



Redbird Basketball

GAME NOTES

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Illinois State Schedule

Date	Opponent (TV)	Time/Result
11/4	SIU-EDWARDSVILLE (Ex.)	W, 89-70
11/14	EA Sports All-Stars (Ex.)	L, 65-66
11/23	UTAH STATE	L, 53-68
11/26	@ Central Michigan	L, 69-74
11/30	ILLINOIS-CHICAGO	L, 65-78

12/2	CHATTANOOGA	7:10 p.m.
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Bird Bit: Chattanooga is only the second school from the state of Tennessee to play in Redbird Arena, with Tennessee-Martin being the first.

12/7	@ Kent State	1:00 p.m.
12/15	@ Western Kentucky	3:00 p.m.
12/18	JACKSONVILLE	7:05 p.m.
12/21	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	2:05 p.m.
12/29	SMS* (Valley-TV)	2:05 p.m.
1/4	@ Southern Illinois* (WMBD)	3:05 p.m.
1/7	@ Northern Iowa*	7:05 p.m.
1/11	CREIGHTON*	7:05 p.m.
1/15	@ SMS* (WMBD)	7:05 p.m.
1/18	WICHITA STATE*	2:05 p.m.
1/20	@ Creighton*	7:05 p.m.
1/25	@ Evansville*	7:05 p.m.
1/29	NORTHERN IOWA*	7:05 p.m.
2/1	BRADLEY* (WMBD)	4:05 p.m.
2/4	@ Wichita State*	7:05 p.m.
2/8	INDIANA STATE* (WMBD)	2:05 p.m.
2/12	@ Bradley* (WEEK)	7:35 p.m.
2/15	DRAKE*	7:05 p.m.
2/19	EVANSVILLE*	7:05 p.m.
2/22	@ Bracket Buster (ESPN)	TBA
2/26	@ Drake*	7:05 p.m.
3/1	@ Indiana State* (WMBD)	1:05 p.m.
3/3	S. ILLINOIS* (Valley-TV)	6:05 p.m.
3/7-10	@ Missouri Valley Conference Tournament	

All times listed are CT

Home games in CAPS

*=Missouri Valley Conference game

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ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (0-3)

VS.



4 GAME

CHATTANOOGA MOCS (3-1)

**Monday, December 2, 2002 • 7:10 p.m.
 Redbird Arena (10,200) • Normal, Ill.**

THE GAME

The Probable Starters:

ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (0-3)

					ppg	rpg	apg
F	2	Gregg Alexander	6-4	195	So.-1L	Lincoln, Ill.	12.0
F	21	Marcus Arnold	6-8	225	Fr.-HS	Chicago, Ill.	8.0
C	5	Andy Strandmark	6-11	240	Sr.-3L	Geneseo, Ill.	7.7
G	11	Vince Greene	5-9	160	So.-1L	Chicago, Ill.	12.3
G	24	Trey Guidry	6-2	185	So.-TR	Baton Rouge, La.	13.7

CHATTANOOGA MOCS (3-1)

					ppg	rpg	apg
F	00	Ashley Champion	6-6	235	Jr.-JC	Bolivar, Tenn.	16.8
C	54	Aaron Morgan	6-9	250	Sr.-1L	Richmond, Ky.	2.5
G	15	Tim Parker	6-5	205	Sr.-3L	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	14.0
G	21	Ray Trowell	5-9	170	Jr.-JC	Louisville, Ky.	9.0
G	42	Jason Rogan	6-2	215	Jr.-JC	Portland, Tenn.	7.3

NOTE – (*) indicates blocks per game.

About The Game: Tonight is the second meeting in the home-and-home series and is the second-straight game in Redbird Arena for Illinois State. Prior to tip-off, the Redbird Department of Athletics will have a ceremony to tribute the life and accomplishments of the late Dr. Milt Weisbecker, who served as the Illinois State director of athletics from 1966-74.

Series History: This is the second meeting between the two schools. The Mocs won the meeting last season 70-59, in Chattanooga.

Last Meeting: Baboucarr Bojang scored a career-best 26 points, but it wasn't enough as Illinois State fell 70-59 to Chattanooga in the first-ever meeting between the two schools. The Redbirds shot 35.8 percent from the field and Shawn Jeppson was the only other player in double-figures with 10. Toot Young led the charge for Chattanooga with 22 points, while three other Mocs dished in 10. The Mocs ended the first half with a 16-6 run and opened the second frame with a 10-4 spurt to seal the win.

On the Air: John Fitzgerald, play-by-play; Mike Matthews, color; Bruce Evans, sideline (home only) and Tim Fisher, studio host. Affiliates: WJBC (AM 1230/Bloomington), flagship; WZOE (AM 1490/Princeton); WFBM (AM 1450/Springfield). All Redbird broadcasts can be heard via Internet at either sports.yahoo.com or wjbc.com. WJBC also carries Richardson's weekly call-in show, which generally airs each Thursday from 6:07-7 pm, depending on the schedule.

THE COACHES

Tom Richardson (St. Xavier '77) is 48-46 in his fourth season at Illinois State. He is assisted by Chad Altadonna, Lance Irvin and Kirk Sarff. Richardson is 31-28 against Valley opponents, 17-18 vs. non-conference foes, 31-12 at home, 12-28 on the road and 5-6 on neutral floors.

Jeff Lebo (North Carolina '89) is in his first season at Chattanooga and owns a 78-44 career mark.



TALE OF THE TAPE

W-L Record	0-3	3-1
ESPN/USA Today	UR	UR
AP Poll	UR	UR
Points Scored	62.3	81.0
Points Allowed	73.3	68.8
Scoring Margin	-11.0	+11.2
FG Percentage	42.7	47.3
Def. FG Percentage	51.0	42.3
3-pt. Percentage	47.3	33.3
Def. 3-pt. Percentage	37.0	37.6
FT Percentage	63.6	75.5
Offensive Rebounds	7.7	14.3
Total Rebounds	26.7	43.0
Rebounding Margin	-8.0	+14.0
Assists	12.0	19.3
Turnover Average	15.7	18.0
Turnover Margin	-0.7	-3.2
Steal Average	3.7	6.8
Block Average	3.0	4.3
Fouls	19.7	16.5

WEEKLY MEDIA CONFERENCE

All start at 3 p.m. and are located in the Redbird Arena press room off of the southwest loading dock.

- Tuesday, December 3
- Tuesday, December 10
- Tuesday, December 17
- Thursday, January 2
- Wednesday, January 8
- Tuesday, January 14
- Tuesday, January 21
- Tuesday, January 28
- Wednesday, February 5
- Tuesday, February 11
- Tuesday, February 18
- Tuesday, February 25
- Tuesday, March 4

WHAT'S BACK

Here's a look at what Illinois State returns heading into the 2002-03 season by percentage in key statistical categories ...

Scoring	.....	49.5%
Three-Point Field Goals	.....	49.4%
Rebounding	.....	63.2%
Assists	.....	42.4%
Steals	.....	56.5%
Blocks	.....	55.2%
Minutes	.....	51.6%

VALLEY TELECONFERENCE

Teleconferences with The Valley men's basketball head coaches will be conducted each Tuesday, with the men's briefings beginning on a weekly basis in December. To participate in either conference briefing, call **913/981-5509**. The first men's teleconference begins at 10 a.m. CST on **Tuesday, December 3**. Head coach **Tom Richardson** will be available at 10:25 a.m. during the teleconference.

About the Chattanooga Mocs

- Chattanooga is located in Chattanooga, Tenn., and has an enrollment of 8,485. The Mocs are members of the Southern Conference.
- Jeff Lebo was hired on April 5 to replace Henry Dickerson as head coach. Prior to leading the Mocs, Lebo was the head coach at Tennessee Tech for five seasons. He was a three-time Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year and led the Golden Eagles to back-to-back OVC titles in 2001 and 2002.
- Tonight's game is the second-straight road game against a Missouri Valley Conference opponent for Chattanooga. The Mocs topped Bradley 82-70 on Saturday night in Peoria.
- The Mocs don't return a single starter from last year's team.
- Tonight's game is already the fourth road game for the Mocs this season. They played two in Birmingham, Ala., against Samford and UAB. On this trip, the Mocs stayed in Peoria, Ill., for both games to face Bradley and the Redbirds.
- As a team, the Mocs are shooting 33.3 percent on three-pointers and everyone is getting involved. Chattanooga is 29-for-87 on treys and everyone on the team, except for Alphonso Pugh, has attempted at least one shot from behind the arc.
- Senior Tim Parker is coming off of a 31-point game at Bradley on 7-of-9 shooting on treys.

