



ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY
REDBIRD
 2001-02 BASKETBALL GAME NOTES

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2001-02 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent (TV)	Time/Result
11/1	ST. XAVIER (EX.)	W, 93-69
11/11	EA SPORTS (EX.)	W, 98-64
11/16	WEBER STATE	W, 74-70
11/23	vs. UC-Irvine#	W, 58-52
11/24	vs. Pittsburgh#	L, 46-65
11/25	vs. Hofstra#	L, 80-82 (ot)
11/29	@ Georgia Southern	L, 76-87
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12/1	@ UT-San Antonio	L, 82-88
12/8	SAMFORD (WMBD)	W, 65-54
12/9	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W, 72-63
12/15	@ Chattanooga	L, 59-70
12/18	@ #7 Illinois (ESPN+)	L, 73-87
12/22	KENT STATE	L, 48-61
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1/2	CREIGHTON*	7:05
1/5	@ Southern Illinois* (Valley-TV)	3:05
1/7	WICHITA STATE*	7:05
1/10	@ Drake*	7:05
1/12	INDIANA STATE (ESPN2)*	4:05
1/16	@ Creighton*	7:05
1/19	SW MISSOURI STATE*	7:05
1/23	@ Bradley* (WEEK)	7:35
1/26	DRAKE*	7:05
1/30	NORTHERN IOWA*	7:05
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2/2	@ SW Missouri State* (Valley-TV)	3:05
2/5	BRADLEY* (WMBD)	7:35
2/9	@ Indiana State* (WMBD)	3:05
2/13	@ Evansville*	7:05
2/16	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS* (WMBD)	2:05
2/20	@ Wichita State*	7:05
2/23	@ Northern Iowa* (WMBD)	7:05
2/25	EVANSVILLE* (Valley-TV)	6:05
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3/1	@ MVC Tournament (St. Louis, Mo.)	

All times listed are CT
 Home games in CAPS
 * = Missouri Valley Conference game
 # = University Hoops Classic (Moon Township, Pa.)

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Interview Procedures: On non-game days, Illinois State players are available for interviews after practice. Note that no Illinois State student-athlete will miss a class, practice, conditioning session or team meeting to participate in an interview. Coach Tom Richardson and the team are not available to the media on game-days until the post-game interview session. Illinois State's locker room is always closed. At home games, interviews will be conducted in the Redbird Arena press room. Requests should be directed to Director of Media Relations **Todd Kober**. Coach Richardson and requested players will answer questions from the media after a brief cooling off period.

ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (4-7) vs. Creighton Bluejays (6-4)

The Game: Jan. 2, 2002 • 7:05 p.m. (CST) • Redbird Arena (10,200) • Normal, Ill.

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About The Game: Tonight is the Missouri Valley Conference opener for Illinois State. Creighton is 1-0 in league play with a 70-46 win over Indiana State in Omaha, on December 16. Illinois State leads the series 31-12, including a 20-10 mark during regular season conference play. At Redbird Arena, Illinois State owns a 19-2 edge.

The Probable Starters:

ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (4-7)

						ppg	rpg	apg
F 33	Shedrick Ford	6-5	220	Sr.-1L	Macon, Ga.	11.0	4.1	1.6
F 23	Baboucar Bojang	6-9	205	Jr.-TR	Greenville, S.C.	14.8	7.8	0.6
C 5	Andy Strandmark	6-11	235	Jr.-2L	Geneseo, Ill.	2.5	2.3	0.5
G 2	Gregg Alexander	6-4	190	Fr.-HS	Lincoln, Ill.	9.5	3.5	2.4
G 15	Randy Rice	6-0	175	Sr.-1L	Springfield, Ill.	3.2	2.5	3.1

Creighton Bluejays (6-4)

F 22	Michael Lindeman	6-6	190	So.-1L	Iowa Falls, Iowa	6.8	4.5	1.4
F 25	Kyle Korver	6-7	210	Jr.-2L	Pella, Iowa	15.1	6.3	3.0
C 43	Brody Deren	6-8	245	So.-TR	Harlan, Iowa	10.1	6.6	1.3*
G 3	DeAnthony Bowden	6-1	180	Jr.-TR	Hammond, Ind.	6.6	2.7	2.2
G 24	Tyler McKinney	6-2	175	Fr.-HS	Urbandale, Iowa	1.5	1.0	0.9

NOTE – (*) indicates blocks per game.

The Coaches: Tom Richardson is 35-36 in his third season at Illinois State. He is assisted by Chad Altadonna, Anthony Beane and Doug Novsek. Creighton is coached by Dana Altman, who owns a 129-90 record in his eighth season with the Bluejays. He is assisted by Greg Gensing, Len Gordy and Darian DeVries.

Ticket Information: Tickets for Illinois State home games can be purchased from the ticket office at Redbird Arena (309/438-8000).

Redbird Radio Network: Mark Johnson, play-by-play; Mike Matthews, color; Bruce Evans, sideline (home only) and Tim Fisher, studio host. Affiliates: WJBC (AM 1230/ Bloomington), flagship; WINU (AM 880/Highland); WZOE (AM 1490/Princeton); WFMB (AM 1450/Springfield). All Redbird broadcasts can be heard on the Internet at either sports.yahoo.com or wjbc.com. The latter also carries Tom Richardson's weekly call-in show, which alternates depending on the schedule, but generally airs each Thursday from 6:07-7 pm.

Web Birds: The Illinois State athletics web page, at www.redbirds.org, includes a direct links to yahoo.broadcast.com and www.wjbc.com to access the WJBC/Redbird Radio Network broadcasts. In addition, for home games, live stats are available.

Television: None

TALE OF THE TAPE

	ISU	CU
W-L Record	4-7	6-4
ESPN/USA Today	UR	UR
AP Poll	UR	UR
Saragin Ranking	148	95
RPI	145	89
Points Scored	66.6	75.9
Points Allowed	70.2	69.7
Scoring Margin	-3.5	+6.2
FG Percentage	42.4	43.9
Def. FG Percentage	48.5	43.0
3-pt. Percentage	31.1	29.7
Def. 3-pt. Percentage	33.3	37.0
FT Percentage	75.8	70.1
Offensive Rebounds	10.0	14.9
Total Rebounds	30.7	39.6
Rebounding Margin	-3.7	+6.7
Assists	14.9	14.2
Turnover Average	15.7	15.6
Turnover Margin	+1.6	+2.5
Steal Average	6.0	9.2
Block Average	1.3	2.9
Fouls	18.8	19.7

WEEKLY MEDIA CONFERENCE

All start at 3 p.m., in arena media room

- Tuesday, January 8
- Monday, January 14
- Tuesday, January 22
- Tuesday, January 29
- Monday, February 4
- Tuesday, February 12
- Tuesday, February 19
- Wednesday, February 27

WHAT'S BACK

Here's a look at what Illinois State returned heading into the 2001-02 season by percentage in key statistical categories ...

Scoring	75%
Three-Point FG	88%
Rebounding	68%
Assists	77%
Steals	74%
Blocks	52%
Minutes	78%

Now here's what Illinois State returns without Tarise Bryson in the line-up ...

Scoring	44%
Three-Point FG	48%
Rebounding	47%
Assists	59%
Steals	51%
Blocks	37%
Minutes	55%

About Creighton

- Creighton is located in Omaha, Neb., and enrolls 6,297 students. The Bluejays are members of the Missouri Valley Conference.
- Head coach Dana Altman is in his eighth season at Creighton. He owns a 129-90 record with the Bluejays after serving as the head coach at Kansas State for four seasons and Marshall at one. Prior to becoming a Division I head coach, Altman served as an assistant at Kansas State and was a head coach at Moberly Junior College and Southeast Junior College.
- Creighton had six players in double figures in the 90-65 win over Mississippi Valley State.
- All-Missouri Valley Conference player Kyle Korver returned to the Bluejay lineup against Mississippi Valley State just nine days after arthroscopic knee surgery. Korver tossed in 12 points and grabbed eight rebounds in just 11 minutes of play. Creighton was 1-2 without Korver's services.
- The Bluejays are 0-3 on the road this season with losses at Texas Christian (82-77), Brigham Young (61-52) and Western Kentucky (95-61). This is the first 0-3 road start for the Jays since 1996-97, when they finished 3-9 away from Omaha.
- Korver leads the team in scoring with 15.1 points per game. He is one of three players averaging double digits with Terrell Taylor tossing in 12.0 points off the bench and Brody Deren pouring in 10.1 tallies per game.
- Deren leads the team in rebounding with 6.6 boards per game, but Korver is close behind with 6.3 rebounds per contest.
- Ismael Caro leads the team with 25 assists, while Larry House and DeAnthony Bowden share a team-high 15 steals.
- The Jays average 21.2 three-point attempts per game. Korver and Taylor have combined for 116 trey attempts which account for 54.7 percent of the team's tries.

The Series

Today's game is the 44th meeting between the two schools. Illinois State leads the series 31-12, but Creighton has won four of the last five meetings. The Redbirds have dominated the series in Normal with a 19-2 advantage. The two teams split last season which each school winning on its home floor. Illinois State dropped the Bluejays 75-63 in Normal on Jan. 8, 2001, while Creighton topped the 'Birds 78-69 in Omaha, on Jan. 27, 2001.

For Openers

Under head coach **Tom Richardson**, Illinois State is 0-2 in conference openers. Since joining the Missouri Valley Conference, Illinois State owns a 11-9 record in league openers. The 'Birds have faced Creighton three times in league openers with Illinois State winning two of the matchups. The Redbirds won 63-54 at Creighton on Jan. 2, 1984 and 54-45 in Omaha on Dec. 29, 1996. The Jays topped the 'Birds 82-43 in Omaha on Dec. 12, 1999. Illinois State, along with Southern Illinois and Wichita State, are the last schools to play a conference game. All three start league play tonight.

Although the Weather Outside is Frightful, the Bus Shuttle is so Delightful

The Illinois State athletics department has implemented a bus shuttle service this season for all Redbird home games that will shuttle fans between the Motorcycle Instruction Range located on Gregory Street, west of the Illinois State Golf Course, and the South entrance of Redbird Arena. At the completion of the game, the shuttle bus will pick up fans at the South entrance on College Avenue. In addition to the free shuttle service, there are also \$3 parking lots located at the soccer and baseball complex on Adelaide Street and by University High School.

Strandy Has Been Dandy

In the last two games, junior **Andy Strandmark** has come off the bench to log some strong minutes. Against Illinois, Strandmark played 14 minutes and had a season-high seven points and seven boards. In the Kent State game, he hauled in another seven rebounds and chipped in six points in his season-long outing of 23 minutes. Over the first nine games, Strandmark averaged 1.7 points and 1.2 rebounds per game, before averaging 6.5 points and 7.0 boards in two games.

Home Sweet Home

Despite coming off of a 61-48 loss to Kent State, the 'Birds have won 18 of their last 21 games in Redbird Arena. In 14 seasons, the Redbirds are 133-46 in Redbird Arena for a .743 winning percentage.

The Redbird Rollercoaster

Head coach **Tom Richardson** has said that the only consistency his Illinois State team has had this season has been its inconsistency. That erratic trend by the Redbirds is really evident in their winning and losing streaks this season. The ride has been a wild one, so please remain seated until it comes to a complete stop. Illinois State started the season by climbing the first hill to two straight wins, plunged through four straight losses, scaled for two more wins and is currently in the corkscrew of a three-game losing streak.

Breaking In Boo

Illinois State's **Baboucarr Bojang** is in his sixth year of organized basketball and is still developing as a player. That's bad news for Redbird opponents considering Bojang has already posted four double-doubles in 11 games and three 20-point efforts. At Chattanooga, Bojang posted a career-high 26 points and grabbed eight boards with seven of them coming off the offensive glass. He has scored double-digits in eight straight games and in every game this season except one.

