



Illinois State Basketball 2002-03

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2002-03 Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Sat.	Nov. 23	at Western Michigan	(L 79-100)
Mon.	Nov. 25	Butler	(L 57-59)
Fri.	Nov. 29	IUPUI	(W 77-60)
Sun.	Dec. 1	Illinois	(L 46-71)
Thurs.	Dec. 5	at Illinois-Chicago	7 p.m.
Sat.	Dec. 7	at Northern Illinois	4 p.m.
Fri.	Dec. 20	at Portland State	9 p.m.
Sun.	Dec. 22	at Portland	3 p.m.
Mon.	Dec. 30	Indiana	7:05 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 4	Indiana State	2:05 p.m.
Thurs.	Jan. 9	at Northern Iowa	7:05 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 11	at Bradley	5 p.m.
Thurs.	Jan. 16	SMS	7:05 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 18	Wichita State	7:05 p.m.
Thurs.	Jan. 23	at Southern Illinois	7 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 25	at Evansville	2 p.m.
Thurs.	Jan. 30	Creighton	7:05 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 1	Drake	7:30 p.m.
Fri.	Feb. 7	Northern Iowa	7:05 p.m.
Sun.	Feb. 9	Bradley	2:05 p.m.
Thurs.	Feb. 13	at SMS	7:05 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 15	at Wichita State	7:05 p.m.
Thurs.	Feb. 20	Evansville	7:05 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 22	Southern Illinois	2:05 p.m.
Thurs.	Feb. 27	at Drake	7:05 p.m.
Sat.	March 1	at Creighton	3:05 p.m.
Wed.	March 5	at Indiana State	6 p.m.
<i>State Farm-Missouri Valley Tourney at Des Moines, Iowa</i>			
Thurs.	March 13	Quarterfinals	
Fri.	March 14	Semifinals	6:8:30 p.m.
Sat.	March 15	Championship	3 p.m.

• Missouri Valley Conference games
home games in red/bold

The Coaches

• **Jenny Yopp, Illinois State.** She is 59-105 in her seventh season as a college head coach, 19-65 in her fourth season in Normal.

• **Lisa Ryckbosch, Illinois-Chicago.** She is 3-1 in her first season as a college head coach.

• **Carol Hammerle, Northern Illinois.** She is 51-69 in her fifth season in DeKalb, 507-295 in her 30th season as a college head coach. Hammerle is 3-2 vs. Illinois State, 1-2 while at NIU.

Series Stuff

• **Redbirds vs. Illinois-Chicago.** The Redbirds have won 11 of 12 previous meetings with the Flames. The only UIC win was the last meeting 57-45 Dec. 13, 1997. Illinois State's last win was Dec. 8, 1997.

• **Redbirds vs. Northern Illinois.** Illinois State has an 8-4 edge in the series including a 55-52 win Dec. 20, 2001 in Redbird Arena behind Katie Donovan's 11 points and 12 rebounds and capped by Stacey White's two free throws with 18 seconds left to salt the game away.

• Illinois State (1-3) at Illinois-Chicago (3-1)

7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 5, 2002, UIC Pavilion, Chicago, Ill.

WJBC Radio: R.C. McBride & Jill Hutchison

• Illinois State at Northern Illinois (2-2)

4:05 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, 2002, Convocation Center, DeKalb, Ill.

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The Redbirds

"Pacesetters"

Pos.No.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	PPG	Reb.	Ast.
F 00	Michelle Harakas *	6-0	So.	Redford, MI	8.8	2.3	0.8
F 20	Stacey White **	5-11	Jr.	West Lebanon, IN	4.3	5.8	2.3
C 42	Zora Skrabalova	6-5	Jr.	Lednice, Czech Republic	11.0	10.8	1.0 blks.
G 4	Taren O'Brien **	5-7	So.	Savannah, MO	9.5	1.0	4.0
G 10	Katie Donovan *	6-0	So.	Kingston, Ontario	7.7	4.3	1.3

