	2	13
Preadom, g	12	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-1	0	2	0
Bradley, g	34	4-7	3-5	3-4	0-3	0	1	14
Mekel	18	1-4	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	2	2
Thomasson	19	1-2	0-0	2-2	1-7	1	2	4
Ogirri	30	2-7	1-5	2-2	1-2	3	2	7
Totals	200	20-40	5-15	24-30	8-30	10	17	69

Team Pct.: FG – .500; FT – .800

Blocks: 2 (Martin 2)

Turnovers: 19 (Cousnarn 4, Martin 2, Wilson 3, Preadom 2, Bradley 1, Mekel 2, Thomasson 2, Ogirri 3)

Steals: 11 (Cousnarn 3, Martin 2, Wilson 1, Bradley 2, Thomasson 1, Ogirri 2)

Officials: Paul Janssen, Curtis Shaw, Mark Whitehead

Attendance: 10,478

Halftime Score: Wichita State 36, ILLINOIS STATE 31



GAME 27

REDBIRDS HOLD ON AT INDIANA STATE, SNAP SKID

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. – Illinois State's Greg Dilligard, Levi Dyer and Anthony Slack combined for 40 points to lead the Redbirds to a 68-53 win over Indiana State at the Hulman Center Wednesday night to snap an 18-game Missouri Valley Conference road losing streak.

The Sycamores used an 11-0 run to cut the lead to 45-40 with 12:22 left in the game, but Dyer's turnaround jumper in the lane ended the spurt and a near-six minute scoring drought for the Redbirds. With back-to-back baskets by Dilligard, including an offensive rebound dunk, Illinois State regained control with its own 10-0 run to take a 57-42 advantage with 5:54 left.

Cole Holmstrom buried two straight three-point field goals to open the game and give Indiana State an early 6-0 lead, but Osiris Eldridge's first basket at the 12:18 mark gave the Redbirds their first lead at 14-12. Eldridge's basket was part of a 15-2 Illinois State run which included eight points by Slack. A Bobby Hill lay up at the 1:40 mark in the half, gave Illinois State a 32-17 advantage, but Indiana State scored the final five points of the period and trailed 32-22 at the intermission.

ILLINOIS STATE 68, Indiana State 53
February 14, 2007 • Hulman Center

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Hill, f	17	1-2	0-0	2-2	1-2	0	0	4
Dilligard, f	29	6-6	0-0	0-0	8-10	2	1	12
Dyer, c	24	6-14	4-6	2-3	1-3	1	2	18
Richardson, g	30	2-4	1-3	1-2	0-2	5	2	6
Johnson, g	33	3-5	1-2	0-0	0-3	4	1	7
Eldridge	22	4-9	1-3	0-1	2-3	2	1	9
Slack	29	6-10	0-0	0-1	2-4	0	2	12
Moor	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Holtz	8	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Totals	200	28-51	7-15	5-9	15-33	15	11	68

Team Pct.: FG – .549; FT – .556
Blocks: 4 (Johnson 1, Slack 3)
Turnovers: 12 (Hill 2, Dilligard 2, Dyer 2, Richardson 3, Johnson 1, Slack 1, Holtz 1)
Steals: 6 (Hill 1, Eldridge 1, Slack 2, Moor 2)

Indiana State	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Arnold, f	31	4-7	2-4	1-1	2-4	0	2	11
Wells, f	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Wurtz, c	31	3-10	1-4	2-2	2-6	1	3	9
Moore, g	39	3-9	0-2	0-0	0-0	6	0	6
Holmstrom, g	27	4-8	3-4	0-0	0-1	1	2	11
Trudeau	18	2-3	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	2	4
Marshall	15	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	2	0	0
Stinson	13	0-1	0-0	2-2	1-1	0	0	2
McCoy	6	0-1	0-0	1-2	1-2	0	0	1
Yelovich	19	3-8	1-1	2-2	2-5	0	2	9
Totals	200	19-47	7-16	8-11	11-22	12	11	53

