



ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY
REDBIRD
 2001-02 BASKETBALL GAME NOTES

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2001-02 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent (TV)	Time/Result
11/1	ST. XAVIER (EX.)	W, 93-69
11/11	EA SPORTS (EX.)	W, 98-64
11/16	WEBER STATE	W, 74-70
11/23	vs. UC-Irvine#	W, 58-52
11/24	vs. Pittsburgh#	L, 46-65
11/25	vs. Hofstra#	L, 80-82 (ot)
11/29	@ Georgia Southern	L, 76-87
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12/1	@ UT-San Antonio	L, 82-88
12/8	SAMFORD (WMBD)	W, 65-54
12/9	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W, 72-63
12/15	@ Chattanooga	L, 59-70
12/18	@ #7 Illinois (ESPN+)	7:00
12/22	KENT STATE	7:05
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1/2	CREIGHTON*	7:05
1/5	@ Southern Illinois* (Valley-TV)	3:05
1/7	WICHITA STATE*	7:05
1/10	@ Drake*	7:05
1/12	INDIANA STATE (ESPN2)*	4:05
1/16	@ Creighton*	7:05
1/19	SW MISSOURI STATE*	7:05
1/23	@ Bradley* (WEEK)	7:35
1/26	DRAKE*	7:05
1/30	NORTHERN IOWA*	7:05
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2/2	@ SW Missouri State* (Valley-TV)	3:05
2/5	BRADLEY* (WMBD)	7:35
2/9	@ Indiana State* (WMBD)	3:05
2/13	@ Evansville*	7:05
2/16	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS* (WMBD)	2:05
2/20	@ Wichita State*	7:05
2/23	@ Northern Iowa* (WMBD)	7:05
2/25	EVANSVILLE* (Valley-TV)	6:05
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3/1	@ MVC Tournament (St. Louis, Mo.)	

All times listed are CT
 Home games in CAPS
 * = Missouri Valley Conference game
 # = University Hoops Classic (Moon Township, Pa.)

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Interview Procedures: On non-game days, Illinois State players are available for interviews after practice. Note that no Illinois State student-athlete will miss a class, practice, conditioning session or team meeting to participate in an interview. Coach Tom Richardson and the team are not available to the media on game-days until the post-game interview session. Illinois State's locker room is always closed. At home games, interviews will be conducted in the Redbird Arena press room. Requests should be directed to Director of Media Relations **Todd Kober**. Coach Richardson and requested players will answer questions from the media after a brief cooling off period.

ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (4-5) at #7 Illinois Fighting Illini (8-2)

The Game: Dec. 18, 2001 • 7:05 p.m. (CST) • Assembly Hall (16,450) • Champaign, Ill.

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About The Game: Illinois State has lost five straight away from Redbird Arena and Illinois is winners of two consecutive. The Redbirds and Fighting Illini are meeting for the first time in 19 years. The last time the 'Birds knocked off a ranked opponent, Illinois State defeated #14 Iowa 89-88 in the first round of the All-College Tournament on December 29, 1987.

The Probable Starters:

ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (4-5)

					ppg	rpg	apg	
F 4	Dirk Williams	6-8	210	So.-1L	Pekin, Ill.	3.8	2.8	0.6
F 33	Shedrick Ford	6-5	220	Sr.-1L	Macon, Ga.	11.6	4.8	1.3
C 23	Baboucarr Bojang	6-9	205	Jr.-TR	Greenville, S.C.	15.2	8.4	0.8
G 2	Gregg Alexander	6-4	190	Fr.-HS	Lincoln, Ill.	9.8	3.3	2.7
G 15	Randy Rice	6-0	175	Sr.-1L	Springfield, Ill.	3.3	2.8	3.0

#7 Illinois Fighting Illini (8-2)

F 24	Sean Harrington	6-3	185	Jr.	Bartlett, Ill.	7.1	2.2	2.3
F 34	Brian Cook	6-10	240	Jr.	Lincoln, Ill.	11.4	6.7	1.7
C 21	Robert Archibald	6-11	250	Sr.	Ballwin, Mo.	10.7	4.6	1.5
G 13	Corey Bradford	6-3	200	Sr.	Memphis, Tenn.	11.9	3.5	1.8
G 30	Frank Williams	6-3	205	Jr.	Peoria, Ill.	17.4	4.0	4.5

NOTE - (*) indicates blocks per game.

The Coaches: Tom Richardson is 35-34 in his third season at Illinois State. He is assisted by Chad Altadonna, Anthony Beane and Doug Novsek. Illinois is coached by Bill Self, who owns a 35-10 record in his second season with the Illini. He is assisted by Billy Gillispie, Wayne McClain and Norm Roberts.

Ticket Information: Tickets for Illinois State home games can be purchased from the ticket office at Redbird Arena (309/438-8000).

Redbird Radio Network: Mark Johnson, play-by-play; Mike Matthews, color; Bruce Evans, sideline (home only). Affiliates: WJBC (AM 1230/Bloomington), flagship; WINU (AM 880/Highland); WZOE (AM 1490/Princeton); WFMB (AM 1450/Springfield). All Redbird broadcasts can be heard on the Internet at either sports.yahoo.com or wjbc.com. The latter also carries Tom Richardson's weekly call-in show, which alternates depending on the schedule, but generally airs each Thursday from 6:07-7 pm.

Web Birds: The Illinois State athletics web page, at www.redbirds.org, includes a direct links to yahoo.broadcast.com and www.wjbc.com to access the WJBC/Redbird Radio Network broadcasts. In addition, for home games, live stats are available.

Television: ESPN + is broadcasting tonight's game. Jim Kelly, play-by-play; and Doug Altenberger, color; are the talent. The game can be seen in Bloomington-Normal on WAOE. The satellite coordinates for the broadcast are Galaxy 11K, Transponder 13.

TALE OF THE TAPE

	ISU	UofI
W-L Record	4-5	8-2
ESPN/USA Today	UR	7
AP Poll	UR	10
Saragin Ranking	136	6
RPI	141	8
Points Scored	68.0	84.4
Points Allowed	70.1	69.2
Scoring Margin	-2.1	+15.2
FG Percentage	42.8	46.0
Def. FG Percentage	48.8	41.3
3-pt. Percentage	31.4	36.4
Def. 3-pt. Percentage	34.3	34.4
FT Percentage	77.3	75.3
Offensive Rebounds	9.4	13.9
Total Rebounds	30.1	40.6
Rebounding Margin	-4.2	+7.1
Assists	15.1	17.7
Turnover Average	16.0	14.6
Turnover Margin	+3.0	+2.6
Steal Average	6.9	6.8
Block Average	1.0	3.8
Fouls	18.9	20.9

WEEKLY MEDIA CONFERENCE

All start at 3 p.m., in arena media room

- Tuesday, January 8
- Monday, January 14
- Tuesday, January 22
- Tuesday, January 29
- Monday, February 4
- Tuesday, February 12
- Tuesday, February 19
- Wednesday, February 27

WHAT'S BACK

Here's a look at what Illinois State returned heading into the 2001-02 season by percentage in key statistical categories ...

Scoring	75%
Three-Point FG	88%
Rebounding	68%
Assists	77%
Steals	74%
Blocks	52%
Minutes	78%

Now here's what Illinois State returns without Tarise Bryson in the line-up ...

Scoring	44%
Three-Point FG	48%
Rebounding	47%
Assists	59%
Steals	51%
Blocks	37%
Minutes	55%

About Illinois

- Illinois is located in Champaign, Ill., and enrolls 36,000 students. The Fighting Illini are members of the Big Ten Conference.
- Head coach Bill Self is in his second season at Illinois. He owns a 35-10 record with the Illini in two seasons. Self guided Tulsa for three seasons and Oral Roberts for four, before serving as an assistant coach at Oklahoma State and Kansas.
- Illinois opened the season with five straight wins over Gonzaga (76-58), Eastern Illinois (93-53), Penn (78-71), Georgia Tech (105-66) and Southern Illinois (75-72), before losing at #5 Maryland (76-63). The Illini bounced back with a win over Texas A&M Corpus Christi (80-56), but lost to #7 Arizona (87-82). Four days later, Illinois downed Arkansas 94-91 and recently defeated Western Illinois 98-62.
- Illinois gets to the free throw line. In five of its nine games this season, Illinois has made more free throws than its opponent has attempted and has outscored opponents from the line in eight of nine games.
- Illinois owns a 22-game winning streak at the Assembly Hall, the longest home-winning streak by the Illini since winning 28 straight from Feb. 11, 1988 to Jan. 15, 1990.
- Illinois is just one of three schools to have both its men's basketball and football teams ranked in the Top 10 nationally.
- Reigning Big Ten Player of the Year Frank Williams leads the team with 17.4 points per game. Williams is getting 7.2 of his points from the free throw line. His 65 made free throws is well more than any of his teammates attempts. Williams also leads the team with 14 steals and 39 assists.
- Corey Bradford (11.8), Brian Cook (11.3) and Robert Archibald (10.9) also average double-digits scoring, while Damir Krupalija leads the team in rebounding with 6.9 boards per game.