Off the Bench

G 2	Desiree Gutierrez	5-6	Jr.	Thornton, CO	4.3	1.0	2.5
F 3	Sophie Tirtiaux	6-1	Fr.	Andenne, Belgium	2.0	3.8	1.0
G 12	Beth Huston **	5-8	Jr.	Port Washington, WI	--	--	--
F 21	Stacey Nickerson **	6-0	Sr.	Washington, IL	0.0	0.0	0.0
G 22	Steph Reichle ***	5-9	Sr.	Lincoln, IL	0.5	1.0	0.0
G 23	Jaci McCormack *	5-10	So.	Lapwai, ID	8.3	3.0	1.5
F 31	Sharon Blade **	6-2	Sr.	Peoria, IL	4.5	2.3	0.3
F 32	Erin Keeney	6-2	So.	Alva, OK	4.3	3.8	0.8
G 33	Chris Kutschinski *	5-10	So.	Ann Arbor, MI	--	--	--
G 34	Sara Stevenson	5-8	Fr.	Olney, IL	0.0	0.7	0.0

(* - denotes letters earned)

HEAD COACH: Jenny Yopp (North Carolina '89) **ASSISTANT COACHES:** Christopher Mennig (Bryant '96), Cherie Swarouth (Michigan State '91), Christy Thomaskutty (Tulane '96) **ATHLETIC TRAINER:**

Yvonne Logan **HEAD MANAGER:** Andrew Knarr

Zora Controls Boards

Redbird rebounding is vastly improved this year (40.5 per game) and junior Zora Skrabalova is the biggest reason. She is averaging 10.8 rebounds per game, with 10 or more in three of her first four Division I games.

Accuracy ... Accuracy ... Accuracy

Four games into the season, the Redbirds already look like a better shooting team than in recent years with Zora Skrabalova (20-35, .571), Jaci McCormack (13-26, .500) and Katie Donovan (9-18, .500) all shooting .500 or better. The last time at Redbird player shot above 50 percent for a season was 1997-98, when Corinne Vossel shot .531 to lead the team.

The Last Step in Good Defense is ...

... rebounding, and Illinois State's first-half rebounding stats against IUPUI were almost surreal. Illinois State had a 29-7 rebounding edge and the Jaguars had just one offensive rebound. In fact, IUPUI's rebounding total was one less than Stacey White, who had 8 in the half on the way to tying her career high with 9 rebounds. ISU finished with a 50-24 edge for the game--only the eighth time an Illinois State team has had 50 rebounds or more in a game at Redbird Arena, which

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Access Guide

• **Interviews/Credentials.** Contact Tom Lamonica, sports information director, at (309) 438-5746/ talamon@ilstu.edu to make arrangements.

• **Weekly Media Conference.** Jenny Yopp follows Tom Richardson into the Redbird Arena press room weekly on the following dates, with all conferences beginning at 3 p.m.: Nov. 13, 19. Dec. 3, 10, 17. Jan. 2, 8, 14, 21, 28. Feb. 5, 11, 18, 25. March 4.

• **The Jenny Yopp Show.** Jenny Yopp, R.C. McBride and Tim Fisher talk basketball with guests and callers on WJBC (AM 1230, Bloomington) at 7:06 p.m. on the following dates: Dec. 3, 10 & 17. Jan. 6, 13, 21 & 27. Feb. 3, 10, 17 & 24. March 4.

• **Post-Game at Redbird Arena.** Head coaches and requested players will be brought to the interview room. Locker rooms are closed.

• **Redbird Radio.** Illinois' No. 1 play-by-play sportscaster R.C. McBride is joined by Redbird coaching legend Jill Hutchison for the play-by-play of Redbird basketball on WJBC AM 1230 and on the web at www.wjbc.com.

• **Web Birds.** The Redbird athletics home page is www.redbirds.org.

• **Missouri Valley Scoreboard Phone.** Scores and highlights at (314) 997-9877.

Records When ...

<i>When the Redbirds ...</i>	<i>... their record is:</i>
Play at Home	1-2
Play Away	0-1
Play Neutral	0-0
Play a Daytime Game	0-2
Play at Night	1-1
Play on Monday	0-1
Play on Tuesday	0-0
Play on Wednesday	0-0
Play on Thursday	0-0
Play on Friday	1-0
Play on Saturday	0-1
Play on Sunday	0-1
Lead at halftime	1-1
Trail at halftime	0-2
Shoot better FG Pct.	1-2
Shoot worse FG Pct.	0-1
Make more 3-pointers	1-0
Make the same No. of 3-pointers	0-1
Make fewer 3-pointers	0-2
Out-rebound opponent	1-1
Opponent out-rebounds 'Birds	0-2
Commit more turnovers	1-3
Commit same turnovers	0-0
Commit fewer turnovers	0-0
Shoot more free throws	0-1
Shoot same number of free throws	0-0
Shoot fewer free throws	1-2
Score 59 or less	0-2
Score in the 60s	0-0
Score in the 70s	1-1
Score in the 80s or more	0-0
Bench out-scores opponent subs	0-1
Game goes to overtime	0-0

opened in January 1989.

