



# Illinois State Basketball 2001-02

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## Results/Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
W	N 7	NWBL (Exhibition)	(W 74-63)
Su	N 11	Challengers (Exhibition)	(W 88-74)
M	N 19	at Wisconsin-Milwaukee	(L 63-69)
Su	N 25	Central Michigan	(L 62-72)
Tu	N 27	Louisville	(L 58-72)
<i>Hoosier Classic at Bloomington, Ind.</i>			
F	N 30	at Indiana	(L 53-101)
Sa	D 1	vs. Murray State	(L 55-65)
Tu	D 4	Ball State	(L 61-78)
Th	D 6	at Illinois	(L 57-75)
Th	D 20	Northern Illinois	(W 55-52)
Sa	D 22	Western Illinois	(W 53-50)
Sa	D 29	• at Indiana State	(L 51-57)
F	J 4	• at Northern Iowa	(L 44-53)
Su	J 6	• at Bradley (WTVP-TV)	(L 36-71)
Th	J 10	• Drake	(L 58-70)
Sa	J 12	• Creighton (Valley TV) (W 64-57, ot)	
Th	J 17	• at Evansville	(L 57-70)
Su	J 20	• at Southern Illinois	(W 69-67)
Th	J 24	• Wichita State	(W 68-64)
Sa	J 26	• SW Missouri State	(L 55-59)
Th	J 31	• Northern Iowa	(L 59-71)
Su	F 3	• Bradley (WTVP-TV)	(W 70-62)
Th	F 7	• at Creighton	(L 51-68)
Sa	F 9	• at Drake	(L 66-77)
F	F 15	• Evansville	(L 71-77, ot)
Su	F 17	• Southern Illinois	(L 51-64)
F	F 22	• at SW Missouri State	7:05 p.m.
Su	F 24	• at Wichita State	5 p.m.
Th	F 28	• Indiana State	8:05 p.m.
Th-Sa	M7-9	State Farm-Missouri Valley Tournament at Springfield, Mo	

• Missouri Valley Conference games

## The Coaches

• **Jenny Yopp, Illinois State.** She is 57-99 in her sixth season as a college head coach, 17-60 in her third season at Illinois State.

• **Cheryl Burnett, Southwest Missouri State.** She is 317-132 in her 15th season in Springfield. Burnett's teams are 21-9 against Illinois State.

• **Darryl Smith, Wichita State.** He is 56-52 in his fourth season at Wichita, 216-116 in his 12th season as a college head coach. Smith's teams are 5-2 against Illinois State.

## Series Stuff

• **Redbirds at SMS.** The Bears have won the last 10 meetings to take a 23-15 advantage in the series. The last Redbird win was 61-60 in overtime, Jan. 20, 1997 and that decision ended SMS's 66-game Valley home court winning streak (Jan. 20, 1997).

• **Redbirds at Wichita State.** Illinois State still has a 26-13 series edge, including a 68-64 victory Jan. 24 at Redbird Arena with Taren O'Brien scoring 19 points.

## • Illinois State (6-18, 4-11) at SMS (14-9, 10-4)

7:05 p.m., Friday, Feb. 22, 2002, Hammons Center, Springfield, Mo.

WJBC Radio: R.C. McBride and Jill Hutchison

## • Illinois State at Wichita State (10-13, 5-9)

5 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 24, 2002, Henry Levitt Arena, Wichita, Kansas

WJBC Radio: R.C. McBride and Leanna Bordner

## The Redbirds

### "Pacesetters"

Pos.No.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	PPG	Reb.	Ast.
F 10	Katie Donovan	6-0	Fr.	Kingston, Ontario	7.8	6.4	1.3
F 20	Stacey White *	5-11	So.	West Lebanon, IN	9.8	4.5	1.1
C 55	Kristi Larson ***	6-4	Sr.	Cashton, WI	9.0	4.7	1.5 blk
G 4	Taren O'Brien *	5-7	So.	Savannah, MO	10.3	2.3	3.1
G 22	Steph Reichle **	5-9	Jr.	Lincoln, IL	7.2	5.8	1.8