The Series

Today's game is the seventh meeting between the two schools. Illinois leads the series 5-1. The series began in 1906 when the Redbirds defeated the Illini 49-21, but Illinois has won the last five meetings including the most recent in 1982, when Illinois dropped the 'Birds 67-60 in the championship game of the Illini Classic.

Won't Have to Wait Another 6,940 Days

It's been a long time since these two programs have met – 19 years or 6,940 days to be exact. After tonight, the wait won't be quite as long as the Redbirds are scheduled to return to Assembly Hall in December 2003. A date for that game has yet to be set.

Haven't Seen This Since the 20¢ Stamp

The last time Illinois State and Illinois met on the hardwood a first class postage stamp cost 20¢, Michael Jackson had released *Thriller*, *Cats* debuted on Broadway and *E.T. – The Extra Terrestrial*, *Tootsie* and *Ghandi* were all in theaters. The musical group Toto claimed Grammy's for the album and record of the year with *Toto IV* and *Rosanna* respectively. MRI diagnostic machines were introduced and Michael Jordan hit a baseline jumper to give North Carolina a 63-62 win over Georgetown in the NCAA Basketball Championship.

This Truly is the Land of Lincoln

Not only is tonight's game an interstate rivalry, it is a high school reunion of sorts. Freshman **Gregg Alexander** started for Lincoln High School as a sophomore when Illinois' Brian Cook was a senior. That team, which was coached by Gregg's father, Neil, advanced to the Class AA Elite Eight and finished with a 28-4 record. Alexander is the school's all-time leading scorer with 2,085 points.

On the Road Again

Tonight's game is the final nonconference road game on the season for Illinois State and fortunately for Illinois State it is the shortest. After the season opener, the Redbirds traveled to Moon Township for three games at the 2001 University Hoops Classic. The following week, the 'Birds traveled to Georgia Southern and UT-San Antonio. In all the five straight road games encompassed 5,204 miles in 10 days. Saturday, the Redbirds were at Chattanooga. In all, Illinois State is 1-5 this season away from Redbird Arena.

Boo's Scary!!!

Illinois State's **Baboucarr Bojang** is in his sixth year of organized basketball and is still developing as a player. That's bad news for Redbird opponents considering Bojang has already posted four double-doubles in eight games and three 20-point efforts. In his last outing, Bojang posted a career-high 26 points and grabbed eight boards with seven of them coming off the offensive glass.

Jeppson Pledging for the 1,000-Point Club

Of all the organizations on the Illinois State campus, the 1,000-Point Club must rank as one of the most exclusive with only 34 members in the last 104 years. The Redbirds' **Shawn Jeppson** is closing in on a membership, however. After scoring 10 points at Chattanooga on Saturday, Jeppson currently owns 860 points for his career and only needs 140 more to become the 35th player in Illinois State history to reach the 1,000-point plateau.

Picked to Win the League? Chances Are You're Playing Illinois State

Illinois State will play 11 nonconference games this season. Of the Redbirds' 11 non-Missouri Valley Conference foes, seven of the teams were selected in the preseason polls to win their respective leagues. The seven preseason favorites are Weber State (Big Sky), UC-Irvine (Big West), Texas-San Antonio (Southland), Illinois (Big Ten), Georgia Southern (Southern) and Central Michigan and Kent State, which are both favored to win the two divisions of the Mid-American Conference.

Bryson Out For Season

Tarise Bryson, the nation's top returning scorer, the reigning Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year and Redbirds leading scorer for the last three seasons, fell to the floor on a drive to the basket at the 17:46 mark of the second half in Illinois State's 74-70 opening night victory over Weber State. The fall ended the season for the Redbirds sixth all-time leading scorer, as Bryson dislocated his right wrist and suffered severe ligament damage to his shooting hand. Bryson underwent surgery the day after the game and will face a year of rehabilitation. His wrist will be in a splint for two weeks, a hard cast four weeks and another splint for four weeks. It will take six months to heal.

For Him, It's Easy Being Greene

Sophomore point guard **Vince Greene**, who sat out last season meeting NCAA requirements, already has five double-digit scoring efforts this season. Greene averaged 4.0 point per game in the Redbirds first four games of the season, but has averaged 10.2 points over the last five. In addition to his scoring, Greene is also accurate. He is shooting 64.3 percent on treys (9-for-14) and 85.7 from the free throw line (24-of-28).

FT Four-Peat ???

The Redbirds have opened the season shooting 77.3% from the charity stripe and are on a good start to eclipse 70% for a fourth straight season. ISU shot 72.8% from the free throw line last season, 74% in 1999-2000 and 73.5% in 1998-99. The Redbirds have not had a stretch of that length since it bettered 70% for a four-season span from 1982 through 1985.

D-Fence, D-Fence

In the first half against Central Michigan, the Redbirds caged the Chippewa scorers and held CMU to only 14 first half points. The Chippewas first half total equaled the lowest amount of points ever scored in a half by an Illinois State opponent in Redbird Arena, with Chicago State matching the feat last season. Central Michigan finished the half with 6-for-23 shooting (26.1%) and 1-for-5 on 3-pointers. The Redbirds also held the reigning Mid-American Player of the Year, David Webber, scoreless for the first frame for only the second time of his career.

Double-Double Debut for Mr. Bojang-les

Baboucarr Bojang played his first game in a Redbird uniform against Weber State and it was worth an encore. Bojang tapped his way to posting his first double-double, as the SMS-West Plains Junior College transfer tossed in 14 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. It was the first time since November 23, 1990, that a Redbird had a double-double performance in an opening game. The late Reggie Wilson poured in 22 points and hauled in 13 rebounds in the season opener at Dayton. It was also Wilson's first game as a Redbird after transferring from Lincoln Community College.

THE LAST TIME THEY MET

Harper Leads Illinois Past ISU, 67-60

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. – Derek Harper, Illinois junior guard, carries varied leadership responsibilities for the youthful Fighting Illini.

And leading by example, Harper took control of the Illini fortunes in the second half and paced his teammates to a 67-60 victory over Illinois State in the championship game of the Illini Classic before 14,328 people at the Assembly Hall.

It was the first loss for 6-1 ISU, ranked in the nation's top 20 by Sports Illustrated and United Press International. Illinois is 8-2.

With help from tournament most valuable player Anthony Welch, Harper spearheaded an Illini rally that erased a two-point ISU lead in a hurry.

After Raynard Malaine's drive had given ISU a two-point bulge with 11:13 left, the Illini scored eight straight points for a 50-44 advantage with 9:11 left.

ISU slowly climbed back, helped by a technical foul on Illinois for illegal substitution, and grabbed a 51-50 lead with 6:05 remaining.

But Illinois, with Harper running the show, outscored ISU 10-2 and enjoyed a 60-53 lead with 3:10 left.

Illinois 67, ILLINOIS STATE 60

December 18, 1982 • Champaign, Ill.

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Cornley (F)	33	6-13	3-7	2-7	0	4	15
Zwart (F)	24	2-6	1-2	4-4	0	5	5
Lamb (C)	37	5-10	3-4	1-7	0	4	13
McKinny (G)	36	5-15	2-2	1-3	7	2	13
Tyus (G)	32	2-11	2-2	1-2	1	5	6
Duncan	11	1-4	0-0	0-1	0	2	2
Malaine	16	2-4	0-0	2-3	1	4	4
Stefanovic	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Johnson	1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	2
Anderson	1	0-0	0-1	1-1	0	0	0
Williams	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Frances	1	0-1	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
Totals	200	24-66	11-18	13-34	9	26	60

Team Pct.: FG – .364; FT – .611

3-Pt.: 1-8, .125 (McKinny 1-4, Tyus 0-1, Duncan 0-3)

Blocks: 4 (Zwart 3, McKinny 1)

Turnovers: 19 (Cornley 3, Zwart 2, Lamb 4, McKinny 4, Tyus 4, Malaine 2)

Steals: 5 (Zwart 1, Lamb 1, McKinny 1, Tyus 1, Duncan 1)