Sooner is Better

The Redbirds' initial 2002-03 win came over a IUPUI team which had taken Iowa to overtime in Iowa City the previous week. More importantly, the Redbirds' initial win was Nov. 29--Illinois State didn't get into the win column until Dec. 20 last year, starting the season 0-7

For 'Non-Starters'

A total of 116 of Illinois State's 259 points (45 percent) this season have been scored by players who didn't start the game, and it's been a consistent theme: 32 bench points vs. Western Michigan, 32 vs. Butler, 38 vs. IUPUI.

High Scoring

With 79 points against Western Michigan and 77 against IUPUI, the Redbirds have topped the 75-point mark twice in their first three games of the 2002-03 season. From 1998-99 through 2002-03, the Redbirds topped 75 points only 15 times total and never more than four times in any season.

So Many Players, So Much Time ...

Just three games into the season, the Redbirds have 11 players averaging 10 or more minutes and just one (junior guard Taren O'Brien with 27.8) averaging more than 24 minutes per game.

A Defensive Stretch to Behold

After Butler took a 25-17 lead in the first 12 minutes of the game, the Redbird defense had one of its strongest stretches in years. Illinois State held the Bulldogs to just two points (two free throws) over a 14-minute stretch extending across halftime. During that Butler dry spell, the Redbirds held their opponents to 0-13 from the field and 11 turnovers.

Dealing With Rejection

Junior college transfer Zora Skrabalova blocked three shots in the Redbirds' game with Butler. That matched the fifth-best Redbird Arena game total for an Illinois State player. The last time a Redbird player had three or more blocks in Redbird Arena was when Kristi Larson had four blocks Feb. 17, 2002 vs. Southern Illinois.

O'Brien in the 20s

Taren O'Brien's 21 points at Western Michigan (11/23), eclipsing her previous career high 20 vs. Northern Iowa (1/31/02) last year. In fact, O'Brien was the only Redbird to score 20 points last year.

Zora Opens With Double-Double ...

Junior Zora Skrabalova's 14 points and 10 rebounds at Western Michigan (11/23) gave her a double-double in her first game as a Redbird player. Former USA Olympian, long-time professional and ISU All-American Cathy Boswell is the only other Redbird to have a double-double in her inaugural game.

ISU Career 3-Pt. Field Goals

Rank	Total	Name (Years)
1.	205	Jenny Schmidt (1995-99)
2.	129	Cindy Kaufmann (1987-91)
3.	91	Shandeen Hunt (1997-01)
4.	69	Mary Jane Owens (1992-97)
5.	63	Kristin Valdez (1994-98)
6.	56	LuAnn Robinson (1987-91)
7.	50	Stacy Griffin (1993-97)
8.	49	Taren O'Brien (2000-)
9.	47	Stacey White (2000-)
10.	44	Kellie Johnson (1997-01)

ISU Career 3-Pt. FG Pct.

Rank	Total	Name (Years)
1.	.437 (205-469)	Jenny Schmidt (1995-99)
2.	.423 (129-305)	Cindy Kaufmann (1987-91)
3.	.379 (22-58)	Jaci McCormack (2000-)
4.	.379 (31-82)	Tami Baalke (1989-93)
5.	.378 (17-45)	Pam Tanner (1985-89)
6.	.368 (14-37)	Ellen McGrew (1984-89)
7.	.345 (91-264)	Shandeen Hunt (1997-01)
8.	.344 (11-32)	Char Govan (1985-90)
9.	.315 (47-149)	Stacey White (2000-)
10.	.301 (49-163)	Taren O'Brien (2000-)

one team ... one goal ... every second



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Redbird Review (1-3)

• Illinois State 77, IUPUI 60

Friday, Nov. 29, 2002, Redbird Arena, Normal, Ill. Katie Donovan's career-high 16 points along with Desiree Gutierrez' career-high 11 points set the pace as the Redbirds rode a 50-24 domination of the boards to victory. Stacey White's 4 points, 8 rebounds and 5 assists in the first half helped the 'Birds mount a 40-21 halftime edge, which they maintained most of the second half.