Team Pct.: FG – .404; FT – .727
Blocks: 0
Turnovers: 14 (Wurtz 2, Moore 5, Trudeau 2, Marshall 1, McCoy 1, Yelovich 2, Team 1)
Steals: 4 (Arnold 1, Wurtz 2, Holmstrom 1)

Officials: Paul Janssen, Kyle Ingram, Gene Grimshaw
Attendance: 3,004
Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 32, Indiana State 22

GAME 28

DYER 'S CAREER-HIGH 29 POINTS; 'BIRDS DOWN BALL STATE

NORMAL, Ill. – Junior Levi Dyer scored 19 points in the first half, highlighted by a perfect 4-for-4 from beyond the arc as the Illinois State men's basketball team defeated Ball State, 70-57, in a 2007 O'Reilly ESPNU BracketBusters game Saturday afternoon at Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena. Dyer finished with a game and career-high 29 points on 11-for-13 shooting.

Dyer began the first half continuing his recent streak of hot shooting, hitting three of his first four shots to score the Redbirds' first eight points. The Redbirds were able to take an early 13-8 advantage after Dyer hit a jumper with 10:35 left in the half. However, both teams struggled to put points on the board, as ISU and BSU were both held scoreless for nearly four minutes, until a jumper in the lane by Ball State's Anthony Newell ended the drought with 7:19 remaining.

Dyer then hit two consecutive shots to spark a 15-5 run, highlighted by a dunk in traffic from Greg Dilligard, who was fouled on the play. Dilligard was able to complete the three point play, putting the Redbirds ahead 28-17 with 1:58 left. The Cardinals closed out the half on a 6-3 run, cutting the Redbirds' lead to 31-23 at intermission.

After Ball State opened the second half hitting two consecutive shots, the 'Birds went on a 10-3 run, putting the Redbirds ahead 44-32 with 13:32 left after junior Anthony Slack threw down a rim-rattling dunk on an alley-oop from teammate Boo Richardson. The Cardinals regrouped by going on 17-6 scoring run, cutting the Redbird lead to one at 50-49 after Cook nailed a three pointer with 7:05 remaining in the game. However, the Redbirds built their lead back up to 10 when junior Dom Johnson hit a leaning jumper from the baseline at the 3:17 mark to cap off a 9-0 run.

The 'Birds never looked back, as Eldridge nailed five free throws in the final minute to secure the win.

ILLINOIS STATE 70, Ball State 57
February 17, 2007 • Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena

Ball State	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Newell, f	36	5-13	1-3	2-4	2-5	1	4	13
Rollin, c	27	3-7	0-0	0-1	5-9	3	4	6
Cook, g	36	5-11	3-7	3-3	2-2	0	3	16
Stoval, g	36	6-14	3-7	3-4	2-2	7	3	18
Redden, g	24	1-4	0-0	0-1	2-7	0	4	2
Lamplsey	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Horton	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Ames	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Peyton	22	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	5	2
Perryman	14	0-5	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	0	0
Totals	200	21-55	7-19	8-13	14-29	12	24	57

Team Pct.: FG – .382; FT – .615
Blocks: 3 (Rollin 2, Cook 1)
Turnovers: 13 (Newell 2, Rollin 2, Cook 1, Stoval 3, Redden 2, Peyton 1, Perryman 2)
Steals: 9 (Newell 1, Rollin 1, Cook 1, Stoval 3, Redden 1, Peyton 1, Perryman 1)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Hill, f	15	0-2	0-0	2-4	0-2	0	0	2
Dilligard, f	25	3-4	0-0	4-6	2-7	2	4	10
Dyer, c	32	11-13	4-4	3-4	2-5	1	2	29
Richardson, g	35	2-8	0-1	0-0	1-3	9	2	4
Johnson, g	36	2-6	1-4	0-0	0-2	3	2	5
Eldridge	25	2-7	1-3	5-6	0-4	3	2	10
Slack	23	4-6	0-0	2-5	5-9	0	2	10
Moor	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	1
Vandello	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Holtz	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0
Totals	200	24-46	6-12	16-25	12-35	19	17	70