### Off the Bench

F 00	Michelle Harakas	6-0	Fr.	Redford, MI	3.9	2.7	0.4
G 12	Beth Huston *	5-8	So.	Port Washington, WI	3.9	2.4	1.4
F 11	Heidi Harnisch	5-10	Fr.	Urbana, IL	0.6	0.4	0.1
F 21	Stacey Nickerson *	6-0	Jr.	Washington, IL	0.9	0.9	0.3
G 23	Jaci McCormack *	5-10	So.	Lake Oswego, OR	--	--	--
F 30	Sophie Tirtiaux	6-1	Fr.	Andenne, Belgium	2.0	1.0	0.0
C 31	Sharon Blade *	6-2	So.	Peoria, IL	5.9	5.1	0.6
G 33	Chris Kutschinski	5-10	Fr.	Ann Arbor, MI	1.3	1.0	0.5

(\* - denotes letters earned)

HEAD COACH: Jenny Yopp (North Carolina '89)

ASSISTANT COACHES: Christopher Mennig (Bryant '96), Cherie Swarhout (Michigan State '91), Christy Thomaskutty (Tulane '96)

ATHLETIC TRAINER: Yvonne Logan

MANAGERS: Vance Catlin, Andrew Knarr

## White Rolls

Stacey White's career-high 19 points against Evansville and 12 more against Southern Illinois to give the sophomore 62 points in her last four games (15.5) to raise her scoring average from 8.7 to 9.8 for the season.

## Foul Shot Deficit Mounts

Evansville set a Redbird Arena record by shooting 44 free throws against the Redbirds, who were out-attempted by 27 and out-converted by 14 for the game. During their current four-game losing streak, Redbird opponents have made nearly 50 percent more free throws (70 of 104) than the 'Birds have attempted (ISU is 35 of 49).

## White Lights Up The Arc

Stacey White has been sizzling from beyond the three-point line over the past four games, hitting 14-27 (.519) compared to 18-69 (.261) in the first 20 games of the season.

[www.redbirds.org](http://www.redbirds.org)



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## Redbird Basketball Access Guide

• **Interviews/Credentials.** Contact Tom Lamonica, sports information director, at (309) 438-5746/ talamon@ilstu.edu or Erica Fricke (309) 438-3802/ebfrick@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. 7, 14, 20, 27. Dec. 4, 11. Jan. 8, 14, 22. Feb. 4, 12, 19, 27.

• **The Jenny Yopp Show.** Jenny Yopp, R.C. McBride and Tim Fisher talk basketball with guests and callers at 7:06 p.m. Mondays on WJBC AM 1230 (except Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.)

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

• **Redbird Radio.** Award-winning 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.

## Missouri Valley Standings

(thru games of Feb. 17, 2002)

Rank, Team	Valley	All
1. Creighton	14-1	19-5
2. Drake	12-3	18-6
3. Southwest Missouri State	10-4	14-9
4. Evansville	7-6	12-11
Northern Iowa	7-7	12-13
6. Indiana State	6-8	10-13
7. Bradley	5-9	14-9
8. Wichita State	5-9	10-13
9. Illinois State	4-11	6-18
10. Southern Illinois	1-13	5-18

## Coming Attractions

Point guard Desiree Gutierrez has joined high-scoring guard Sara Stevenson have signed national letters of intent for basketball at Illinois State. The 5-6 Gutierrez, from Thornton, Colo., led her 2001 Western Nebraska Community College team to the NJCAA finals last year. She was an honorable mention all-stater at Thornton High School, where she was a four-year starter before graduating in 2000. Entering her senior season at East Richland High School in Olney, Ill., the 5-8 Stevenson had scored 1,674 points and has 495 career steals. A long-range shooting threat, Stevenson had 156 three-pointers during her sophomore and junior seasons.

## O'Brien, White Crash Three List

Just sophomores, Taren O'Brien and Stacey White, both with 40 career three-pointers and tied for No. 9 on the Redbird career list of three-pointers made (see list at right). They are just the third and fourth players in Redbird history to hit 40 threes in two seasons or less: the others are Cindy Kaufmann (1987-89) and Jenny Schmidt (1995-97).

## Stealin' Steph Rides Again

With eight in two games over the Evansville-Southern Illinois weekend, Steph Reichle's thefts have climbed to 42 for the season, 24 over the last nine games. Her 130 steals in 67 games (1.94 per game) are No. 7 on the Redbird list of career steals per game.