• Illinois 71, Illinois State 46

Sunday, Dec. 1, 2002, Redbird Arena, Normal, Ill. Zora Skrabalova's second double-double of the year (10 points, 14 rebounds) wasn't enough to stop the Illini from beating the 'Birds, who shot just 28 percent from the field. Michelle Harakas had 10 points in the first half for Illinois State, but no other Redbird player earned double figures.

Birds vs. The State

(all-time standings vs. Illinois Division I foes)

Team	W-L	Pct.
Bradley	27-12	.692
DePaul	3-3	.500
Eastern Illinois	25-8	.758
Illinois	17-16	.515
Illinois-Chicago	11-1	.917
Loyola	1-0	1.000
Northern Illinois	8-4	.667
Northwestern	5-8	.385
Southern Illinois	35-32	.522
Western Illinois	39-2	.951
Total	171-86	.668

Missouri Valley Standings

(through 12/1/02)

Rank, Team	Valley	All
1. Wichita State	0-0	3-0
2. Indiana State	0-0	2-0
3. Drake	0-0	2-1
4. Bradley	0-0	2-1
Creighton	0-0	2-1
6. Northern Iowa	0-0	2-2
7. Evansville	0-0	1-2
8. Southern Illinois	0-0	1-2
Southwest Missouri State	0-0	1-2
10. Illinois State	0-0	1-3

Zora Cracks Record Book

Junior Zora Skrabalova's 14 rebounds vs. Illinois (12/1) tied for No. 9 on the list of best rebounding efforts by a Redbird player in Redbird Arena. Only teammate Steph Reichle (twice) and former Redbird center Caryn Brune (6 times) have topped the 14-rebound mark in Redbird Arena for a game.

O'Brien, White Move Up Three List

As juniors, Taren O'Brien (49) and Stacey White (47) both are listed in the top 10 three-point shooters in Redbird history. O'Brien is No. 8 and White is No. 9. That pair and sophomore Jaci McCormack all are among the Redbird career leaders in three-point field goal percentage. O'Brien and White were just the third and fourth players in Redbird history to hit 40 threes in their first two seasons: the others were Cindy Kaufmann (1987-89) and Jenny Schmidt (1995-97) (see list on previous page).

Better Shooting

Illinois State shot .451 from the field at Western Michigan (11/23) and .529 vs. IUPUI (11/29), a good start for a team which shot just .395 last season. In fact, the Redbirds shot .450 or better in just six games last season.

Redbirds Lead State Foes

Over the past 31 years, the Redbirds have compiled a 171-86 record against their cohort Division I schools in Illinois. Only Northwestern (8-5) has an edge over the Redbirds in the series (see chart at left).

Review of the Injured List

Senior Steph Reichle reinjured an ankle which has troubled her in the past. She is expected to miss at least until mid-December. Sophomore Chris Kutschinski has not played this season because of a recurring back problem.

Number Change

Freshman Sophie Tirtiaux has gone from No. 30 to No. 3 in deference to former Redbird, professional basketball and USA Olympic Star Charlotte Lewis, whose No. 30 was retired last season. Lewis and No. 44, Cathy Boswell, are the only Redbird players to have their numbers retired.

Illinois Gets to the Line

Illinois doubled-up on the Redbirds at the free throw line, getting there 32 times in a Dec. 1 win. It's a familiar place for the Illini, who set the Redbird Arena record with 40 free throw attempts against the Redbirds two years earlier (Dec. 7, 2000).

Donovan's Travels

Sophomore Katie Donovan spent the summer traveling with the Canadian 19-and-Under Women's team (equivalent to junior national team in most countries).

Valley Preseason Picks

The Missouri Valley Conference coaches and media picked Illinois State 9th in the preseason poll.

Rank, Team	Pts.
1. Creighton (31)	390
2. Drake (9)	361
3. SMS	271
4. Wichita State	256
5. Northern Iowa	244
6. Bradley	216
7. Indiana State	170
8. Evansville	135
9. Illinois State	98
10. Southern Illinois	59

Missouri Valley Conference Preseason Team

Name, Yr., Pos.	Institution
Sara Bailey, Sr., G	Bradley
Carla Bennett, Sr., C	Drake
Angela Buckner, Jr., C	Wichita State
Jenni Lingor, So., G	SMS
Courtney Mennen, Sr., G	Indiana State
Christy Neneman, Jr., F	Creighton
Amy Swisher, Jr., F	Northern Iowa



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00 Michelle Harakas Last Game: 10 pts., 2 ast. vs. Illinois (12/1)

6-0 • **F** • **F** • Redford, Mich. (Ladywood H.S.)