Team Pct.: FG – .522; FT – .640
Blocks: 2 (Hill 1, Slack 1)
Turnovers: 14 (Hill 1, Dilligard 1, Richardson 4, Johnson 2, Eldridge 1, Slack 3, Moor 1, Vandello 1)
Steals: 6 (Hill 3, Dilligard 1, Johnson 1, Slack 1)

Officials: Tim Hutchinson, Bart Wegenke, Bert Wegenke
Attendance: 4,050
Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 31, Ball State 23

GAME 29

ELDRIDGE'S SECOND HALF LEADS 'BIRDS OVER CREIGHTON

NORMAL, Ill. – Freshman Osiris Eldridge scored a game-high 18 points, all in the second half, and grabbed seven rebounds to lead the Illinois State men's basketball team to a 65-55 victory over Creighton on senior night Tuesday at Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena.

Creighton began the game on a 11-2 scoring run, leading the Redbirds with 14:17 remaining in the half. However, the Redbirds grabbed their first lead of the game by going on a spurt of their own, a 15-4 run that gave the 'Birds a 17-15 advantage with 6:32 left. Dyer paced Illinois State during that time by scoring seven points, including a contested three-pointer at 8:17, which extended his streak of consecutive games with a made three to 18.

The Bluejays responded, going on a 13-1 scoring stretch and putting them ahead, 28-18, on a dunk from Tolliver with 2:48 remaining in the half. Creighton continued to apply pressure to the Redbirds' backcourt, ending the half with a 10-point lead at 35-25.

Eldridge caught fire in the beginning minutes of the second half, igniting the Redbirds' offense by scoring eight points on a 14-4 run. Freshman Bobby Hill capped off the stretch by hitting a jumper from just inside the three point line to tie the game at 39-39, with 12:52 remaining in regulation. After Dyer hit another three from the top of the key, the 'Birds took a 45-44 advantage at 8:59 and forcing a Creighton timeout. The Redbirds continued to pull ahead, putting together a 15-5 spurt to give them the 57-49 lead after Johnson rolled off a screen and hit a three-pointer at the 2:40 mark.

After Funk shot a three-pointer that hit the front of the iron and bounced in at 1:56, the 'Birds put the game out of reach by outscoring the Bluejays, 8-3, in the final 1:44 in regulation.

ILLINOIS STATE 65, Creighton 55
February 20, 2007 • Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena

Creighton	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Watts, f	28	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-6	1	3	4
Tolliver, c	37	3-7	0-1	6-8	3-9	4	2	12
Miles, g	25	3-8	1-6	0-0	2-5	1	3	7
Porter, g	31	4-8	0-0	3-3	0-1	1	3	11
Funk, g	36	7-17	1-5	1-2	0-1	2	2	16
Dotzler	17	1-4	0-2	0-0	1-1	1	2	2
Hibma	13	1-2	1-2	0-0	1-3	0	4	3
Gakou	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	3	0
Bahe	11	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Totals	200	20-49	4-19	11-15	9-28	10	23	55

Team Pct.: FG – .408; FT – .733
Blocks: 3 (Tolliver 2, Funk 1)
Turnovers: 12 (Watts 1, Tolliver 3, Miles 2, Porter 1, Dotzler 3, Gakou 2)
Steals: 8 (Watts 1, Miles 2, Porter 2, Funk 1, Hibma 1, Bahe 1)

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Dilligard, f	28	1-6	0-0	2-4	3-6	2	3	4
Carlwell, c	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Fortes, g	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Richardson, g	34	3-7	1-3	1-2	0-4	1	1	8
Johnson, g	29	5-8	1-2	1-2	0-1	3	2	12
Eldridge	25	5-9	2-4	6-6	2-7	2	3	18
Slack	19	1-2	0-0	3-4	4-8	1	5	5
Moor	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Hill	24	1-4	0-0	1-2	2-3	0	0	3
Vandello	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Dyer	29	4-9	2-6	5-7	0-4	2	4	15
Holtz	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Totals	200	20-46	6-15	19-27	12-35	13	18	65