Chattanooga Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
11/12	VASDA (Ex.)	W, 120-72
11/16	TEAM GEORGIA (Ex.)	W, 112-108 ot
11/22	at Samford	W, 68-66
11/24	at UAB	L, 81-92
11/27	TENNESSEE WESLEYAN	W, 93-47
11/30	at Bradley	W, 82-70
12/2	at Illinois State	Tonight
12/14	MILLIGAN COLLEGE	12 p.m.
12/16	FURMAN*	6 p.m.
12/18	KENT STATE	6 p.m.
12/21	SAMFORD	6 p.m.
12/29	vs. LISCOMB^	8 p.m.
12/30	vs. MAINE-ORONO or WEBER ST.^	TBA
1/2	at Cincinnati	7:05 p.m.
1/7	at UNC-Greensboro*	6 p.m.
1/11	at College of Charleston	11 a.m.
1/13	DAVIDSON*	6:30 p.m.
1/18	APPALACHIAN STATE*	6 p.m.
1/20	at Wofford*	6 p.m.
1/25	at Furman*	1 p.m.
1/27	THE CITADEL*	6 p.m.
2/1	EAST TENNESSEE STATE*	11 a.m.
2/3	GEORGIA SOUTHERN*	6 p.m.
2/8	at The Citadel*	12 p.m.
2/10	WOFFORD*	6:30 p.m.
2/17	at Virginia Military*	6 p.m.
2/22	COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON*	6 p.m.
2/24	at Georgia Southern*	6:30 p.m.
3/1	at Western Carolina*	6 p.m.
3/5-8	at Southern Conference Tournament	

All times listed are CST

* Southern Conference Game

^ Dr. Pepper Classic (Chattanooga, Tenn.)

The Road to Aberration

There is reason for the disbelief surrounding the Redbirds' 0-3 start to the 2002-03 season. After all in the 33 years of Division I basketball at Illinois State, an 0-3 start has only happened three times. The 'Birds opened the 1990-91 season with 12-straight losses before finishing with a 5-23 mark, while the 1987-88 Redbirds started 0-3 but finished 18-13 and went on to earn a National Invitation Tournament bid.

December Drought

Under head coach **Tom Richardson**, the Redbirds own a 13-9 mark in the month of December. But dating back to last season, the 'Birds have lost three straight in the 12th month of the year. In Redbird Arena, Illinois State has been dominant under Richardson in the month of December with a 9-2 record.

SoCon has been So-So for 'the Birds

Since becoming a Division I program in 1970, Illinois State has only faced members of the Southern Conference six times prior to tonight's game. In the six match-ups, the 'Birds own a 2-4 mark with wins over Georgia Southern and Virginia Military, while dropping games to Chattanooga, East Tennessee State, Georgia Southern and Western Carolina.

A SI of Relief

Whew! Apparently the Missouri Valley Conference's success in the NCAA Tournament is starting to gain the league national recognition and the Redbirds are reaping benefits from it as well. In the latest issue of *Sports Illustrated*, the magazine's forecast of the 65-team NCAA Tournament field included Illinois State at No. 50, while Southern Illinois was No. 30 and Creighton was tabbed for No. 48. The Valley has posted seven NCAA Tournament victories in the last four years, including two teams advancing to the Sweet 16.

One Class Short

These words said by an academic advisor to a student expecting to graduate could force anxiety and stress, but for the Redbirds it's nothing to fret – there just isn't a junior class. With the early retirement of Dirk Williams, due to multiple concussions, the 'Birds are left without a third-year player. The 2002-03 roster consists of four seniors, five sophomores and four freshmen. The last time the Redbirds sent a team out on the floor comprised of just three classes was in 1997-98, when the Redbirds returned everyone from their NCAA qualifying season and didn't have a single freshman on the squad.



Who Ya Gonna Call?

Bracket Busters! In an effort to help "mid-major" programs bust into the NCAA Tournament field as an at-large entry, conferences from around the country have joined forces with ESPN to form – Bracket Buster Saturday on Feb. 22, 2003. The event consists of 18 teams with one predetermined match-up with Gonzaga hosting Tulsa. The rest of the games will be announced on Feb. 1, 2003, with the intention of pitting the best-possible match-ups. The Redbirds will face six opponents this season that are a part of Bracket Buster Saturday.

Home	Road
Creighton	Illinois State
Gonzaga	Ball State
Illinois-Chicago	Bowling Green
Kent State	Detroit
Louisiana Tech	Fresno State
Marshall	Hawaii
Southern Illinois	Northern Iowa
UC-Santa Barbara	Tulsa
Western Kentucky	UW-Milwaukee

87 Straight Games With a Trey on the Board...

Illinois State heads into tonight's game with at least one made 3-pointer in 87 straight games. In fact, in the **Tom Richardson** era the Redbirds have only gone one game without a made trey and 82-43 loss at Creighton on December 12, 1999. Since Richardson took the helm, the 'Birds have made four or more treys in 69 of 94 games.

Instant Impact

No it isn't the latest Steven Seagal movie, instead it is North Carolina State transfer **Trey Guidry** being an immediate factor for the Redbird offense. The sophomore poured in a team-high 20 points against Utah State, his first opponent in an Illinois State uniform. Guidry's effort is the second-best by a Redbird in an Illinois State debut, only behind Billy Lewis' 25 points against St. Louis in 1974.

Big Men Breakout Bids

The Illinois State careers of current big man **Andy Strandmark** and former Redbird center Brian Kern (1991-95) up to this point are extremely similar and head coach **Tom Richardson** hopes that they continue along the same path. Through his first three seasons, Strandmark has averaged 2.5 points and 2.9 rebounds per game. In that same stretch, Kern averaged 2.9 points and 1.7 boards per game, but in his senior season posted 10.1 points and 4.8 rebounds per contest. Strandmark is currently averaging 7.7 points and 5.7 boards per game, while coming off of his first back-to-back double-digit scoring games.

Sweet Home Chicago

The game was played in Normal, Ill., but Chicago native **Marcus Arnold** felt right at home against Illinois-Chicago. Arnold, a freshman who started the second game of his Illinois State career, finished with a career-best in points (11), rebounds (6) and blocked shots (4) in a career-high 25 minutes of action. Arnold is second on the team in field goal percentage (.556) and rebounds per game (4.0).

Bojang One of Valley's Elite

Senior **Baboucarr Bojang** was named to the preseason all-league team at the Missouri Valley Conference's media day. Bojang claimed second-team honors in 2001-02 and joined Creighton's Kyle Korver, Drake's Luke McDonald and Southern Illinois' Kent Williams and Jermaine Dearman on the All-Valley team.

The Power of Three

As voted by the players, **Gregg Alexander**, **Baboucarr Bojang** and **Vince Greene** will serve as Redbird captains for the 2002-03 season. It is the first time since 1996-97, that Illinois State has had three captains. That year, the 'Birds were led by Dan Muller, Jamar Smiley and Rob Gibbons and went on to earn an NCAA Tournament bid with a 34-6 record.

A League of Their Own

For a second-straight season, Illinois State non-conference slate will be a challenging one from top to bottom. In fact, if ISU's non-league opponents joined together to form a conference it would be The Winner's League. After all, the 11 non-league foes (including all the possible Bracket Buster opponents) combined for 213 wins last season, or 19.4 each. The squads also combined for 5 NCAA appearances and 2 NIT bids.

Slightly Above Average Valley Year

With 12 league victories last season, it was an "average" year for Illinois State. Since the Redbirds joined the Valley for the 1981-82 season, Illinois State has averaged 10.3 conference wins per year. Five of those 21 campaigns were just 16-game Valley schedules, while four others included only 14 games. On average, Illinois State has finished four games over .500 in league play.

THE LAST TIME THEY MET

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 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
McCullly (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, McCullly 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



CHART CLIMBERS

Career 3-Point FG Leaders

1. Tarise Bryson (1999-02)	214
10. Antonio Cooper (1992-96)	93
- Gregg Alexander (2001-)	68

Career Double-Digit Rebounding Games

1. Ron DeVries	60
5. Joe Galvin	23
- Baboucarr Bojang	9

Career Blocked Shots Leaders

1. LeRoy Watkins (1996-99)	143
8. Dan Muller (1994-98)	57
Hank Cornley (1980-84)	57
- Andy Strandmark (1999-)	42

Career Minutes Averaged Leader

1. Tarise Bryson (1998-02)	34.1
2. Dan Muller (1994-98)	32.6
3. Gregg Alexander (2001-)	32.1
4. Michael McKenny (1981-85)	31.8

CAREER STARTS/GAMES

No.	Player	Illinois St.		GP	GS
		1	2		
1	Chris Burras	3	0		
2	Gregg Alexander	34	33		
3	Dana Ford	3	0		
5	Andy Strandmark	89	24		
10	Kevin Troc	3	1		
11	Vince Greene	34	5		
21	Marcus Arnold	3	2		
23	Baboucarr Bojang	34	31		
24	Trey Guidry	3	2		
34	Kenneth Hill	0	0		
40	Casey Reid	34	3		
44	Brett Gillan	30	0		