Jeppson Pledging for the 1,000-Point Club

Of all the organizations on the Illinois State campus, the 1,000-Point Club must rank as one of the most exclusive with only 34 members in the last 104 years. The Redbirds' **Shawn Jeppson** is closing in on a membership, however. After scoring 12 points against Kent State, Jeppson currently owns 877 points for his career and only needs 123 more to become the 35th player in Illinois State history to reach the 1,000-point plateau.

Picked to Win the League? Chances Are You're Playing Illinois State

ISU will play 11 nonconference games this season. Of the Redbirds' 11 non-Missouri Valley Conference foes, seven of the teams were selected in the preseason polls to win their respective leagues. The seven preseason favorites are Weber State (Big Sky), UC-Irvine (Big West), UT-San Antonio (Southland), Illinois (Big Ten), Georgia Southern (Southern) and Central Michigan and Kent State, which are both favored to win the two divisions of the Mid-American Conference.

Bryson Out For Season

Tarise Bryson, the nation's top returning scorer, the reigning Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year and Redbirds leading scorer for the last three seasons, fell to the floor on a drive to the basket at the 17:46 mark of the second half in Illinois State's 74-70 opening night victory over Weber State. The fall ended the season for the Redbirds sixth all-time leading scorer, as Bryson dislocated his right wrist and suffered severe ligament damage to his shooting hand. Bryson underwent surgery the day after the game and will face a year of rehabilitation. His wrist was in a splint for two weeks, a hard cast four weeks and another splint for four weeks. It will take six months to heal.

For Him, It's Easy Being Greene

Sophomore point guard **Vince Greene**, who sat out last season meeting NCAA requirements, already has five double-digit scoring efforts this season. Greene averaged 4.0 point per game in the Redbirds first four games of the season, but has averaged 8.6 points over the last seven. In addition to his scoring, Greene is also accurate. He is shooting 43.5 percent on treys (10-for-23) and 86.7 from the free throw line (26-of-30).

FT Four-Peat ???

The Redbirds have opened the season shooting 75.8% from the charity stripe and are on a good start to eclipse 70% for a fourth straight season. ISU shot 72.8% from the free throw line last season, 74% in 1999-2000 and 73.5% in 1998-99. The Redbirds have not had a stretch of that length since it bettered 70% for a four-season span from 1982 through 1985.

D-Fence, D-Fence

In the first half against Central Michigan, the Redbirds caged the Chippewa scorers and held CMU to only 14 first half points. The Chippewas first half total equaled the lowest amount of points ever scored in a half by an Illinois State opponent in Redbird Arena, with Chicago State matching the feat last season. Central Michigan finished the half with 6-for-23 shooting (26.1%) and 1-for-5 on 3-pointers. The Redbirds also held the reigning Mid-American Player of the Year, David Webber, scoreless for the first frame for only the second time of his career.

THE LAST TIME THEY MET

Bluejays Fight Off Late Run, Drop Redbirds 78-69

OMAHA, Neb. – Tarise Bryson scored 19 of his game-high 23 points in the second half but it was not enough to erase an 18-point deficit as Creighton held off a late run by Illinois State to secure a 78-69 victory in Missouri Valley Conference men's basketball action from the Omaha Civic Auditorium.

Kyle Korver scored 22 points, Ben Walker added 16 and Terrell Taylor had 11 for the Bluejays (14-6, 6-4 Missouri Valley Conference), who avenged their 75-63 loss at Illinois State on Jan. 8.

The Jays shot 55 percent (28-for-51) from the floor while improving to 9-0 at home this season. Shawn Jeppson battled through the flu to add 14 points and Cedrick Knight scored 11 for the Redbirds.

Creighton opened the game on an 18-5 run, getting six points from both Walker and Korver, and held a 41-25 lead at halftime.

With six minutes left, Illinois State (13-4, 5-3) got within 58-48 on jump shot by Bryson, but Korver hit a 3-pointer, Taylor had two dunks off turnovers and the Jays had a healthy lead again.

Creighton 78, ILLINOIS STATE 69

January 27, 2001 • Omaha, Nebraska

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Wilson (F)	11	0-1	0-0	1-3	0	2	0
Ford (F)	28	1-5	2-4	2-7	1	3	4
Beyers (C)	12	1-4	0-0	1-1	0	4	2
Bryson (G)	35	7-19	6-10	3-7	3	2	23
Rice (G)	29	2-3	0-0	0-2	1	0	4
Knight	17	4-6	3-6	2-4	1	3	11
Williams	14	0-1	2-3	0-0	1	2	2
Strandmark	14	1-3	0-0	0-2	0	4	2
Jeppson	30	5-9	2-2	1-1	1	2	14
Hammock	10	1-1	4-4	0-0	0	2	7
Totals	200	22-52	19-29	13-31	8	24	69

Team Pct.: FG – .423; FT – .655

3-Pt.: 6-16, .375 (Beyers 0-1, Bryson 3-9, Jeppson 2-5, Hammock 1-1)

Blocks: 1 (Beyers 1)

Turnovers: 20 (Wilson 4, Ford 7, Bryson 2, Rice 4, Knight 1, Jeppson 2)

Steals: 9 (Wilson 1, Bryson 4, Knight 3, Jeppson 1)

Creighton	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Taylor (F)	25	5-10	1-1	1-4	2	2	11
Korver (F)	33	7-10	4-4	0-1	1	2	22
Huss (C)	10	3-4	0-0	1-1	0	3	6
Walker (G)	28	7-10	1-3	1-6	2	2	16
Sears (G)	25	1-4	0-1	0-1	5	2	3
Caro	15	1-4	0-0	0-2	5	3	2
Angner	4	0-0	2-2	0-0	1	0	2
Debbert	5	0-0	0-1	0-2	0	1	0
Lindeman	7	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Klein	11	0-0	5-6	1-3	0	2	5
Pyfrom	21	3-3	1-2	0-4	1	2	7
Grimes	0+	0-1	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
Haynes	16	1-5	2-2	3-4	2	3	4
Totals	200	28-51	16-22	9-32	19	22	78

Team Pct.: FG – .549; FT – .727

3-Pt.: 6-20, .300 (Taylor 0-2, Korver 4-7, Walker 1-3, Sears 1-4, Caro 0-2, Haynes 0-2)

Blocks: 7 (Taylor 1, Korver 2, Pyfrom 4)

Turnovers: 21 (Korver 6, Huss 2, Sears 3, Caro 1, Dabbert 2, Lindeman 1, Klein 1, Pyfrom 3, Haynes 1)

Steals: 10 (Taylor 3, Korver 1, Sears 2, Caro 2, Klein 2)

Officials: Steve Skiles, Joe Townsell, Larry Spaulding

Attendance: 8,371

Halftime Score: Creighton 41, ILLINOIS STATE 25

CHART CLIMBERS

Career Scoring Leaders

1. Doug Collins (1970-73) 2,240
5. Bill Sarver (1951-54) 1,798
6. **TARISE BRYSON (1998-)** **1,736**

Career 3-Point FG Leaders

1. **TARISE BRYSON (1999-present)** **214**
2. Dan Muller (1995-98) 204
3. Jeff Harris (1986-88) 157
8. Kyle Cartmill (1996-99) 111
9. **SHAWN JEPPSON (1998-)** **107**
10. Antonio Cooper (1992-96) 93

Career FT Made Leaders

1. **TARISE BRYSON (1998-)** **468**
2. Fred Marberry (1954-57) 459

Career FT Att. Leaders

1. Fred Marberry (1953-57) 756
2. Jerry McGreal (1965-68) 600
3. **TARISE BRYSON (1998-)** **576**

Career Steals

1. Ron Jones (1976-80) 232
2. Richard Thomas (1989-93) 174
3. Todd Wemhoener (1990-94) 163
4. Jamar Smiley (1994-98) 142
5. Michael McKinney (1981-85) 138
6. Rickie Johnson (1981-85) 129
- TARISE BRYSON (1998-)** **129**

Season Scoring Leaders

1. Doug Collins (1971-72) 847
2. Doug Collins (1970-71) 743
4. **TARISE BRYSON (2000-01)** **685**
3. Doug Collins (1972-73) 650

Season FT Made Leaders

1. **TARISE BRYSON (2000-01)** **207**
2. Doug Collins (1970-71) 197

Season FT Att. Leaders

1. **TARISE BRYSON (2000-01)** **252**
2. Fred Marberry (1955-56) 244

CAREER STARTS/GAMES

No.	Player	Illinois St.	
		GP	GS
2	Gregg Alexander	11	11
4	Dirk Williams	40	8
5	Andy Strandmark	66	13
11	Vince Greene	11	2
12	Tarise Bryson	91	83
15	Randy Rice	41	38
21	Shawn Jeppson	98	31
23	Baboucarr Bojang	11	11
31	Chad Mazanowski	58	12
33	Shedrick Ford	41	36
34	Kenneth Hill	0	0
40	Casey Reid	11	2
44	Brett Gillan	25	0

Double-Double Debut for Mr. Bojang-les

Baboucarr Bojang played his first game in a Redbird uniform against Weber State and it was worth an encore. Bojang tapped his way to posting his first double-double, as the SMS-West Plains Junior College transfer tossed in 14 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. It was the first time since November 23, 1990, that a Redbird had a double-double performance in an opening game. The late Reggie Wilson poured in 22 points and hauled in 13 rebounds in the season opener at Dayton. It was also Wilson's first game as a Redbird after transferring from Lincoln Community College.

Jeppson Hits Century Mark

With six minutes left in the game at Georgia Southern, Illinois State guard **Shawn Jeppson** became the ninth Redbird in school history to drain 100 treys in a career. Jeppson stands in ninth place overall and needs five 3-pointers to surpass former Redbird Kyle Cartmill.

Alexander the Great Ballhandler

According to the roster and the register's office, **Gregg Alexander** is a true freshman, but on the court he plays like a savvy veteran. In his first season with the Redbirds, Alexander has logged 341 minutes, tops on the team, and coughed up only seven turnovers. Alexander is averaging .021 turnovers per minute, which is the lowest percentage in the Missouri Valley Conference. He has dished out 26 assists which ranks third on the team and is fourth on the club in scoring with 9.5 points per game. Alexander also leads the team in steals with 16.

Built Ford Tough

Shedrick Ford is second on the Redbirds in scoring with 11.0 points per game and has scored double-figures for Illinois State in five games. Ford has been the leading scorer in two games and had a season-high 21 points against Hofstra. In the season opener against Weber State, Ford put the team on his back after the injury to **Tarise Bryson** and finished with 18 points and eight boards.

Alexander Goes Where Few Freshmen Have Gone Before

Since 1990, three true freshman have started their first collegiate games at Illinois State. One of them is current Redbird **Gregg Alexander**. Alexander drew the starting nod in the opener against Weber State and responded with eight points, one rebound and two assists in 20 minutes of play. Alexander joins P.J. Smith (1999) and Dan Muller (1994).

Been There, Done That

At the Missouri Valley Conference media day, Illinois State was tabbed as the preseason favorite to win the league title by the conference media and sports information directors. The Redbirds received 26 of the possible 30 first-place votes. The last time the 'Birds were chosen preseason favorites was in 1997-98. Illinois State went on to win the conference. In 1996-97, the Redbirds were also favored to win and won the league.

No Thanks, I'm Just Watching

Trey Guidry, a 6-2 guard, has transferred to Illinois State from North Carolina State, but cannot play for the Redbirds until the 2002-03 season. NCAA rules require that he sit out one season. Guidry was a spot starter for the Wolfpack last season as a freshman and recorded a scoring best of 15 points against Wake Forest.