Team Pct.: FG – .435; FT – .704
Blocks: 2 (Slack 1, Hill 1)
Turnovers: 13 (Fortes 1, Richardson 1, Johnson 1, Eldridge 2, Slack 4, Hill 3, Dyer 1)
Steals: 6 (Carlwell 1, Richardson 2, Slack 1, Hill 1, Dyer 1)

Officials: Gerry Pollard, Eddie Jackson, Mike Thibodeaux
Attendance: 4,835
Halftime Score: Creighton 35, ILLINOIS STATE 25



GAME 30

REDBIRDS FALL SHORT AGAINST UNI, 71-66

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa – Illinois State's Levi Dyer poured in a team-high 17 points, but his potential game-tying three-pointer fell short with 20 seconds remaining as the Redbirds fell 71-66, to Northern Iowa in Missouri Valley Conference action at the McLeod Center Saturday evening.

At the first media timeout of the first half, the Redbirds held a 7-6 lead with 15:48 on the clock. ISU took its largest lead of the game thanks to a 9-3 run, including four points by Dyer, to give the Redbirds a 16-9 advantage with 10:53 remaining in the half. The Redbirds maintained the lead until the final minute of the first frame when UNI took a 32-30 lead at the intermission.

The game remained tight at the start of the second half until the 10:14 mark, when head coach Porter Moser was slapped with a technical foul. Travis Brown converted the two free throws for UNI and on next two possessions Grant Stout added a lay up and a three-pointer to give the Panthers a 49-41 lead with 9:10 left in the game.

Greg Dilligard halted the run with a traditional three-point play, but back-to-back baskets by Jared Josten and Adam Koch pushed the UNI lead back to 53-44 with 7:48 left. With UNI leading 59-52, Dilligard again finished a traditional three-point play, when UNI head coach Ben Jacobson was also whistled with a technical foul. Osiris Eldridge sank both foul shots awarded as a result of the technical and the Redbirds trailed 59-57 with 4:23 remaining.

UNI's Brooks McKowen nailed his first points of the game with a pair of free throws at the 1:11 mark, but Dyer's three-point basket closed the ISU deficit to 65-64 with 50 seconds on the clock. McKowen added two more free throws with 30 seconds left and Dyer's three-point attempt bounced off the right of the rim. UNI closed out the game by sinking all eight free throw attempts in the final 71 minutes.

Northern Iowa 71, ILLINOIS STATE 66
February 24, 2007 • McLeod Center

ILLINOIS STATE	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Hill, f	24	3-3	0-0	0-0	0-3	0	2	6
Dilligard, f	35	5-7	0-0	2-4	4-9	3	4	12
Dyer, c	24	6-12	3-7	2-3	1-2	1	3	17
Richardson, g	35	5-10	2-7	2-4	0-3	6	4	14
Johnson, g	32	2-5	0-2	1-1	1-3	3	1	5
Eldridge	24	2-8	2-6	2-2	0-2	0	1	8
Fortes	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Slack	15	0-3	0-0	1-2	1-2	0	5	1
Moor	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Vandello	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Holtz	5	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	3
Carlwell	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Totals	200	24-49	8-23	10-16	7-26	13	22	66

Team Pct.: FG – .490; FT – .625

Blocks: 2 (Dyer 1, Slack 1)

Turnovers: 10 (Hill 1, Dilligard 3, Dyer 1, Richardson 1, Johnson 2, Slack 1, Carlwell 1)

Steals: 5 (Dilligard 3, Johnson 1, Eldridge 1)

Northern Iowa	Min.	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Stout, f	33	7-12	2-4	3-4	2-9	3	1	19
Coleman, c	26	6-8	0-0	3-5	1-7	3	4	15
Ahelegbe, g	23	1-5	1-3	0-0	0-1	1	0	3
Josten, g	36	4-7	1-4	4-5	0-1	1	3	13
McKowen, g	34	0-5	0-1	6-6	0-3	5	0	6
Viet	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Brown	27	1-5	1-2	5-6	1-2	1	2	8
Koch	16	3-5	1-1	0-1	2-3	3	2	7
Eglseder	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	1	0
Totals	200	22-48	6-15	21-27	10-31	17	13	71