2002-03 VALLEY PRESEASON POLL

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
1. Creighton	25	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	290
2. S. Illinois	5	24	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	274
3. Wichita St.	—	—	9	15	2	3	1	—	—	—	208
4. Illinois State	—	1	11	7	7	1	3	—	—	—	205
5. Drake	—	—	8	3	9	4	3	1	2	—	178
6. Bradley	—	—	4	3	8	5	7	2	1	—	132
7. N. Iowa	—	—	—	3	9	8	5	3	2	—	118
8. SMS	—	—	1	1	3	2	8	11	4	—	116
9. Indiana St.	—	—	—	1	2	—	3	17	6	—	71
10. Evansville	—	—	—	1	1	2	3	2	21	—	53

2002-03 VALLEY STANDINGS

	MVC			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
1. Creighton	0	0	.000	4	0	1.000
2. S. Illinois	0	0	.000	2	0	1.000
3. Northern Iowa	0	0	.000	2	1	.667
Wichita State	0	0	.000	2	1	.667
5. Drake	0	0	.000	2	2	.500
Indiana State	0	0	.000	2	2	.500
7. Bradley	0	0	.000	1	2	.333
Evansville	0	0	.000	1	2	.333
SMS	0	0	.000	1	2	.333
10. Illinois State	0	0	.000	0	3	.000

*Through November 30

International Flair

The 2002 trip to Australia marked the third international tour for the Redbirds. The team traveled to Europe in both 1992 and 1997, before the Australian tour this year. Overseas, the 'Birds have had their share of success with a 12-8 overall mark, but the real story comes in their record after returning home. ISU has posted a combined 44-16 (.733) record with two Missouri Valley Conference regular-season titles in the seasons immediately following the first two trips.

FT Five-Peat?

With the 77.5% effort from the line last season, the Redbirds eclipsed the 70% shooting mark for a fourth-straight season. ISU shot 72.8% from the free throw line in 2000-01, 74% in 1999-2000 and 73.5% in 1998-99. The Redbirds have not had a stretch of five-straight seasons since it bettered 70% from 1975-1979.

Put Me in Coach, I'm Ready to Play

Trey Guidry, a 6-2 guard, sat out the entire 2001-02 season to meet NCAA transfer rules. The North Carolina State transfer was a spot starter for the Wolfpack in 2000-01 as a freshman and recorded a scoring best of 15 points against Wake Forest.

One Newcomer Not So New

Former all-conference and all-area selection at Lockport High School, Kevin Troc sat out last season as a redshirt. Troc averaged 14.0 points, seven rebounds and six assists per game as a senior prep. He was able to practice with the 'Birds for the majority of the season, but missed a couple of months after developing a staph infection during the trip to Pittsburgh.

No Thanks, I'm Just Watching

Neil Plank, a 6-5 swing player, has transferred to Illinois State from Wisconsin, but cannot play for the Redbirds until the 2003-04 season. NCAA rules require that he sit out one season. Plank played in 27 games for the Badgers as a freshman, scoring 25 points in 173 minutes of action.

Freshmen Trey-ning

Gregg Alexander didn't have any problem adjusting to the next level as a true freshman. The Lincoln, Ill., native finished the season with a team-high 58 made 3-pointers. The 58 threes set the standard for freshman treys by a Redbird eclipsing Dan Muller's 50 during the 1994-95 season. Alexander also shot 39.2% from behind the arc, which topped the previous Redbird freshman best of 37.7% by Markku Larkio.

We Have a Winner

With a 17-14 record last season, the Redbirds finished above .500 for the 29th time in 32 seasons at the Division I level. It was also the 'Birds' tenth winning season in the last 11 years.

Missed It By That Much

The Redbirds nearly claimed the national title last season. In fact, they only missed the title by less than a percentage point – the national free throw title. The 'Birds 77.5% accuracy from the line trailed only Morehead State (78.4%) and Loyola Marymount (77.7%).

The Addition of Size, Size and More Size

On November 13, 2002, the Illinois State basketball team added 241 inches and 670 pounds to the program next season with the inking of **Ronnie Carlwell** (6-10, 250, Maywood, Ill. • Proviso East), **Greg Dilligard** (6-8, 215, LaBelle, Mo. • Highland) and **Michael Sams** (6-7, 205, Mt. Zion, Ill. • Mt. Zion) on the first day of the early signing period. The Redbirds have one scholarship left to fill.

Redbird Flashback

Since becoming an NCAA Division I program in 1970, the Redbirds have posted a 8-4 record when playing on December 2, one of Illinois State's eight wins happened in 1982 and it is today's Redbird Flashback: **Dec. 2, 1982 • Normal, Ill.** – The Redbirds trailed by six points at the half to Western Illinois and by 14 tallies with 14:28 left in the game, but a 23-7 run in the final 13 minutes fueled a 55-53 Redbird victory at Horton Field House. Brad Duncan's only shot of the game fell through the cylinder with only 13 seconds left in the contest to top off the Redbird comeback. Hank Cornley led the 'Birds with 14 points and Dwayne Tyus tossed in 12. Rick Lamb also chipped in five points and seven boards.



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. Baboucar Bojang (15) vs. UNI, 1-30-02
Opponent Joshua Cross (17), S. Illinois, 2-12-00
A player had a double-double ...
ILLINOIS ST. B. Bojang (15p, 11r) vs. Evansville, 2-25-02
Opponent Chris Kaman (16p, 13r) at Central Michigan, 11-26-02
A player made five 3-pointers ...
ILLINOIS ST. Trey Guidry (6-11) vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Opponent Luke McDonald (5-9) vs. Drake, 3-2-02
A player made 10 free throws ...
ILLINOIS ST. Shadrack Ford (11-13) vs. S. Illinois, 2-16-02
Opponent Mike Mancil (11-13) at Central Michigan, 11-26-02
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. Randy Rice (6), vs. Wichita State, 1-7-02
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 Scott Brakebill (5), SMS, 2-2-02

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. at Central Michigan (.528, 28-53), 11-26-02
Opponent vs. Illinois-Chicago (.554, 31-56), 11-30-02
A team made 10 3-point field goals ...
ILLINOIS ST. vs. Illinois-Chicago (.435, 10-23), 11-30-02
Opponent vs. Creighton (.565, 13-23), 3-3-02
A team had 25 3-point field goal attempts ...
ILLINOIS ST. at Drake (8-27), 1-10-02
Opponent at Central Michigan (9-26), 11-26-02
A team shot 50 percent on 3-pointers ...
ILLINOIS ST. at Central Michigan (.600, 6-10), 11-26-02
Opponent vs. Utah State (.500, 6-12), 11-23-02
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

BENCH SCORING (ISU-OPP)

Utah State	13-31
at Central Michigan	28-30
Illinois-Chicago	4-20
Chattanooga	
at Kent State	
at Western Kentucky	
Jacksonville	
Northern Illinois	
SMS	
at Southern Illinois	
at Northern Iowa	
Creighton	
at SMS	
Wichita State	
at Creighton	
at Evansville	
Northern Iowa	
Bradley	
at Wichita State	
Indiana State	
at Bradley	
Drake	
Evansville	
at TBA	
at Drake	
at Indiana State	
Southern Illinois	
Total	45-81

ILLINOIS STATE'S 2002-03 RECORD WHEN

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



SUPERLATIVES

STARTING LINEUPS – F, F, C, G, G (3):

- Alexander, Bojang, Strandmark, Greene, Guidry (0-1)
(L) – Utah State
- Alexander, Arnold, Bojang, Troc, Greene (0-1)
(L) – at Central Michigan
- Alexander, Arnold, Strandmark, Greene, Guidry (0-1)
(L) – at Central Michigan

FIRST POINTS:

Strandmark 2, Arnold 1

DOUBLE-DIGIT SCORERS (10):

Greene 3, Guidry 2, Alexander 2, Strandmark 2, Arnold 1

DOUBLE-DIGIT REBOUNDING (0):

LEADING SCORER:

Guidry 2, Alexander 1, Greene 1

LEADING REBOUNDER:

Strandmark 2, Bojang 1

DOUBLE-DOUBLES (0):

DUNKS (2):

Reid 1, Strandmark 1

FIRST SUBSTITUTION:

Reid 1, Strandmark 1, Bojang 1

CHARGES DRAWN (1):

Strandmark 1

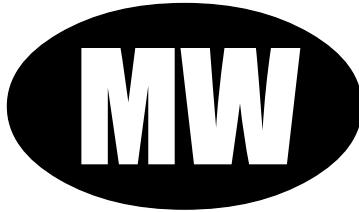
MOST MINUTES:

- 35, Trey Guidry vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
- 33, Vince Greene vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
- 33, Gregg Alexander at Central Michigan, 11-26-02
- 33, Trey Guidry vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02

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

Opponent	Alexander	Arnold	Bojang	Burras	Ford	Gillan
Utah State	6-1-0	9-4-0	2-5-1	0-2-0	0-1-0	DNP
at Central Michigan	18-2-0	4-2-0	4-0-2	2-4-1	0-1-0	DNP
Illinois-Chicago	12-2-0	11-6-2	4-4-2	0-2-0	0-1-0	DNP
Chattanooga						
at Kent State						
at Western Kentucky						
Jacksonville						
Northern Illinois						
SMS						
at Southern Illinois						
at Northern Illinois						
Creighton						
at SMS						
Wichita State						
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at Evansville						
Northern Iowa						
Bradley						
at Wichita State						
Indiana State						
at Bradley						
Drake						
Evansville						
at TBA						
at Drake						
at Indiana State						
Southern Illinois						

Opponent	Greene	Guidry	Hill	Reid	Strandmark	Troc
Utah State	10-3-3	20-2-1	DNP	2-1-1	2-2-1	2-4-5
at Central Michigan	13-2-5	7-2-0	DNP	8-0-0	11-7-1	2-4-1
Illinois-Chicago	14-3-6	14-0-3	DNP	0-0-0	10-8-1	0-1-0
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at Kent State						
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at Indiana State						
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In remembrance of former Illinois State director of athletics and coach Milt Weisbecker, who passed away in 2002, the Redbird men's basketball team will be wearing patches on its uniforms this season.