Illinois	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Welch (F)	34	7-13	6-7	5-7	0	2	20
Montgomery (F)	32	5-6	2-2	3-7	0	4	12
Leonard (C)	12	0-4	2-2	0-2	1	4	2
Harper (G)	36	8-16	5-10	3-7	2	2	21
Douglas (G)	37	1-9	4-6	1-5	7	0	6
Winters	32	0-2	2-2	1-7	0	0	2
Altenberger	4	0-1	2-2	0-1	0	0	2
Daniels	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Meents	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Bontemps	3	1-1	0-0	1-1	0	0	2
Maras	1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Klusendorf	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Woodward	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	22-53	23-31	14-42	11	14	67

Team Pct.: FG – .415; FT – .742

3-Pt.: None

Blocks: 5 (Welch 2, Montgomery 1, Leonard 1, Harper 1)

Turnovers: 21 (Welch 4, Montgomery 4, Harper 4, Douglas 8, Winters 1)

Steals: 9 (Montgomery 2, Harper 2, Douglas 5)

Officials: Jim Bain, Ralph Rosser, Bill Herzog

Attendance: 14,328

Halftime Score: Illinois 28, ILLINOIS STATE 27

CHART CLIMBERS

Career Scoring Leaders

1. Doug Collins (1970-73) 2,240
5. Bill Sarver (1951-54) 1,798
6. **TARISE BRYSON (1998-)** **1,736**

Career 3-Point FG Leaders

1. **TARISE BRYSON (1999-present)** **214**
2. Dan Muller (1995-98) 204
3. Jeff Harris (1986-88) 157
8. Kyle Cartmill (1996-99) 111
9. **SHAWN JEPPSON (1998-)** **102**
10. Antonio Cooper (1992-96) 93

Career FT Made Leaders

1. **TARISE BRYSON (1998-)** **468**
2. Fred Marberry (1954-57) 459

Career FT Att. Leaders

1. Fred Marberry (1953-57) 756
2. Jerry McGreal (1965-68) 600
3. **TARISE BRYSON (1998-)** **576**

Career Steals

1. Ron Jones (1976-80) 232
2. Richard Thomas (1989-93) 174
3. Todd Wemhoener (1990-94) 163
4. Jamar Smiley (1994-98) 142
5. Michael McKinney (1981-85) 138
6. Rickie Johnson (1981-85) 129
- TARISE BRYSON (1998-)** **129**

Season Scoring Leaders

1. Doug Collins (1971-72) 847
2. Doug Collins (1970-71) 743
4. **TARISE BRYSON (2000-01)** **685**
3. Doug Collins (1972-73) 650

Season FT Made Leaders

1. **TARISE BRYSON (2000-01)** **207**
2. Doug Collins (1970-71) 197

Season FT Att. Leaders

1. **TARISE BRYSON (2000-01)** **252**
2. Fred Marberry (1955-56) 244

CAREER STARTS/GAMES

No.	Player	Illinois St.	
		GP	GS
2	Gregg Alexander	9	9
4	Dirk Williams	38	7
5	Andy Strandmark	64	13
11	Vince Greene	9	1
12	Tarise Bryson	91	83
15	Randy Rice	39	36
21	Shawn Jeppson	96	31
23	Baboucarr Bojang	9	9
31	Chad Mazanowski	56	12
33	Shedrick Ford	39	35
34	Kenneth Hill	0	0
40	Casey Reid	9	1
44	Brett Gillan	23	0

Jeppson Hits Century Mark

With six minutes left in the game at Georgia Southern, Illinois State guard **Shawn Jeppson** became the ninth Redbird in school history to drain 100 treys in a career. Jeppson stands in ninth place overall and needs 10 three-pointers to surpass former Redbird Kyle Cartmill.

Alexander the Great

According to the roster and the register's office, **Gregg Alexander** is a true freshman, but on the court he plays like a savvy veteran. In his first season with the Redbirds, Alexander has logged 284 minutes, tops on the team, and coughed up five turnovers. Alexander is averaging .018 turnovers per minute, which is the lowest percentage in the Missouri Valley Conference. He has dished out 24 assists which ranks second on the team and is fourth on the club in scoring with 9.8 points per game. Alexander also leads the team in steals with 16.

Built Ford Tough

Shedrick Ford is second on the Redbirds in scoring with 11.6 points per game and has scored double-figures for Illinois State in 5-of-9 games. Ford has been the leading scorer in two games and had a season-high 21 points against Hofstra. In the season opener against Weber State, Ford put the team on his back after the injury to **Tarise Bryson** and finished with 18 points and eight boards.

Alexander Goes Where Few Freshmen Have Gone Before

Since 1990, three true freshman have started their first collegiate games at Illinois State. One of them is current Redbird **Gregg Alexander**. Alexander drew the starting nod in the opener against Weber State and responded with eight points, one rebound and two assists in 20 minutes of play. Alexander joins P.J. Smith (1999) and Dan Muller (1994).

Been There, Done That

At the Missouri Valley Conference media day, Illinois State was tabbed as the preseason favorite to win the league title by the conference media and sports information directors. The Redbirds received 26 of the possible 30 first-place votes. The last time the 'Birds were chosen preseason favorites was in 1997-98. Illinois State went on to win the conference. In 1996-97, the Redbirds were also favored to win and won the league.

No Thanks, I'm Just Watching

Trey Guidry, a 6-2 guard, has transferred to Illinois State from North Carolina State, but cannot play for the Redbirds until the 2002-03 season. NCAA rules require that he sit out one season. Guidry was a spot starter for the Wolfpack last season as a freshman and recorded a scoring best of 15 points against Wake Forest.

It Never Gets Boring

Last season's trip to the NIT marked Illinois State's 14th post-season appearance in 31 seasons on the Division I level. The Redbirds have finished over .500 in all but three of their campaigns as a D-I school and own 13 20-win campaigns over the last 26 years.

That's a Winner

With a 21-9 mark last season, one year removed from a 10-20 record, Illinois State has not suffered back-to-back losing seasons since 1965 and 1966 – 35 years ago. The next best such streak in the Valley belongs to SMS, which last had back-to-back losers 20 years ago ('80 & '81). ISU has now finished above .500 in 28 of its 31 campaigns at Division I. The only other two ISU teams that came off losing records (D-1) also did well. The 1988-89 team went 13-17, but its 18-13 successor won the MVC Tournament and went to the NCAAs. The 1990-91 team went 5-23, but its 18-11 successor won the regular season league crown.

A Trade-In???

It's not quite a trade, but next season when the Redbirds lose the services of **Shedrick Ford** to graduation they will add **Dana Ford**. Dana Ford, a 6-foot-4, 185 guard from Egyptian High School in Tamms, Ill., signed a national letter of intent during the early signing period with Illinois State. Last year, Dana Ford averaged 22.5 points and is the school's all-time leading scorer with 1,620 points.

PLAYER UPDATES

#2 Gregg Alexander

Freshman • F • 6-4 • 190

Lincoln, Ill. (Lincoln)

- **Last Game:** 5 pts., 3 reb., 1-6 3FG, 4 stls, 33 min
- Only five turnovers in 284 minutes of play.
- Point production has been down in last three games, but posted career assist numbers (4) in two games and played strong defensively.
- Has hit three of his last 16 trey attempts.
- Scored a career-high 24 points in the overtime loss against Hofstra.
- Had the second double-digit effort of his career at UT-San Antonio.

#4 Dirk Williams

Sophomore • F • 6-8 • 210

Pekin, Ill. (Pekin Community)

- **Last Game:** 2 pts., 7 reb, 2 blks, 16 min.
- Started the last three games
- Shooting 1-for-12 from behind the arc.
- Has made 15 straight free throw attempts.
- His tip-in against UT-San Antonio ended a 0-for-15 shooting stretch.
- Averaging 13.8 minutes per game in the first six games, but logged 20.0 in the last three games.

#5 Andy Strandmark

Junior • C • 6-11 • 235

Geneseo, Ill. (Darnall)

- **Last Game:** 2 rebs., 1 ast., 4 min.
- Battling a reoccurring stress fracture in right leg.
- Averaging 3.0 points per game in the Redbirds last five games, after going scoreless in first four.
- Has made seven of his last nine FG attempts.
- Posted a blocked shot in three of nine games.

#10 Kevin Troc

Freshman • G • 6-4 • 185

Lockport, Ill. (Lockport)

- **Last Game:** DNP – Redshirt Candidate
- At the start of the season was expected to redshirt, but after the injury to Tarise Bryson was possibly going to play this year after all.
- Developed a staff infection during the team's trip to Pittsburgh, Pa., for the 2001 University Hoops Classic. Spent a week in the Pittsburgh hospital and will be out of action for six weeks. Thus will be redshirted for the 2001-02 campaign.

#11 Vince Greene

Sophomore • G • 5-9 • 160

Chicago, Ill. (Brother Rice)

- **Last Game:** 2 pts, 1-10 FGs, 1 ast, 18 min.
- Made last 16 free throw attempts.
- Scored a career-high 14 points against Samford.
- Over the last five games, has posted double-digit scoring in four of the games.
- Averaging 10.2 points over the last five contests.
- Recorded his first career start at UTSA.
- Ranks second in the Valley in 3-point shooting at 64.3 percent on 9-for-14.