Team Pct.: FG – .458; FT – .778

Blocks: 2 (Stout 2)

Turnovers: 8 (Stout 2, Coleman 1, Josten 2, McKowen 2, Koch 1)

Steals: 4 (Ahelegbe 1, Josten 1, Brown 2)

Officials: Brad Gaston, Mark Mayhood, Mike Litzelfelner

Attendance: 6,117

Halftime Score: Northern Iowa 32, ILLINOIS STATE 30



GENERAL

Name of School	Illinois State University
City/Zip	Normal, IL 61790
Founded	1857
Enrollment	20,261
Nickname	Redbirds
School colors	Red (Pantone 186) & White
Arena/Gym Name	Redbird Arena
Capacity	10,200
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Missouri Valley
President (Alma Mater)	Dr. Al Bowman (Augustana '75)
AD (Alma Mater)	Dr. Sheahon Zenger (Kansas St. '88)
Athletics Dept. Phone	309/438-3633
Ticket Office Phone	309/438-8000
Athletics Dept. Website	GoRedbirds.com

HISTORY

First yr. of basketball	1898-99
Overall all-time record	1393-1012
No. yrs. in NCAA Tour./last	6/1998
No. yrs. in NIT/last	8/2001
Last post-season opponent	Purdue
Result	L, 90-79

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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Tim Jankovich
Alma Mater/Year	Kansas State '82
Record at School (yrs.)	0-0 (First year)
Career Record (yrs.)	103-71 (6 years)
Basketball Office Phone	309/438-8681
Best time/day to reach coach	weekday mornings
Assistant Coaches (Alma Mater/Year)	
Rob Judson (Illinois '80), Anthony Beane (Kansas State '94), Paris Parham (Mankato State '95)	
Athletic Trainer for Basketball John Munn	

TEAM INFORMATION

	total	home	away	neutral
Overall record last season	15-16	11-4	3-10	1-2
Conference record/finish	6-12/7th	5-4	1-8	0-0
Final ranking (poll)	na			
(poll)	na			
Starters returning/lost	4/1			
Letterwinners returning/lost	10/3			

MEDIA INFORMATION

Originating Radio Station	WJBC-AM (1230)
Radio contact person	Red Pitcher
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Play-by-play announcer	Dick Luedke
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Phone(s):	(309) 661-8389 (309) 766-3635
Color Announcer	Mike Matthews
Address	10 Lake Point Court Bloomington, IL 61704
Phone	(309) 664-2617



TEAM INFORMATION

Starters Returning (R) and Lost (L)		Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Pos.	Gp/Gs	ppg.	rpg.	apg.
R/L									
(L)	Greg Dilligard	6-8	230	Gr.	F	31/29	9.4	4.5	1.7
(R)	Levi Dyer	6-11	220	Sr.	C	31/19	12.1	3.3	1.0
(R)	Boo Richardson	5-8	160	Sr.	G	31/31	9.8	2.8	4.9
(R)	Dominatrix Johnson	6-0	185	Sr.	G	30/26	8.3	2.0	3.2
(R)	Osiris Eldridge	6-3	180	So.	G	31/13	9.8	2.8	1.2

Other Key Returnees

	Anthony Slack	6-7	210	Sr.	F	31/13	9.4	5.7	0.7
	Julius Moor	6-3	185	Sr.	G	19/0	0.4	0.4	0.1
	Brandon Holtz	6-4	185	Jr.	G	20/0	2.3	0.6	0.6
	Mike Vandello	6-7	200	Jr.	F	27/0	1.5	1.7	0.4
	• Dinma Odiakosa	6-8	240	So.-1L	F	18/9	1.3	2.1	0.3

• Dinma Odiakosa's stats are from the 2004-05 season prior to his medical redshirt in the 2005-06 campaign.