2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME

	Final	FG	FG%	3FG	3%	FT	FT%	O-D-T Reb.	Fouls	Assists	Turnovers	Blocks	Steals	Halftime
Utah State	68	24-48	.500	6-12	.500	14-18	.778	8-27-35	13	12	12	3	10	32
@ Illinois State	53	21-54	.389	10-22	.455	1-8	.125	10-18-28	15	12	13	3	2	22
Illinois State	69	28-53	.528	6-10	.600	7-8	.875	6-19-25	22	10	18	0	5	32
@ Central Michigan	74	24-51	.471	9-26	.346	17-21	.810	9-19-28	14	15	19	3	7	28
Illinois-Chicago	78	31-56	.554	2-8	.250	14-23	.609	10-31-41	19	15	14	3	8	34
@ Illinois State	65	21-57	.368	10-23	.435	13-17	.765	7-20-27	22	14	16	6	4	28

Chattanooga
@ Illinois State

Illinois State
@ Kent State

Illinois State
@ Western Kentucky

Jacksonville
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Northern Illinois
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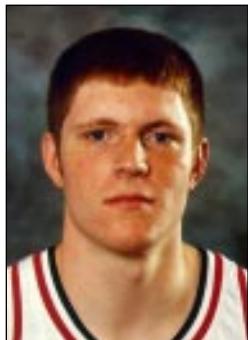
Evansville
@ Illinois State

Illinois State
@ TBA

Illinois State
@ Drake

Illinois State
@ Indiana State

Southern Illinois
@ Illinois State



2 • Gregg Alexander

Sophomore • 6-4 • 195 • Guard/Forward • Lincoln, Ill. (Lincoln)



2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Utah State	27	2-6	2-5	0-0	1	3	0	2	0	2	6
at Central Michigan	33	7-11	4-6	0-0	2	3	0	2	0	1	18
Illinois-Chicago	29	4-9	4-8	0-0	0-2	0	0	5	0	0	12
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Southern Illinois*											

* Missouri Valley Conference game

ALEXANDER'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	24 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01
Rebounds	7, twice
Assists	4, twice
Steals	4 at Chattanooga, 12-15-01
Blocks	None
Minutes	42 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01

ALEXANDER'S SEASON HIGHS

Points	18 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02
Rebounds	2, twice
Assists	0
Steals	2 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Blocks	0
Minutes	33 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02

ALEXANDER'S CAREER STATISTICS

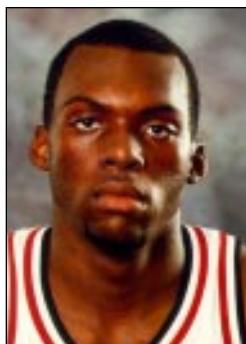
YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	0-D	REB	Avg	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	Avg
01-02	31-30	1004	112-254	.441	58-148	.392	28-37	.757	22-78	100	3.2	64	37	0	40	310	10.0
02-03	3-3	89	13-26	.500	10-19	.526	0-0	.000	1-4	5	1.7	0	9	0	3	36	12.0
Total	34-33	1093	125-280	.446	68-167	.407	28-37	.757	23-82	105	3.1	64	46	0	43	346	10.2

ALEXANDER'S MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	0-D	REB	Avg	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	Avg
01-02	18-17	602	68-152	.447	37-88	.420	14-18	.778	11-46	57	3.2	33	29	0	21	187	10.4

ALEXANDER AGAINST CHATTANOOGA

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	0-D	REB	Avg	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	Avg
	1-1	33	2-8	.250	1-6	.167	0-0	.000	0-3	3	3.0	2	0	0	4	5	5.0



21 • Marcus Arnold



Freshman • 6-8 • 225 • Forward • Chicago, Ill. (Morgan Park)

2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Utah State	20	4-7	0-0	1-4	4	1	0	1	0	0	9
at Central Michigan	22	2-4	0-0	0-0	2	3	0	1	0	0	4
Illinois-Chicago	25	4-7	0-0	3-4	6	4	2	1	4	0	11
Chattanooga											
at Kent State											
at Western Kentucky											
Jacksonville											
Northern Illinois											
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at TBA											
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at Indiana State*											
Southern Illinois*											
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Missouri Valley Conference game											

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Has started the last two games. Posted a career-high 11 points, six rebounds and four blocks against Illinois-Chicago.
- Scored nine points in his collegiate debut against Utah State.
- In 15 minutes, recorded four points and two boards against EA Sports.
- Saw 19 minutes of action in the first exhibition against SIU-Edwardsville. Finished with six points on 3-for-5 shooting with one rebound and a block.
- Dumped in six points in the Red-White scrimmage.

ARNOLD'S CAREER HIGHS

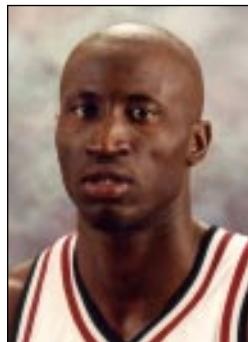
Points	11 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Rebounds	6 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Assists	2 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Steals	0
Blocks	4 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Minutes	25 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02

ARNOLD'S SEASON HIGHS

Points	11 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Rebounds	6 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Assists	2 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Steals	0
Blocks	4 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Minutes	25 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02

ARNOLD'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	Avg	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	Avg
02-03	3-2	67	10-18	.556	0-0	.000	4-8	.500	6-6	12	4.0	2	3	4	0	24	8.0



23 • Baboucarr Bojang

Senior • 6-9 • 205 • Forward • Greenville, S.C. (Wade Hampton/SMS-West Plains)



2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
• Opponent											
• Utah State	29	1-4	0-0	0-2	5	3	1	2	0	0	2
• at Central Michigan	21	2-5	0-0	0-0	0	5	2	1	0	0	4
• Illinois-Chicago	27	0-6	0-0	4-5	4	3	2	3	1	1	4
• Chattanooga											
• at Kent State											
• at Western Kentucky											
• Jacksonville											
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• at Drake*											
• at Indiana State*											
• Southern Illinois*											

* Missouri Valley Conference game

BOJANG'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	26 at Chattanooga, 12-15-01
Rebounds	15 vs. Northern Iowa, 1-30-02
Assists	4 vs. Evansville, 2-13-02
Steals	4, twice
Blocks	4 vs. Northern Iowa, 1-30-02
Minutes	39 at Chattanooga, 12-15-01

BOJANG'S SEASON HIGHS

Points	4, twice
Rebounds	5 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Assists	2, twice
Steals	1 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Blocks	1 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Minutes	29 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02

BOJANG'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	0-D	REB	Avg	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
01-02	31-29	971	158-339	.466	0-0	.000	93-128	.727	75-162	237	7.6	29	74	9	30	409	13.2
02-03	3-2	77	3-15	.200	0-0	.000	4-7	.571	2-7	9	3.0	5	6	1	1	10	3.3
Total	34-31	1048	161-354	.455	0-0	.000	97-135	.719	77-169	246	7.2	34	80	10	31	419	12.3

BOJANG'S MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	0-D	REB	Avg	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
01-02	18-16	566	85-193	.440	0-0	.000	55-70	.786	40-101	141	7.8	21	46	8	15	225	12.5

BOJANG AGAINST CHATTANOOGA

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	0-D	REB	Avg	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
	1-1	39	9-17	.529	0-0	.000	8-11	.727	7-1	8	8.0	0	2	0	0	26	26.0



1 • Chris Burras



Freshman • 6-5 • 210 • Forward • Chicago, Ill. (Leo)

• 2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

BURRAS' CAREER HIGHS

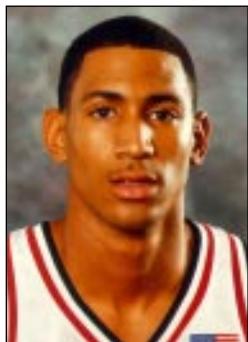
Points	2 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02
Rebounds	4 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02
Assists	1 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02
Steals	1 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02
Blocks	None
Minutes	9 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02

BURRAS' SEASON HIGHS

• Points	.....	2 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02
• Rebounds	.....	4 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02
• Assists	.....	1 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02
• Steals	.....	1 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02
• Blocks	.....	None
• Minutes	.....	9 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02

BURRAS' CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	0-0	REB	Avg	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	Avg
02-03	3-0	21	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	4-4	8	2.7	1	3	0	1	2	0.7



3. Dana Ford

Freshman • 6-4 • 185 • Guard • Tamms, III. (Egyptian)



• 2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Has played in all three games for a combined 13 minutes and has recorded a rebound in each contest.
- Saw eight minutes of action against EA Sports without a point. Added one board, one assist and one steal.
- Started at guard in the exhibition game against SIU-Edwardsville and finished with four points, six rebounds and five assists.
- Tossed in six points in the annual Red-White game.

