



ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

RedbirdBasketball

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	L, 68-75
12/7	@ Kent State	1:00 p.m.

'Bird Bit: Illinois State hasn't played at Kent State since December 20, 1976. The 'Birds won that contest 73-69.

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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5 GAME

**ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (0-4)**

AT

**KENT STATE GOLDEN FLASHES (3-0)**

Saturday, December 7, 2002 • 1 p.m. CST
MAC Center (6,327) • Kent, Ohio

THE GAME

The Probable Starters:

ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (0-4)

F	2	Gregg Alexander	6-4	195	So.-1L	Lincoln, Ill.	9.5	1.8	0.5
F	21	Marcus Arnold	6-8	225	Fr.-HS	Chicago, Ill.	6.8	3.5	1.3*
C	5	Andy Strandmark	6-11	240	Sr.-3L	Geneseo, Ill.	8.5	5.5	0.8
G	11	Vince Greene	5-9	160	So.-1L	Chicago, Ill.	9.3	2.0	5.5
G	24	Trey Guidry	6-2	185	So.-TR	Baton Rouge, La.	16.8	1.3	1.0

KENT STATE GOLDEN FLASHES (3-0)

F	2	Nate Gerwig	6-9	260	So.-1L	Pittsburgh, Pa.	8.3	2.3	1.3*
F	44	Antonio Gates	6-5	250	Sr.-1L	Detroit, Mich.	23.7	6.0	3.7
G	22	Eric Haut	6-0	195	Jr.-2L	Lansing, Mich.	15.0	2.0	3.3
G	23	DeAndre Haynes	6-2	170	Fr.-HS	Detroit, Mich.	5.3	4.0	6.0
G	32	Anthony Wilkins	6-7	200	Sr.-1L	Cleveland, Ohio	11.3	7.0	2.0

NOTE - (*) indicates blocks per game.

About The Game: The Redbirds make their first trip to the MAC Center in 26 years looking for their first win of the season. Amidst the second-longest losing streak to open a season, the 0-4 Redbirds will face a Kent State team that is one year removed from an Elite Eight appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

Series History: This is the sixth meeting between the two schools with Kent State owning a 3-2 advantage, including victories in the last three meetings. Illinois State has won the only meeting in Kent, with a 73-69 win on Dec. 20, 1976.

Last Meeting: A Redbird scoring drought over the final 6:38 of the first half, fueled a 61-48 Kent State win at Redbird Arena last season. Shawn Jeppson led the Redbirds with 12 points and Baboucarr Bojang was the only other player in double-figures with 11. The 'Birds were held to 18 first-half points, while Kent State's Andrew Mitchell scored 12 of his game-high 17 points in the second half.

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); WFMB (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 48-47 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, 17-19 vs. non-conference foes, 31-13 at home, 12-28 on the road and 5-6 on neutral floors.

Jim Christian (Rhode Island '88) is in his first season at Kent State.



TALE OF THE TAPE



W-L Record	0-4	3-0
ESPN/USA Today	UR	UR
AP Poll	UR	UR
Points Scored	63.8	87.7
Points Allowed	73.8	62.0
Scoring Margin	-10.0	+25.7
FG Percentage	42.5	54.1
Def. FG Percentage	51.2	37.2
3-pt. Percentage	46.3	45.8
Def. 3-pt. Percentage	36.4	25.4
FT Percentage	68.1	64.5
Offensive Rebounds	9.0	11.7
Total Rebounds	27.0	40.0
Rebounding Margin	-7.5	+8.0
Assists	12.5	19.7
Turnover Average	14.3	14.7
Turnover Margin	+1.5	+2.6
Steal Average	3.8	11.7
Block Average	3.5	4.7
Fouls	20.0	19.3

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 Kent State Golden Flashes

- Kent State is located in Kent, Ohio, and has an enrollment of 33,000. The Golden Flashes are members of the Mid-American Conference.
- The Golden Flashes are coming off of an Elite Eight appearance in the 2002 NCAA Tournament.
- The Golden Flashes own a 19-game regular season winning streak, which is tops in the country.
- Kent State was picked to finish third in the MAC East in the preseason poll by the MAC News Media Association behind Ohio and Miami.
- The Golden Flashes finished the 2001-02 season ranked No. 12 in the ESPN/USA Today Top-25 Poll.
- In the last four seasons, Kent State ranks No. 11 nationally with a .763 winning percentage and No. 13 in total victories with 100. During that time, the Golden Flashes have had four straight 20-win seasons.
- Kent State has won 15-straight games at the MAC Center, which is the 12th longest home-winning string in the nation.
- Senior Antonio Gates, who leads the Golden Flashes in scoring with 23.7 points per game, was named to the Preseason All-MAC Team.
- Since the 1998-99 season, the Golden Flashes own a 20-8 mark in the month of December.