Other Key Losses

	Roberto Fortes	6-4	195	Gr.	G	23/3	5.4	1.0	0.5
	Ronnie Carwell	6-11	258	Gr.	C	21/1	0.2	1.0	0.1
	Bobby Hill	6-5	210	Tr.	F	26/8	2.2	1.3	0.4

Key Newcomers

	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Pos.	Last school
Emmanuel Holloway	6-2	190	Jr.-TR	G	Iowa Western College
Alex Rubin	6-1	185	Fr.-HS	G	Armstrong HS (Plymouth, Minn.)
Brandon Sampay	6-8	255	Jr.-TR	F/C	Howard College (Tex.)
Sead Odzic	6-3	190	Jr.-TR	G	USC
• Chamberlain Oguchi	6-5	195	Sr.-TR	G	Oregon
• Landon Shipley	6-0	170	Jr.-TR	G	Austin Peay State

• Both Chamberlain Oguchi and Landon Shipley will sit out the 2007-08 season to satisfy NCAA residence rules.



2006-07 Illinois State Basketball
Illinois State Combined Team Statistics (as of Jul 09, 2007)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(15-16)	(11-4)	(3-10)	(1-2)
CONFERENCE.....	(6-12)	(5-4)	(1-8)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(9-4)	(6-0)	(2-2)	(1-2)

## 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
32 Dyer,Levi.....	31-19	668 21.5	131-254	.516	60-125	.480	53-73	.726	22	79	101	3.3	78	1	31	40	15	17	375 12.1
05 Richardson,Boo....	31-31	1035 33.4	101-259	.390	38-117	.325	64-92	.696	15	73	88	2.8	77	3	153	105	0	30	304 9.8
00 Eldridge,Osiris....	31-13	728 23.5	97-253	.383	49-130	.377	52-66	.788	37	102	139	4.5	47	0	37	40	2	32	295 9.5
04 Slack,Anthony.....	31-13	700 22.6	108-185	.584	2-9	.222	74-123	.602	67	110	177	5.7	95	8	21	65	32	43	292 9.4
50 Dilligard,Greg.....	31-29	793 25.6	128-198	.646	0-0	.000	35-82	.427	81	99	180	5.8	102	0	52	47	36	19	291 9.4
10 Johnson,Dominatrix.	30-26	955 31.8	88-232	.379	54-156	.346	19-28	.679	10	51	61	2.0	45	0	97	62	7	31	249 8.3
01 Fortes,Roberto.....	28-15	466 16.6	34-99	.343	16-60	.267	22-32	.688	12	42	54	1.9	40	0	36	39	0	12	106 3.8
45 Holtz,Brandon.....	20-0	174 8.7	16-48	.333	12-39	.308	2-4	.500	2	9	11	0.6	18	0	11	10	1	8	46 2.3
24 Hill,Bobby.....	26-8	288 11.1	17-41	.415	0-0	.000	23-28	.821	11	22	33	1.3	20	0	11	16	4	11	57 2.2
31 Vandello,Mike.....	27-0	246 9.1	14-37	.378	1-3	.333	12-17	.706	19	27	46	1.7	36	0	11	28	2	6	41 1.5
22 Moor,Julius.....	19-0	83 4.4	2-8	.250	1-1	1.000	2-6	.333	1	6	7	0.4	2	0	1	8	0	5	7 0.4
51 Carlwell,Ronnie....	21-1	89 4.2	2-10	.200	0-0	.000	1-6	.167	3	18	21	1.0	12	0	2	5	2	1	5 0.2
TEAM.....									44	37	81	2.6	0		3				
Total.....	31	6225	738-1624	.454	233-640	.364	359-557	.645	324	675	999	32.2	572	12	463	468	101	215	2068 66.7
Opponents.....	31	6225	706-1596	.442	194-522	.372	410-588	.697	309	681	990	31.9	561	8	416	493	89	222	2016 65.0