FORD'S CAREER HIGHS

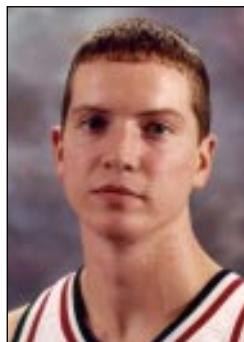
Points	0
Rebounds	1, three times
Assists	0
Steals	0
Blocks	0
Minutes	8 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02

FORD'S SEASON HIGHS

Points	0
Rebounds	1, three times
Assists	0
Steals	0
Blocks	0
Minutes	8 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02

FORD'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	0-0	REB	Avg	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	Avg
02-03	3-0	13	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	3	1.0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0



44 • Brett Gillan

Senior • 6-4 • 190 • Guard/Forward • Normal, Ill. (Normal Community)



2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Utah State											Did Not Play
at Central Michigan											Did Not Play
Illinois-Chicago											Did Not Play
Chattanooga											
at Kent State											
at Western Kentucky											
Jacksonville											
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Drake*											
Evansville*											
at TBA											
at Drake*											
at Indiana State*											
Southern Illinois*											

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GILLAN'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	2, three times
Rebounds	1, five times
Assists	1 vs. Creighton, 1-2-02
Steals	None
Blocks	None
Minutes	4, twice

GILLAN'S SEASON HIGHS

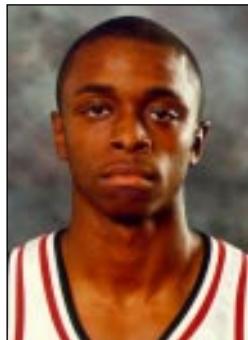
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Assists	0
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GILLAN'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	Avg	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	Avg
99-00	8-0	9	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	1	0.1	0	0	0	0	2	0.3
00-01	14-0	20	2-4	.500	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-2	2	0.1	1	1	0	0	4	0.3
01-02	8-0	15	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-2	2	0.3	1	1	0	0	0	0.0
02-03	0-0	0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	30-0	44	3-5	.600	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-5	5	0.2	2	2	0	0	6	0.2

GILLAN'S MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	Avg	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	Avg
99-00	5-0	5	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	1	0.2	0	0	0	0	2	0.4
00-01	6-0	8	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	1	0.2	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
01-02	4-0	9	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	1	0.3	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	15-0	22	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-3	3	0.2	1	1	0	0	2	0.1



11 • Vince Greene

Sophomore • 5-9 • 160 • Guard • Chicago, Ill. (Brother Rice)



2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Utah State	33	4-12	2-6	0-0	3	2	3	4	0	0	10
at Central Michigan	27	5-9	1-2	2-2	2	0	5	7	0	1	13
Illinois-Chicago	28	5-9	2-3	2-2	3	5	6	1	0	1	14
Chattanooga											
at Kent State											
at Western Kentucky											
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Southern Illinois*											
* Missouri Valley Conference game											

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Matched his career-high with 14 points against UIC. Also dished out a career-best six assists.
- Has been in double-digits all three games and has nine double-figure games in his career.
- Led the 'Birds in scoring with 16 points against EA Sports, on 3-for-4 shooting on 3-pointers.
- Poured in a game-high 26 points against SIU-Edwardsville and was 6-for-7 on treys. Also added four assists in 27 minutes of action.
- Scored four points in the Red-White game.
- One of three elected captains voted on by the team.

GREENE'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	14, twice
Rebounds	3, twice
Assists	6 at Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Steals	4 vs. Evansville, 2-13-02
Blocks	1 at Southwest Missouri State, 2-2-02
Minutes	33 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02

GREENE'S SEASON HIGHS

Points	14 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Rebounds	3, twice
Assists	6 at Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Steals	1, twice
Blocks	0
Minutes	33 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02

GREENE'S CAREER STATISTICS

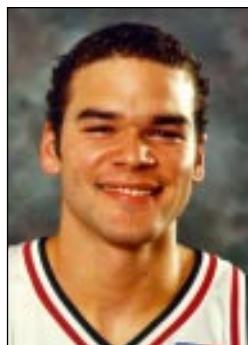
YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	0-D	REB	Avg	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	Avg
01-02	31-2	472	43-123	.350	23-55	.418	36-42	.857	4-18	22	0.7	58	52	1	15	145	4.7
02-03	3-3	88	14-30	.467	5-11	.455	4-4	1.000	1-7	8	2.7	14	12	0	2	37	12.3
Total	34-5	560	57-153	.373	28-66	.424	40-46	.870	5-25	30	0.9	72	64	1	17	182	5.4

GREENE'S MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	0-D	REB	Avg	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	Avg
01-02	18-0	224	20-52	.385	13-31	.419	5-6	.833	1-12	13	0.7	23	19	1	10	58	3.2

GREENE AGAINST CHATTANOOGA

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	0-D	REB	Avg	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	Avg
1-0	18	1-10	.100	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	1	1.0	1	3	0	0	2	2.0	



24 • Trey Guidry

Sophomore • 6-2 • 185 • Guard • Baton Rouge, La. (Central/North Carolina State)**2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS**

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Utah State	35	7-17	6-11	0-0	2	2	1	3	1	0	20
at Central Michigan	24	3-7	1-2	0-0	0-2	0	0	1	0	0	7
Illinois-Chicago	33	4-17	4-12	2-2	0-0	3	3	1	0	2	14
Chattanooga											
at Kent State											
at Western Kentucky											
Jacksonville											
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GUIDRY'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	20 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Rebounds	2, twice
Assists	3 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Steals	2 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Blocks	1 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Minutes	35 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02

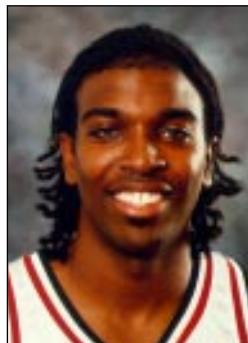
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Points	20 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Rebounds	2, twice
Assists	3 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Steals	2 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Blocks	1 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Minutes	35 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02

GUIDRY'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	0-0	REB	Avg	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	Avg
00-01*	25-6	241	27-69	.391	19-44	.432	5-9	.556	4-17	21	0.8	9	14	1	8	78	3.1
02-03	3-2	92	14-41	.341	11-25	.440	2-2	1.000	0-4	4	1.3	4	5	1	2	41	13.7
Total	28-8	333	41-110	.373	30-69	.435	7-11	.636	4-21	25	0.9	13	19	2	10	119	4.3

* At North Carolina State



34 • Kenneth Hill

Sophomore • 6-6 • 190 • Forward • Naperville, Ill. (Central)



2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Utah State					Did Not Play						
at Central Michigan					Did Not Play						
Illinois-Chicago					Did Not Play						
Chattanooga											
at Kent State											
at Western Kentucky											
Jacksonville											
Northern Illinois											
SMS*											
at Southern Illinois*											
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HILL'S CAREER HIGHS

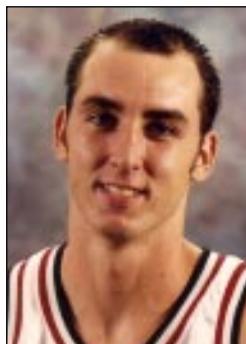
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Assists	0
Steals	0
Blocks	0
Minutes	0

HILL'S SEASON HIGHS

Points	0
Rebounds	0
Assists	0
Steals	0
Blocks	0
Minutes	0

HILL'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	0-D	REB	Avg	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	Avg
02-03	0-0	0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0



40 • Casey Reid

Senior • 6-7 • 205 • Forward • Las Vegas, Nev. (Las Vegas/Scottsdale CC)**2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS**

	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
• Opponent											
• Utah State	12	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2
• at Central Michigan	14	4-5	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	1	0	1	8
• Illinois-Chicago	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
• Chattanooga											
• at Kent State											
• at Western Kentucky											
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• Indiana State*											
• at Bradley*											
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• at Drake*											
• at Indiana State*											
• Southern Illinois*											
• * Missouri Valley Conference game											

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Matched his career-best with eight points at Central Michigan.
- His only points against Utah State came off of a baseline drive and dunk.
- Two points and two assists against EA Sports.
- Against SIU-Edwardsville, finished with six points, three boards and three assists in 21 minutes of action.
- Dumped in 10 points in the annual scrimmage.