Two-Game Road Swing – It's a Long One

The Redbirds are set to embark on one of their longest road swings this season – two games. Following tonight's game at Kent State, the 'Birds will have eight days to prepare before traveling to Western Kentucky. Two more times during the season the 'Birds will play back-to-back games on the road, before the longest road stint of the season – a three-game swing in late February-early March.

Have Finals Will Travel

Following the game at Kent State, the Redbirds will return to Illinois State for a week of final exams. Under head coach **Tom Richardson**, the 'Birds are 2-1 in the game preceding finals week. With wins over Central Michigan and Tennessee-Martin the last two seasons at Redbird Arena and a loss at Creighton in 1999.

The Road to Aberration

There is reason for the disbelief surrounding the Redbirds' 0-4 start to the 2002-03 season. After all in the 33 years of Division I basketball at Illinois State, an 0-4 start has only happened three times. To start the 1990-91 season, the 'Birds opened the campaign with 12-straight losses before finishing with a 5-23 mark.

December Drought

Under head coach **Tom Richardson**, the Redbirds own a 13-10 mark in the month of December. But dating back to last season, the 'Birds have lost four 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 9-3 record.

Big MAC Attack

Playing a league member of the Mid-American Conference is nothing new for Illinois State. Tonight's game will mark the 247th contest against a current affiliate of the MAC. The 'Birds have had their share of success against the MAC with a 151-95 record. The only current member of the 13-team conference that the Redbirds have never faced is Toledo.

A Sl 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.

Kent State Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
11/7	TEAM NIKE (EX.)	W, 87-83
11/13	CZECH SELECT (EX.)	W, 82-52
11/24	URBANA	W, 93-39
11/30	SMS	W, 88-84 ot
12/4	at Rhode Island	W, 82-63
12/7	ILLINOIS STATE	1 p.m.
12/14	at Cleveland State	6 p.m.
12/18	at Chattanooga	6 p.m.
12/21	at St. Bonaventure	1 p.m.
12/28	vs. Boston College ^a	TBA
1/4	EASTERN MICHIGAN*	6 p.m.
1/8	at Miami*	6 p.m.
1/11	BOWLING GREEN*	1 p.m.
1/15	at Buffalo*	6 p.m.
1/18	MARSHALL*	6 p.m.
1/23	at Akron*	6:30 p.m.
1/25	at Toledo*	6 p.m.
1/29	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	6 p.m.
2/1	at Western Michigan*	3 p.m.
2/3	MIAMI*	6 p.m.
2/6	at Bowling Green*	6 p.m.
2/8	NORTHERN ILLINOIS*	1 p.m.
2/12	at Ball State*	6 p.m.
2/15	at Ohio*	TBA
2/18	BUFFALO*	6 p.m.
2/22	ESPN BRACKET BUSTER	TBA
2/25	at Marshall	6:30 p.m.
3/1	AKRON*	6 p.m.
3/8	OHIO*	1 p.m.

All times listed are CST

* Mid-American Conference Game

^a Rock-N-Roll Shootout (Cleveland, Ohio)



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, including Kent State, 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

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

Illinois State heads into tonight's game with at least one made 3-pointer in 88 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 70 of 95 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.

Second-Half Scorchers

Through four games, the Redbird defense has been lit up by opponents in the second half. The 'Birds have offered up final frame field goal percentages like 52.5%, 61.5%, 69.6% and 56.5% in the first four match-ups. Combined, Illinois State foes have shot 56-for-93 in the second half – for an insuperable 60.2 percent.

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 8.5 points and 5.5 boards per game, with three straight double-digit scoring efforts.

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.

THE LAST TIME THEY MET

Illinois State Falls to Kent State, 61-48

NORMAL, ILL. – Andrew Mitchell scored 12 of his game-high 17 points in the second half as Kent State defeated Illinois State 61-48 at Redbird Arena. Shawn Jeppson led the 'Birds in scoring with 12 points.

The Redbirds, 4-7, managed only 18 points in the first half, the total tied the record for least points in a half for Illinois State at Redbird Arena. The other 18-point half performance occurred on January 23, 1993 against Bradley, when Illinois State was outscored 24-18 in the first frame. The 'Birds were unable to generate any points in the final 6:38 of the first half.

Kent State, 5-4, had two other players find double figures with Trevor Huffman scoring 13 and Demetric Shaw chipping in 10. The Golden Flashes were led on the boards by Antonio Gates with 11.

Baboucarr Bojang was the only other Redbird to reach double figures with 11 points. Andy Strandmark had another great performance off the bench for Illinois State leading the team in rebounding with seven.

Kent State 61, ILLINOIS STATE 48

December 22, 2001 • Normal, Ill.

