



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	(L 55-72)
Sat.	Dec. 7	at Northern Illinois	(L 48-80)
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	<i>Quarterfinals</i>	
Fri.	March 14	<i>Semifinals</i>	6:30 p.m.
Sat.	March 15	<i>Championship</i>	3 p.m.

• Missouri Valley Conference games
home games in red/bold

The Coaches

• **Jenny Yopp, Illinois State.** She is 59-107 in her seventh season as a college head coach, 19-67 in her fourth season in Normal.

• **George Wolfe, Portland State.** Jenny Yopp's successor at PSU is 26-64 in his fourth season as a head coach, all with the Vikings.

• **Jim Sollars, Portland.** He is 242-224 in his 17th season in Portland, 419-306 in his 27th season as a college head coach.

Series Stuff

• **Redbirds vs. Portland State.** The Redbirds and Vikings have never met.

• **Redbirds vs. Portland.** The Redbirds have beaten the Pilots in the only previous meeting between the Redbirds and Pilots, with ISU taking an 81-62 decision in a tournament in Hawaii Dec. 5, 1992.

• Illinois State at Portland State (2-2)

9 p.m., Friday, Dec. 20, 2002, Peter W. Stott Center, Portland, Ore.

• Illinois State at Portland (2-4)

3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 22, 2002, Chiles Center, Portland, Ore.

The Redbirds

"Pacesetters"

Pos.No.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	PPG	Reb.	Ast.
F 00	Michelle Harakas *	6-0	So.	Redford, MI	6.2	1.7	0.8
F 20	Stacey White **	5-11	Jr.	West Lebanon, IN	5.0	5.2	1.5
C 42	Zora Skrabalova	6-5	Jr.	Lednice, Czech Republic	8.0	8.5	0.8 blks.
G 2	Desiree Gutierrez	5-6	Jr.	Thornton, CO	3.5	1.5	2.0
G 4	Taren O'Brien **	5-7	So.	Savannah, MO	10.2	1.5	3.0

Off the Bench

F 3	Sophie Tirtiaux	6-1	Fr.	Andenne, Belgium	2.0	3.2	0.8
G 10	Katie Donovan *	6-0	So.	Kingston, Ontario	6.4	3.8	1.6
G 12	Beth Huston **	5-8	Jr.	Port Washington, WI	0.3	0.0	0.0
F 21	Stacey Nickerson **	6-0	Sr.	Washington, IL	1.0	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	7.2	2.2	1.5
F 31	Sharon Blade **	6-2	Sr.	Peoria, IL	7.0	3.0	0.8
F 32	Erin Keeney	6-2	So.	Alva, OK	5.5	4.3	0.7
G 33	Chris Kutschinski *	5-10	So.	Ann Arbor, MI	--	--	--
G 34	Sara Stevenson	5-8	Fr.	Olney, IL	0.0	0.4	0.0

(* - denotes letters earned)

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

ATHLETIC TRAINER: Yvonne Logan **HEAD MANAGER:** Andrew Knarr

Better Defense

Since allowing a red-hot Western Michigan team to shoot 52 percent from the field, Illinois State has limited its last five opponents to 39.7 percent field goal shooting.

For Non-Starters

A total of 180 of Illinois State's 362 points (49.7 percent) scored in the Redbirds' first six games were scored by non-starters.

Lots of Weapons

In the first five games of the season, eight different Illinois State players had at least one game in double figures scoring. Six different players either led, or tied for the lead, in scoring in at least one of the first five games.

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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	0-3
Play Neutral	0-0
Play a Daytime Game	0-3
Play at Night	1-2
Play on Monday	0-1
Play on Tuesday	0-0
Play on Wednesday	0-0
Play on Thursday	0-1
Play on Friday	1-0
Play on Saturday	0-2
Play on Sunday	0-1
Lead at halftime	1-1
Trail at halftime	0-4
Shoot better FG Pct.	1-3
Shoot worse FG Pct.	0-2
Make more 3-pointers	1-1
Make the same No. of 3-pointers	0-1
Make fewer 3-pointers	0-3
Out-rebound opponent	1-2
Opponent out-rebounds 'Birds	0-2
Commit more turnovers	1-4
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	1-3
Score 59 or less	0-4
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	0-3
Game goes to overtime	0-0

Reichle, Kutschinski Sidelined; McCormack Expected Back

Senior Steph Reichle, a team leader in her first three seasons at Illinois State, is sidelined by a recurring ankle injury which likely will hold her out of action into the first part of the conference season. Sophomore Chris Kutschinski has been out of action all season because of recurring back problems. Sophomore Jaci McCormack is expected back for the Portland trip after undergoing a procedure to relieve problems in her surgically-repaired right ankle.

Bouncing Back from the Arc

Illinois-Chicago became just the second team (Bradley in 2002 was the other) in the Jenny Yopp era at Illinois State to hold the Redbirds without a three-point field goal for an entire game. But, two days later, the 'Birds hit 6 of 15 (40 percent) at Northern Illinois.

Against Oregon

The Redbirds are meeting Portland State for the first time, and won their only previous meeting with Portland. Illinois State has met teams from Oregon on seven occasions and have a 3-4 record (1-0 vs. Portland, 1-2 vs. Oregon, 1-2 vs. Oregon State).

Nothing's Free

Illinois State opponents have gone to the free throw line 110 times in the past four games (27.5 per game) to just 76 times (19.0) for the Redbirds in those four games.

Zora Hits the Mark

Six games into the season, Zora Skrabalova (22-42, .524) is bidding to become the first Redbird player in five years to shoot better than 50 percent for the season. 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 opened in January 1989.