Joined starting lineup in 2002-03 and leads team in steals ... led ISU with career-high 15 pts. in win over Bradley (2/3/02)... hit 44 of last 95 field goals(.463) since 6-22 start in her career ... twin sister Melissa plays at Detroit-Mercy ... prep coach, Andrea Gorski, played at Bradley ... name pronounced HAIR-ah-kas.

Michelle's Career Bests

Points 15 vs. Bradley (2/3/02)
Rebounds 9 at Evansville (1/17/02)
Assists 2 (five times)
Steals 3 vs. IUPUI (11/29/02)
Blocks 3 vs. Wichita State (1/24/02)
Minutes 37 vs. Indiana State (2/28/02)

2 Desiree Gutierrez Last Game: 5 pts., 2 ast. vs. Illinois (12/1)

5-6 • **Jr.** • **G** • Thornton, Colo. (Thornton/Western Nebraska C.C.)

Collected 6 assists in her first Division I game at WMU (11/23) ... led Western Nebraska to the 2001 National Junior College Athletics Association national tournament. leading her team in assists while averaging 10 points per game ... name pronounced DEZ-uh-ray goo-TARE-ez.

Des' Career Bests

Points 11 vs. IUPUI (11/29/02)
Rebounds 2 at Western Michigan (11/23/02)
Assists 6 at Western Michigan (11/23/02)
Steals 2 vs. Illinois (12/1/02)
Blocks
Minutes 24 vs. Illinois (12/1/02)

3 Sophie Tirtiaux Last Game: 0 pts., 2 reb. vs. Illinois (12/1)

6-1 • **Fr.** • **F** • Andenne, Belgium (Urbana, Ill., H.S.)

Started first college game at Western Michigan (11/23) ... collected 5 rebounds in 8 minutes vs. IUPUI (11/29) ... missed 2001-02 season while recovering from a stress fracture in her leg ... part of Belgian Club Team Championship in 2000 and played for Belgian Junior National Team ... name pronounced TICT-tyew.

Sophie's Career Bests

Points 6 vs. Butler (11/25/02)
Rebounds 5 vs. IUPUI (11/29/02)
Assists 1 (four times)
Steals 1 (twice)
Blocks
Minutes 18 vs. Butler (11/25/02)

4 Taren O'Brien Last Game: 8 pts., 3 stl. vs. Illinois (12/1)

5-7 • **Jr.** • **G** • Savannah, Mo. (Savannah H.S.)

Career-high 21 pts. in season opener at Western Michigan (11/23) included four three-point field goals ... 2001-02 team leader in points and assists ... 67 of last 83 FT (80.7%) including 7-7 vs. IUPUI (11/29) ... 2000-01 team leader in steals ... No. 8 in career 3-point field goals made at ISU ... knee surgery in Jan., 2001, but missed just 3 games ... 1999 National Finalist for Teen Magazine Athlete of the Year ... first name rhymes with "Karen."

Taren's Career Bests

Points 21 at Western Michigan (11/23/02)
Rebounds 7 vs. Western Illinois (12/22/01)
Assists 8 vs. Indiana State (2/16/01)
Steals 4 (twice)
Blocks 1 vs. Murray State (12/1/01)
Minutes 38 at Drake (2/9/02)

10 Katie Donovan Last Game: 2 pts., 3 reb. vs. Illinois (12/1)

6-0 • **So.** • **G** • Kingston, Ontario (St. Thomas Aquinas H.S.)

Missed season-opener at Western Michigan because of stomach ailment ... ISU's leading rebounder in 2001-02 ... had five double-figure rebounding games ... her 2 double-doubles are the most by a Redbird freshman since 1986-87 ... in her first career start, had 15 points and 14 rebounds vs. Louisville ... joined Steph Reichle and Cathy Boswell as the only freshmen to lead the Redbirds in rebounding for a season.