REID'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	8, twice
Rebounds	6 at Northern Iowa, 2-23-02
Assists	3 vs. Wichita State, 1-7-02
Steals	2 vs. Southern Illinois, 2-16-02
Blocks	2 at Illinois, 12-18-01
Minutes	20 at Georgia Southern, 11-29-01

REID'S SEASON HIGHS

Points	8 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02
Rebounds	1 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Assists	1 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Steals	1 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02
Blocks	1 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Minutes	14 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02

REID'S CAREER STATISTICS

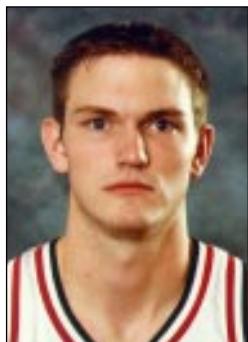
YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	0-D	REB	Avg	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
01-02	31-3	391	31-62	.500	0-1	.000	13-21	.619	20-55	75	2.4	20	22	12	7	75	2.4
02-03	3-0	33	5-7	.714	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	1	0.3	1	1	1	1	10	3.3
Total	34-3	424	36-69	.522	0-1	.000	13-21	.619	20-56	76	2.3	21	23	13	8	85	2.8

REID'S MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	0-D	REB	Avg	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
01-02	18-1	230	17-36	.472	0-1	.000	7-13	.538	15-33	48	2.7	10	9	7	5	41	2.3

REID AGAINST CHATTANOOGA

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	0-D	REB	Avg	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
	1-0	11	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-1	2	2.0	0	0	0	1	2	2.0



5 • Andy Strandmark

Senior • 6-11 • 240 • Center • Geneseo, Ill. (Darnall)



2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
• Opponent											
• Utah State	21	1-4	0-0	0-2	2	2	1	0	1	0	2
• at Central Michigan	25	3-6	0-0	5-6	7	2	1	0	0	1	11
• Illinois-Chicago	24	4-6	0-0	2-4	1-8	3	1	3	0	0	10
• Chattanooga											
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* Missouri Valley Conference game

STRANDMARK'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	15 vs. Bradley, 2-8-00
Rebounds	13 vs. Southwest Missouri State, 1-22-00
Assists	3 at Bradley, 1-26-00
Steals	3 at Creighton, 12-12-99
Blocks	3 vs. Southern Illinois, 2-16-02
Minutes	33, twice

STRANDMARK'S SEASON HIGHS

Points	11 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02
Rebounds	8 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Assists	1, three times
Steals	1 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02
Blocks	1 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Minutes	25 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02

STRANDMARK'S CAREER STATISTICS

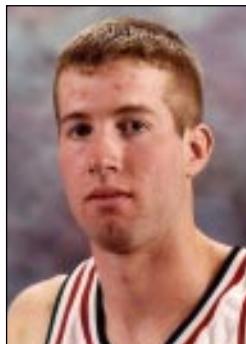
YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	Avg	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
99-00	29-8	511	36-78	.462	0-0	.000	22-30	.733	27-88	115	4.0	14	29	21	10	94	3.2
00-01	26-5	206	9-42	.214	0-0	.000	14-19	.737	10-41	51	2.0	5	15	5	3	32	1.2
01-02	31-9	369	40-83	.482	0-0	.000	11-21	.524	28-55	83	2.7	13	17	15	7	91	2.9
02-03	3-2	70	8-16	.500	0-0	.000	7-12	.583	4-13	17	5.7	3	3	1	1	23	7.7
Total	89-24	1156	93-219	.425	0-0	.000	54-82	.659	69-197	266	3.0	35	64	42	21	240	2.7

STRANDMARK'S MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	Avg	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
99-00	18-8	359	30-58	.571	0-0	.000	16-21	.762	22-65	87	4.8	11	17	15	5	76	4.2
00-01	15-2	102	5-20	.250	0-0	.000	4-6	.667	6-14	20	1.3	3	7	1	1	14	0.9
01-02	18-8	235	25-53	.472	0-0	.000	6-13	.462	16-37	53	2.9	6	7	10	6	56	3.1
Total	51-18	696	60-131	.458	0-0	.000	26-40	.650	44-116	160	3.1	20	31	26	12	146	2.9

STRANDMARK AGAINST CHATTANOOGA

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	Avg	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
	1-0	4	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	2	2.0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0



10 • Kevin Troc

Freshman • 6-4 • 190 • Guard • Lockport, Ill. (Lockport)**2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS**

• Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
• Utah State	13	1-1	0-0	0-0	4	1	5	0	0	0	2
• at Central Michigan	24	1-3	0-0	0-0	4	3	1	2	0	0	2
• Illinois-Chicago	13	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
• Chattanooga											
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UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Claimed first collegiate start at Central Michigan. Finished with two points, four boards and an assist.
- Five assists, four boards and two points against Utah State in 13 minutes.
- Played 19 minutes against EA Sports with two points, four assists and two rebounds.
- Recorded five points, including an dunk, against SIU-Edwardsville. He was 1-for-1 on treys and chipped in two rebounds and three assists.
- Had seven points in the annual Red-White game.

TROC'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	2, twice
Rebounds	4, twice
Assists	5 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Steals	0
Blocks	1 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Minutes	24 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02

TROC'S SEASON HIGHS

Points	2, twice
Rebounds	4, twice
Assists	5 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Steals	0
Blocks	1 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Minutes	24 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02

TROC'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
02-03	3-1	50	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-7	9	3.0	6	3	1	0	4	1.3



EXHIBITION 1

Greene Leads 'Birds in Exhibition Win

NORMAL, III. – Sophomore point guard Vince Greene scored a game-high 26 points, including six three-pointers, as Illinois State won its first exhibition of the season, 89-70, over SIU-Edwardsville at Redbird Arena.

Baboucar Bojang finished with 14 points and six rebounds for the 'Birds, while true freshman Chris Burras came off the bench to score 12.

SIU-Edwardsville was led by Ron Jones with 19 points, 17 of which came in the second half. Rob Baumgardner and Ben Garwitz each contributed 13 points, and Baumgardner also led the Cougars in rebounding with six boards. The Cougars never led in the entire game and after the initial 12-point deficit never got closer than seven points.

Illinois State opened up the game with a 12-0 run, highlighted by two three-pointers and a cross-over lay-up by Greene. The 'Birds defense forced eight Cougar turnovers in the first 12 minutes of the game, including the team's first two possessions.

Greene led all scorers in the first half with 10 points, while Gregg Alexander chipped in eight first half points on 3-for-4 shooting. ISU shot 61 percent from the field in the first half, including 5-for-8 from beyond the arc.

Down 45-24 at halftime, the Cougars came out firing in the second half and outscored the 'Birds 26-15 over the first 8:30 minutes led by nine points apiece by junior Ron Jones and freshman Logan Glosser narrowing the Redbird lead to 10. Following a timeout with 11:05 remaining in the game, the 'Birds went on a 13-0 run to extend their lead back to 23, which tied their largest lead of the night.

ILLINOIS STATE 89, SIU-Edwardsville 70

November 4, 2002 • Redbird Arena

SIU-E	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Bauersachs, f	24	2-3	0-0	0-3	0	1	4
Mueller, c	8	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	2
Bradford, g	30	0-2	1-2	1-3	2	2	1
Jones, g	33	7-13	2-2	0-0	2	1	19
Baumgardner, g	30	4-10	3-4	1-6	9	2	13
Gajewski	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Zick	2	0-0	0-1	0-1	0	0	0
Garwitz	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0
Heflin	20	6-10	0-0	1-3	1	5	13
Glosser	21	4-6	1-1	0-3	1	1	12
Ward	10	3-4	0-0	0-2	2	2	6
Salak	5	0-2	0-0	1-1	0	1	0
Totals	200	27-51	7-10	5-27	20	15	70

Team Pct.: FG – .529; FT – .700

3-Pt.: 9-15, .600 (Bradford 0-1, Jones 3-4, Baumgardner 2-4, Heflin 1-1, Glosser 3-5)

Blocks: 1 (Ward 1)

Turnovers: 19 (Bauersachs 1, Bradford 3, Jones 4, Baumgardner 3, Gajewski 2, Heflin 1, Glosser 2, Ward 1, Team 2)

Steals: 3 (Bradford 2, Heflin 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Bojang, f	20	6-8	2-4	3-6	0	2	14
Strandmark, c	18	4-6	0-0	1-3	1	3	8
Alexander, g	26	3-6	0-0	0-3	2	0	8
Ford, g	21	2-8	0-0	1-6	5	0	4
Greene, g	27	10-14	0-1	1-1	4	0	26
Burras	20	4-10	4-6	0-1	2	2	12
Troc	20	2-3	0-0	0-2	3	3	5
Arnold	19	3-5	0-0	0-1	0	1	6
Hill	3	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Reid	21	2-3	2-3	1-3	3	1	6
Gillan	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Totals	200	36-64	8-14	9-30	21	12	89

Team Pct.: FG – .563; FT – .571

3-Pt.: 9-13, .692 (Alexander 2-3, Greene 6-7, Burras 0-2, Troc 1-1)

Blocks: 4 (Strandmark 2, Ford 1, Arnold 1)

Turnovers: 8 (Bojang 1, Strandmark 4, Burras 1, Troc 2)

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

Officials: Jerry Seibert, Frank Spencer, Mike Litzelhelner

Attendance: 4,049

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 45, SIU-Edwardsville 24

EXHIBITION 2

ISU Drops Second Exhibition to EA Sports

NORMAL, III. – Vince Greene led all scorers with 16 points, but Illinois State could not pick up the victory, dropping its second and final exhibition game of the season, 66-65, to the EA Sports All-Stars Thursday night at Redbird Arena.