## Southern Shoots Well

Southern Illinois shot 44.8 percent from the field in beating the Redbirds, the best field goal percentage against Illinois State in Redbird Arena this year. Opponents are shooting just 38.7 percent from the field, just 28.6 percent from beyond the three-point arc.

## Donovan Among Best Frosh

The Missouri Valley Conference's leader among freshmen in both offensive rebounds and total rebounds, Katie Donovan also ranks among the league's top four true freshmen in defensive rebounds, assists, steals, scoring, minutes played and games started.

## All-Time Conference Record

The Redbirds are 191-143 in 19 seasons of regular-season league play in the Valley (1993-present) and Gateway (1984-92), with winning records over five of their nine current league opponents.

## Reichle On The 'Right Side'

Although not scoring as much as she did her first two years, junior Steph Reichle has been a big contributor on the 'right side' of the box score: she is No. 1 on the team in steals, No. 2 in assists, No. 2 in rebounding and No. 4 in blocked shots.

## Overtime is Redbird Time

The Redbirds' 77-71 overtime loss to Evansville was rare. The Redbirds usually fare well in extra periods, with the all-time Redbird record for overtime games at 14-8, including 8-5 in regular-season league games. ISU is 6-3 in overtime games over the past seven years.

## ISU Career 3-Pt. Field Goals

Rank	Total	Name (Years)
1.	205	Jenny Schmidt (1995-99)
2.	129	Cindy Kaufmann (1987-91)
3.	91	Shandeen Hunt (1997-01)
4.	69	Mary Jane Owens (1992-97)
5.	63	Kristin Valdez (1994-98)
6.	56	LuAnn Robinson (1987-91)
7.	50	Stacy Griffin (1993-97)
8.	44	Kellie Johnson (1997-01)
9.	40	Taren O'Brien (2000-40)
		Stacey White (2000-40)

## Birds vs. SMS

Stat	'Birds	SMS
Points Per Game	57.7	64.3
Opp. Points Per Game	67.5	62.6
FG Percentage	39.0	42.5
3 Pt. FG Percentage	27.6	33.5
3 Pt. FG Made Per Game	3.8	3.2
FT Percentage	62.8	66.9
FT Att. Per Game	18.4	20.9
Rebound Margin	-2.8	+0.2
Turnover Margin	-4.8	-2.1

## Birds vs. Conference

(all-time regular-season standings vs. league foes)

Opponent	W-L	Pct.
Bradley	27-11	.711
Creighton *	7-13	.350
Drake	15-23	.395
Evansville **	10-6	.625
Indiana State	21-16	.567
Northern Iowa	28-10	.737
Southern Illinois	12-26	.315
Southwest Missouri State	15-22	.405
Wichita State	26-11	.702
Eastern Illinois #	12-6	.667
Western Illinois #	18-0	1.000
Total	191-144	.570

\* joined the Valley in 1992-93

\*\* joined the Valley in 1994-95

# Gateway members through 1991-92

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## Redbird Review (6-18, 4-11)

• Evansville 77, Illinois State 71 (overtime)  
Friday, Feb. 15, 2002, Redbird Arena, Normal, Ill. Stacey White hit a 23-foot three-point shot with 11 seconds left and, after a steal, Steph Reichle had a 42-footer rim out at the buzzer of regulation time to cap a furious Redbird rally, but LaTasha Austin scored the first seven points in the extra period to lead Evansville to victory. The Aces capitalized on a Redbird Arena record 44 free throw attempts, resulting in a 14-point edge at the line. ISU had just 17 free throw opportunities.

• Southern Illinois 64, Illinois State 61  
Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002, Redbird Arena, Normal, Ill. Kristi Larson blocked a career-high 4 shots on Senior Day, but Molly McDowell hit her first six field goals and had 16 points in the first 14 minutes of the game to lead Southern to its first league win of the season. Steph Reichle and Stacey White had 12 points, while Beth Huston added 11.