#12 Tarise Bryson

Senior • G • 6-1 • 175

Decatur, Ill. (Stephen Decatur)

- **Last Game:** DNP – Injured
- Suffered a season-ending injury (dislocated wrist) 22 minutes into the season opening game against Weber State.
- Entered the season as the nation's top returning scorer at 22.8 points per game, the highest scoring average by a Redbird in 26 years.
- Named 2001-02 Missouri Valley Conference Preseason Player of the Year and winning the league award in 2000-01.
- 2001 Associated Press All-American Honorable Mention.
- Ranks No. 6 on the Illinois State career list with 1,736 points.

#15 Randy Rice

Senior • G • 6-0 • 175

Springfield, Ill. (Springfield/Wabash Valley CC)

- **Last Game:** 3 pts, 6 rebs, 7 asts, 22 min.
- Scored a season-high seven points against C. Mich.
- Pulled down a season-high 6 boards at UT-Chatt.
- Started every game except against UT-San Antonio.
- Went 3-for-3 against Central Michigan, after converting two of his previous 12 FG attempts.
- Averaging 5.3 points per game over the last three contests, after averaging 2.3 in the first six.

#21 Shawn Jeppson

Senior • G • 6-2 • 180

Spring Valley, Ill. (Hall)

- **Last Game:** 10 pts, 5-9 FGs, 0-4 3FGs, 23 min.
- Started four of nine games.
- Has scored double-figures in six contests, including a season-high 19 points at Georgia Southern.
- Made nine of his last 23 FG attempts (.391).
- Opened the season with 10 straight free throws, before missing his final attempt at Georgia Southern.
- Has made at least one trey in 25 of his last 28 games, but hasn't made one in his last two.

#23 Baboucarr Bojang

Junior • F • 6-9 • 205

Greenville, S.C. (Wade Hampton/SMS-West Plains)

- **Last Game:** 26 pts, 8 rebs, 8-11 FTs, 39 min.
- Scored a career-high 26 points in the loss at Chattanooga, also added 8 boards (7 offensive).
- Grabbed a career-high 13 boards against Central Michigan and scored 20 points on 8-for-8 shooting.
- Posted four double-doubles in the first 9 games.
- Had back-to-back double-doubles against Hofstra and Georgia Southern.
- Made 37 of his last 58 FG attempts (.638).
- Owns 33 percent of the team's offensive rebounds (28-of-85).
- Started all nine games and has scored double figures in eight, including the last six games.

#31 Chad Mazanowski

Senior • F • 6-6 • 225

DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)

- **Last Game:** 3 min, 1 pf
- Has logged 25 minutes in five games.
- Battling chronic inflammation in his ankle. Has suffered from ankle injuries throughout his career.
- Two of his three FGs were dunks.
- Tossed in five points each against Pitt and Hofstra, his first two games of the season.

#33 Shedrick Ford

Senior • F • 6-5 • 220

Macon, Ga. (Southwest/Neosho County CC)

- **Last Game:** 9 pts, 5 rebs, 2 stls, 3 to, 31 min.
- Has been held to single digit scoring in three of his last four games.
- Scored in double-figures in five of nine games.
- Has converted three of his last 10 3FG attempts.
- After going through a 4-for-14 (.286) shooting stretch, has made 12-of-27 (.444).
- Pulled down a season-best eight rebounds with 18 points in the season-opener against Weber State.

#34 Kenneth Hill

Freshman • F • 6-6 • 181

Naperville, Ill. (Central)

- **Last Game:** DNP – Coaches Decision
- Late addition walk-on.
- Has yet to see any game action this season.
- Averaged 13.6 points, 6.4 rebounds, 2.4 assists per game during his senior season at Naperville Central.
- Selected to the all-conference and all-area teams.

#40 Casey Reid

Junior • F • 6-7 • 205

Las Vegas, Nev. (Las Vegas/Scottsdale CC)

- **Last Game:** 2 pts, 2 rebs, 1-4 FGs, 1 stl, 11 min.
- Made seven of his last 15 FG attempts (.467).
- Posted his first career start at UT-San Antonio.
- Tallied 18 points in the last five games, after totaling four in the first four contests.

#44 Brett Gillan

Junior • G • 6-4 • 185

Normal, Ill. (Normal Community)

- **Last Game:** DNP – Coaches Decision
- Walk-on that has seen action in one game this season.
- Played a minute against Pittsburgh without recording a stat.

CAREER HIGHS

ALEXANDER Career Highs

Points 24 vs. Hofstra (11-25-01)
 Field Goals 9 vs. Hofstra (11-25-01)
 FG Attempts 15 vs. Hofstra (11-25-01)
 3-pt. FG 6 vs. Hofstra (11-25-01)
 3-pt. FG Att. 11 vs. Hofstra (11-25-01)
 Free Throws 5 vs. Weber State (11-16-01)
 FT Attempts 6 vs. Weber State (11-16-01)
 Rebounds 7 vs. UC-Irvine (11-23-01)
 Assists 4, twice
 Steals 4 at Chattanooga (12-15-01)
 Blocks None
 Minutes 42 vs. Hofstra (11-25-01)

BOJANG Career Highs

Points 26 at Chattanooga (12-15-01)
 Field Goals 9 at Chattanooga (12-15-01)
 FG Attempts 17 at Chattanooga (12-15-01)
 3-pt. FG None
 3-pt. FG Att. None
 Free Throws 8 at Chattanooga (12-15-01)
 FT Attempts 11 at Chattanooga (12-15-01)
 Rebounds 13 vs. C. Michigan (12-9-01)
 Assists 2, twice
 Steals 4 at Ga. Southern (11-29-01)
 Blocks 1 vs. Hofstra (11-25-01)
 Minutes 39 at Chattanooga (12-15-01)

FORD Career Highs

Points 25 at Western Illinois (12-31-00)
 Field Goals 9 at Evansville (2-12-01)
 FG Attempts 17 vs. Evansville (1-20-01)
 3-pt. FG 4 vs. Drake (2-18-01)
 3-pt. FG Att. 6 vs. Drake (2-18-01)
 Free Throws 9 at Western Illinois (12-31-00)
 FT Attempts 14 at Western Illinois (12-31-00)
 Rebounds 15 vs. Bradley (2-6-01)
 Assists 3, five times
 Steals 3 vs. Evansville (2-12-01)
 Blocks 2 vs. UT-San Antonio (12-17-00)
 Minutes 46 at Western Illinois (12-31-00)

GILLAN Career Highs

Points 2, three times
 Field Goals 1, three times
 FG Attempts 1, five times
 3-pt. FG None
 3-pt. FG Att. 1, twice
 Free Throws None
 FT Attempts None
 Rebounds 1, three times
 Assists None
 Steals None
 Blocks None
 Minutes 4 vs. Chicago State (11-25-00)

GREENE Career Highs

Points 14 vs. Samford (12-8-01)
 Field Goals 4, three times
 FG Attempts 10 at Chattanooga (12-15-01)
 3-pt. FG 2, four times
 3-pt. FG Att. 3, three times
 Free Throws 8, twice
 FT Attempts 10 vs. Samford (12-8-01)
 Rebounds 2 at Ga. Southern (11-29-01)
 Assists 4, four times
 Steals 1, three times
 Blocks None
 Minutes 23 vs. Samford (12-8-01)

JEPPSON Career Highs

Points 22 at Wichita State (1-29-01)
 Field Goals 8, twice
 FG Attempts 15 vs. Hofstra (11-25-01)
 3-pt. FG 4, twice
 3-pt. FG Att. 8 vs. Bradley (3-4-01)
 Free Throws 9 vs. Wichita State (2-23-00)
 FT Attempts 10 vs. Wichita State (2-23-00)
 Rebounds 7 at Wichita State (1-29-01)
 Assists 9 at Southern Illinois (1-14-01)
 Steals 4 at Wichita State (1-29-01)
 Blocks 2, three times
 Minutes 43 vs. Bradley (2-8-00)

MAZANOWSKI Career Highs

Points 10 at Bowling Green (12-1-99)
 Field Goals 4 at Bowling Green (12-1-99)
 FG Attempts 7 at SW Missouri St. (2-23-00)
 3-pt. FG None
 3-pt. FG Att. 1 at SW Missouri St. (2-23-00)
 Free Throws 3 vs. Hofstra (11-25-01)
 FT Attempts 4 vs. Hofstra (11-25-01)
 Rebounds 8, three times
 Assists 1, several
 Steals 1, several
 Blocks 2, twice
 Minutes 31 vs. Creighton (2-5-00)