Illinois State also got 15 points and 10 rebounds from Baboucar Bojang, while Andy Strandmark, Gregg Alexander and Trey Guidry each contributed seven points. The 'Birds shot 54 percent from the field in the first half, but managed only 41 percent in the second half on 10-for-24 shooting.

EA Sports, 1-9, only shot 7-for-20 from the charity stripe, including 4-for-15 in the second half. EA Sports was led by former Fighting Illini player Sergio McClain with 13 points, while Doc Taylor, who played at Cleveland State, chipped in 12.

Bojang showed his offensive skills early in the game by scoring nine of the Redbirds' first 11 points, but hot three-point shooting (3-for-3) from McClain kept the game tight midway through the first half. Back-to-back jumpers from Greene helped ignite a 13-5 run to take the lead to 24-20 with just over seven minutes remaining.

Marcus Arnold hit two low-post jumpers late in the first half and the Redbirds went into the half with a one-point lead, 36-35. Bojang and McClain led their respective teams in first-half scoring with 11 points.

EA Sports scored 14 points of its first 19 points in the second half off lay-ups or dunks and were able to take a 54-47 lead, the largest of the night for either team, with just under nine minutes left in the game. However, the 'Birds went on an 11-2 run over the next 3:37 led by four points from Gregg Alexander to take the lead at 58-56 with five minutes remaining.

EA Sports 66, ILLINOIS STATE 65

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EA Sports	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
McClain, f	30	5-12	0-2	0-2	4	2	13
Johnson, f	24	3-6	0-4	0-5	2	3	6
Turner, c	36	5-7	1-4	2-10	3	2	11
Dobbs, g	25	5-7	0-1	1-3	1	1	11
Taylor, g	32	5-6	2-3	0-1	4	3	12
Jones	20	1-6	0-2	2-2	0	1	3
Brownlee	13	2-7	0-0	0-0	1	0	6
Vaughn	20	1-1	2-2	0-1	2	2	4
Totals	200	27-52	5-18	6-27	17	14	66

Team Pct.: FG – .519; FT – .278

3-Pt.: 7-20, .350 (McClain 3-7, Johnson 0-3, Dobbs 1-1, Jones 1-4, Brownlee 2-5)

Blocks: 1 (Taylor 1)

Turnovers: 9 (Johnson 2, Taylor 4, Jones 2, Brownlee 1)

Steals: 8 (Johnson 1, Turner 1, Dobbs 1, Taylor 1, Jones 2, Vaughn 2)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Bojang, f	30	6-13	3-4	2-10	1	2	15
Reid, f	15	0-0	2-2	0-1	2	4	2
Strandmark, c	26	3-6	1-1	1-3	1	3	7
Alexander, g	27	2-6	2-3	0-3	2	1	7
Greene, g	33	6-8	1-2	0-3	4	1	16
Burras	8	2-3	1-2	0-5	0	0	5
Ford	8	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	2	0
Troc	19	1-4	0-0	0-2	4	1	2
Arnold	15	2-6	0-0	1-2	0	3	4
Guidry	19	3-6	0-0	0-2	0	2	7
Totals	200	25-52	10-14	7-35	15	19	65

Team Pct.: FG – .481; FT – .714

3-Pt.: 5-15, .333 (Alexander 1-4, Greene 3-4, Burras 0-1, Troc 0-2, Guidry 1-4)

Blocks: 3 (Bojang 1, Strandmark 2)

Turnovers: 12 (Bojang 1, Reid 1, Strandmark 3, Alexander 1, Ford 1, Troc 3, Guidry 2)

Steals: 2 (Ford 1, Reid 1)

Officials: Ed Hightower, Rob Kruger, Mark Mayhood

Attendance: 4,656

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 36, EA Sports 35

GAME 1

Redbirds Fall 68-53 to Utah State

NORMAL, III. – Trey Guidry led Illinois State with 20 points, including six three-pointers, but it wasn't enough as the Utah State Aggies spoiled the Redbirds' season opener, 68-53, Saturday night at Redbird Arena.

Vince Greene was the only other Illinois State player to score in double figures with 10, while freshman Marcus Arnold turned in nine points. The 'Birds shot only 39 percent from the field and made only one of their eight (.125) free-throw attempts.

Desmond Penigar led Utah State with 22 points, going 4-for-4 from three-point range. Point guard Mark Brown scored 19 points for the Aggies. Utah State shot 50 percent from the field in the game, including 50 percent from beyond the arc on 6-for-12 shooting.

Illinois State (0-1) got off to a slow start offensively, scoring only four points in the game's first nine minutes and dug itself into a 11-4 deficit. However, Guidry hit a three-pointer with 10:35 left in the first half that sparked a 13-5 Redbird run that gave Illinois State its only lead of the first half at 17-16. Guidry scored 11 of the 'Birds 13 points during the run, including three shots from beyond the arc.

Utah State (1-0) went on a 16-5 run over the final six minutes of the half, including holding the Redbirds scoreless for nearly three minutes, to take a 10-point lead into the locker room, 32-22. Brown ignited the Utah State run with nine points, including three lay-ups.

The Redbirds came out firing in the second half, scoring 15 of their first 17 second-half points from beyond the arc. Guidry helped lead the charge with three three-pointers, while Gregg Alexander contributed two. Illinois State used the offensive surge to shred the Aggies' halftime lead and close to within two points, 43-41, with just over 12 minutes remaining in the game.

Illinois State went into a scoring drought, however, over the game's next six minutes, which allowed the Aggies to build a 10-point lead at 51-41. Penigar led Utah State during the 8-0 run with seven points. Greene scored the Redbirds' next seven points, but Utah State was able to keep Illinois State from getting any closer than eight in the game's closing minutes.

Utah State 68, ILLINOIS STATE 53

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Utah State	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Johnson, f	19	0-2	0-0	0-3	0	0	0
Nelson, f	17	2-3	3-4	1-3	1	3	7
Puzey, c	32	3-4	3-3	3-11	0	4	9
M. Brown, g	32	7-12	4-6	0-2	3	2	19
Patton, g	30	1-6	0-0	1-3	4	0	2
Guidry	29	8-12	2-3	3-6	0	2	22
Harris	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Stowell	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Butler	28	3-8	2-2	0-4	3	0	9
C. Brown	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Totals	200	24-48	14-18	8-35	12	13	68

Team Pct.: FG – .500; FT – .778

3-Pt.: 6-12, .500 (M. Brown 1-3, Patton 0-2, Penigar 4-4, Butler 1-3)

Blocks: 3 (Johnson 2, Penigar 1)

Turnovers: 12 (Johnson 3, Nelson 1, M. Brown 2, Patton 2, Penigar 1, Stowell 1, Butler 2)

Steals: 10 (Puzey 1, M. Brown 4, Patton 2, Penigar 1, Butler 2)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander, f	27	2-6	0-0	0-1	0	3	6
Bojang, f	29	1-4	0-2	1-5	1	3	2
Strandmark, c	21	1-4	0-2	1-2	1	2	2
Greene, g	33	4-12	0-0	1-3	3	2	10
Guidry, g	35	7-17	0-0	0-2	1	2	20
Burras	6	0-1	0-0	0-2	0	1	0
Ford	4	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Troc	13	1-1	0-0	2-4	5	1	2
Arnold	20	4-7	1-4	3-4	0	1	9
Reid	12	1-2	0-0	0-1	1	0	2
Totals	200	21-54	1-8	10-28	12	15	53

Team Pct.: FG – .389; FT – .125

3-Pt.: 10-22, .455 (Alexander 2-5, Greene 2-6, Guidry 6-11)

Blocks: 3 (Strandmark 1, Guidry 1, Reid 1)

Turnovers: 13 (Alexander 1, Bojang 2, Greene 4, Guidry 3, Ford 1, Arnold 1)

Steals: 2 (Alexander 2)

Officials: Eddie Jackson, Steve Morris, Tim Hutchinson

Attendance: 7,948

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GAME 2

Redbirds Fall to Central Michigan, 74-69

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich. – Gregg Alexander scored a game-high 18 points against Central Michigan, but it was not enough as the Chippewas came from a four-point deficit at halftime to defeat Illinois State, 74-69, in college hoops action at Rose Arena in Mount Pleasant, Mich., Tuesday night.