## Records When ...

<i>When the Redbirds ...</i>	<i>... their record is:</i>
Play at Home .....	5-8
Play Away .....	1-9
Play Neutral .....	0-1
Play a Daytime Game .....	3-7
Play at Night .....	3-11
Play on Monday .....	0-0
Play on Tuesday .....	0-3
Play on Wednesday .....	0-0
Play on Thursday .....	2-5
Play on Friday .....	0-3
Play on Saturday .....	2-4
Play on Sunday .....	2-3
Lead at halftime .....	3-2
Trail at halftime .....	3-16
Shoot better FG Pct. ....	5-6
Shoot worse FG Pct. ....	1-12
Make more 3-pointers .....	1-6
Make the same No. of 3-pointers .....	1-2
Make fewer 3-pointers .....	4-10
Out-rebound opponent .....	3-8
Opponent out-rebounds 'Birds .....	3-10
Commit more turnovers .....	2-17
Commit same turnovers .....	3-0
Commit fewer turnovers .....	1-1
Shoot more free throws .....	5-2
Shoot same number of free throws .....	0-2
Shoot fewer free throws .....	1-14
Score 59 or less .....	2-13
Score in the 60s .....	3-4
Score in the 70s .....	1-1
Score in the 80s or more .....	0-0
Bench out-scores opponent subs .....	2-4
Game goes to overtime .....	1-1

## Getting Better

Opponents claim this is a much better Illinois State team than in recent years and individual stats bear this out. With at least three games remaining, five of the seven returning Redbirds have already eclipsed their 2000-01 season totals in at least three key categories:

- Kristi Larson (points, rebounds, blocks)
- Taren O'Brien (points, rebounds, assists)
- Stacey White (points, rebounds, steals)
- Beth Huston (points, rebounds, assists)
- Stacey Nickerson (points, rebounds, steals)

## Larson For the Block

Senior Kristi Larson is one of only four players in Redbird history with 80 or more career blocked shots. Her 38 blocks this season are tied for No. 4 by a Redbird player in a single season (see box above right).

## Hustling Huston

In her last 11 games, sophomore guard Beth Huston has more assists (15) than turnovers (13), along with 10 steals. In Illinois State's four league wins, Huston has played 64 minutes and has just 2 turnovers.

## Injured List

Sophomore center Sharon Blade's missed eight games with a stress fracture in her foot. She played six minutes against Evansville, but didn't play against Southern Illinois. Blade was ISU's leading scorer as a freshman in 2000-01. Sophomore Jaci McCormack (ankle) and freshman Sophie Tirtiaux (leg) are on the sidelines for the remainder of the season.

## This Year, Five May Not Keep You Alive

In 18 prior seasons of Missouri Valley/Gateway play, 13 teams have won five games and 12 of them (Northern Iowa, 5-13 in 1997) didn't finish in the league's top eight. This year, it is likely a five-win team will be left out of the State Farm-Missouri Valley Conference Tournament since nine teams have at least four wins with two weeks left to play.

## Larson Earns Hutchison Scholarship

The first Jill Hutchison Endowed Scholarship at Illinois State has been awarded to senior center Kristi Larson, who also is the only player left in the Redbird program to play for Hutchison, whose teams won 461 games in 28 seasons before the coach retired in 1999. Hutchison now does color on Redbird radio and Missouri Valley Conference television.

## Long Shots Are Long Shot vs. Illinois State

Illinois State opponents are shooting just 29.9 percent from three-point range. The lowest opposing three-point field goal percentage in Redbird history was 30.1 (133-442) in 1996-97, ISU's last post-season tournament team (NIT).

## ISU Career Blocked Shots

Rank Total	Name (Years)
1. 177 .....	Leslie Ferrell (1986-89)
2. 95 .....	Cathy Boswell (1979-83)
3. 90 .....	Caryn Brune (1989-93)
4. 80 .....	<b>Kristi Larson (1998- )</b>
5. 68 .....	Marla Maupin (1981-85)

## ISU Season Blocked Shots

Rank Total	Name (Years)
1. 72 .....	Leslie Ferrell (1987-88)
2. 57 .....	Leslie Ferrell (1988-89)
3. 48 .....	Leslie Ferrell (1986-87)
4. 38 .....	<b>Kristi Larson (2001-02)</b>
38 .....	Caryn Brune (1992-93)
6. 35 .....	Marla Maupin (1984-85)

## League Leaders

*(Illinois State players ranked among Valley best)*

Name (Category)	Rank	Avg.
<b>Kristi Larson</b>		
blocked shots .....	5	1.58
<b>Katie Donovan</b>		
offensive rebounds .....	5	2.92
total rebounds .....	14	6.4
<b>Steph Reichle</b>		
defensive rebounds .....	8	4.67
<b>Taren O'Brien</b>		
assists .....	10	3.08
assist/turnover ratio .....	10	0.67
<b>Illinois State Team (Category)</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Avg.</b>
3-Point FG Percentage Defense .....	1	.299
Field Goal Percentage Defense .....	2	.400
Team Defensive Rebounds .....	2	25.67



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## 00 Michelle Harakas **Last Game:** SIU 0 pts., 3 reb.