Katie's Career Bests

Points 16 vs. IUPUI (11/29/02)
Rebounds 14 vs. Louisville (11/27/01)
Assists 4 (twice)
Steals 5 vs. SMS (1/26/02)
Blocks 1 vs. Louisville (11/27/01)
Minutes 38 (twice)



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12 Beth Huston Last Game: 0 pts., 0 reb vs. Illinois (12/1)

5-8 • Jr. • G • Port Washington, Wis. (Port Washington H.S.)
Made 8 of 17 from 3-point range over her last 7 games ... in last 15 games, had more assists (19) than turnovers (17) with 9 steals ... has 23 three-pointers and 14 two-point field goals in her career ... made college starting debut with 10 points at Wisconsin-Milwaukee, just minutes away from her hometown ... part of twins (brother, Brandon).

Beth's Career Bests

Points 12 vs. Louisville (11/27/01)
Rebounds 6 at Bradley (1/6/02), at Drake (2/9/02)
Assists 4 (twice)
Steals 3 at Evansville (1/17/02)
Blocks 2 (twice)
Minutes 33 vs. Murray State (12/1/01)

20 Stacey White Last Game: 2 pts., 5 reb. vs. Illinois (12/1)

5-11 • Jr. • F • West Lebanon, Ind. (Seeger Memorial H.S.)
Outstanding 1st half featured 8 reb., 5 ast., 4 pts. vs. IUPUI (11/29) in her first start of the 2002-03 season ... only Redbird to start every game in 2001-02 ... only the fourth different Redbird player to make 30 or more 3-pointers in a season ... No. 9 in career 3-point field goals made (47) ... older sister is ex-Purdue star Stephanie White.

Stacey's Career Bests

Points 19 vs. Evansville (2/15/02)
Rebounds 9 (three times)
Assists 5 vs. IUPUI (11/29/02)
Steals 3 vs. Murray State (12/1/01)
Blocks 2 at Drake (2/9/02)
Minutes 38 vs. Evansville (2/15/02)

21 Stacey Nickerson Last Game: 0 pts., 0 reb vs. IUPUI (11/29)

6-0 • Jr. • F • Washington, Ill. (Washington H.S./Illinois Central CC)
Has 8 assists and just 4 turnovers in 3 seasons at ISU ... averaged 8 minutes per game during last 6 games of 2001-02, most since arriving at ISU ... was offered a college scholarship for rowing out of high school ... played on Illinois Central College team which finished No. 3 at 2000 NJCAA Tournament ... junior college coach was Lorene Ramsey, an Illinois State alum and Hall of Famer.

Stacey's Career Bests

Points 5 at Louisville (12/2/00)
Rebounds 3 (twice)
Assists 1 (eight times)
Steals 2 at Drake (2/9/02)
Blocks none
Minutes 17 at Creighton (2/7/02)

22 Steph Reichle Last Game: 1 pts., 1 reb. vs. Butler (11/25)

5-9 • Sr. • G • Lincoln, Ill. (Lincoln H.S.)
Sidelined by ankle injury until mid-December ... 2001 and 2002 2nd Team Missouri Valley Scholar-Athlete ... 2000 Missouri Valley All-Freshman Team ... 7 assists at WSU (2/24/02) were the most by a Redbird last season ... 17 rebounds vs. Creighton (1/12/02) was No. 2 by an ISU player in Redbird Arena history ... 17 points in 13 minutes vs. Central Michigan (11/25) ... team leader in steals ... name pronounced RIKE-lee.

Steph's Career Bests

Points 24 vs. Western Illinois (11/30/99)
Rebounds 17 vs. Creighton (1/12/02)
Assists 8 vs. Wichita State (1/4/01)
Steals 6 (twice)
Blocks 2 (twice)
Minutes 38 vs. Creighton (1/12/02)

23 Jaci McCormack Last Game: 3 pts., 2 reb. vs. Illinois (12/1)

5-10 • So. • G • Lapwai, Idaho (Lake Oswego, Ore., H.S.)
Matched her career-high with 6 rebounds at Western Michigan (11/23) in her first game back after missing 2001-02 recovering from ankle surgery ... Native American of Nez Perce Tribe was ISU's No. 2 scorer in 2001-02 ... 1997 & 1998 Idaho Prep Player of the Year at Lapwai H.S. ... first name pronounced JACK-ee.

Jaci's Career Bests

Points 18 vs. Bradley (12/30/00)
Rebounds 6 (four times)
Assists 5 vs. Drake (1/14/01)
Steals 3 at Valparaiso (12/22/00)
Blocks 1 vs. Bradley (12/30/00)
Minutes 33 vs. Missouri (12/17/00)



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31 Sharon Blade

Last Game: 0 pts., 0 reb. vs. Illinois (12/1)

6-2 • **□**Sr. • **□**F • Peoria, Ill. (Peoria Central H.S.)