Kent State	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Gerwig (F)	21	0-2	0-0	2-3	0	2	0
Gates (F)	30	1-5	1-2	5-11	3	4	3
Shaw (G)	24	3-6	2-2	2-5	2	2	10
Mitchell (G)	32	8-13	1-1	0-2	2	2	17
Huffman (G)	34	5-16	2-2	0-3	4	1	13
Merritt	2	0-1	1-2	1-1	0	0	1
Haut	15	3-6	0-0	0-1	0	0	8
Wilkins	5	0-2	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Bedford	7	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	2	0
Thomas	21	2-2	0-0	2-3	0	1	5
Edwards	9	1-2	2-2	1-1	0	4	4
Totals	200	23-56	9-11	13-35	11	19	61

Team Pct.: FG – .411; FT – .818

3-Pt.: 6-20, .300 (Shaw 2-3, Mitchell 0-3, Huffman 1-7, Haut 2-4, Wilkins 0-2, Thomas 1-1)

Blocks: 1 (Gates 1)

Turnovers: 11 (Gerwig 1, Gates 2, Shaw 2, Mitchell 3, Huffman 3)

Steals: 5 (Gerwig 1, Gates 2, Mitchell 1, Wilkins 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander (F)	23	1-3	0-1	0-4	1	1	2
Williams (F)	10	0-2	0-0	1-1	0	3	0
Bojang (C)	31	4-8	3-4	2-6	0	4	11
Greene (G)	20	0-8	2-2	0-0	4	0	2
Rice (G)	23	1-1	0-0	0-0	4	1	3
Strandmark	23	2-5	2-3	2-7	0	0	6
Jeppson	27	4-7	0-0	0-1	0	0	12
Mazanowski	5	0-0	0-0	3-3	0	1	0
Ford	27	2-5	3-4	0-1	4	4	9
Reid	10	1-1	1-3	0-2	0	2	3
Gillan	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	15-40	11-17	8-30	13	16	48

Team Pct.: FG – .375; FT – .647

3-Pt.: 7-17, .412 (Alexander 0-2, Greene 0-4, Rice 1-1, Jeppson 4-7, Ford 2-3)

Blocks: 1 (Reid 1)

Turnovers: 19 (Alexander 1, Williams 1, Bojang 1, Greene 3, Rice 4, Strandmark 1, Ford 5, Reid 3)

Steals: 1 (Mazanowski 1)

Officials: Dave Draucker, Joe Ponsetto, Brian Roberson

Attendance: 4,802

Halftime Score: Kent State 29, ILLINOIS STATE 18



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	10

Career Blocked Shots Leaders

1. LeRoy Watkins (1996-99)	143
8. Dan Muller (1994-98)	57
Hank Cornley (1980-84)	57
– Andy Strandmark (1999-)	43

Career Minutes Averaged Leader

1. Tarise Bryson (1998-02)	34.1
2. Dan Muller (1994-98)	32.6
3. Gregg Alexander (2001-)	32.0
4. Michael McKenny (1981-85)	31.8

CAREER STARTS/GAMES

No.	Player	Illinois St.	
		GP	GS
1	Chris Burras	4	0
2	Gregg Alexander	35	34
3	Dana Ford	4	0
5	Andy Strandmark	90	25
10	Kevin Troc	4	1
11	Vince Greene	35	6
21	Marcus Arnold	4	3
23	Baboucarr Bojang	35	31
24	Trey Guidry	4	3
34	Kenneth Hill	0	0
40	Casey Reid	35	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	1	0	1.000	5	0	1.000
2. S. Illinois	0	0	.000	3	0	1.000
3. Drake	0	0	.000	3	3	.500
Evansville	0	0	.000	2	2	.500
Wichita State	0	0	.000	2	2	.500
6. Indiana State	0	0	.000	2	3	.400
7. Bradley	0	0	.000	1	2	.333
SMS	0	0	.000	1	2	.333
9. Illinois State	0	0	.000	0	4	.000
10. Northern Iowa	0	1	.000	2	2	.500

*Through games of Dec. 4

A League of Their Own

For a second-straight season, Illinois State's 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.

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 last season to meet NCAA transfer rules. The North Carolina State transfer was a spot starter in 2000-01 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.

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.

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 6-5 record when playing on December 7, one of Illinois State's six wins happened in 1982 and it is today's Redbird Flashback: **Dec. 7, 1982 • Normal, Ill.** – Illinois State claims its first win over DePaul since 1908 with a 72-62 victory in front of a standing room only crowd at Horton Field House. With the game tied 26-26 at the intermission, the Redbirds stormed out in the second half with a 15-7 run to take a 41-33 lead. But with 5:20 left in the contest, the Blue Demons bounced back to take a 53-52 edge. Knotted at 56-56, the 'Birds finished with a 16-6 spurt, including two baskets from Raynard Malaine and a 12-for-14 effort from the charity stripe. Rick Lamb led all scorers with 23 points and added 11 boards. Dwayne Tyus tossed in 15 points for the 'Birds, while Michael McKenny and Hank Cornley each added 11 tallies. Malaine chipped in 10. DePaul's Tyrone Corbin was held to six points on 2-for-7 shooting.