It Never Gets Boring

Last season's trip to the NIT marked Illinois State's 14th post-season appearance in 31 seasons on the Division I level. The Redbirds have finished over .500 in all but three of their campaigns as a D-I school and own 13 20-win campaigns over the last 26 years.

A Trade-In???

It's not quite a trade, but next season when the Redbirds lose the services of **Shedrick Ford** to graduation they will add **Dana Ford**. Dana Ford, a 6-foot-4, 185 guard from Egyptian High School in Tamms, Ill., signed a national letter of intent during the early signing period with Illinois State. Last year, Dana Ford averaged 22.5 points and is the school's all-time leading scorer with 1,620 points.

PLAYER UPDATES

#2 Gregg Alexander

Freshman • F • 6-4 • 190

Lincoln, Ill. (Lincoln)

- **Last Game:** 2 pts, 1-3 FG, 4 rebs, 23 min.
- Only seven turnovers in 341 minutes of play.
- After opening the season with 13-for-29 (.448) shooting on treys, has made four of his last 24 attempts (.167).
- Had third career double digit effort with 15 points at Illinois.
- Scored a career-high 24 points in the overtime loss against Hofstra.
- Currently averages 31.0 minutes per game and is on pace to break the freshman record for minutes played in a season by Dan Muller with 953.

#4 Dirk Williams

Sophomore • F • 6-8 • 210

Pekin, Ill. (Pekin Community)

- **Last Game:** 0 pts., 0-2 FG, 3 pf, 10 min.
- Posted his second double-digit scoring effort of the season with 10 points at Illinois.
- Shooting 1-for-14 from behind the arc.
- Has made 17 straight free throw attempts.
- Averaging 13.8 minutes per game in the first six games, but logged 17.8 in the last five games.
- Has blocked three shots in the last three games.

#5 Andy Strandmark

Junior • C • 6-11 • 235

Geneseo, Ill. (Darnall)

- **Last Game:** 6 pts, 7 rebs, 0 pf, 23 min.
- Posted his best scoring (7 points) and rebounding (7 boards) game of the season at Illinois.
- Averaged 1.2 boards per game over first nine games of the season, but has grabbed seven rebounds in each of the last two games.
- Battling a reoccurring stress fracture in right leg.
- Averaging 4 points per game in the Redbirds last seven games, after going scoreless in first four.
- Has made 12 of his last 21 FG attempts (.571).
- Posted a blocked shot in four of 11 games.

#10 Kevin Troc

Freshman • G • 6-4 • 185

Lockport, Ill. (Lockport)

- **Last Game:** DNP – Redshirt Candidate
- At the start of the season was expected to redshirt, but after the injury to Tarise Bryson was possibly going to play this year after all.
- Developed a staff infection during the team's trip to Pittsburgh, Pa., for the 2001 University Hoops Classic. Spent a week in the Pittsburgh hospital and will be out of action for six weeks. Thus will be redshirted for the 2001-02 campaign.

#11 Vince Greene

Sophomore • G • 5-9 • 160

Chicago, Ill. (Brother Rice)

- **Last Game:** 2 pts, 0-8 FG, 0-4 3FG, 20 min.
- Made last 18 free throw attempts.
- Scored a career-high 14 points against Samford.
- After four straight double-digit scoring games, has been held in single digits for the last three contests on a combined 4-for-28 shooting (.143).

#12 Tarise Bryson

Senior • G • 6-1 • 175

Decatur, Ill. (Stephen Decatur)

- **Last Game:** DNP – Injured
- Suffered a season-ending injury (dislocated wrist) 22 minutes into the season opening game against Weber State.
- Entered the season as the nation's top returning scorer at 22.8 points per game, the highest scoring average by a Redbird in 26 years.
- Named 2001-02 Missouri Valley Conference Preseason Player of the Year and winning the league award in 2000-01.
- 2001 Associated Press All-American Honorable Mention.
- Ranks No. 6 on the Illinois State career list with 1,736 points.

#15 Randy Rice

Senior • G • 6-0 • 175

Springfield, Ill. (Springfield/Wabash Valley CC)

- **Last Game:** 3 pts., 4 asts, 23 min.
- Scored a season-high seven points against C. Mich.
- Pulled down a season-high 6 boards at UT-Chatt.
- Started every game except against UT-San Antonio.
- Went 3-for-3 against Central Michigan, after converting two of his previous 12 FG attempts.
- Averaging 4.2 points per game over the last five contests, after averaging 2.3 in the first six.

#21 Shawn Jeppson

Senior • G • 6-2 • 180

Spring Valley, Ill. (Hall)

- **Last Game:** 12 pts., 4-7 3FG, 1 reb, 27 min.
- Left Illinois game after eight minutes with a moderate MCL sprain of his right knee.
- Has scored double-figures in 7 contests, including a season-high 19 points at Georgia Southern.
- Made 10 of his last 18 FG attempts (.556).
- Opened the season with 10 straight free throws, before missing his final attempt at Georgia Southern.
- Made at least one trey in 27 of his last 30 games.

#23 Baboucarr Bojang

Junior • F • 6-9 • 205

Greenville, S.C. (Wade Hampton/SMS-West Plains)

- **Last Game:** 11 pts., 6 rebs, 31 min.
- Started all 11 games and has scored double figures in 10, including the last eight games.
- Scored a career-high 26 points in the loss at Chattanooga, also added 8 boards (7 offensive).
- Grabbed a career-high 13 boards against Central Michigan and scored 20 points on 8-for-8 shooting.
- Posted four double-doubles in the first 10 games.
- Had back-to-back double-doubles against Hofstra and Georgia Southern.
- Made 29 of his last 48 FG attempts (.604).
- Owns 28.2 percent of the team's offensive rebounds (31-of-110).

#31 Chad Mazanowski

Senior • F • 6-6 • 225

DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)

- **Last Game:** 0 pts, 3 rebs, 1 pf, 1 stl, 5 min.
- Has logged 32 minutes in seven games.
- Battling chronic inflammation in his ankle. Has suffered from ankle injuries throughout his career.
- Two of his three FGs were dunks.
- Tossed in five points each against Pitt and Hofstra, his first two games of the season.

#33 Shedrick Ford

Senior • F • 6-5 • 220

Macon, Ga. (Southwest/Neosho County CC)

- **Last Game:** 9 pts, 2-3 3FG, 1 reb, 4 asts, 27 min.
- Has been held to single digit scoring in five of his last six games.
- Started 10 games for the Redbirds, but missed his first starting assignment against Kent State.
- Averaged 14.4 points per game in ISU's first five. Averaging 8.2 points in last six.
- Pulled down a season-best eight rebounds with 18 points in the season-opener against Weber State.

#34 Kenneth Hill

Freshman • F • 6-6 • 181

Naperville, Ill. (Central)

- **Last Game:** DNP – Coaches Decision
- Late addition walk-on.
- Has yet to see any game action this season.
- Averaged 13.6 points, 6.4 rebounds, 2.4 assists per game during his senior season at Naperville Central.
- Selected to the all-conference and all-area teams.

#40 Casey Reid

Junior • F • 6-7 • 205

Las Vegas, Nev. (Las Vegas/Scottsdale CC)

- **Last Game:** 3 pts., 2 rebs, 3 to, 10 min.
- Made 10 of his last 20 FG attempts (.500).
- Two starting assignments on the season – UT-Chattanooga and Illinois.
- Played a solid 17 minutes at Illinois with four points, five rebounds and two blocked shots.
- Tallied 25 points in the last seven games, after totaling four in the first four contests.

#44 Brett Gillan

Junior • G • 6-4 • 185

Normal, Ill. (Normal Community)

- **Last Game:** 0 pts, 1 min.
- Walk-on that has seen action in three games this season.
- Played a minute each against Pittsburgh, Illinois and Kent State without recording a stat.

INDIVIDUAL SEASON AND CAREER HIGHS

GREGG ALEXANDER – #2

Season	Category	Career
24 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01	Points	24 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01
9 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01	Field Goals	9 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01
6 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01	3-Pt. Field Goals	6 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01
5 vs. Weber St., 11-16-01	Free Throws	5 vs. Weber St., 11-16-01
7 vs. UC-Irvine, 11-23-01	Rebounds	7 vs. UC-Irvine, 11-23-01
4, twice	Assists	4, twice
4 at Chattanooga, 12-15-01	Steals	4 at Chattanooga, 12-15-01
None	Blocks	None
42 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01	Minutes	42 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01

BABOUARR BOJANG – #23

Season	Category	Career
26 at Chattanooga, 12-15-01	Points	26 at Chattanooga, 12-15-01
9 at Chattanooga, 12-15-01	Field Goals	9 at Chattanooga, 12-15-01
None	3-Pt. Field Goals	None
8 at Chattanooga, 12-15-01	Free Throws	8 at Chattanooga, 12-15-01
13 vs. C. Michigan, 12-9-01	Rebounds	13 vs. C. Michigan, 12-9-01
2, twice	Assists	2, twice
4 at Ga. Southern, 11-29-01	Steals	4 at Ga. Southern, 11-29-01
1 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01	Blocks	1 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01
39 at Chattanooga, 12-15-01	Minutes	39 at Chattanooga, 12-15-01

SHEDRICK FORD – #33

Season	Category	Career
21 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01	Points	25 at W. Illinois, 12-31-00
8 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01	Field Goals	9 at Evansville, 2-12-01
2, Kent State, 12-22-01	3-Pt. Field Goals	4 vs. Drake, 2-18-01
6 vs. Pittsburgh, 11-24-01	Free Throws	9 at W. Illinois, 12-31-01
8 vs. Weber St., 11-16-01	Rebounds	15 vs. Bradley, 2-6-01
4 vs. Kent State, 12-22-01	Assists	4, Kent State, 12-22-01
2, twice	Steals	3 vs. Evansville, 2-12-01
1 vs. Weber St., 11-16-01	Blocks	2 vs. UTSA, 12-17-00
38 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01	Minutes	46 at W. Illinois, 12-31-00

BRETT GILLAN – #44

Season	Category	Career
None	Points	2, three times
None	Field Goals	1, three times
None	3-Pt. Field Goals	None
None	Free Throws	None
None	Rebounds	1, three times
None	Assists	None
None	Steals	None
None	Blocks	None
1, three times	Minutes	4 vs. Chicago St., 11-25-00

VINCE GREENE – #11

Season	Category	Career
14 vs. Samford, 12-8-01	Points	14 vs. Samford, 12-8-01
4, three times	Field Goals	4, three times
2, four times	3-Pt. Field Goals	2, four times
8, twice	Free Throws	8, twice
2 at Ga. Southern, 11-29-01	Rebounds	2 at Ga. Southern, 11-29-01
5 at Illinois, 12-18-01	Assists	5 at Illinois, 12-18-01
1, four times	Steals	1, four times
None	Blocks	None
28 at Illinois, 12-18-01	Minutes	28 at Illinois, 12-18-01

SHAWN JEPSON – #21

Season	Category	Career
19 at Ga. Southern, 11-29-01	Points	22 at Wichita St., 1-29-01
7 at Ga. Southern, 11-29-01	Field Goals	8, twice
4 vs. Kent St., 12-22-01	3-Pt. Field Goals	4, three times
4, twice	Free Throws	9 vs. Wichita St., 2-23-00
4 vs. Pittsburgh, 11-24-01	Rebounds	7 at Wichita St., 1-29-01
5, twice	Assists	9 at S. Illinois, 1-14-01
3 vs. Weber St., 11-16-01	Steals	4 at Wichita St., 1-29-01
None	Blocks	2, three times
39 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01	Minutes	43 vs. Bradley, 2-8-00