Scored 16 points in 33 minutes in last two games of 2002-03 ... missed 8 games and was limited in others by a 2001-02 foot injury ... matched career high with 9 rebounds at UNI (1/4/02) ... in 2001, she joined Steph Reichle and Cathy Boswell as the only three freshmen in ISU history to lead their teams in scoring ... led 2001 team in blocked shots with 17 ... redshirted in 1999-2000 ... her 22 points in her first collegiate game (at Northern Illinois, 11/17/00) are a Redbird freshman first-game record.

Sharon's Career Bests

Points 25 vs. Bradley (12/30/00)
Rebounds 9 (twice)
Assists 2 (twice)
Steals 2 (seven times)
Blocks 2 (four times)
Minutes 37 at Northern Illinois (11/17/00)

32 Erin Keeney

Last Game: 6 pts., 5 reb vs. Illinois (12/1)

6-2 • **□**So. • **□**F • Alva, Okla. (Alva/Northern Oklahoma JC)

Scored 7 pts. and grabbed 7 rebounds in 1st Division I game vs. WMU (11/22) ... originally signed National Letter of Intent with New Mexico State, but opted for year of junior college instead ... area prep player of the year in 2001 as high schooler, where she led her four prep varsity teams to an 89-10 record ... averaged 12 points and 8 rebounds per game at Northern Oklahoma JC ...

Erin's Career Bests

Points 7 at Western Michigan (11/23/02)
Rebounds 7 at Western Michigan (11/23/02)
Assists 2 vs. Illinois (12/1/02)
Steals 1 at Western Michigan (11/23/02)
Blocks 1 at Western Michigan (11/23/02)
Minutes 29 vs. Illinois (12/1/02)

33 Chris Kutschinski

Last Game: did not play, injured

5-10 • **□**So. • **□**G • Ann Arbor, Mich. (Pioneer H.S.)

Has yet to play in a game because of a chronic back problem ... her entry into last year's game at SIU (1/20/02) began a 7-minute stretch which produced a 20-3 Redbird run fueled by nine Saluki turnovers ... had 2 key second-half baskets in win over Western Illinois (12/22/01) ... also a member of the Redbird track team, she will run middle distances after the basketball season ends ... AAU teammate of Redbird Michelle Harakas ... name pronounced koo-SCHIN-skee.

Chris' Career Bests

Points 4 (four times)
Rebounds 3 vs. Central Michigan (11/25/01)
Assists 2 (three times)
Steals 1 (three times)
Blocks 1 (three times)
Minutes 19 vs. Western Illinois (12/22/01)

34 Sara Stevenson

Last Game: 0 pts., 2 reb. vs. Illinois (12/1)

5-8 • **□**Fr. • **□**G • Olney, Ill. (East Richland H.S.)

No. 4 in Illinois prep history with 274 career three-point field goals ... one of 20 players in Illinois prep history to score 2,500 career points (2,504) ... 2002 Illinois Miss Basketball finalist ... led team to IHSA Class AA Semifinals at Redbird Arena in 2002 ... also a prep track star.

Sara's Career Bests

Points
Rebounds 2 vs. Illinois (12/1/02)
Assists
Steals
Blocks
Minutes 7 vs. Illinois (12/1/02)

42 Zora Skrabalova

Last Game: 10 pts., 14 reb. vs. Illinois (12/1)

6-5 • **□**Jr. • **□**C • Lednice, Czech Republic (Slovanske/NE Colorado JC)

Collected 2 double-doubles in her first 4 Division I games (WMU & IUPUI) ... had 8 rebounds to give ISU a 29-7 1st-half rebounding edge vs. IUPUI (11/29) ... the tallest Redbird player in history was recruited after she led her junior college team to a 53-18 record over two seasons ... led Czech women's league team to a division championship in 2000 with a 24-8 record ... name pronounced ZOHR-ah SKRAH-buh-LO-vuh.

Zora's Career Bests

Points 14 at Western Michigan (11/23/02)
Rebounds 14 vs. Illinois (12/1/02)
Assists 1 (twice)
Steals 2 vs. Illinois (12/1/02)
Blocks 3 vs. Butler (11/25/02)
Minutes 27 vs. IUPUI (11/29/02)