RICE Career Highs

Points 10 at Evansville (2-12-01)
 Field Goals 4, twice
 FG Attempts 15 at Evansville (2-12-01)
 3-pt. FG 1, seven times
 3-pt. FG Att. 4, twice
 Free Throws 4 vs. Samford (12-8-01)
 FT Attempts 6 vs. Indiana State (1-6-01)
 Rebounds 8 at Evansville (2-12-01)
 Assists 13 at Evansville (2-12-01)
 Steals 5, twice
 Blocks 1, four times
 Minutes 49 at Evansville (2-12-01)

STRANDMARK Career Highs

Points 15 vs. Bradley (2-8-00)
 Field Goals 6 vs. Bradley (2-8-00)
 FG Attempts 7 at Kansas (11-30-00)
 3-pt. FG None
 3-pt. FG Att. None
 Free Throws 4, twice
 FT Attempts 4, five times
 Rebounds 13 vs. SW Missouri St. (1-22-00)
 Assists 3 at Bradley (1-26-00)
 Steals 3 at Creighton (12-12-99)
 Blocks 2, six times
 Minutes 33, twice

WILLIAMS Career Highs

Points 14 vs. Evansville (3-3-01)
 Field Goals 6 vs. Evansville (3-3-01)
 FG Attempts 9 at Western Illinois (12-31-00)
 3-pt. FG 2 vs. Evansville (3-3-01)
 3-pt. FG Att. 2 vs. Evansville (3-3-01)
 Free Throws 4, twice
 FT Attempts 6 vs. Indiana State (1-6-01)
 Rebounds 13 vs. Evansville (1-20-01)
 Assists 2, twice
 Steals 2, twice
 Blocks 2 at Chattanooga (12-15-01)
 Minutes 32 vs. Samford (12-8-01)

2001-02 VALLEY STANDINGS

	MVC			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
1. Northern Iowa	1	0	1.000	6	3	.667
2. Drake	1	0	1.000	5	3	.625
3. S. Illinois	0	0	.000	7	1	.875
4. Creighton	0	0	.000	4	2	.667
5. Wichita State	0	0	.000	4	4	.500
6. Illinois State	0	0	.000	4	5	.444
7. SW Missouri St.	0	0	.000	3	4	.429
8. Evansville	0	0	.000	2	6	.250
9. Bradley	0	1	.000	2	5	.286
Indiana State	0	1	.000	2	5	.286

(As of 12/15)

2001-02 VALLEY RANKINGS

TEAM	
Scoring Offense	8th 69.1
Scoring Defense	6th 70.1
Scoring Margin	7th -1.0
Free Throw Pct	2nd775
Field Goal Pct.	6th439
FG Pct. Defense	10th488
3-Point FG Pct.	7th328
3-Point FG Pct. Def	3rd336
Rebounding Offense	10th 29.5
Rebounding Defense	6th 33.8
Rebounding Margin	10th -4.2
Blocked Shots	10th 0.88
Assists	3rd 15.25
Steals	t3rd 6.88
Turnover Margin	2nd +2.50
Assist/Turnover Ratio	5th 0.93
Offensive Rebounds	10th 8.75
Defensive Rebounds	9th 20.75
3-Point Field Goals Made	8th 5.25

INDIVIDUAL

REBOUNDING	
Baboucarr Bojang	4th 8.4
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	
Baboucarr Bojang	6th556
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	
Shawn Jeppson	5th889
Vince Greene	10th857
3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	
Vince Greene	2nd692
OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS	
Baboucarr Bojang	t10th 2.62
DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS	
Baboucarr Bojang	t2nd 5.75

VALLEY PRESEASON POLL

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
1. Illinois State	26	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	293
2. Creighton	1	10	7	7	3	1	1	-	-	-	232
3. Indiana State	1	7	8	6	5	3	-	-	-	-	224
4. S. Illinois	1	8	5	3	8	2	2	1	-	-	212
5. SW Mo. St.	1	2	5	5	6	3	6	2	-	-	184
6. Bradley	-	1	-	7	4	8	5	3	2	-	155
7. Evansville	-	1	-	2	2	5	6	10	4	-	122
8. Drake	-	-	2	-	1	5	9	9	3	1	117
9. Wichita St.	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	5	18	4	70
10. Northern Iowa	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	3	25	41

CLUTCH FREE THROWS

Here's how the Redbirds have shot free throws in the game's final five minutes and during the overtime period:

	FTM	FTA	PCT
Williams	2	2	1.000
Greene	10	12	.833
Rice	4	6	.667
Alexander	4	6	.667
Ford	4	6	.667
Jeppson	2	3	.667
Bojang	11	19	.579
Mazanowski	1	2	.500
Total	38	56	.679

SHOOTING BREAKDOWN

	Illinois St.	Opp.
FG Pct., 1st Half	102-241 (42.3%)	118-235 (50.2%)
FG Pct., 2nd Half	111-253 (43.9%)	114-239 (47.7%)
3FG Pct., 1st Half	21-71 (29.6%)	28-73 (38.4%)
3FG Pct., 2nd Half	23-69 (33.3%)	20-66 (30.3%)
FT Pct., 1st Half	52-64 (81.3%)	39-58 (67.2%)
FT Pct., 2nd Half	84-111 (75.7%)	72-98 (73.5%)
FG Pct., Home	67-146 (45.9%)	67-148 (45.3%)
FG Pct., Away	84-193 (43.5%)	89-171 (52.0%)
FG Pct., Neutral	63-161 (39.1%)	78-161 (48.4%)
3FG Pct., Home	11-41 (26.8%)	18-56 (32.1%)
3FG Pct., Away	17-54 (31.5%)	14-41 (34.1%)
3FG Pct., Neutral	16-46 (34.8%)	16-43 (37.2%)
FT Pct., Home	66-82 (80.5%)	35-49 (71.4%)
FT Pct., Away	32-44 (72.7%)	53-71 (74.6%)
FT Pct., Neutral	42-55 (76.4%)	27-42 (64.3%)

BENCH SCORING

Weber State	24-20
vs. UC-Irvine	17-17
vs. Pittsburgh	13-14
vs. Hofstra	5-30
at Georgia Southern	23-15
at UT-San Antonio	24-21
Samford	25-13
Central Michigan	21-9
at Chattanooga	14-20
at Illinois	
Kent State	
Creighton	
at Southern Illinois	
Wichita State	
at Drake	
Indiana State	
at Creighton	
Southwest Missouri St.	
at Bradley	
Drake	
Northern Iowa	
at Southwest Missouri St.	
Bradley	
at Indiana State	
at Evansville	
Southern Illinois	
at Wichita State	
at Northern Iowa	
Evansville	

THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

INDIVIDUAL

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

A player scored 30 points ...
ILLINOIS ST. Tarise Bryson (38) at Purdue, 3-15-01
Opponent Jermaine Boyette (31), Weber St., 11-16-01

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

A player grabbed 15 rebounds ...
ILLINOIS ST. Shedrick Ford (15) vs. Bradley, 2-6-01
Opponent Joshua Cross (17), S. Illinois, 2-12-00

A player had a double-double ...
ILLINOIS ST. B. Bojang (20p, 13r) vs. C. Mich., 12-9-01
Opponent Dusty Pullian (10p, 12r) at Chattanooga, 12-15-01

A player made five 3-pointers ...
ILLINOIS ST. Gregg Alexander (6-11) vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01
Opponent Maynard Lewis (7-8), Purdue, 3-14-01

A player made 10 free throws ...
ILLINOIS ST. Tarise Bryson (12-15) at Purdue, 3-14-01
Opponent Devin Brown (10-13) at UTSA, 12-1-01

A player had 15 free throw attempts ...
ILLINOIS ST. Tarise Bryson (12-15) at Purdue, 3-14-01
Opponent Aaron Thomas (14-15), Drake, 1-17-00

A player had 10 assists ...
ILLINOIS ST. Randy Rice (13) vs. Evansville, 2-12-01
Opponent Jeremy Stanton (15), Evansville, 3-3-01

A player had five steals ...
ILLINOIS ST. Tarise Bryson (6) vs. Wichita State, 2-26-01
Opponent Jerry Green (5), UC-Irvine, 11-23-01

A player blocked five shots ...
ILLINOIS ST. LeRoy Watkins (5) vs. Alcorn State, 12-2-98
Opponent Jeff Rabey (5), Bradley, 2-21-01

INDIVIDUAL

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

A team made 35 field goals ...
ILLINOIS ST. at Southern Illinois (35-53), 2-28-98
Opponent vs. UT-San Antonio (35-65), 12-17-00