CHAD MAZANOWSKI – #31

Season	Category	Career
5, twice	Points	10 at Bowling Green, 12-1-99
2 vs. Pittsburgh, 11-24-01	Field Goals	4 at Bowling Green, 12-1-99
None	3-Pt. Field Goals	None
3 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01	Free Throws	3 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01
3 vs. Kent St., 12-22-01	Rebounds	8, three times
1 at Illinois, 12-18-01	Assists	1, seven times
1 vs. Kent St., 12-22-01	Steals	1, 12 times
None	Blocks	2, twice
12 vs. Pittsburgh, 11-24-01	Minutes	31 vs. Creighton, 2-5-00

CASEY REID – #40

Season	Category	Career
8 at Ga. Southern, 11-29-01	Points	8 at Ga. Southern, 11-29-01
4 at Ga. Southern, 11-29-01	Field Goals	4 at Ga. Southern, 11-29-01
None	3-Pt. Field Goals	None
2 at UTSA, 12-1-01	Free Throws	2 at UTSA, 12-1-01
5 at Illinois, 12-18-01	Rebounds	5 at Illinois, 12-18-01
2, twice	Assists	2, twice
1, twice	Steals	1, twice
2 at Illinois, 12-18-01	Blocks	2 at Illinois, 12-18-01
20 at Ga. Southern, 11-29-01	Minutes	20 at Ga. Southern, 11-29-01

RANDY RICE – #15

Season	Category	Career
7 vs. C. Michigan, 12-9-01	Points	10 at Evansville, 2-12-01
3 vs. C. Michigan, 12-9-01	Field Goals	4, twice
1, three times	3-Pt. Field Goals	1, eight times
4 vs. Samford, 12-8-01	Free Throws	4 vs. Samford, 12-8-01
6 at Chattanooga, 12-15-01	Rebounds	8 at Evansville, 2-12-01
7 at Chattanooga, 12-15-01	Assists	13 at Evansville, 2-12-01
3 vs. Samford, 12-8-01	Steals	5, twice
None	Blocks	1, four times
31, twice	Minutes	49 at Evansville, 2-12-01

ANDY STRANDMARK – #5

Season	Category	Career
7 at Illinois, 12-18-01	Points	15 vs. Bradley, 2-8-00
3 at Illinois, 12-18-01	Field Goals	6 vs. Bradley, 2-8-00
None	3-Pt. Field Goals	None
2 vs. Kent St., 12-22-01	Free Throws	4, twice
7, twice	Rebounds	13 vs. SW Mo. St., 1-22-00
2 at Ga. Southern, 11-29-01	Assists	3 at Bradley, 1-26-00
1 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01	Steals	3 at Creighton, 12-12-99
1, four times	Blocks	2, six times
23 vs. Kent St., 12-22-01	Minutes	33, twice

DIRK WILLIAMS – #4

Season	Category	Career
10, twice	Points	14 vs. Evansville, 3-3-01
4 at Illinois, 12-18-01	Field Goals	6 vs. Evansville, 3-3-01
1 at UTSA, 12-1-01	3-Pt. Field Goals	2 vs. Evansville, 3-3-01
4, twice	Free Throws	4, twice
7 at Chattanooga, 12-15-01	Rebounds	13 vs. Evansville, 1-20-01
3 at Illinois, 12-18-01	Assists	3 at Illinois, 12-18-01
1, three times	Steals	2, twice
2 at Chattanooga, 12-15-01	Blocks	2 at Chattanooga, 12-15-01
32 vs. Samford, 12-8-01	Minutes	32 vs. Samford, 12-8-01

2001-02 VALLEY STANDINGS

	MVC			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
1. Creighton	1	0	.000	6	4	.600
Northern Iowa	1	0	1.000	6	4	.600
Drake	1	0	1.000	6	5	.545
SW Missouri St.	1	0	.000	5	7	.417
5. S. Illinois	0	0	.000	10	2	.833
6. Wichita State	0	0	.000	6	5	.545
7. Illinois State	0	0	.000	4	7	.364
8. Bradley	0	1	.000	3	7	.300
Evansville	0	1	.000	3	7	.300
10. Indiana State	0	2	.000	2	9	.182

(As of 12/30)

2001-02 VALLEY RANKINGS

TEAM	Rank	Value
Scoring Offense	8th	66.6
Scoring Defense	5th	70.8
Scoring Margin	7th	-4.2
Free Throw Pct.	2nd	.758
Field Goal Pct.	8th	.424
FG Pct. Defense	10th	.485
3-Point FG Pct.	7th	.309
3-Point FG Pct. Def.	3rd	.332
Rebounding Offense	10th	30.7
Rebounding Defense	7th	34.7
Rebounding Margin	10th	-4.0
Blocked Shots	9th	1.27
Assists	2nd	14.91
Steals	5th	6.00
Turnover Margin	2nd	+1.91
Assist/Turnover Ratio	3rd	0.95
Offensive Rebounds	18th	10.00
Defensive Rebounds	10th	20.73
3-Point Field Goals Made	8th	5.00

INDIVIDUAL

Player	Rank	Value
Baboucarr Bojang	7th	14.8
Baboucarr Bojang	5th	7.7
Baboucarr Bojang	8th	.542
Randy Rice	t9th	3.09
Vince Greene	4th	.867
Gregg Alexander	5th	1.45
Randy Rice	9th	1.31
Baboucarr Bojang	16th	2.82
Baboucarr Bojang	4th	4.91

VALLEY PRESEASON POLL

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
1. Illinois State	26	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	293
2. Creighton	1	10	7	7	3	1	1	-	-	-	232
3. Indiana State	1	7	8	6	5	3	-	-	-	-	224
4. S. Illinois	1	8	5	3	8	2	2	1	-	-	212
5. SW Mo. St.	1	2	5	5	6	3	6	2	-	-	184
6. Bradley	-	1	-	7	4	8	5	3	2	-	155
7. Evansville	-	1	-	2	2	5	6	10	4	-	122
8. Drake	-	-	2	-	1	5	9	9	3	1	117
9. Wichita St.	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	5	18	4	70
10. Northern Iowa	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	3	25	41

CLUTCH FREE THROWS

Here's how the Redbirds have shot free throws in the game's final five minutes and during the overtime period:

	FTM	FTA	PCT
Williams	2	2	1.000
Greene	10	12	.833
Rice	4	6	.667
Alexander	4	6	.667
Ford	4	6	.667
Jeppson	2	3	.667
Bojang	11	19	.579
Mazanowski	1	2	.500
Total	38	56	.679

SHOOTING BREAKDOWN

	Illinois St.	Opp.
FG Pct., 1st Half	120-290 (41.4%)	141-293 (48.1%)
FG Pct., 2nd Half	138-315 (43.8%)	148-301 (49.2%)
3FG Pct., 1st Half	26-91 (28.6%)	34-96 (35.4%)
3FG Pct., 2nd Half	29-86 (33.7%)	27-87 (31.0%)
FT Pct., 1st Half	61-80 (76.3%)	53-80 (66.3%)
FT Pct., 2nd Half	95-125 (76.0%)	79-109 (72.5%)
FG Pct., Home	82-186 (44.1%)	90-204 (44.1%)
FG Pct., Away	114-264 (43.2%)	123-235 (52.3%)
FG Pct., Neutral	63-161 (39.1%)	78-161 (48.4%)
3FG Pct., Home	18-58 (31.0%)	24-76 (31.6%)
3FG Pct., Away	21-74 (28.4%)	21-65 (32.3%)
3FG Pct., Neutral	16-46 (34.8%)	16-43 (37.2%)
FT Pct., Home	77-99 (77.8%)	44-60 (73.3%)
FT Pct., Away	41-57 (71.9%)	65-93 (69.9%)
FT Pct., Neutral	42-55 (76.4%)	27-42 (64.3%)

BENCH SCORING

Weber State	24-20
vs. UC-Irvine	17-17
vs. Pittsburgh	13-14
vs. Hofstra	5-30
at Georgia Southern	23-15
at UT-San Antonio	24-21
Samford	25-13
Central Michigan	21-9
at Chattanooga	14-20
at Illinois	29-28
Kent State	30-18
Creighton	
at Southern Illinois	
Wichita State	
at Drake	
Indiana State	
at Creighton	
Southwest Missouri St.	
at Bradley	
Drake	
Northern Iowa	
at Southwest Missouri St.	
Bradley	
at Indiana State	
at Evansville	
Southern Illinois	
at Wichita State	
at Northern Iowa	
Evansville	
Total	225-205

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. Shedrick Ford (15) vs. Bradley, 2-6-01
Opponent Joshua Cross (17), S. Illinois, 2-12-00

A player had a double-double ...
ILLINOIS ST. B. Bojang (20p, 13r) vs. C. Mich., 12-9-01
Opponent Dusty Pullian (10p, 12r) at Chattanooga, 12-15-01

A player made five 3-pointers ...
ILLINOIS ST. Gregg Alexander (6-11) vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01
Opponent Maynard Lewis (7-8), Purdue, 3-14-01

A player made 10 free throws ...
ILLINOIS ST. Tarise Bryson (12-15) at Purdue, 3-14-01
Opponent Devin Brown (10-13) at UTSA, 12-1-01

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. Tarise Bryson (6) vs. Wichita State, 2-26-01
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 Jeff Rabey (5), Bradley, 2-21-01

INDIVIDUAL

A team scored 100 points ...
ILLINOIS ST. vs. Southern Illinois (105), 1-10-98
Opponent vs. Oklahoma (112), 12-28-90

A team made 35 field goals ...
ILLINOIS ST. at Southern Illinois (35-53), 2-28-98
Opponent vs. UT-San Antonio (35-65), 12-17-00

A team had 75 field goal attempts ...
ILLINOIS ST. vs. Lewis (78), 12-2-92
Opponent vs. Akron (27-80), 11-20-98

A team shot 50 percent from the field ...
ILLINOIS ST. vs. C. Mich. (.524, 22-42), 12-9-01
Opponent at Illinois (.531, 34-64), 12-18-01

A team made 10 3-point field goals ...
ILLINOIS ST. vs. Bradley (10-27), 3-4-01
Opponent at Purdue (12-20), 3-14-01

A team had 20 3-point field goal attempts ...
ILLINOIS ST. at Illinois (4-20), 12-18-01
Opponent vs. Kent State (6-20), 12-22-01

A team shot 50 percent on 3-pointers ...
ILLINOIS ST. at Purdue (.571, 8-14), 3-14-01
Opponent at Purdue (.600, 12-20), 3-14-01

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

ILLINOIS STATE'S 2001-02 RECORD WHEN

Overall	4-7
Missouri Valley Conference	0-0
Playing Nationally Ranked Teams	0-1
Leading at the Half	3-0
Trailing at the Half	1-7
Tied at the Half	0-0
Leading with 5:00 to Play	4-0
Trailing with 5:00 to Play	0-7
Tied with 5:00 to Play	0-0
In Overtime	0-1
ISU out-rebounds opponent	1-1
Opponents out-rebounds ISU	2-6
ISU has 15 or fewer Turnovers	0-4
ISU has fewer Turnovers than opp.	3-4
ISU shoots 50 Percent or Better	1-1
ISU shoots 40 Percent or Better	3-3
Opponents shoot less than 40 Percent	1-0
Opponents shot 40 Percent or Better	3-6
ISU shoots better than Opponent	1-1
Opponent shoots better than ISU	3-6
ISU has more FG Attempts	3-4
Opponent has more FG Attempts	1-3
ISU Shoots better than 35% on 3's	1-3
ISU Attempts more 3's	2-3
Opponents Attempt more 3's	2-3
ISU has more FT Attempts	3-3
Opponent has more FT Attempts	1-4
ISU Scores 100 or More	0-0
ISU Scores 90 or More	0-0
ISU Scores 80 or More	0-2
ISU Scores 70 or More	2-4