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, 10r) vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02
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. Shedrick Ford (11-13) vs. S. Illinois, 2-16-02
Opponent Mike Manciel (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

TEAM

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. Chattanooga (.520, 26-50), 12-2-02

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	26-8
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	71-89

ILLINOIS STATE'S 2002-03 RECORD WHEN

Overall	0-4	ISU Scores 60 or More	0-3
Missouri Valley Conference	0-0	ISU Scores less than 60	0-1
Playing Nationally Ranked Teams	0-0	Opponent Scores 100 or More	0-0
Leading at the Half	0-1	Opponent Scores 90 or More	0-0
Trailing at the Half	0-3	Opponent Scores 80 or More	0-0
Tied at the Half	0-0	Opponent Scores 70 or More	0-3
Leading with 5:00 to Play	0-0	Opponent Scores 60 or More	0-4
Trailing with 5:00 to Play	0-4	Opponent Scores less than 60	0-0
Tied with 5:00 to Play	0-0	In Games Decided by 5 or less	0-1
In Overtime	0-0	In Games Decided by 6-10 Points	0-1
ISU out-rebounds opponent	0-0	In Games Decided by 11-20 Points	0-2
Opponents out-rebounds ISU	0-3	In Games Decided by 21+ Points	0-0
ISU has 15 or fewer Turnovers	0-2	Day Games	0-0
ISU has fewer Turnovers than opp.	0-2	Night Games	0-4
ISU shoots 50 Percent or Better	0-1	Home Court	0-3
ISU shoots 40 Percent or Better	0-2	Away Games	0-1
Opponents shoot less than 40 Percent	0-0	Neutral Games	0-0
Opponents shot 40 Percent or Better	0-4	When ISU Scores First	0-2
ISU shoots better than Opponent	0-1	When ISU Wins Tip	0-1
Opponent shoots better than ISU	0-3	In November	0-2
ISU has more FG Attempts	0-4	In December	0-2
Opponent has more FG Attempts	0-0	In January	0-0
ISU Shoots better than 35% on 3's	0-4	In February	0-0
ISU Attempts more 3's	0-2	In March	0-0
Opponents Attempt more 3's	0-2	On Sunday	0-0
ISU has more FT Attempts	0-0	On Monday	0-1
Opponent has more FT Attempts	0-4	On Tuesday	0-1
ISU Scores 100 or More	0-0	On Wednesday	0-0
ISU Scores 90 or More	0-0	On Thursday	0-0
ISU Scores 80 or More	0-0	On Friday	0-0
ISU Scores 70 or More	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 (0-2)
(L) – Illinois-Chicago, Chattanooga

FIRST POINTS:

Strandmark 2, Arnold 2

DOUBLE-DIGIT SCORERS (13):

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

DOUBLE-DIGIT REBOUNDING (1):

Bojang 1

LEADING SCORER:

Guidry 3, Alexander 1, Greene 1

LEADING REBOUNDER:

Strandmark 2, Bojang 2

DOUBLE-DOUBLES (1):

Bojang 1

DUNKS (2):

Reid 1, Strandmark 1

FIRST SUBSTITUTION:

Bojang 2, Reid 1, Strandmark 1

CHARGES DRAWN (2):

Strandmark 1, Alexander 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
- 33, Vince Greene vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02
- 32, Trey Guidry vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02
- 30, Baboucarr Bojang vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02

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	2-2-2*	3-2-0*	15-10-1	2-3-0	6-2-1	DNP
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						

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
Chattanooga	0-0-8*	26-1-0*	DNP	0-0-0	11-5-0*	3-0-2
at Kent State						
at Western Kentucky						
Jacksonville						
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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	75	26-50	.520	7-20	.350	16-19	.842	11-23-34	19	10	18	7	2	36
@ Illinois State	68	26-62	.419	5-12	.417	11-14	.786	13-15-28	21	14	10	5	4	28

Illinois State
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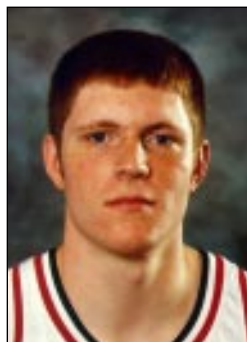
Evansville
@ Illinois State

Illinois State
@ TBA

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@ 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	2	0	0	5	0	0	12
Chattanooga	27	1-7	0-2	0-0	2	3	2	0	0	0	2

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Jammed his left thumb late in the Illinois-Chicago game and was 1-for-7 from the floor against Chattanooga.
- Has hit 8 of his last 16 trey attempts.
- Posted a game-high 18 points at Central Michigan on 4-for-6 shooting on treys. It marked the fifth time in his career that he made four or more threes in a game.
- Didn't attempt a shot in the first half against Utah State and finished with six points on 2-for-6 shooting.
- Seven points and three boards against EA Sports.
- Had eight points, four steals and three rebounds in exhibition against SIU-Edwardsville. Shot 3-for-6 from the field, including 2-of-3 from 3-point range.
- Posted three points in the Red-White scrimmage.
- One of three captains voted by the team.