6-0 • Fr. • F • Redford, Mich. (Ladywood H.S.)  
Led ISU with career-high 15 pts. in win over Bradley (2/3) with 13 pts., 9 reb. at Evansville (1/16) ... 22 minutes of defensive work vs. WSU (1/24), 4 reb., 3 blocks, 2 steals ... hit 27 of last 58 field goals after 6 of first 22 this season ... 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 (3 times)  
Steals ..... 2 vs. Wichita State (1/24/02)  
Blocks ..... 3 vs. Wichita State (1/24/02)  
Minutes ..... 27 at Evansville (1/17/02)

## 4 Taren O'Brien **Last Game:** SIU 6 pts., 4 steals, 2 asst.

5-7 • So. • G • Savannah, Mo. (Savannah H.S.)  
Team leader in points, assists and 3-point field goals ... double-figures scoring in 8 of last 12 games ... 42 of last 52 FT (80.8%) ... 2000-01 team leader in steals ... No. 9 in career 3-point field goals made at ISU ... knee surgery in Jan., 2001, but missed just 3 games ... 1999 National Finalist for Teen Magazine Athlete of the Year ... first name rhymes with "Karen."

### Taren's Career Bests

Points ..... 20 vs. Northern Iowa (1/31/02)  
Rebounds ..... 7 vs. Western Illinois (12/22/01)  
Assists ..... 8 vs. Indiana State (2/16/01)  
Steals ..... 4 (twice)  
Blocks ..... 1 at Indiana (11/30/01)  
Minutes ..... 38 at Drake (2/9/02)

## 10 Katie Donovan **Last Game:** SIU 7 pts., 4 reb., 2 assist

6-0 • Fr. • G • Kingston, Ontario (St. Thomas Aquinas H.S.)  
ISU's leading rebounder ... avg 11 pts., 7.3 reb. over last 4 games ... has 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 ... bidding to join Steph Reichle and Cathy Boswell as the only freshmen to lead the Redbirds in rebounding for a season.

### Katie's Career Bests

Points ..... 15 vs. Louisville (11/27/01)  
Rebounds ..... 14 vs. Louisville (11/27/01)  
Assists ..... 4 (twice)  
Steals ..... 5 vs. SMS (1/26/02)  
Blocks ..... 1 vs. Louisville (11/27/01)  
Minutes ..... 38 (twice)

## 11 Heidi Harnisch **Last Game:** SIU 0 pts., 0 reb.

5-10 • Fr. • F • Urbana, Ill. (Urbana H.S.)  
2000 Special Mention Illinois All-Stater by Illinois Basketball Coaches Association ... first 5 career pts. vs. Drake (1/10) ... made college debut in her hometown (at Illinois) ... her longest stint of the season (8 minutes at Bradley) netted her first assist and first steal of her career ... prep classmate of Redbird freshman Sophie Tirtiaux ... name pronounced HAIR-ah-kas.

### Heidi's Career Bests

Points ..... 5 vs. Drake (1/10/02)  
Rebounds ..... 1 (four times)  
Assists ..... 1 at Bradley (2/6/02)  
Steals ..... 1 at Bradley (2/6/02)  
Blocks ..... none  
Minutes ..... 8 at Bradley (1/6/02)

## 12 Beth Huston **Last Game:** SIU 11 pts., 4 reb., 1 steal

5-8 • So. • G • Port Washington, Wis. (Port Washington H.S.)  
Made 6 of 11 from 3-point range over last 4 games ... in last 10 games, had more assists (15) than turnovers (13) with 9 steals ... has 21 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 vs. Ball St. (12/4/01), at Ind. St. (12/30/01)  
Steals ..... 3 at Evansville (1/17/02)  
Blocks ..... 1 at Evansville (1/17/02), vs. Bradley (2/3/02)  
Minutes ..... 33 vs. Murray State (12/1/01)

## 20 Stacey White **Last Game:** SIU 12 pts., 3 reb., 1 block

5-11 • So. • F • West Lebanon, Ind. (Seeger Memorial H.S.)  
Only Redbird to start every game this season ... current string of five straight double-figure scoring games (14.8 ppg) and has hit 14 of 27 3-pointers in last 4 games (51.8) ... came within a rebound of a double-double twice, vs. Central Michigan (11 pts., 9 reb.) and at Indiana (12 pts., 9 reb.) ... older sister is ex-Purdue star Stephanie White-McCarty.