ISU Scores 60 or More	3-4
ISU Scores less than 60	1-3
Opponent Scores 100 or More	0-0
Opponent Scores 90 or More	0-0
Opponent Scores 80 or More	0-4
Opponent Scores 70 or More	1-5
Opponent Scores 60 or More	2-7
Opponent Scores less than 60	2-0
In Games Decided by 5 or less	1-1
In Games Decided by 6-10 Points	2-1
In Games Decided by 11-20 Points	1-5
In Games Decided by 21+ Points	0-0
Day Games	3-4
Night Games	1-3
Home Court	3-1
Away Games	0-4
Neutral Games	1-2
When ISU Scores First	2-2
When ISU Wins Tip	2-5
In November	2-3
In December	2-4
In January	0-0
In February	0-0
In March	0-0
On Sunday	1-1
On Monday	0-0
On Tuesday	0-1
On Wednesday	0-0
On Thursday	0-1
On Friday	2-0
On Saturday	1-4

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

Opponent	Alexander	Bojang	Bryson	Ford	Gillan	Greene
<i>Weber State</i>	8-1-2*	14-10-2*	8-3-3*	18-8-1*	DNP	1-0-1
<i>vs. UC-Irvine</i>	7-7-3*	13-8-1*	DNP – Injured	9-3-1*	DNP	11-0-4
<i>vs. Pittsburgh</i>	7-0-2*	7-5-0*	DNP – Injured	13-5-1*	0-0-0	4-2-0
<i>vs. Hofstra</i>	24-4-3*	10-11-2*	DNP – Injured	21-7-3*	DNP	0-0-4
<i>at Ga. Southern</i>	7-5-2*	14-10-1*	DNP – Injured	11-5-0*	DNP	12-2-4
<i>at UT-San Antonio</i>	18-3-2*	20-6-0*	DNP – Injured	2-5-3*	DNP	12-0-3*
<i>Samford</i>	5-3-4*	13-5-1*	DNP – Injured	6-2-1*	DNP	14-1-4
<i>C. Michigan</i>	7-4-4*	20-13-0*	DNP – Injured	15-3-1*	DNP	11-1-3
<i>at Chattanooga</i>	5-3-2*	26-8-0*	DNP – Injured	9-5-1*	DNP	2-1-1
<i>at Illinois</i>	15-5-1*	15-4-0*	DNP – Injured	8-1-2*	0-0-0	7-1-5
<i>Kent State</i>	2-4-1*	11-6-0*	DNP – Injured	9-1-4	0-0-0	2-0-4*
<i>Creighton</i>						
<i>at S. Illinois</i>						
<i>Wichita State</i>						
<i>at Drake</i>						
<i>Indiana State</i>						
<i>at Creighton</i>						
<i>SMS</i>						
<i>at Bradley</i>						
<i>Drake</i>						
<i>Northern Iowa</i>						
<i>at SMS</i>						
<i>Bradley</i>						
<i>at Indiana St.</i>						
<i>at Evansville</i>						
<i>S. Illinois</i>						
<i>at Wichita St.</i>						
<i>at N. Iowa</i>						
<i>Evansville</i>						

Opponent	Jeppson	Mazanowski	Reid	Rice	Strandmark	Williams
<i>Weber State</i>	14-1-5	DNP	4-0-1	2-2-1*	0-1-0	5-3-0
<i>vs. UC-Irvine</i>	12-3-1*	DNP	0-0-1	0-3-2*	0-1-0	6-2-0
<i>vs. Pittsburgh</i>	2-4-2*	5-0-0	0-1-1	4-1-2*	0-4-0	4-4-0
<i>vs. Hofstra</i>	14-1-5*	5-2-0	0-1-1	6-4-5*	0-0-1	0-0-1
<i>at Ga. Southern</i>	19-1-2*	0-0-0	8-3-1	2-2-3*	3-2-2	0-2-0
<i>at UT-San Antonio</i>	15-3-2	0-0-0	6-2-2*	0-3-2	4-0-1	5-5-0
<i>Samford</i>	5-2-1	DNP	2-3-0	6-0-3*	4-0-0	10-1-2*
<i>C. Michigan</i>	6-1-1	DNP	0-4-2	7-4-2*	4-1-0	2-1-1*
<i>at Chattanooga</i>	10-1-1	0-0-0	2-2-0	3-6-7*	0-2-1	2-7-1*
<i>at Illinois</i>	5-1-0	0-0-1	4-5-0*	2-3-3*	7-7-0	10-5-3
<i>Kent State</i>	12-1-0	0-3-0	3-2-0	3-0-4*	6-7-0	0-1-0*
<i>Creighton</i>						
<i>at S. Illinois</i>						
<i>Wichita State</i>						
<i>at Drake</i>						
<i>Indiana State</i>						
<i>at Creighton</i>						
<i>SMS</i>						
<i>at Bradley</i>						
<i>Drake</i>						
<i>Northern Iowa</i>						
<i>at SMS</i>						
<i>Bradley</i>						
<i>at Indiana St.</i>						
<i>at Evansville</i>						
<i>S. Illinois</i>						
<i>at Wichita St.</i>						
<i>at N. Iowa</i>						
<i>Evansville</i>						

SUPERLATIVES

STARTING LINEUPS – F, F, C, G, G (6):

- **Alexander, Ford, Bojang, Bryson, Rice (1-0)**
(W) – Weber State
- **Alexander, Ford, Bojang, Rice, Jeppson (1-3)**
(W) – UC-Irvine
(L) – Pittsburgh, Hofstra, at Ga. Southern
- **Ford, Reid, Bojang, Alexander, Greene (0-1)**
(L) – UT-San Antonio
- **Williams, Ford, Bojang, Alexander, Rice (2-1)**
(W) – Samford, Central Michigan
(L) – Chattanooga
- **Ford, Reid, Bojang, Alexander, Rice (0-1)**
(L) – Illinois
- **Alexander, Williams, Bojang, Greene, Rice (0-1)**
(L) – Kent State

FIRST SUBSTITUTION:

Williams 4, Jeppson 4, Rice 1, Greene 1, Reid 1

FIRST POINTS:

Bojang 7, Ford 1, Rice 1, Williams 1, Reid 1

DOUBLE-DIGIT SCORERS (30):

Bojang 10, Jeppson 7, Ford 5, Greene 5, Alexander 3, Williams 2

DOUBLE-DIGIT REBOUNDING (4):

Bojang 4

LEADING SCORER:

Bojang 5, Alexander 2, Ford 2, Jeppson 2, Greene 1

LEADING REBOUNDER:

Bojang 8, Strandmark 2, Ford 1

DOUBLE-DOUBLES (4):

Bojang 4

DUNKS (10):

Bojang 6, Mazanowski 2, Strandmark 1

CHARGES DRAWN (14):

Ford 5, Williams 4, Rice 4, Reid 2, Jeppson 2, Alexander 2, Bojang 2, Strandmark 1, Greene 1

MOST MINUTES:

- 42, Gregg Alexander vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01
- 39, Randy Rice vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01
- Baboucarr Bojang at Chattanooga, 12-15-01
- 38, Shedrick Ford vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01
- 36, Baboucarr Bojang vs. UC-Irvine, 11-23-01
- Baboucarr Bojang vs. C. Mich., 12-9-01
- 34, Gregg Alexander vs. UC-Irvine, 11-23-01
- Gregg Alexander vs. Samford, 12-8-01
- Gregg Alexander at Illinois, 12-18-01
- 33, Gregg Alexander vs. C. Mich., 12-9-01
- Gregg Alexander at Chattanooga, 12-15-01
- 32, Shedrick Ford vs. Pittsburgh, 11-24-01
- Baboucarr Bojang vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01
- Dirk Williams vs. Samford, 12-8-01
- Baboucarr Bojang vs. Samford, 12-8-01
- 31, Shedrick Ford vs. Weber State, 11-16-01
- Randy Rice vs. Weber State, 11-16-01
- Randy Rice vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01
- Gregg Alexander vs. UTSA, 12-1-01
- Shedrick Ford at Chattanooga, 12-15-01
- Baboucarr Bojang vs. Kent State, 12-22-01
- 30, Shawn Jeppson vs. UC-Irvine, 11-23-01
- Gregg Alexander at Ga. Southern, 11-29-01
- Shawn Jeppson at Ga. Southern, 11-29-01
- Shawn Jeppson at UTSA, 12-1-01

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2001-02 GAME-BY-GAME

	Final	FG	FG%	3FG	3%	FT	FT%	O-D-T Reb.	Fouls	Assists	Turnovers	Blocks	Steals	Halftime
Weber State @ Illinois State (1-0)	70 74	26-56 23-57	46.4% 40.4%	6-14 4-20	42.9% 20.0%	12-19 24-28	63.2% 85.7%	14-25-39 9-22-31	22 22	9 16	24 19	5 2	9 15	31 35
Illinois State (2-0) vs. UC-Irvine	58 52	21-49 20-43	42.9% 46.5%	6-15 4-10	40.0% 40.0%	10-11 8-15	90.0% 53.3%	6-22-28 6-22-28	16 15	13 13	16 19	0 2	6 11	26 21
Pittsburgh vs. Illinois State (2-1)	65 46	25-53 12-45	47.2% 26.7%	5-14 1-11	35.7% 9.1%	10-14 21-28	71.4% 75.0%	10-28-38 9-20-29	20 16	17 8	16 15	6 0	5 6	32 20
Illinois State (2-2) vs. Hofstra	80 82	30-67 33-65	44.8% 50.8%	9-20 7-19	45.0% 36.8%	11-16 9-13	68.8% 69.2%	13-19-32 16-25-41	18 18	25 19	19 24	1 9	6 8	39 52
Illinois State (2-3) @ Georgia Southern	76 87	29-65 34-57	44.6% 59.6%	7-24 5-12	29.2% 41.7%	11-15 14-18	73.3% 77.8%	15-17-32 6-25-31	18 13	15 22	13 12	1 4	4 4	40 48
Illinois State (2-4) @ UT-San Antonio	82 88	31-61 31-64	50.8% 48.4%	8-17 4-17	47.1% 23.5%	12-17 22-31	70.6% 71.0%	4-25-29 12-30-42	25 19	15 18	18 16	2 5	4 10	32 42
Samford @ Illinois State (3-4)	54 65	20-36 22-47	55.6% 46.8%	7-21 4-12	33.3% 33.3%	7-10 17-23	70.0% 73.9%	3-22-25 6-14-20	17 13	13 16	25 11	0 1	2 10	27 23
Central Michigan @ Illinois State (4-4)	63 72	21-56 22-42	37.5% 52.4%	5-21 3-9	23.8% 33.3%	16-20 25-61	80.0% 80.6%	11-15-26 8-27-35	26 22	8 14	15 20	4 0	13 4	14 36
Illinois State (4-5) @ Chattanooga	59 70	24-67 24-50	35.8% 48.0%	2-13 5-12	15.4% 41.7%	9-12 17-22	75.0% 77.3%	15-20-35 11-28-39	20 18	14 13	13 20	2 7	7 7	26 36
Illinois State (4-6) @ #7 Illinois	73 87	30-71 34-64	42.3% 53.1%	4-20 7-24	20.0% 29.2%	9-13 12-22	69.2% 54.5%	17-20-37 13-25-38	21 15	15 20	10 12	4 5	3 8	37 32
Kent State Illinois State (4-7)	61 48	23-56 15-40	41.1% 37.5%	6-20 7-17	30.0% 41.2%	9-11 11-17	81.8% 64.7%	13-22-35 8-22-30	19 16	11 13	11 19	1 1	5 1	29 18

EXHIBITION 1

Bryson, Redbirds Look Sharp in Exhibition Opener

NORMAL, Ill. – Led by 25 points from the nation's returning scoring leader, Tarise Bryson, Illinois State rolled to a 93-69 victory over head coach Tom Richardson's alma mater, St. Xavier, in the Redbirds' exhibition season-opener at Redbird Arena on Thursday.