Richie's Ratings Like Schedule

According to last week's women's basketball RPI produced by Richie Summerville, the Redbird non-conference schedule has some muscle--ranked No. 80 in the nation. Four of the nine Illinois State non-league opponents are in the top 100 (Illinois, Indiana, Portland and Northern Illinois). As a conference, the Missouri Valley ranks No. 9. Only Creighton (77) has a higher-ranked non-conference schedule than the Redbirds.

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.	51	Taren O'Brien (2000-)
8.	50	Stacy Griffin (1993-97)
9.	47	Stacey White (2000-)
10.	44	Kellie Johnson (1997-01)

ISU Career 3-Pt. FG Pct.

Rank	Pct. (Ma-Att)	Name (Years)
1.	.437 (205-469)	Jenny Schmidt (1995-99)
2.	.423 (129-305)	Cindy Kaufmann (1987-91)
3.	.379 (31-82)	Tami Baalke (1989-93)
4.	.378 (17-45)	Pam Tanner (1985-89)
5.	.375 (24-64)	Jaci McCormack (2000-)
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.	.314 (47-151)	Stacey White (2000-)
10.	.308 (44-143)	Kellie Johnson (1997-01)

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



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Redbird Review (1-5)

• Illinois-Chicago 72, Illinois State 55

Thursday, Dec. 5, 2002, UIC Pavilion, Chicago, Ill. Sharon Blade and Erin Keeney each came off the bench to score 13 points and Blade added a season-best 8 rebounds, but that couldn't stop the Flames from using an 18-1 second-half run to get a 20-point second-half lead and ride it to a victory. Illinois State shot better than UIC, but couldn't overcome 16 second-half turnovers on the way to just its second loss in 13 games in the series with Illinois-Chicago.

• Northern Illinois 80, Illinois State 48

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2002, Convocation Center, DeKalb, Ill.

The Redbirds fell behind by 24 points at halftime, but were back in the game trailing 55-46 with 8 minutes left. But NIU controlled that final eight minutes, scoring the last 20 points of the game as ISU was scoreless in the last six minutes after Taren O'Brien scored 17 and Sharon Blade added 11.

Only the Second Time

For just the second time in Jenny Yopp's 85 games as Redbird head coach, Illinois State did not make a single three-point shot in the game at Illinois-Chicago (12/5). The only other game in the last four seasons where the 'Birds didn't make a three-pointer was Feb. 3, 2002 vs. Bradley at Redbird Arena.

High Scoring

With 79 points against Western Michigan and 77 against IUPUI, the Redbirds have topped the 75-point mark twice in their first six 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 ...

Six games into the season, the Redbirds have 11 players averaging 10 or more minutes and just one (junior guard Taren O'Brien with 30.2) averaging more than 22 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.

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 On Three-Point List

As juniors, Taren O'Brien (51) and Stacey White (47) both are listed in the top 10 three-point shooters in Redbird history. O'Brien is No. 7, having passed Stacy Griffin in the NIU game, and White is No. 9 on the all-time list, led by Jenny Schmidt (1995-99). Jaci McCormack (.375) is No. 5 on the career three-point field goal percentage list (see box on previous page).

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.

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

Missouri Valley Standings

(through 12/8/02)

Rank, Team	Valley	All
1. Indiana State	0-0	3-0
2. Drake	0-0	5-2
3. Wichita State	0-0	4-2
Bradley	0-0	4-2
5. Creighton	0-0	3-2
Northern Iowa	0-0	3-2
Southern Illinois	0-0	3-2
8. Evansville	0-0	3-3
Southwest Missouri State	0-0	2-2
10. Illinois State	0-0	1-5



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00 Michelle Harakas Last Game: 0 pts., 1 ast. at NIU (12/7)

6-0 • So. • 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 45 of last 100 field goals (.450) 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: 0 pts., 1 ast. at NIU (12/7)

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 29 at Illinois-Chicago (12/5/02)

3 Sophie Tirtiaux Last Game: 2 pts., 1 reb. at UIC (12/5)

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: 17 pts., 1 reb. at NIU (12/7)

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 ... 72 of last 91 FT (79.1%) including 7-7 vs. IUPUI (11/29) ... 2000-01 team leader in steals ... one of only 7 ISU players with 50 or more career 3-point field goals ... 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: 0 pts., 0 reb. at NIU (12/7)

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 (three times)
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., 1 block at NIU (12/7)

5-8 • **Jr.** • **G** • Port Washington, Wis. (Port Washington H.S.)
Made 8 of 17 from 3-point range over her last 9 games ... in last 17 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: 4 pts., 7 reb. at NIU (12/7)

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) ... 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 (48) ... 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: 3 pts., 0 reb vs. NIU (12/7)

6-0 • **Jr.** • **F** • Washington, Ill. (Washington H.S./Illinois Central CC)
Made her first shot of the 2002-03 season, a 3-pointer at NIU (12/7) ... has 8 assists and just 5 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: 8 pts., 2 ast. at NIU (12/7)

5-10 • **So.** • **G** • Lapwai, Idaho (Lake Oswego, Ore., H.S.)
No. 6 in the Valley in 3-point field goal percentage (.444) ... 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: 11 pts., 1 reb. at NIU (12/7)

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

Led the Redbirds with 24 pts., 9 reb. in two-game trip to UIC & NIU ... 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 (three times)
Steals	2 (seven times)
Blocks	2 (four times)
Minutes	37 at Northern Illinois (11/17/00)

32 Erin Keeney

Last Game: 3 pts., 6 reb. at NIU (12/7)

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

Scored 13 pts. coming off the bench at Illinois-Chicago (12/5) ... 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	13 at Illinois-Chicago (12/5/02)
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 (twice)
Minutes	30 at Illinois-Chicago (12/5/02)

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., 0 reb. at NIU (12/7)

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: 0 pts., 2 reb. at NIU (12/7)

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)