That works for to see the last commands you submitted but caret (^)
will let you search for previous commands by entering a sub-string.
I'll miss it if I can't find a workaround.

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<jghasb...@DELETETHIS.environmentalmodelers.ANDTHIS.com> wrote:
> On 23/06/2010 10:50 PM, lef...@gmail.com wrote:
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>> After 18 years working with IDL at the command line, I'm giving IDLDE
>> a try. One thing I miss is using the ^ (caret) to search for recent
>> commands. Has anyone found a way to access the recall buffer from the
>> idlde command line? If not, is there a way to access the recall buffer
>> from the IDL programming environment so I could write a small program
>> to implement some of the ^ functionality?
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> try the up arrow key
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> Jean