The reigning Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year and preseason favorite to win the award again this year, Bryson tallied 21 of his game-high 25 points in the decisive first half as he hit on 8-of-10 attempts from the field, including 3-of-4 treys. The all-America candidate unleashed the complete arsenal, hitting from the inside and outside, while even throwing down a fast break dunk. He also dished out a team-high six assists, pulled down two rebounds and notched two steals.

Shedrick Ford tallied 15 points and pulled down six boards, Baboucarr Bojang scored 12 points and grabbed seven rebounds, Casey Reid scored 10 points and grabbed seven rebounds, while Shawn Jeppson added 12 points. Dirk Williams chipped in with six points and five boards, Gregg Alexander added six points and Randy Rice topped off a solid game with five points, four rebounds and a team-high four steals.

ILLINOIS STATE 93, St. Xavier 69
November 1, 2001 • Redbird Arena

St. Xavier	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Ausley (F)	28	7-15	0-0	2-4	2	0	14
Mikal (F)	33	1-11	0-0	2-7	1	3	2
Brown (C)	16	5-5	0-0	2-5	0	5	10
Telander (G)	36	3-10	6-8	0-4	4	3	13
Dodson (G)	20	0-1	1-2	0-3	1	3	1
Reiter	7	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	2
Watson	3	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Hampton	26	5-14	2-4	5-9	1	1	12
Winding	2	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	2
Rojas	18	6-11	0-0	3-5	0	3	13
Hillock	11	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	3	0
Totals	200	29-71	9-15	17-44	9	21	69

Team Pct.: FG – .408; FT – .600

3-Pt.: 2-15, .133 (Ausley 0-1, Mikal 0-3, Telander 1-5, Dodson 0-1, Hampton 0-3, Rojas 1-2)

Blocks: 2 (Ausley, Mikal)

Turnovers: 23 (Ausley 3, Mikal 3, Brown 1, Telander 2, Dodson 3, Watson 4, Hampton 3, Rojas 2, Hillock 1)

Steals: 8 (Ausley 1, Mikal 1, Brown 1, Telander 1, Dodson 1, Reiter 1, Winding 1, Rojas 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Williams (F)	26	2-7	2-2	0-5	1	1	6
Ford (F)	25	5-10	4-6	0-6	0	3	15
Bojang (C)	21	5-6	2-2	1-7	0	2	12
Bryson (G)	28	10-16	2-3	0-2	6	3	25
Rice (G)	24	2-4	0-0	2-4	5	2	5
Alexander	18	2-5	1-2	2-3	2	0	6
Greene	15	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	3	2
Jeppson	20	6-13	0-0	0-0	0	2	12
Reid	20	3-5	4-7	3-7	0	2	10
Gillan	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	36-68	15-22	10-37	15	18	93

Team Pct.: FG – .529; FT – .682

3-Pt.: 6-21, .286 (Williams 0-1, Ford 1-5, Bryson 3-7, Rice 1-1, Alexander 1-4, Greene 0-1, Jeppson 0-2)

Blocks: 3 (Williams 1, Bojang 1, Rice 1)

Turnovers: 15 (Williams 1, Ford 1, Bojang 2, Bryson 5, Rice 1, Jeppson 3, Reid 2)

Steals: 13 (Williams 1, Ford 1, Bojang 1, Bryson 2, Rice 4, Alexander 1, Greene 2, Jeppson 1)

Officials: Todd Burchyett, Charlie Balunek and Brian Roberson

Attendance: 4,759

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 51, St. Xavier 27

EXHIBITION 2

Bryson, Ford Lead Redbirds to 98-64 Exhibition Win

NORMAL, Ill. – Led by 23 points from Tarise Bryson and a double-double by Shedrick Ford, the Illinois State men's basketball team dropped the EA Sports Midwest All-Stars, 98-64, Sunday at Redbird Arena.

The 'Birds dominated the first half, leading 50-30 at the break. With the score 22-18 with a little more than eight minutes left in the half, the Redbirds went on an 11-0 run sparked by five points from Bryson, who had 12 points through 14 minutes of action.

In the final minute of the first half, ISU led by 44-28 but then a monstrous dunk by Chad Mazanowski followed by a Gregg Alexander steal led to a Shawn Jeppson layup and a 20-point lead.

The second half started where the first half left off as the 'Birds built on their 20 point cushion on a Ford layup and a Bryson three-pointer giving ISU at 25 point lead.

Four of the five Illinois State starters hit for double-digits led by Bryson's 23. Baboucarr Bojang tossed in 11, freshman Alexander poured in 10 and Ford added 10 points to match 10 rebounds. Jeppson and Dirk Williams provided a spark off the bench, adding 13 and 10, respectively.

ILLINOIS STATE 98, EA Sports Midwest All-Stars 64
November 11, 2001 • Redbird Arena

EA Sports	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Davis (F)	31	0-3	0-0	0-3	1	3	0
Jackson (F)	26	2-8	1-3	2-5	0	3	5
Turner (C)	28	1-2	0-1	4-10	0	0	2
McClure (G)	25	6-10	0-0	0-0	0	2	15
Taylor (G)	27	5-11	8-8	1-4	3	4	18
Fountain	25	6-15	2-4	0-1	4	4	16
Mobley	11	1-5	0-0	0-0	0	1	2
Craft	9	0-2	2-4	0-2	0	5	2
Asselin	18	2-4	0-2	4-4	2	5	4
Totals	200	23-60	13-22	12-34	10	27	64

Team Pct.: FG – .383; FT – .591

3-Pt.: 5-16, .313 (Davis 0-1, McClure 3-6, Taylor 0-1, Fountain 2-5, Mobley 0-3)

Blocks: 2 (Jackson 1, Mobley 1)

Turnovers: 22 (Davis 6, Jackson 1, McClure 3, Taylor 6, Fountain 2, Craft 1, Asselin 3)

Steals: 11 (Davis 5, Jackson 1, McClure 2, Fountain 1, Craft 1, Asselin 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander (F)	25	3-7	2-2	2-5	2	2	10
Ford (F)	23	4-10	2-2	2-10	1	1	10
Bojang (C)	22	3-7	5-6	0-2	0	1	11
Bryson (G)	25	6-10	7-7	0-0	3	3	23
Rice (G)	24	1-3	4-4	0-1	4	2	7
Williams	14	3-5	2-2	2-7	0	3	10
Strandmark	7	0-1	0-0	0-3	0	1	0
Greene	16	3-4	0-0	0-0	5	3	8
Jeppson	22	5-6	1-3	0-3	2	3	13
Mazanowski	6	2-3	1-4	0-3	1	1	5
Reid	14	0-1	0-0	1-3	1	4	0
Gillan	2	0-1	1-2	1-1	0	0	1
Totals	200	30-58	25-3	9-39	19	24	98

Team Pct.: FG – .517; FT – .781

3-Pt.: 13-25, .565 (Alexander 2-4, Bryson 4-8, Rice 1-2, Williams 2-3, Greene 2-2, Jeppson 2-3, Gillan 0-1)

Blocks: 1 (Mazanowski 1)

Turnovers: 21 (Alexander 2, Ford 1, Bojang 2, Bryson 7, Rice 3, Williams 4, Jeppson 2)

Steals: 9 (Alexander 3, Ford 1, Bojang 1, Bryson 2, Rice 1, Jeppson 1)

Officials: Sam Banks, Mark Mayhood, Paul Norfleet

Attendance: 5,317

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 50, EA Sports 30

GAME 1

Ford Powers Illinois State Past Weber State in Season Opener

NORMAL, Ill. – Forward Shedrick Ford tossed in 18 points and hauled in eight rebounds as Illinois State edged Weber State, 74-70, in the season opener Friday at Redbird Arena.

Pre-season Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year Tarise Bryson went down with a dislocated right wrist at the 17:46 mark on a hard foul as he was driving to the basket. Bryson left with eight points, three assists and three steals and will miss the rest of the season.

Down by as many as six in the first half, the Redbirds (1-0) clawed their way back to within one with nine minutes left, after a layup by Ford and a Shawn Jeppson trey. The 'Birds took their first lead of the game at the four minute mark on another Jeppson three-pointer as ISU took a 35-31 lead into the half.

Baboucarr Bojang and Jeppson filled in during the second with the absence of Bryson. Bojang recorded his first double-double in his first game as a Redbird scoring 14 points, 12 in the second half, and pulling down 10 boards. Jeppson tallied 10 of his 14 in the second period and dished out five assists.

ILLINOIS STATE 74, Weber State 70
November 16, 2001 • Redbird Arena

Weber St.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Woods (F)	33	2-7	5-6	7-12	3	1	9
Danley (F)	33	1-6	0-0	0-6	0	4	2
Bachmann (C)	13	2-2	0-0	0-2	0	5	4
Boyette (G)	35	12-21	4-8	1-3	2	2	31
Morrison (G)	18	1-4	2-2	0-0	1	3	4
Sparrow	11	0-2	0-0	0-1	0	2	0
Jenkins	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Thurig	3	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	0	1
Hamilton	24	4-10	0-0	0-4	2	1	10
Barton	20	2-2	0-1	5-7	1	3	5
Eyre	5	1-1	0-0	1-2	0	1	2
Carter	4	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	2
Totals	200	26-56	12-19	14-39	9	22	70

Team Pct.: FG – .464; FT – .632

3-Pt.: 6-14, .429 (Woods 0-1, Boyette 3-4, Morrison 0-1, Sparrow 0-1, Hamilton 2-6, Barton 1-1)

Blocks: 5 (Woods 1, Danley 3, Morrison 1)

Turnovers: 24 (Woods 3, Danley 4, Bachmann 3, Boyette 6, Sparrow 1, Hamilton 5, Barton 1, Eyre 1)

Steals: 9 (Woods 1, Danley 1, Bachmann 1, Boyette 3, Morrison 1, Thurig 1, Carter 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander (F)	20	1-4	5-6	1-1	2	1	8
Ford (F)	31	6-9	5-7	3-8	1	4	18
Bojang (C)	28	5-9	4-4	2-10	2	2	14
Bryson (G)	19	3-11	2-2	1-3	3	1	8
Rice (G)	31	1-5	0-0	0-2	1	3	2
Williams	17	1-4	3-3	1-3	0	3	5
Strandmark	4	0-1	0-0	1-1	0	1	0
Greene	11	0-2	1-2	0-0	1	2	1
Jeppson	26	4-10	4-4	0-1	5	2	14
Reid	13	2-2	0-0	0-0	1	3	4
Totals	200	23-57	24-28	9-31	16	22	74

Team Pct.: FG – .404; FT – .857

3-Pt.: 4-20, .200 (Alexander 1-3, Ford 1-2, Bryson 0-6, Rice 0-1, Williams 0-2, Greene 0-1, Jeppson 2-5)

Blocks: 2 (Ford 1, Strandmark 1)

Turnovers: 19 (Alexander 1, Ford 4, Bojang 4, Bryson 2, Rice 4, Jeppson 4)

Steals: 15 (Alexander 2, Ford 2, Bojang 2, Bryson 3, Williams 1, Greene 1, Jeppson 3, Reid 1)

Officials: Ron Berkholtz, Sam Banks, David Warfel

Attendance: 6,846

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 35, Weber St. 31

GAME 2

Bojang, Illinois State Defense Stuff UC-Irvine

MOON TOWNSHIP, Pa. – Junior college transfer Baboucarr Bojang led Illinois State with 13 points and eight rebounds as the Redbirds defeated UC-Irvine 58-52 in the opening round of the University Hoops Classic, Friday.