TEAM STATISTICS	ILS	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND		
SCORING.....	2068	2016	11-12-06	vs SMU	L	55-57	6807		
Points per game.....	66.7	65.0	11-13-06	at Florida State	L	59-73	6897		
Scoring margin.....	+1.7	-	11-14-06	vs McNeese State	W	67-50	6780		
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	738-1624	706-1596	11-20-06	CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE	W	66-44	4699		
Field goal pct.....	.454	.442	11-25-06	at St. John's	W	78-65	4038		
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	233-640	194-522	11-29-06	SACRAMENTO STATE	W	86-69	5417		
3-point FG pct.....	.364	.372	12-02-06	TEXAS ARLINGTON	W	86-61	5941		
3-pt FG made per game..	7.5	6.3	12-05-06	MIAMI (OHIO)	W	64-40	5735		
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	359-557	410-588	*12-09-06	at Evansville	L	41-69	5806		
Free throw pct.....	.645	.697	12-16-06	at Western Michigan	L	57-65	3091		
REBOUNDS.....	999	990	12-19-06	LEWIS	W	85-66	3691		
Rebounds per game.....	32.2	31.9	12-23-06	at UIC Flames	W	77-69	4827		
Rebounding margin.....	+0.3	-	*12-29-06	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	L	49-68	6429		
ASSISTS.....	463	416	*01-01-07	at Creighton	L	71-79	14869		
Assists per game.....	14.9	13.4	*01-06-07	INDIANA STATE	L	50-54	4543		
TURNOVERS.....	468	493	*01-09-07	NORTHERN IOWA	W OT	67-64	3585		
Turnovers per game.....	15.1	15.9	*01-13-07	at Drake	L	66-70	4735		
Turnover margin.....	+0.8	-	*01-15-07	MISSOURI STATE	L	66-75	4191		
Assist/turnover ratio..	1.0	0.8	*01-18-07	WICHITA STATE	W	83-75	5422		
STEALS.....	215	222	*01-21-07	DRAKE	W	80-65	3988		
Steals per game.....	6.9	7.2	*01-24-07	at Bradley	L	67-88	11444		
BLOCKS.....	101	89	*01-27-07	at Southern Illinois	L	62-73	8608		
Blocks per game.....	3.3	2.9	*01-30-07	EVANSVILLE	W	65-61	4560		
WINNING STREAK.....	0	-	*02-03-07	BRADLEY	L	62-70	9294		
Home win streak.....	2	-	*02-06-07	at Missouri State	L	61-73	6827		
ATTENDANCE.....	76380	112341	*02-11-07	at Wichita St.	L	64-69	10478		
Home games-Avg/Game....	15-5092	13-6980	*02-14-07	at Indiana State	W	68-53	3004		
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	3-7200	02-17-07	BALL STATE	W	70-57	4050		
			*02-20-07	CREIGHTON	W	65-55	4835		
SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	Total	*02-24-07	at Northern Iowa	L	66-71	6117
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Illinois State.....	944	1116	8	- 2068	* = Conference game				
Opponents.....	928	1083	5	- 2016					



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RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(6-12)	(5-4)	(1-8)	(0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(6-12)	(5-4)	(1-8)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)

## Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	|---TOTAL---		|---3-PTS---		|---FT-FTA---		|----REBOUNDS----				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg	
			FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg									
32 Dyer,Levi.....	18-16	473	26.3	95-181	.525	46-89	.517	41-58	.707	16	54	70	3.9	51	1	22	28	10	8	277	15.4
00 Eldridge,Osiris....	18-13	492	27.3	67-170	.394	34-87	.391	34-41	.829	27	75	102	5.7	32	0	23	23	1	23	202	11.2
50 Dilligard,Greg.....	18-16	454	25.2	68-105	.648	0-0	.000	20-47	.426	42	59	101	5.6	59	0	22	27	21	10	156	8.7
04 Slack,Anthony.....	18-3	369	20.5	52-94	.553	1-2	.500	43-70	.614	37	49	86	4.8	58	6	10	36	13	19	148	8.2
05 Richardson,Boo.....	18-18	595	33.1	52-146	.356	20-66	.303	23-34	.676	8	42	50	2.8	48	3	73	51	0	20	147	8.2
10 Johnson,Dominitrix..	17-13	527	31.0	40-105	.381	20-66	.303	5-12	.417	6	28	34	2.0	28	0	60	38	2	10	105	6.2
24 Hill,Bobby.....	18-6	228	12.7	12-26	.462	0-0	.000	15-18	.833	4	16	20	1.1	16	0	8	13	3	7	39	2.2
45 Holtz,Brandon.....	13-0	119	9.2	9-31	.290	7-24	.292	1-1	1.000	1	5	6	0.5	13	0	8	9	1	7	26	2.0
01 Fortes,Roberto.....	16-4	173	10.8	7-26	.269	2-14	.143	8-14	.571	7	17	24	1.5	19	0	12	15	0	0	24	1.5
31 Vandello,Mike.....	16-0	105	6.6	7-15	.467	1-2	.500	8-12	.667	6	12	18	1.1	17	0	2	13	1	1	23	1.4
22 Moor,Julius.....	10-0	53	5.3	2-7	.286	1-1	1.000	1-4	.250	1	4	5	0.5	0	0	1	3	0	4	6	0.6
51 Carlwell,Ronnie....	10-1	37	3.7	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	7	9	0.9	2	0	1	3	1	1	0	0.0
TEAM.....										18	29	47	2.6	0		3					
Total.....	18	3625		411-908	.453	132-351	.376	199-311	.640	175	397	572	31.8	343	10	242	262	53	110	1153	64.1
Opponents.....	18	3625		424-918	.462	124-322	.385	260-375	.693	167	393	560	31.1	307	2	266	226	48	123	1232	68.4

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SCORING.....	1153	1232	*12-09-06	at Evansville	L	41-69	5806
Points per game.....	64.1	68.4	*12-29-06	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	L	49-68	6429
Scoring margin.....	-4.4	-	*01-01-07	at Creighton	L	71-79	14869
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	411-908	424-918	*01-06-07	INDIANA STATE	L	50-54	4543
Field goal pct.....	.453	.462	*01-09-07	NORTHERN IOWA	W OT	67-64	3585
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	132-351	124-322	*01-13-07	at Drake	L	66-70	4735
3-point FG pct.....	.376	.385	*01-15-07	MISSOURI STATE	L	66-75	4191
3-pt FG made per game..	7.3	6.9	*01-18-07	WICHITA STATE	W	83-75	5422
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	199-311	260-375	*01-21-07	DRAKE	W	80-65	3988
Free throw pct.....	.640	.693	*01-24-07	at Bradley	L	67-88	11444
REBOUNDS.....	572	560	*01-27-07	at Southern Illinois	L	62-73	8608
Rebounds per game.....	31.8	31.1	*01-30-07	EVANSVILLE	W	65-61	4560
Rebounding margin.....	+0.7	-	*02-03-07	BRADLEY	L	62-70	9294
ASSISTS.....	242	266	*02-06-07	at Missouri State	L	61-73	6827
Assists per game.....	13.4	14.8	*02-11-07	at Wichita St.	L	64-69	10478
TURNOVERS.....	262	226	*02-14-07	at Indiana State	W	68-53	3004
Turnovers per game.....	14.6	12.6	*02-20-07	CREIGHTON	W	65-55	4835
Turnover margin.....	-2.0	-	*02-24-07	at Northern Iowa	L	66-71	6117
Assist/turnover ratio..	0.9	1.2	* = Conference game				
STEALS.....	110	123					
Steals per game.....	6.1	6.8					
BLOCKS.....	53	48					
Blocks per game.....	2.9	2.7					
WINNING STREAK.....	0	-					
Home win streak.....	1	-					
ATTENDANCE.....	46847	71888					
Home games-Avg/Game....	9-5205	9-7988					
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	0-0					

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Illinois State.....	512	633	8	1153
Opponents.....	568	659	5	1232