- 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*

* 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	2 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02
Steals	2 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Blocks	0
Minutes	33 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02

ALEXANDER'S CAREER STATISTICS

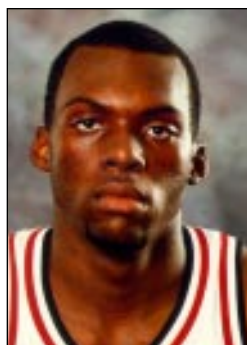
YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
01-02	31-30	1004	112-254	.441	58-148	.392	28-37	.757	22-78	100	3.2	64	37	0	40	310	10.0
02-03	4-4	116	14-33	.424	10-21	.476	0-0	.000	1-6	7	1.8	2	9	0	3	38	9.5
Total	35-34	1120	126-287	.439	68-169	.402	28-37	.757	23-84	107	3.1	66	46	0	43	348	9.9

ALEXANDER'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
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 KENT STATE

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
	1-1	23	1-3	.333	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-4	4	4.0	1	1	0	0	2	2.0



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	11	1-1	0-0	1-2	2	3	0	1	1	0	3

- 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*

* Missouri Valley Conference game

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	4-3	78	11-19	.579	0-0	.000	5-10	.500	8-6	14	3.5	2	4	5	0	27	6.8

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Has started the last three 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.



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	29	1-4	0-0	0-2	5	3	1	2	0	0	2
• Utah State	21	2-5	0-0	0-0	0	5	2	1	0	0	4
• at Central Michigan	27	0-6	0-0	4-5	4	3	2	3	1	1	4
• Illinois-Chicago	30	4-10	0-0	7-8	10	1	1	3	1	0	15
• Chattanooga											
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• Southern Illinois*											

* Missouri Valley Conference game

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Coming off of his first double-double of the season with 15 points and 10 rebounds against Chattanooga.
- Has been battling tendonitis in his right hand that has resulted in 7-for-25 shooting on the season.
- Posted his first career game without a rebound at Central Michigan and his first without a field goal against Illinois-Chicago.
- Had a career-low two points against Utah State.
- Tallied a double-double against EA Sports with 15 points and 10 rebounds.
- Finished with 14 points on 6-for-8 shooting along with six boards against SIU-Edwardsville.
- Named to the Preseason All-Missouri Valley Conference Team.
- Posted nine points in the Red-White game.
- One of three team captains as voted by peers.

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	15 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02
Rebounds	10 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02
Assists	2, twice
Steals	1 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Blocks	1, twice
Minutes	30 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02

BOJANG'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
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	4-2	107	7-25	.280	0-0	.000	11-15	.733	8-11	19	4.8	6	9	2	1	25	6.3
Total	35-31	1078	165-364	.453	0-0	.000	104-143	.727	83-173	256	7.3	35	83	11	31	434	12.4

BOJANG'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
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 KENT STATE

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
	1-1	31	4-8	.500	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	2-4	6	6.0	0	1	0	0	11	11.0



1 • Chris Burras

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



2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Utah State	6	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
at Central Michigan	9	1-3	0-0	0-0	4	3	1	2	0	1	2
Illinois-Chicago	6	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Chattanooga	13	1-7	0-0	0-0	3	2	0	1	0	0	2
at Kent State											
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at Indiana State*											
Southern Illinois*											

* Missouri Valley Conference game

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Coming off of a 1-for-7 effort against Chattanooga for two points in 13 minutes.
- Collected two points and four boards at Central Michigan in nine minutes.
- Posted five points and five rebounds against EA Sports.
- Scored 10 points in the Red-White scrimmage.
- Came off the bench to score 12 points in the 'Birds exhibition win over SIU-Edwardsville. Added two steals and two assists in 20 minutes.