Illinois State (2-0) opened the game with an 8-0 run and never looked back. UC-Irvine (2-1) got within one point prior to halftime, but could never get any closer.

After leading 26-21 at the half, the Redbirds opened the second frame with a 6-1 spurt to push the lead to 32-22.

Illinois State led by 12, its biggest margin of the game, when Bojang burried a jumper at the 6:24 mark in the game at 49-37.

The Anteaters closed the gap to three points at 52-49 with a minute and a half left, but Illinois State's Shedrick Ford hit a jumper to help seal the win.

Ford finished with nine points, while Shawn Jeppson dumped in 12 and Vince Greene came off the bench to add 11 points.

Big West Player of the Year Jerry Green, who scored 41 points against Pepperdine earlier in the week, was held to 13.

ILLINOIS STATE 58, UC-Irvine 52

November 23, 2001 • Moon Township, Pa.

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander (F)	34	2-7	2-2	1-7	3	2	7
Ford (F)	29	4-8	0-0	0-3	1	1	9
Bojang (C)	36	5-12	3-3	3-8	1	2	13
Rice (G)	20	0-5	0-0	1-3	2	1	0
Jeppson (G)	30	4-7	2-2	0-3	1	5	12
Williams	24	2-4	2-2	0-2	0	2	6
Strandmark	2	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Greene	20	4-5	1-2	0-0	4	2	11
Reid	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0
Totals	200	21-49	10-11	6-28	13	16	58

Team Pct.: FG – .429; FT – .909

3-Pt.: 6-14, .429 (Alexander 1-4, Ford 1-2, Rice 0-1, Jeppson 2-4, Williams 0-1, Greene 2-2)

Blocks: 0

Turnovers: 16 (Ford 2, Bojang 2, Rice 3, Jeppson 5, Williams 1, Strandmark 3)

Steals: 6 (Alexander 2, Ford 1, Bojang 1, Rice 1, Jeppson 1)

UC-Irvine	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Christ (F)	21	2-5	0-0	0-2	1	2	4
Harris (F)	23	3-5	1-4	1-3	2	4	7
Parada (C)	24	3-5	0-0	1-5	0	3	6
Green (G)	36	5-13	3-3	1-7	4	1	13
Baskauskas (G)	26	1-1	3-4	0-1	2	2	5
Zuzak	15	1-2	0-1	1-1	2	0	2
Hood	35	4-10	1-2	0-3	2	2	13
Okoro	20	1-2	0-1	2-4	0	1	2
Totals	200	20-43	8-15	6-28	13	15	52

Team Pct.: FG – .465; FT – .533

3-Pt.: 4-10, .400 (Green 0-2, Zuzak 0-1, Hood 4-7)

Blocks: 2 (Harris 1, Parada 1)

Turnovers: 19 (Christ 1, Harris 4, Parada 5, Baskauskas 1, Zuzak 2, Hood 4, Okoro 2)

Steals: 11 (Christ 1, Harris 1, Parada 1, Green 5, Zuzak 1, Okoro 2)

Officials: Jeff Bryant, Robert Adams, James Julian

Attendance: 1,824

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 26, UC-Irvine 21

GAME 3

Shooting Woes, Pitt Down Redbirds

MOON TOWNSHIP, Pa. – Shedrick Ford led the way for Illinois State with 13 points, but the Redbirds shot 26.7 percent from the floor and suffered their first defeat of the season 65-46 to Pittsburgh in the semifinal of the University Hoops Classic, Saturday.

Illinois State (2-1) struggled from the floor en route to making only 12 field goals and shooting 1-for-11 on 3-pointers. Pittsburgh (5-0) shot 47 percent from the floor and led by as many as 21 points.

The Redbirds' Baboucarr Bojang sank a jumper 57 seconds into the game for the only Illinois State lead at 2-0. The Panthers responded with a 20-4 run..

Illinois State trailed 32-20 at the half and opened the second frame with a 7-2 run to close the gap to 34-27. That was the closest the 'Birds would get, as Pitt went on a 16-2 spurt.

Ford was the only Redbird in double figures. Bojang and Gregg Alexander each tossed in seven points a piece, while Shawn Jeppson and Dirk Williams combined to go 0-for-13 from the floor.

Pitt's Brandin Knight led the way with 13 points, nine boards and five assists. Donatas Zavackas posted a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Pittsburgh 65, ILLINOIS STATE 46

November 24, 2001 • Moon Township, Pa.

Pittsburgh	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Brown (F)	27	4-7	2-2	3-6	2	1	10
Zavackas (F)	30	5-8	0-0	3-10	1	4	11
Morris (C)	23	3-5	0-1	2-4	1	4	6
Page (G)	31	3-6	4-5	0-3	6	1	11
Knight (G)	34	4-9	2-2	0-9	5	3	13
Troutman	3	1-4	0-0	1-1	0	2	2
Demetris	9	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Johnson	16	2-4	0-0	0-1	0	2	4
McCarroll	10	1-2	0-0	0-1	1	1	2
Federico	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Lett	17	2-5	2-4	1-3	1	2	6
Totals	200	25-53	10-14	10-38	17	20	65

Team Pct.: FG – .472; FT – .714

3-Pt.: 5-14, .357 (Brown 0-2, Zavackas 1-3, Page 1-3, Knight 3-4, Troutman 0-1, Johnson 0-1)

Blocks: 6 (Brown 1, Morris 3, Page 1, Lett 1)

Turnovers: 16 (Brown 1, Zavackas 3, Morris 1, Page 2, Knight 4, Troutman 1, McCarroll 2, Lett 2)

Steals: 5 (Page 1, Knight 3, Federico 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander (F)	27	2-3	3-3	0-0	2	2	7
Ford (F)	32	3-8	6-8	1-5	1	4	13
Bojang (C)	27	3-9	1-4	1-5	0	3	7
Rice (G)	21	1-3	2-2	0-1	2	2	4
Jeppson (G)	26	0-6	2-2	2-4	2	1	2
Williams	14	0-7	4-4	1-4	0	2	4
Strandmark	9	0-1	0-1	1-4	0	1	0
Greene	19	1-3	2-2	1-2	0	0	4
Mazanowski	12	2-4	1-2	0-0	0	1	5
Reid	12	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	0
Gillan	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	12-45	21-28	9-29	8	16	46

Team Pct.: FG – .267; FT – .750

3-Pt.: 1-11 (Ford 1-5, Rice 0-2, Jeppson 0-2, Williams 0-2)

Blocks: 0

Turnovers: 15 (Alexander 1, Ford 2, Bojang 3, Rice 1, Jeppson 2, Williams 1, Strandmark 1, Greene 3, Team 1)

Steals: 6 (Alexander 2, Ford 1, Rice 2, Greene 1)

Officials: John Hughes, Robert Adams, Dwayne Gladden

Attendance: 1,349

Halftime Score: Pittsburgh 32, ILLINOIS STATE 20

GAME 4

Illinois State Falls to Hofstra in Overtime

MOON TOWNSHIP, Pa. – Gregg Alexander scored a career-high 24 points and three other Redbirds contributed double-digit numbers but it was not enough for the Illinois State men's basketball team to get the victory as the 'Birds fell to Hofstra, 80-82, in overtime Sunday in Moon Township, Pa.

Hofstra (3-1) took home third-place honors with the win over Illinois State. The Redbirds come out of the University Hoops Classic with a 2-2 overall record.

After trailing by 21 points, a quick steal by Jeppson after Rice's bucket setup the fast break for Baboucarr Bojang's dunk, giving Hofstra only a two-point lead, 74-72. With twenty second left, Suarez turned the ball over again, giving Ford the easy layup, tying the score and sending the game into overtime.

The game stayed close throughout OT, with neither team leading by more than two and Illinois State up 80-78 with 1:49 remaining. A layup by Kenny Adeleke in the last minute tied the score at 80 before Hofstra took advantage of a missed layup and turnover by Ford and Alexander fouled Osei Miller, who got the steal, to take him to the line. Miller made both his free throws and secured the victory, 82-80.

Hofstra 82, ILLINOIS STATE 80

November 25, 2001 • Moon Township, Pa.

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander (F)	42	9-15	0-0	0-4	3	3	24
Ford (F)	38	8-16	5-7	3-7	3	4	21
Bojang (C)	32	4-9	2-3	5-11	2	3	10
Rice (G)	31	2-5	1-2	1-4	5	4	6
Jeppson (G)	39	6-15	0-0	1-1	5	4	14
Williams	9	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Strandmark	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Greene	17	0-2	0-0	0-0	4	0	0
Mazanowski	5	1-2	3-4	2-2	0	0	5
Reid	7	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0
Totals	225	30-67	11-16	13-32	25	18	80

Team Pct.: FG – .448; FT – .688

3-Pt.: 9-20, .450 (Alexander 6-11, Rice 1-1, Jeppson 2-7, Williams 0-1)

Blocks: 1 (Bojang 1)

Turnovers: 19 (Alexander 1, Ford 5, Bojang 3, Jeppson 4, Williams 1, Greene 5)

Steals: 6 (Alexander 1, Rice 1, Jeppson 2, Strandmark 1, Greene 1)

Hofstra	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Walker (F)	29	4-8	0-0	3-10	1	5	10
Petit (F)	17	2-4	2-2	0-2	0	2	6
Grubler (C)	8	1-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	2
Suarez (G)	40	5-14	3-5	0-1	8	2	15
Apodaca (G)	41	9-18	0-0	2-2	3	2	19
Souffrant	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0
Adeleke	29	6-6	2-2	2-7	0	1	14
Radziejewski	23	2-5	0-0	3-5	1	0	5
Millar	22	3-6	2-4	2-4	2	2	9
Gibson	12	1-3	0-0	2-4	1	3	2
Totals	225	33-65	9-13	16-41	10	18	82

Team Pct.: FG – .508; FT – .692

3-Pt.: 7-19, .368 (Walker 2-3, Suarez 2-5, Apodaca 1-4, Radziejewski 1-4, Millar 1-3)

Blocks: 9 (Walker 1, Apodaca 4, Adeleke 4)

Turnovers: 24 (Walker 4, Grubler 2, Suarez 10,

Apodaca 3, Souffrant 1, Radziejewski 2, Millar 2)

Steals: 8 (Walker 3, Petit 2, Suarez 1, Apodaca 1, Millar 1)

Officials: Rich Kotarsky, Gene Steratore, Floyd Shuler

Attendance: 1,214

Halftime Score: Hofstra 52, ILLINOIS STATE 39

GAME 5

Hot Shooting Sinks 'Birds

STATESBORO, Ga. – Baboucarr Bojang got his third double-double of the season, but it wasn't enough as Illinois State fell to Georgia Southern 87-76, in nonconference action Thursday.

The Eagles (3-2) lit up the Redbirds (2-3) by shooting 59.6 percent from the floor, including 67 percent in the first half.

Illinois State lead 33-30 with 5:08 left in the first half, but the Eagles went on an 18-7 run to end the frame that included six points by Julius Jenkins. In the second half, the Redbirds got to within two points at 56-54 and the Eagles responded again with a 10-2 spurt that Kashien Latham chipped in half the points.