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

A team shot 50 percent from the field ...
ILLINOIS ST. vs. C. Mich. (.524, 22-42), 12-9-01
Opponent vs. Samford (.556, 20-36), 12-8-01

A team made 10 3-point field goals ...
ILLINOIS ST. vs. Bradley (10-27), 3-4-01
Opponent at Purdue (12-20), 3-14-01

A team had 20 3-point field goal attempts ...
ILLINOIS ST. at Ga. Southern (7-24), 11-29-01
Opponent vs. C. Mich. (5-21), 12-9-01

A team shot 50 percent on 3-pointers ...
ILLINOIS ST. at Purdue (.571, 8-14), 3-14-01
Opponent at Purdue (.600, 12-20), 3-14-01

A team made 30 free throws ...
ILLINOIS ST. vs. UT-San Antonio (34-42), 12-17-01
Opponent at Drake (37-52), 1-17-01

A team had 25 assists ...
ILLINOIS ST. vs. Hofstra (25), 11-25-01
Opponent na

A team had 15 steals ...
ILLINOIS ST. vs. Weber State (15), 11-16-01
Opponent at Creighton (18), 12-12-99

A team had blocked 10 shots ...
ILLINOIS ST. 10 vs. Evansville, 1-17-79
Opponent na

ILLINOIS STATE'S 2001-02 RECORD WHEN

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

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

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

Opponent	Alexander	Bojang	Bryson	Ford	Gillan	Greene
<i>Weber State</i>	8-1-2*	14-10-2*	8-3-3*	18-8-1*	DNP	1-0-1
<i>vs. UC-Irvine</i>	7-7-3*	13-8-1*	DNP – Injured	9-3-1*	DNP	11-0-4
<i>vs. Pittsburgh</i>	7-0-2*	7-5-0*	DNP – Injured	13-5-1*	0-0-0	4-2-0
<i>vs. Hofstra</i>	24-4-3*	10-11-2*	DNP – Injured	21-7-3*	DNP	0-0-4
<i>at Ga. Southern</i>	7-5-2*	14-10-1*	DNP – Injured	11-5-0*	DNP	12-2-4
<i>at UT-San Antonio</i>	18-3-2*	20-6-0*	DNP – Injured	2-5-3*	DNP	12-0-3*
<i>Samford</i>	5-3-4*	13-5-1*	DNP – Injured	6-2-1*	DNP	14-1-4
<i>C. Michigan</i>	7-4-4*	20-13-0*	DNP – Injured	15-3-1*	DNP	11-1-3
<i>at Chattanooga</i>	5-3-2*	26-8-0*	DNP – Injured	9-5-1*	DNP	2-1-1
<i>at Illinois</i>						
<i>Kent State</i>						
<i>Creighton</i>						
<i>at S. Illinois</i>						
<i>Wichita State</i>						
<i>at Drake</i>						
<i>Indiana State</i>						
<i>at Creighton</i>						
<i>SMS</i>						
<i>at Bradley</i>						
<i>Drake</i>						
<i>Northern Iowa</i>						
<i>at SMS</i>						
<i>Bradley</i>						
<i>at Indiana St.</i>						
<i>at Evansville</i>						
<i>S. Illinois</i>						
<i>at Wichita St.</i>						
<i>at N. Iowa</i>						
<i>Evansville</i>						

Opponent	Jeppson	Mazanowski	Reid	Rice	Strandmark	Williams
<i>Weber State</i>	14-1-5	DNP	4-0-1	2-2-1*	0-1-0	5-3-0
<i>vs. UC-Irvine</i>	12-3-1*	DNP	0-0-1	0-3-2*	0-1-0	6-2-0
<i>vs. Pittsburgh</i>	2-4-2*	5-0-0	0-1-1	4-1-2*	0-4-0	4-4-0
<i>vs. Hofstra</i>	14-1-5*	5-2-0	0-1-1	6-4-5*	0-0-1	0-0-1
<i>at Ga. Southern</i>	19-1-2*	0-0-0	8-3-1	2-2-3*	3-2-2	0-2-0
<i>at UT-San Antonio</i>	15-3-2	0-0-0	6-2-2*	0-3-2	4-0-1	5-5-0
<i>Samford</i>	5-2-1	DNP	2-3-0	6-0-3*	4-0-0	10-1-2*
<i>C. Michigan</i>	6-1-1	DNP	0-4-2	7-4-2*	4-1-0	2-1-1*
<i>at Chattanooga</i>	10-1-1	0-0-0	2-2-0	3-6-7*	0-2-1	2-7-1*
<i>at Illinois</i>						
<i>Kent State</i>						
<i>Creighton</i>						
<i>at S. Illinois</i>						
<i>Wichita State</i>						
<i>at Drake</i>						
<i>Indiana State</i>						
<i>at Creighton</i>						
<i>SMS</i>						
<i>at Bradley</i>						
<i>Drake</i>						
<i>Northern Iowa</i>						
<i>at SMS</i>						
<i>Bradley</i>						
<i>at Indiana St.</i>						
<i>at Evansville</i>						
<i>S. Illinois</i>						
<i>at Wichita St.</i>						
<i>at N. Iowa</i>						
<i>Evansville</i>						

SUPERLATIVES

STARTING LINEUPS – F, F, C, G, G (4):

- Alexander, Ford, Bojang, Bryson, Rice (1-0) (W) – Weber State
- Alexander, Ford, Bojang, Rice, Jeppson (1-3) (W) – UC-Irvine (L) – Pittsburgh, Hofstra, at Ga. Southern
- Ford, Reid, Bojang, Alexander, Greene (0-1) (L) – UT-San Antonio
- Williams, Ford, Bojang, Alexander, Rice (2-1) (W) – Samford, Central Michigan (L) – Chattanooga

FIRST SUBSTITUTION:

Williams 4, Jeppson 3, Rice 1, Greene 1

FIRST POINTS:

Bojang 6, Ford 1, Rice 1, Williams 1

DOUBLE-DIGIT SCORERS (27):

Bojang 8, Jeppson 6, Ford 5, Greene 5, Alexander 2, Williams 1

DOUBLE-DIGIT REBOUNDING (4):

Bojang 4

LEADING SCORER:

Bojang 4, Ford 2, Jeppson 1, Alexander 1, Greene 1

LEADING REBOUNDER:

Bojang 8, Ford 1

DOUBLE-DOUBLES (4):

Bojang 4

DUNKS (10):

Bojang 6, Mazanowski 2, Strandmark 1

CHARGES DRAWN (14):

Ford 4, Williams 4, Rice 4, Reid 2, Jeppson 2, Alexander 1, Bojang 1, Strandmark 1

MOST MINUTES:

- 42, Gregg Alexander vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01
- 39, Randy Rice vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01
- Baboucarr Bojang at Chattanooga, 12-15-01
- 38, Shedrick Ford vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01
- 36, Baboucarr Bojang vs. UC-Irvine, 11-23-01
- Baboucarr Bojang vs. C. Mich, 12-9-01
- 34, Gregg Alexander vs. UC-Irvine, 11-23-01
- Gregg Alexander vs. Samford, 12-8-01
- 33, Gregg Alexander vs. C. Mich, 12-9-01
- Gregg Alexander at Chattanooga, 12-15-01
- 32, Shedrick Ford vs. Pittsburgh, 11-24-01
- Baboucarr Bojang vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01
- Dirk Williams vs. Samford, 12-8-01
- Baboucarr Bojang vs. Samford, 12-8-01
- 31, Shedrick Ford vs. Weber State, 11-16-01
- Randy Rice vs. Weber State, 11-16-01
- Randy Rice vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01
- Gregg Alexander vs. UTSA, 12-1-01
- Shedrick Ford at Chattanooga, 12-15-01
- 30, Shawn Jeppson vs. UC-Irvine, 11-23-01
- Gregg Alexander at Ga. Southern, 11-29-01
- Shawn Jeppson at Ga. Southern, 11-29-01
- Shawn Jeppson at UTSA, 12-1-01