BURRAS' CAREER HIGHS

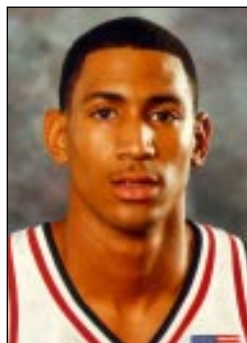
Points	2, twice
Rebounds	4 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02
Assists	1 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02
Steals	1 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02
Blocks	None
Minutes	13 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02

BURRAS' SEASON HIGHS

Points	2, twice
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	13 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02

BURRAS' 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	4-0	34	2-12	.167	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	6-5	11	2.8	1	4	0	1	4	1.0



• 2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FTA	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Utah State	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
at Central Michigan	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Illinois-Chicago	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Chattanooga	17	3-4	0-0	0-1	2	2	1	1	2	2	6

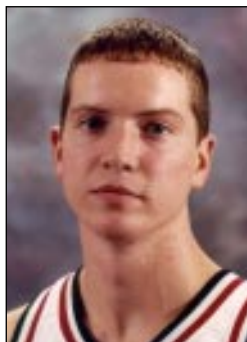
- Career night to date against Chattanooga with six points, two rebounds, two steals and two blocks in 17 minutes.
- Has played in all three games for a combined 13 minutes and has recorded a rebound in each contest.
- Saw eight minutes of action against EA Sports without a point. Added one board, one 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.

- SMS*
 - at Southern Illinois*
 - at Northern Iowa*
 - Creighton*
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 - Wichita State*
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 - Indiana State*
 - at Bradley*
 - Drake*
 - Evansville*
 - at TBA
 - at Drake*
 - at Indiana State*
 - Southern Illinois*
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- * Missouri Valley Conference game

Points	6 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02
Rebounds	2 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02
Assists	1 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02
Steals	2 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02
Blocks	2 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02
Minutes	17 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02

Points	6 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02
Rebounds	2 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02
Assists	1 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02
Steals	2 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02
Blocks	2 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02
Minutes	17 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02

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	4-0	30	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	3-2	5	1.3	1	2	2	2	6	1.5



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											Did Not Play
at Kent State											
at Western Kentucky											
Jacksonville											
Northern Illinois											
SMS*											
at Southern Illinois*											
at Northern Iowa*											
Creighton*											
at SMS*											
Wichita State*											
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Bradley*											
at Wichita State*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Drake*											
Evansville*											
at TBA											
at Drake*											
at Indiana State*											
Southern Illinois*											
* Missouri Valley Conference game											

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

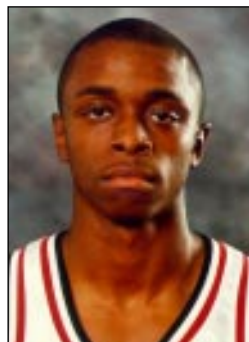
Points	0
Rebounds	0
Assists	0
Steals	0
Blocks	0
Minutes	0

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	33	0-8	0-4	0-0	0	1	8	1	0	1	0
at Kent State											
at Western Kentucky											
Jacksonville											
Northern Illinois											
SMS*											
at Southern Illinois*											
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Evansville*											
at TBA											
at Drake*											
at Indiana State*											
Southern Illinois*											

* Missouri Valley Conference game

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Had a career-best eight assists with only one turnover against Chattanooga, but shot 0-for-8 from the floor.
- Matched his career-high with 14 points against UIC. Also dished out 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 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Rebounds	3, twice
Assists	8 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02
Steals	1, twice
Blocks	0
Minutes	33, twice

GREENE'S SEASON HIGHS

Points	14 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Rebounds	3, twice
Assists	8 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02
Steals	1, twice
Blocks	0
Minutes	33, twice

GREENE'S CAREER STATISTICS

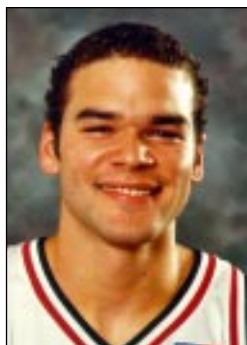
YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
01-02	31-2	472	43-123	.350	23-55	.418	36-42	.857	4-18	22	0.7	58	52	1	15	145	4.7
02-03	4-4	121	14-38	.368	5-15	.333	4-4	1.000	1-7	8	2.0	22	13	0	3	37	9.3
Total	35-6	593	57-161	.354	28-70	.400	40-46	.870	5-25	30	0.9	80	63	1	18	182	5.2

GREENE'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
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 KENT STATE

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
	1-1	20	0-8	.000	0-4	.000	2-2	1.000	0-0	0	0.0	4	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	2	0	0	1	0	0	7
Illinois-Chicago	33	4-17	4-12	2-2	0	3	3	1	0	2	14
Chattanooga	32	11-15	4-5	0-0	1	4	0	2	0	1	26
at Kent State											
at Western Kentucky											
Jacksonville											
Northern Illinois											
SMS*											
at Southern Illinois*											
at Northern Iowa*											
Creighton*											
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Evansville*											
at TBA											
at Drake*											
at Indiana State*											
Southern Illinois*											