Illinois State falls to 0-2 on the year while the Chippewas improve to 2-0. Vince Greene chipped in 13 points while Andy Strandmark had 11. Chris Kaman was the leading scorer for Central Michigan with 16 points, 14 of which came in the second half, while Mike Mancil added 15.

The Redbirds jumped to an early eight-point lead through the 11 minute mark of the first half off of hot shooting from Greene, who made consecutive baskets before Strandmark was fouled and went to the line. Up 14-6, the lead stayed on Illinois State's side through the first 20 minutes of play heading into the break with ISU up 32-28.

Two minutes into the second half, a bucket by Kaman gave the Chippewas their first lead of the game, 35-34, as CMU and Illinois State continued to bounce the lead back and forth for the next six minutes. At 11:58, however, Central Michigan jumped ahead by three, 49-46, off of a trey by Whitney Robinson and never looked back, spanning a 7-0 run and keeping the lead until the end of the game.

The Redbirds came within three with 2:04 remaining, but Kaman stayed hot, hitting a bucket and layup in the last minute.

Central Michigan 74, ILLINOIS STATE 69

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ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander, f	33	7-11	0-0	1-2	0	3	18
Arnold, f	22	2-4	0-0	0-2	0	3	4
Bojang, c	21	2-5	0-0	0-0	2	5	4
Troc, g	24	1-3	0-0	0-4	1	3	2
Greene, g	27	5-9	2-2	0-2	5	0	13
Burras	9	1-3	0-0	3-4	1	3	2
Ford	1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Strandmark	25	3-6	5-6	2-7	1	2	11
Guidry	24	3-7	0-0	0-2	0	0	7
Reid	14	4-5	0-0	0-0	0	2	8
Totals	200	28-53	7-8	6-25	10	22	69

Team Pct.: FG – .528; FT – .600

3-Pt.: 6-10, .600 (Alexander 4-6, Greene 1-2, Guidry 1-2)

Blocks: 0

Turnovers: 18 (Alexander 2, Arnold 1, Bojang 1, Troc 2, Greene 7, Burras 2, Strandmark 1, Guidry 1, Reid 1, Team 1)

Steals: 5 (Alexander 1, Greene 1, Burras 1, Strandmark 1, Reid 1)

C. Michigan	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Brigitha, f	16	2-4	0-2	1-3	0	4	4
Manciel, f	33	2-6	11-13	1-4	2	2	15
Kaman, c	35	7-11	2-2	5-13	2	3	16
Wallace, g	13	2-5	0-0	0-1	2	2	4
Meerman, g	20	1-2	2-2	0-2	3	0	5
Robinson	24	3-9	0-0	0-0	1	1	9
Quinn	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Voorhees	4	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	3
Bowne	18	3-5	0-0	1-1	2	0	7
Nelson	10	2-3	0-0	1-1	1	0	6
Carr	20	1-4	2-2	0-2	2	2	5
Hallett	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Dentlinger	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	24-51	17-21	9-28	15	14	74

Team Pct.: FG – .471; FT – .346

3-Pt.: 9-26, .346 (Manciel 0-3, Wallace 0-3, Meerman 1-2, Robinson 3-8, Voorhees 1-1, Bowne 1-3, Nelson 2-3, Carr 1-3)

Blocks: 3 (Kaman 3)

Turnovers: 19 (Brigitha 1, Manciel 3, Kaman 5, Wallace 2, Meerman 1, Robinson 3, Voorhees 1, Bowne 1, Carr 2)

Steals: 7 (Brigitha 1, Meerman 1, Robinson 4, Carr 1)

Officials: Mark Masariu, James Ferrari, Eric Curry

Attendance: 2,259

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 32, Central Michigan 28

GAME 2

ISU Loses Third Straight Game, 78-65

NORMAL, Ill. – Illinois State had five players in double figures, but could not find consistent scoring throughout the game and fell to Illinois Chicago, 78-65, to lose its third straight game tonight at Redbird Arena.

Illinois State (0-3) was led by Vince Greene and Trey Guidry with 14 points apiece, while Gregg Alexander turned in 12 points for the 'Birds. Freshman Marcus Arnold had a career-high 11 points and six rebounds, while Andy Strandmark was the other Redbird in double figures with 10. Strandmark also led the 'Birds on the boards with a game-high eight rebounds.

UIC (2-1) was led by Martell Bailey with a game-high 20 points, while Armond Williams and Aaron Carr contributed 14 and 11 points respectively. The Flames overpowered Illinois State in the paint winning the scoring battle 38-12 and the rebounding battle 41-27.

Illinois State opened the game on fire shooting 6-for-8 from the field and jumping out to an early 16-7 lead at the 15:58 mark. Alexander led the way for the 'Birds early hitting two three-pointers during the run. However, the Illinois State shooting went sour for the remainder of the first half as the Redbirds shot 3-for-19 for the rest of the period.

UIC went on an 11-0 run during the middle stretch of the first half and took its first lead of the game at 21-20 with 7:20 remaining before the break. The Flames used the post to their advantage outscoring the 'Birds in the paint 18-4 and winning the rebounding battle as well 24-14 in the first half.

Arnold took Illinois State on his shoulders to open the second half scoring the Redbirds' first eight points to tie the game, 36-36, with 17:24 remaining in the game. Illinois State came out of the locker room with an 11-2 run and a three-pointer by Guidry helped give the 'Birds their first lead since the 7:20 mark of the first half at 39-36. Two more three-pointers by Guidry and Greene respectively kept the game close with just over 14 minutes to play.

Illinois State, however, went into another scoring drought and managed only two points over nearly a six-minute stretch in the middle part of the second half as UIC took back the lead and extended it to nine at 58-49 at the 8:40 mark. The Flames seemed to be unable to miss their field goals in the latter part of the second half and shot 16-for-23 (.696) in the final period, including 10 of their final 11 shots.

Illinois-Chicago 78, ILLINOIS STATE 65

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UIC	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
A. Williams, f	26	7-13	0-0	1-6	1	3	14
Carr, f	34	4-11	1-3	4-7	2	0	11
Scott, c	14	3-4	1-2	3-3	0	4	7
Bailey, g	36	8-9	4-7	0-7	9	3	20
Schneiderman, g	39	2-5	2-2	0-4	2	1	6
Lesko	16	2-4	4-6	1-2	0	2	8
Dominguez	10	2-6	0-1	0-5	0	0	4
Harris	17	2-2	0-0	1-1	0	4	4
J. Williams	8	1-2	2-2	0-1	1	2	4
Totals	200	31-56	14-23	10-41	15	19	78

Team Pct.: FG – .554; FT – .609

3-Pt.: 2-8, .250 (Carr 2-4, Schneiderman 0-2, Dominguez 0-2)

Blocks: 3 (Dominguez 1, Harris 2)

Turnovers: 14 (Carr 3, Scott 3, Bailey 2, Schneiderman 1, Lesko 1, Dominguez 1, Harris 2, J. Williams 1)

Steals: 8 (A. Williams 1, Bailey 1, Schneiderman 1, Lesko 3, Harris 1, J. Williams 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander, f	29	4-9	0-0	0-2	0	0	12
Arnold, f	25	4-7	3-4	3-6	2	4	11
Strandmark, c	24	4-6	2-4	1-8	1	3	10
Greene, g	28	5-9	2-2	0-3	6	5	14
Guidry, g	33	4-17	2-2	0-0	3	3	14
Burras	6	0-1	0-0	1-2	0	1	0
Ford	8	0-1	0-0	1-1	0	1	0
Troc	13	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Bojang	27	0-6	4-5	1-4	2	3	4
Reid	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Totals	200	21-57	13-17	7-27	14	22	65

Team Pct.: FG – .400; FT – .765

3-Pt.: 10-23, .435 (Alexander 4-8, Greene 2-3, Guidry 4-12)

Blocks: 6 (Arnold 4, Troc 1, Bojang 1)

Turnovers: 16 (Alexander 5, Arnold 1, Strandmark 3, Greene 1, Guidry 1, Burras 1, Troc 1, Bojang 3)

Steals: 4 (Greene 1, Guidry 2, Bojang 1)

Officials: Tim Hutchinson, Dave Draucker, Bill Kaminski

Attendance: 5,536

Halftime Score: Illinois-Chicago 34, ILLINOIS STATE 28