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2001-02 GAME-BY-GAME

	Final	FG	FG%	3FG	3%	FT	FT%	O-D-T Reb.	Fouls	Assists	Turnovers	Blocks	Steals	Halftime
Weber State	70	26-56	46.4%	6-14	42.9%	12-19	63.2%	14-25-39	22	9	24	5	9	31
@ Illinois State	74	23-57	40.4%	4-20	20.0%	24-28	85.7%	9-22-31	22	16	19	2	15	35
Illinois State	58	21-49	42.9%	6-15	40.0%	10-11	90.0%	6-22-28	16	13	16	0	6	26
vs. UC-Irvine	52	20-43	46.5%	4-10	40.0%	8-15	53.3%	6-22-28	15	13	19	2	11	21
Pittsburgh	65	25-53	47.2%	5-14	35.7%	10-14	71.4%	10-28-38	20	17	16	6	5	32
vs. Illinois State	46	12-45	26.7%	1-11	9.1%	21-28	75.0%	9-20-29	16	8	15	0	6	20
Illinois State	80	30-67	44.8%	9-20	45.0%	11-16	68.8%	13-19-32	18	25	19	1	6	39
vs. Hofstra	82	33-65	50.8%	7-19	36.8%	9-13	69.2%	16-25-41	18	19	24	9	8	52
Illinois State	76	29-65	44.6%	7-24	29.2%	11-15	73.3%	15-17-32	18	15	13	1	4	40
@ Georgia Southern	87	34-57	59.6%	5-12	41.7%	14-18	77.8%	6-25-31	13	22	12	4	4	48
Illinois State	82	31-61	50.8%	8-17	47.1%	12-17	70.6%	4-25-29	25	15	18	2	4	32
@ UT-San Antonio	88	31-64	48.4%	4-17	23.5%	22-31	71.0%	12-30-42	19	18	16	5	10	42
Samford	54	20-36	55.6%	7-21	33.3%	7-10	70.0%	3-22-25	17	13	25	0	2	27
@ Illinois State	65	22-47	46.8%	4-12	33.3%	17-23	73.9%	6-14-20	13	16	11	1	10	23
Central Michigan	63	21-56	37.5%	5-21	23.8%	16-20	80.0%	11-15-26	26	8	15	4	13	14
@ Illinois State	72	22-42	52.4%	3-9	33.3%	25-61	80.6%	8-27-35	22	14	20	0	4	36
Illinois State	59	24-67	35.8%	2-13	15.4%	9-12	75.0%	15-20-35	20	14	13	2	7	26
@ Chattanooga	70	24-50	48.0%	5-12	41.7%	17-22	77.3%	11-28-39	18	13	20	7	7	36

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EXHIBITION 1

Bryson, Redbirds Look Sharp in Exhibition Opener

NORMAL, Ill. - Led by 25 points from the nation's returning scoring leader, Tarise Bryson, Illinois State rolled to a 93-69 victory over head coach Tom Richardson's alma mater, St. Xavier, in the Redbirds' exhibition season-opener at Redbird Arena on Thursday.

The reigning Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year and preseason favorite to win the award again this year, Bryson tallied 21 of his game-high 25 points in the decisive first half as he hit on 8-of-10 attempts from the field, including 3-of-4 treys. The all-America candidate unleashed the complete arsenal, hitting from the inside and outside, while even throwing down a fast break dunk. He also dished out a team-high six assists, pulled down two rebounds and notched two steals.

Shedrick Ford tallied 15 points and pulled down six boards, Baboucarr Bojang scored 12 points and grabbed seven rebounds, Casey Reid scored 10 points and grabbed seven rebounds, while Shawn Jeppson added 12 points. Dirk Williams chipped in with six points and five boards, Gregg Alexander added six points and Randy Rice topped off a solid game with five points, four rebounds and a team-high four steals.

ILLINOIS STATE 93, St. Xavier 69
November 1, 2001 • Redbird Arena

Table with columns: St. Xavier, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include players like Ausley (F), Mikal (F), Brown (C), Telander (G), Dodson (G), Reiter, Watson, Hampton, Winding, Rojas, Hillock, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .408; FT - .600
3-Pt.: 2-15, .133 (Ausley 0-1, Mikal 0-3, Telander 1-5, Dodson 0-1, Hampton 0-3, Rojas 1-2)
Blocks: 2 (Ausley, Mikal)
Turnovers: 23 (Ausley 3, Mikal 3, Brown 1, Telander 2, Dodson 3, Watson 4, Hampton 3, Rojas 2, Hillock 1)
Steals: 8 (Ausley 1, Mikal 1, Brown 1, Telander 1, Dodson 1, Reiter 1, Winding 1, Rojas 1)

Table with columns: ILLINOIS ST., Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include players like Williams (F), Ford (F), Bojang (C), Bryson (G), Rice (G), Alexander, Greene, Jeppson, Reid, Gillan, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .529; FT - .682
3-Pt.: 6-21, .286 (Williams 0-1, Ford 1-5, Bryson 3-7, Rice 1-1, Alexander 1-4, Greene 0-1, Jeppson 0-2)
Blocks: 3 (Williams 1, Bojang 1, Rice 1)
Turnovers: 15 (Williams 1, Ford 1, Bojang 2, Bryson 5, Rice 1, Jeppson 3, Reid 2)
Steals: 13 (Williams 1, Ford 1, Bojang 1, Bryson 2, Rice 4, Alexander 1, Greene 2, Jeppson 1)

Officials: Todd Burchyett, Charlie Balunek and Brian Roberson
Attendance: 4,759
Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 51, St. Xavier 27

EXHIBITION 2

Bryson, Ford Lead Redbirds to 98-64 Exhibition Win

NORMAL, Ill. - Led by 23 points from Tarise Bryson and a double-double by Shedrick Ford, the Illinois State men's basketball team dropped the EA Sports Midwest All-Stars, 98-64, Sunday at Redbird Arena.

The 'Birds dominated the first half, leading 50-30 at the break. With the score 22-18 with a little more than eight minutes left in the half, the Redbirds went on an 11-0 run sparked by five points from Bryson, who had 12 points through 14 minutes of action.

In the final minute of the first half, ISU led by 44-28 but then a monstrous dunk by Chad Mazanowski followed by a Gregg Alexander steal led to a Shawn Jeppson layup and a 20-point lead.

The second half started where the first half left off as the 'Birds built on their 20 point cushion on a Ford layup and a Bryson three-pointer giving ISU at 25 point lead.

Four of the five Illinois State starters hit for double-digits led by Bryson's 23. Baboucarr Bojang tossed in 11, freshman Alexander poured in 10 and Ford added 10 points to match 10 rebounds. Jeppson and Dirk Williams provided a spark off the bench, adding 13 and 10, respectively.

ILLINOIS STATE 98, EA Sports Midwest All-Stars 64
November 11, 2001 • Redbird Arena

Table with columns: EA Sports, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include players like Davis (F), Jackson (F), Turner (C), McClure (G), Taylor (G), Fountain, Mobley, Craft, Asselin, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .383; FT - .591
3-Pt.: 5-16, .313 (Davis 0-1, McClure 3-6, Taylor 0-1, Fountain 2-5, Mobley 0-3)
Blocks: 2 (Jackson 1, Mobley 1)
Turnovers: 22 (Davis 6, Jackson 1, McClure 3, Taylor 6, Fountain 2, Craft 1, Asselin 3)
Steals: 11 (Davis 5, Jackson 1, McClure 2, Fountain 1, Craft 1, Asselin 1)

Table with columns: ILLINOIS ST., Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include players like Alexander (F), Ford (F), Bojang (C), Bryson (G), Rice (G), Williams, Strandmark, Greene, Jeppson, Mazanowski, Reid, Gillan, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .517; FT - .781
3-Pt.: 13-25, .565 (Alexander 2-4, Bryson 4-8, Rice 1-2, Williams 2-3, Greene 2-2, Jeppson 2-3, Gillan 0-1)
Blocks: 1 (Mazanowski 1)
Turnovers: 21 (Alexander 2, Ford 1, Bojang 2, Bryson 7, Rice 3, Williams 4, Jeppson 2)
Steals: 9 (Alexander 3, Ford 1, Bojang 1, Bryson 2, Rice 1, Jeppson 1)

Officials: Sam Banks, Mark Mayhood, Paul Norfleet
Attendance: 5,317
Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 50, EA Sports 30

GAME 1

Ford Powers Illinois State Past Weber State in Season Opener

NORMAL, Ill. - Forward Shedrick Ford tossed in 18 points and hauled in eight rebounds as Illinois State edged Weber State, 74-70, in the season opener Friday at Redbird Arena.

Pre-season Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year Tarise Bryson went down with a dislocated right wrist at the 17:46 mark on a hard foul as he was driving to the basket. Bryson left with eight points, three assists and three steals and will miss the rest of the season.

Down by as many as six in the first half, the Redbirds (1-0) clawed their way back to within one with nine minutes left, after a layup by Ford and a Shawn Jeppson trey. The 'Birds took their first lead of the game at the four minute mark on another Jeppson three-pointer as ISU took a 35-31 lead into the half.

Baboucarr Bojang and Jeppson filled in during the second with the absence of Bryson. Bojang recorded his first double-double in his first game as a Redbird scoring 14 points, 12 in the second half, and pulling down 10 boards. Jeppson tallied 10 of his 14 in the second period and dished out five assists.