* Missouri Valley Conference game

GUIDRY'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	26 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02
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 SEASON HIGHS

Points	26 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02
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

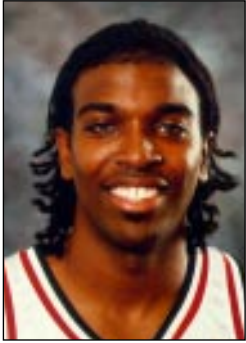
GUIDRY'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	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	4-3	124	25-56	.446	15-30	.500	2-2	1.000	0-5	5	1.3	4	7	1	3	67	16.8
Total	29-9	365	52-125	.416	34-74	.459	7-11	.636	4-22	26	0.9	13	21	2	11	145	5.0

* At North Carolina State

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Tossed in a career-high 26 points against Chattanooga with a 4-for-5 effort from behind the arc.
- Poured in a team-high 20 points in the opener against Utah State with six treys.
- Played 19 minutes against EA Sports with seven points.
- His left foot was placed in a cast as a precautionary measure to heal a slight stress fracture. As a result, he did not play in the first exhibition.
- Scored a game-high 22 points in the Red-White game powered by six 3-pointers.



34 • Kenneth Hill



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

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Saw three minutes of action against SIU-Edwardsville, but did not attempt a shot. Grabbed one board.
- Registered four points in the Red-White scrimmage.

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					Did Not Play						
at Kent State											
at Western Kentucky											
Jacksonville											
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HILL'S CAREER HIGHS

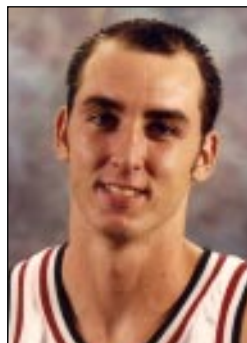
Points	0
Rebounds	0
Assists	0
Steals	0
Blocks	0
Minutes	0

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	O-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

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
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	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Kent State											
at Western Kentucky											
Jacksonville											
Northern Illinois											
SMS*											
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Evansville*											
at TBA											
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

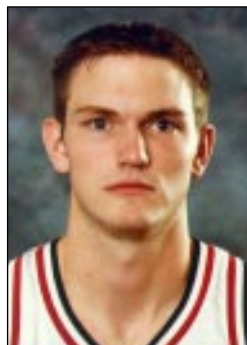
YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
01-02	31-3	391	31-62	.500	0-1	.000	13-21	.619	20-55	75	2.4	20	22	12	7	75	2.4
02-03	4-0	36	5-7	.714	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	1	0.3	1	1	1	1	10	2.5
Total	35-3	427	36-69	.522	0-1	.000	13-21	.619	20-56	76	2.2	21	23	13	8	85	2.4

REID'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
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 KENT STATE

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	10	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	1-3	.333	0-2	2	2.0	0	3	1	0	3	3.0



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	8	3	1	3	0	0	10
• Chattanooga	24	4-8	0-0	3-3	5	3	0	1	1	0	11
• at Kent State											
• at Western Kentucky											
• Jacksonville											
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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, twice
Rebounds	8 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Assists	1, three times
Steals	1 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02
Blocks	1, twice
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	4-3	94	12-24	.500	0-0	.000	10-15	.667	4-18	22	5.5	3	4	2	1	34	8.5
Total	90-25	1180	97-227	.427	0-0	.000	57-85	.671	69-202	271	3.0	35	65	43	21	251	2.8

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 KENT STATE

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	23	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	2-5	7	7.0	0	1	0	0	6	6.0



10 • Kevin Troc

Freshman • 6-4 • 190 • Guard • Lockport, Ill. (Lockport)



2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
• Opponent											
• 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	10	1-2	1-1	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	0	10

- at Kent State
- at Western Kentucky
- Jacksonville
- Northern Illinois
- SMS*
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- Southern Illinois*

* Missouri Valley Conference game

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Hit his first career three-pointer against Chattanooga.
- 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	3 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02
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	3 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02
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	4-1	60	3-7	.429	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	2-7	9	2.3	8	3	1	0	7	1.8



EXHIBITION 1

Greene Leads 'Birds in Exhibition Win

NORMAL, Ill. – 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.

Baboucarr 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 0-1, 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 Litzelfelner

Attendance: 4,049

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 45, SIU-Edwardsville 24

EXHIBITION 2

ISU Drops Second Exhibition to EA Sports

NORMAL, Ill. – 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 Baboucarr 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 at 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, Arnold 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, Ill. – 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

November 23, 2002 • Redbird Arena

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
Penigar	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 2, Bojang 2, Greene 4, Guidry 3, Ford 1, Arnold 1)

Steals: 2 (Alexander 2)

Officials: Eddie Jackson, Steve Morris, Tim Hutchinson

Attendance: 7,948

Halftime Score: Utah State 32, ILLINOIS STATE 22



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 Mancieli 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
November 26, 2002 • Rose Arena

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
Mancieli, 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 (Mancieli 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, Mancieli 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 3

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
November 30, 2002 • Redbird Arena

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

GAME 4

Illinois State Falls to 0-4

NORMAL, Ill. – Trey Guidry had a career-high 26 points and Baboucar Bojang posted his first double-double of the season, but Illinois State could not get its first win falling to Chattanooga 75-68 in non-conference college hoops action tonight at Redbird Arena.