### Stacey's Career Bests

Points ..... 19 vs. Evansville (2/15/02)  
Rebounds ..... 9 (twice)  
Assists ..... 3 (twice)  
Steals ..... 3 vs. Murray State (12/1/01)  
Blocks ..... 2 at Drake (2/9/02)  
Minutes ..... 38 vs. Evansville (2/15/02)



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## 21 Stacey Nickerson

**Last Game:** SIU 0 pts., 2 reb.

6-0 • **Jr.** • **F** • Washington, Ill. (Washington H.S./Illinois Central CC)

Has 8 assists and just 4 turnovers in 2 seasons at ISU ... averaging 12 minutes per game during last 4 games, 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 at Indiana (11/30/01), at Drake (2/9/02)  
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:** SIU 12 pts., 8 reb., 5 asst., 3 stl.

5-9 • **Jr.** • **G** • Lincoln, Ill. (Lincoln H.S.)

2001 2nd Team Missouri Valley Scholar-Athlete ... 2000 Missouri Valley All-Freshman Team ... 24 steals in last 9 games (2.67 avg.) ... last 3 games: 26 pts., 18 reb., 13 asst., 10 steals, 7 turnovers ... 17 rebounds vs. Creighton (1/12) is 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)

## 31 Sharon Blade

**Last Game:** SIU, dnp/injured

6-2 • **So.** • **C** • Peoria, Ill. (Peoria Central H.S.)

Played briefly vs. Evansville (2/15) after 8 games out with foot injury ... matched career high with 9 rebounds at UNI (1/4) ... in 2001, she joined Steph Reichle and Cathy Boswell as the only three freshmen in ISU history to lead their teams in scoring ... also led 2001 team in blocked shots with 17, No. 3 all-time for Redbird freshmen ... 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 at WIU (11/29/00), at UNI (1/2/02)  
Assists ..... 2 (twice)  
Steals ..... 2 (seven times)  
Blocks ..... 2 (four times)  
Minutes ..... 37 at Northern Illinois (11/17/00)

## 33 Chris Kutschinski

**Last Game:** SIU 0 pts., 1 reb.

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

Her entry into game at SIU 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) ... 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)

## 55 Kristi Larson

**Last Game:** SIU 3 pts., 5 reb., 4 blocks

6-4 • **Sr.** • **C** • Cashton, Wis. (Cashton H.S.)

2001-02 Jill Hutchison Endowed Scholarship Winner ... averaging 11.1 ppg. during last 11 games ... announcers selected her 'Player of the Game' for her 14 pts., 6 reb. in ISU upset of previously undefeated conference leader Creighton (1/12) ... No. 5 in Valley in blocked shots and No. 9 in FG Pct. ... ranks No. 4 in career blocked shots at Illinois State.

### Kristi's Career Bests

Points ..... 22 vs. Northern Illinois (11/23/99)  
Rebounds ..... 13 at Ball St. (12/4/01), at UNI (1/4/02)  
Assists ..... 2 (five times)  
Steals ..... 2 (three times)  
Blocks ..... 3 (eight times)  
Minutes ..... 37 at Southern Illinois (1/20/02)

## 30 Sophie Tirtiaux

6-1 • **Fr.** • **F** • Andenne, Belgium (Urbana H.S.)  
Recovering from a stress fracture in her leg and likely won't play until at least January ... prep teammate of Heidi Harnisch ... part of Belgian Club Team Championship in 2000 and played for Belgian Junior National Team ... name pronounced TICT-tyew.

## 23 Jaci McCormack

5-10 • **So.** • **G** • Lake Oswego, Ore. (Lake Oswego H.S.)  
Recovering ankle surgery in November; could miss the entire season ... 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 (three 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)