ILLINOIS STATE 74, Weber State 70
November 16, 2001 • Redbird Arena

Table with columns: Weber St., Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include players like Woods (F), Danley (F), Bachmann (C), Boyette (G), Morrison (G), Sparrow, Jenkins, Thurig, Hamilton, Barton, Eyre, Carter, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .464; FT - .632
3-Pt.: 6-14, .429 (Woods 0-1, Boyette 3-4, Morrison 0-1, Sparrow 0-1, Hamilton 2-6, Barton 1-1)
Blocks: 5 (Woods 1, Danley 3, Morrison 1)
Turnovers: 24 (Woods 3, Danley 4, Bachmann 3, Boyette 6, Sparrow 1, Hamilton 5, Barton 1, Eyre 1)
Steals: 9 (Woods 1, Danley 1, Bachmann 1, Boyette 3, Morrison 1, Thurig 1, Carter 1)

Table with columns: ILLINOIS ST., Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include players like Alexander (F), Ford (F), Bojang (C), Bryson (G), Rice (G), Williams, Strandmark, Greene, Jeppson, Reid, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .404; FT - .857
3-Pt.: 4-20, .200 (Alexander 1-3, Ford 1-2, Bryson 0-6, Rice 0-1, Williams 0-2, Greene 0-1, Jeppson 2-5)
Blocks: 2 (Ford 1, Strandmark 1)
Turnovers: 19 (Alexander 1, Ford 4, Bojang 4, Bryson 2, Rice 4, Jeppson 4)
Steals: 15 (Alexander 2, Ford 2, Bojang 2, Bryson 3, Williams 1, Greene 1, Jeppson 3, Reid 1)

Officials: Ron Berkholtz, Sam Banks, David Warfel
Attendance: 6,846
Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 35, Weber St. 31

GAME 8

Bojang Leads Illinois State Past Central Michigan

NORMAL, Ill. – Baboucarr Bojang had 20 points and 13 rebounds for his fourth double-double of the season and Illinois State tied a Redbird Arena record by allowing Central Michigan just 14 points in the first half as the Redbirds beat the Chippewas 72-63 in non-conference college basketball Sunday at Redbird Arena.

The stellar defensive effort matched a 14 point half by Chicago State Nov. 25, 2000 at Redbird Arena, but CMU responded with a 49-point second half and chased the 'Birds all the way to the final buzzer.

Shedrick Ford added 15 points and Vince Greene had 11 for the 'Birds, 4-4, who shot a season-best 52.4 percent from the field for the game, including Bojang's 8-for-8 efforts, which ties for No. 5 in Redbird Arena history for field goal perfection. His 20 points matched his career high and the 13 rebounds a career best. The 'Birds had a 35-26 rebounding edge and made 25 of 32 free throws, including 16 of 21 in the second half.

ILLINOIS STATE 72, Central Michigan 63
December 9, 2001 • Normal, Ill.

C. Michigan	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Manciel (F)	20	3-9	1-2	3-5	0	3	8
Pleiness (F)	34	6-15	3-4	4-6	1	3	15
Brigitha (C)	26	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	2	2
Robinson (G)	32	2-8	8-9	0-6	5	5	13
Webber (G)	39	5-14	4-5	0-1	2	2	16
Wallace	7	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	4	2
Goliday	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Bowne	15	1-1	0-0	1-1	0	4	3
Meerman	9	2-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	4
Kaman	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Dentlinger	11	0-1	0-0	2-2	0	3	0
Totals	200	21-56	16-20	11-26	8	26	63

Team Pct.: FG – .375; FT – .800

3-Pt.: 5-21, .238 (Manciel 1-4, Pleiness 0-3, Robinson 1-4, Webber 2-9, Bowne 1-1)

Blocks: 4 (Webber 3, Meerman 1)

Turnovers: 15 (Manciel 3, Pleiness 2, Brigitha 3, Robinson 2, Webber 1, Bowne 2, Kaman 2)

Steals: 13 (Manciel 1, Pleiness 2, Brigitha 2, Robinson 6, Webber 1, Bowne 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Williams (F)	12	0-2	2-2	0-1	1	2	2
Ford (F)	21	5-10	4-6	1-3	1	4	15
Bojang (C)	36	8-8	4-7	4-13	0	2	20
Alexander (G)	33	1-3	4-4	1-4	4	1	7
Rice (G)	26	3-3	1-2	0-4	2	2	7
Strandmark	11	2-2	0-0	1-1	0	2	4
Greene	21	1-5	8-8	0-1	3	2	11
Jeppson	26	2-8	2-2	0-1	1	4	6
Reid	14	0-1	0-0	0-4	2	3	0
Totals	200	22-42	25-31	8-35	14	22	72

Team Pct.: FG – .524; FT – .806

3-Pt.: 3-9, .333 (Williams 0-2, Ford 1-1, Alexander 1-3, Greene 1-1, Jeppson 0-2)

Blocks: 0

Turnovers: 20 (Ford 4, Bojang 2, Alexander 1, Rice 3, Strandmark 2, Greene 4, Jeppson 1, Reid 2, Team 1)

Steals: 4 (Williams 1, Alexander 1, Rice 1, Jeppson 1)

Officials: Gerry Pollard, Frank Spencer, Sam Banks

Attendance: 5,078

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 36, C. Michigan 14

GAME 9

Chattanooga Defeats Illinois State, 70-59

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. – Baboucarr Bojang scored a career-high 26 points to lead all scorers, but the rest of the Redbird offense struggled as Chattanooga defeated Illinois State 70-59 in non-conference men's basketball action, Saturday, in Chattanooga, Tenn.

A 16-6 run by the Mocs, 3-5, late in the first half and a 10-4 run to start the second half proved to be too much for the 'Birds, 4-5, who managed only 26 points in the first half on 12 of 30 shooting.

Bojang scored 16 of his 26 points in the first half, shooting seven for eight from the field and hitting two free throws. He also led Illinois State in rebounding with eight. Shawn Jeppson was the only other Redbird to finish in double figures in scoring with 10 points. Shedrick Ford contributed nine points and five rebounds.

Chattanooga led by 10 at the half, 36-26, with Toot Young chipping in half of the Moc's points with 18.

Young finished the game as Chattanooga's leading scorer with 22 points. The Moc's had three other players in double figures with 10 points apiece.

Chattanooga 70, ILLINOIS STATE 59
December 15, 2001 • Chattanooga, Tenn.

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Williams (F)	16	1-4	0-0	1-7	1	4	2
Ford (F)	31	4-10	1-1	4-5	1	3	9
Bojang (C)	39	9-17	8-11	7-8	0	2	26
Alexander (G)	33	2-8	0-0	0-3	2	4	5
Rice (G)	22	1-4	0-0	0-6	7	1	3
Strandmark	4	0-1	0-0	1-2	1	0	0
Greene	18	1-10	0-0	0-1	1	1	2
Jeppson	23	5-9	0-0	1-1	1	2	10
Mazanowski	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Reid	11	1-4	0-0	1-2	0	2	2
Totals	200	24-67	9-12	15-35	14	20	59

Team Pct.: FG – .358; FT – .750

3-Pt.: 2-13, .154 (Alexander 1-6, Rice 1-2, Greene 0-1, Jeppson 0-4)

Blocks: 2 (Williams 2)

Turnovers: 13 (Williams 1, Rice 3, Bojang 2, Ford 3, Greene 3, Jeppson 1)

Steals: 7 (Alexander 4, Ford 2, Reid 1)

Chattanooga	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Ashby (F)	27	2-5	0-0	0-4	3	4	4
Benson (F)	22	2-5	0-0	1-2	1	0	4
Pullian (C)	32	5-7	0-0	6-12	0	3	10
McCully (G)	26	5-6	0-2	1-3	3	3	10
Young (G)	34	7-13	4-4	0-3	4	1	22
Parker	22	2-6	5-5	2-8	1	3	10
Spaulding	18	1-5	2-2	0-2	0	0	4
Bishop	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Harris	10	0-1	4-7	1-3	1	1	4
Sylla	2	0-1	2-2	0-0	0	1	2
Morgan	5	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	2	0
Totals	200	24-50	17-22	11-39	13	18	70

Team Pct.: FG – .480; FT – .773

3-Pt.: 5-12, .417 (Young 4-7, Parker 1-2, Spaulding 0-3)

Blocks: 7 (Ashby 4, Benson 1, Pullian 1, Harris 1)

Turnovers: 20 (Ashby 5, McCully 5, Young 5, Benson 2, Pullian 2, Parker 1)

Steals: 7 (Ashby 3, Young 1, Benson 1, Parker 1, Harris 1)

Officials: Tony Greene, David Elliot, Keith Maxwell

Attendance: 2,130

Halftime Score: Chattanooga 36, ILLINOIS STATE 26

GAME 10