Bojang finished with a season-high 15 points and 10 rebounds, while Andy Strandmark tied his season-best mark with 11 points. Guidry shot 11-for-15 (.733), including 4-for-5 from beyond the arc. The Redbirds had only 10 turnovers and 28 rebounds in the game, their best marks of the young season.

Chattanooga (4-1) was led by Jason Rogan with 22 points, while Tim Parker contributed 17 points, including four three-pointers. Ray Trowell and Ashley Champion were the other two Mocs to score in double figures with 13 and 11 points respectively. Chattanooga was able to overcome 18 turnovers to get the win.

Illinois State (0-4) appeared destined for a slow start, managing only one field goal in the game's first six and a half minutes and staring at an 11-4 deficit. However, a huge block by true freshman Dana Ford got the 'Birds rolling in transition and Bojang capitalized with a thunderous, one-handed dunk with 13:12 remaining in the first half.

The dunk sparked an 11-0 Redbird run that erased the Chattanooga lead and gave Illinois State its first of the game. The Mocs recovered with an 8-0 run of their own, capped by back-to-back three-pointers from Parker. The Redbirds were able to keep the game close with lay-ups by Arnold and Guidry, but the Mocs used a 9-0 run late in the period to take an 11-point lead at 34-23, its largest of the half.

A Kevin Troc three-pointer and a fast-break lay-up off his own steal by Ford in the final two minutes helped chip into the Chattanooga lead and made the score 36-28 at halftime.

The Mocs got five quick points in the opening minute of the second half to take a 13-point lead at 41-28, but the Redbirds went on a 23-10 surge over the next ten and a half minutes led by 10 points by Guidry. With the Chattanooga offense struggling, Illinois State was able to finally take back the lead at 53-52 off a lay-up by Bojang with 8:43 remaining in the game.

Chattanooga 75, ILLINOIS STATE 68
December 2, 2002 • Redbird Arena

Chattanooga	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Champion, f	26	5-8	1-2	2-7	2	3	11
Morgan, c	19	1-3	2-2	2-4	0	4	4
Parker, g	37	5-9	3-3	0-4	0	1	17
Trowell, g	29	5-7	2-4	0-1	5	3	13
Rogan, g	30	7-14	6-6	4-8	2	2	22
Pugh	13	1-2	0-0	1-1	0	1	2
Richardson	9	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Hood	6	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Matthews	9	0-1	2-2	0-1	0	1	2
Harris	22	2-3	0-0	2-5	1	3	4
Totals	200	26-50	16-19	11-34	10	19	75

Team Pct.: FG – .520; FT – .842

3-Pt.: 7-20, .350 (Parker 4-7, Trowell 1-3, Rogan 2-6, Richardson 0-2, Hood 0-1, Matthews 0-1)

Blocks: 7 (Morgan 4, Pugh 1, Harris 2)

Turnovers: 18 (Champion 1, Morgan 3, Parker 1, Trowell 6, Rogan 2, Pugh 3, Richardson 1, Matthews 1)

Steals: 2 (Parker 1, Rogan 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander, f	27	1-7	0-0	0-2	2	3	2
Arnold, f	11	1-1	1-2	2-2	0	3	3
Strandmark, c	24	4-8	3-3	0-5	0	3	11
Greene, g	33	0-8	0-0	0-0	8	1	0
Guidry, g	32	11-15	0-0	0-1	0	4	26
Burras	13	1-7	0-0	2-3	0	2	2
Ford	17	3-4	0-1	2-2	1	2	6
Troc	10	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	2	3
Bojang	30	4-10	7-8	6-10	1	1	15
Reid	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	26-62	11-14	13-28	14	21	68

Team Pct.: FG – .419; FT – .786

3-Pt.: 5-12, .417 (Alexander 0-2, Greene 0-4, Guidry 4-5, Troc 1-1)

Blocks: 5 (Arnold 1, Strandmark 1, Ford 2, Bojang 1)

Turnovers: 10 (Arnold 1, Strandmark 1, Greene 1, Guidry 2, Burras 1, Ford 1, Bojang 3)

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

Officials: Mike Sanzere, Sam Banks, Ed Hightower

Attendance: 5,444

Halftime Score: Chattanooga 36, ILLINOIS STATE 28