The 'Birds closed the gap to four points at 8:43 left in the contest, but a 7-0 Eagle run padded the lead. Illinois State wasn't able to get any closer than seven points.

Bojang finished with 14 points and 10 rebounds, while Jeppson led the team with 19 points. Vince Greene came off the bench to toss in 12 and Shedrick Ford added 11.

Jenkins led all scorers with 26 points and Latham poured in 20 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

Georgia Southern 87, ILLINOIS STATE 76
November 29, 2001 • Statesboro, Ga.

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander (F)	30	3-11	0-1	3-5	2	1	7
Ford (F)	28	3-9	4-6	3-5	0	1	11
Bojang (C)	26	6-11	2-2	4-10	1	3	14
Rice (G)	23	1-6	0-0	1-2	3	1	2
Jeppson (G)	30	7-13	2-3	1-1	2	3	19
Williams	8	0-2	0-0	1-2	0	0	0
Strandmark	12	1-1	1-1	1-2	2	2	3
Greene	21	4-6	2-2	0-2	4	5	12
Mazanowski	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Reid	20	4-6	0-0	1-3	1	1	8
Totals	200	29-65	11-15	15-32	15	18	76

Team Pct.: FG – .446; FT – .733

3-Pt.: 7-24, .292 (Alexander 1-6, Ford 1-3, Rice 0-4, Jeppson 3-7, Williams 0-1, Greene 2-3)

Blocks: 1 (Strandmark 1)

Turnovers: 13 (Bojang 2, Ford 2, Rice 1, Jeppson 1, Williams 1, Greene 4, Reid 2)

Steals: 4 (Bojang 4)

Ga. Southern	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Latham (F)	31	8-10	4-5	2-11	2	1	20
Bennett (F)	20	3-4	3-4	0-3	1	4	9
Wooley (F)	27	3-4	0-0	0-2	2	1	6
Jenkins (G)	35	10-18	3-4	2-3	2	0	26
Peterson (G)	34	4-11	2-3	0-3	9	2	11
Williams	10	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	3
Gibson	13	2-3	2-2	1-2	1	1	6
Keith	15	3-4	0-0	0-4	1	2	6
Cox	15	0-2	0-0	1-2	2	1	0
Totals	200	34-57	14-18	6-31	22	13	87

Team Pct.: FG – .596; FT – .778

3-Pt.: 5-12, .417 (Jenkins 3-7, Peterson 1-3, Williams 1-1, Cox 0-1)

Blocks: 4 (Latham 3, Cox 1)

Turnovers: 12 (Latham 1, Bennett 3, Jenkins 2, Peterson 3, Williams 1, Cox 2)

Steals: 4 (Jenkins 2, Peterson 2)

Officials: Jamie Luckie, Tony Brown, Billy Dunlap
Attendance: 1,465
Halftime Score: Ga. Southern 48, ILLINOIS STATE 40

GAME 6

UT-San Antonio Pulls Away From Illinois State

SAN ANTONIO – The UT-San Antonio duo of Devin Brown and McEverett Powers combined for 43 points to lead Texas-San Antonio past Illinois State, 88-82, Saturday afternoon in non-conference basketball action.

Baboucarr Bojang led the Redbirds with 20 points while Gregg Alexander had 18. Shawn Jeppson also contributed with 15 and Vince Greene had 12. This is the fourth straight loss for Illinois State (2-4) and fifth straight road game for the 'Birds. UTSA is now 3-1 on the year.

Illinois State led 13-10 in the first before UTSA went on a 17-0 run mid-way through and held the Redbirds without a field goal for seven minutes. A three-point basket by Alexander broke Illinois State's offensive freeze and created a scoring run for the 'Birds, who closed the UTSA lead to six at the 1:19 mark, 37-31.

A foul on Casey Reid put Brown at the free throw line before Texas-San Antonio scored five straight points to be up 42-32 at halftime.

Illinois State rebounded from the first half to eventually take a one-point lead, 61-60, with 10:12 to play in the game. But UTSA went on another run, 11-0, that had the Redbirds trailing by 10 with two minutes to play.

UT-San Antonio 88, ILLINOIS STATE 82

December 1, 2001 • San Antonio, Texas

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Ford (F)	28	1-5	0-0	1-5	3	3	2
Reid (F)	17	2-4	2-2	0-2	2	2	6
Bojang (C)	27	8-11	4-8	0-6	0	4	20
Alexander (G)	31	7-12	0-0	0-3	2	4	18
Greene (G)	22	4-8	2-2	0-0	3	2	12
Williams	10	2-7	0-0	2-5	0	0	5
Strandmark	10	2-3	0-0	0-0	1	4	4
Rice	22	0-1	0-0	0-3	2	3	0
Jeppson	30	5-10	4-5	1-3	2	1	15
Mazanowski	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Totals	200	31-61	12-17	4-29	15	25	82

Team Pct.: FG – .508; FT – .706

3-Pt.: 8-17, .471 (Alexander 4-7, Greene 2-3, Ford 0-1, Williams 1-2, Jeppson 1-4)

Blocks: 2 (Reid 1, Strandmark 1)

Turnovers: 18 (Greene 3, Bojang 3, Ford 3, Williams 1, Strandmark 1, Rice 4, Jeppson 2, Team 1)

Steals: 4 (Alexander 2, Rice 2)

UTSA	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Brown (F)	34	6-17	10-13	2-6	3	2	23
Joseph (F)	23	1-2	0-0	1-8	1	2	3
Powers (C)	31	7-17	6-8	6-11	5	4	20
Minnieweather (G)	28	8-12	3-5	1-2	3	3	20
President (G)	23	0-2	1-2	0-2	1	2	1
Akotaobi	17	4-7	0-0	0-2	1	0	9
Briggs	18	3-4	0-1	0-3	1	1	6
Havens	17	1-2	0-0	0-3	3	1	2
Watkins	9	1-1	2-2	1-2	0	4	4
Totals	200	31-64	22-31	12-42	18	19	88

Team Pct.: FG – .484; FT – .710

3-Pt.: 4-17, .235 (Minnieweather 1-3, President 0-2,

Brown 1-6, Joseph 1-2, Akotaobi 1-2, Briggs 0-1, Havens 0-1)

Blocks: 5 (Minnieweather 1, Brown 1, Briggs 2, Watkins 1)

Turnovers: 16 (Minnieweather 1, President 2, Brown 2, Powers 4, Akotaobi 3, Briggs 1, Havens 2, Watkins 1)

Steals: 10 (Minnieweather 2, President 2, Brown 2, Powers 1, Akotaobi 2, Watkins 1)

Officials: Steve, Carey, David Stevens, Jay Darien
Attendance: 2,240
Halftime Score: UTSA 42, ILLINOIS STATE 32

GAME 7

Second-Half Defense Spurs Redbirds Past Samford

NORMAL, III. – Vince Greene's career-high 14 points led three Redbirds in double figures scoring as Illinois State stopped Samford 65-54 Saturday at Redbird Arena.

Phillip Ramelli made all seven of his field goal attempts to lead Samford with 14 points.

Baboucarr Bojang added 13 points and Dirk Williams added 10 for the Redbirds, 3-4, who had lost four straight games, all on the road. Samford shot 55.6 percent from the field to Illinois State's 46.8 percent, but the Redbirds forced 25 Bulldog turnovers, 17 in the second half. ISU had an 18-0 edge in points off turnovers in the second half, when they out-pointed Samford 42-27.

ISU held-off several Samford challenges in the next six minutes thanks to some stingy defense. The Bulldogs had more turnovers (14) than shots (13) in the first 14 minutes of the second half.

ILLINOIS STATE 65, Samford 54
December 8, 2001 • Normal, Ill.

Samford	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Mills (F)	28	2-5	0-0	0-3	2	1	6
Green (F)	26	3-6	0-0	1-2	2	5	6
Ramelli (C)	31	7-7	0-0	0-3	1	4	14
Weaver (G)	37	2-4	2-4	0-4	2	1	7
Felton (G)	35	2-5	3-4	0-6	1	2	8
Harper	24	3-6	2-2	1-2	3	1	10
Gardner	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	0
Boerjan	9	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	3
Dorsey	6	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Totals	200	20-36	7-10	3-25	13	17	54

Team Pct.: FG – .556; FT – .700

3-Pt.: 7-21, .333 (Mills 2-5, Green 0-3, Weaver 1-3, Felton 1-3, Harper 2-5, Boerjan 1-1, Dorsey 0-1)

Blocks: 0

Turnovers: 25 (Mills 6, Green 2, Ramelli 5, Weaver 4, Felton 5, Gardner 1, Dorsey 1, Team 1)

Steals: 2 (Weaver 2)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Williams (F)	32	3-6	4-4	0-1	2	2	10
Ford (F)	26	3-7	0-0	2-2	1	3	6
Bojang (C)	32	6-12	1-3	2-5	1	3	13
Alexander (G)	34	2-6	0-2	0-3	4	0	5
Rice (G)	19	1-3	4-4	0-0	3	0	6
Strandmark	4	2-2	0-0	0-0	3	0	6
Greene	23	2-4	8-10	1-1	4	1	14
Jeppson	19	2-6	0-0	0-2	1	3	5
Reid	11	1-1	0-0	0-3	0	1	2
Totals	200	22-47	17-23	6-20	16	13	65

Team Pct.: FG – .468; FT – .739

3-Pt.: 4-12, .333 (Williams 0-1, Alexander 1-5, Greene 2-3, Jeppson 1-3)

Blocks: 1 (Williams 1)

Turnovers: 11 (Ford 1, Bojang 3, Alexander 1, Rice 1, Strandmark 1, Greene 1, Jeppson 2, Reid 1)

Steals: 10 (Williams 1, Bojang 3, Alexander 2, Rice 3, Jeppson 1)

Officials: Dave Druacker, Tom O'Neill, Jr., Mark Mayhood

Attendance: 6,222

Halftime Score: Samford 27, ILLINOIS STATE 23

GAME 8

Bojang Leads Illinois State Past Central Michigan

NORMAL, Ill. – Baboucarr Bojang had 20 points and 13 rebounds for his fourth double-double of the season and Illinois State tied a Redbird Arena record by allowing Central Michigan just 14 points in the first half as the Redbirds beat the Chippewas 72-63 in non-conference college basketball Sunday at Redbird Arena.

The stellar defensive effort matched a 14 point half by Chicago State Nov. 25, 2000 at Redbird Arena, but CMU responded with a 49-point second half and chased the 'Birds all the way to the final buzzer.

Shedrick Ford added 15 points and Vince Greene had 11 for the 'Birds, 4-4, who shot a season-best 52.4 percent from the field for the game, including Bojang's 8-for-8 efforts, which ties for No. 5 in Redbird Arena history for field goal perfection. His 20 points matched his career high and the 13 rebounds a career best. The 'Birds had a 35-26 rebounding edge and made 25 of 32 free throws, including 16 of 21 in the second half.

ILLINOIS STATE 72, Central Michigan 63
December 9, 2001 • Normal, Ill.

C. Michigan	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Manciel (F)	20	3-9	1-2	3-5	0	3	8
Pleiness (F)	34	6-15	3-4	4-6	1	3	15
Brigitha (C)	26	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	2	2
Robinson (G)	32	2-8	8-9	0-6	5	5	13
Webber (G)	39	5-14	4-5	0-1	2	2	16
Wallace	7	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	4	2
Goliday	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Bowne	15	1-1	0-0	1-1	0	4	3
Meerman	9	2-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	4
Kaman	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Dentlinger	11	0-1	0-0	2-2	0	3	0
Totals	200	21-56	16-20	11-26	8	26	63

Team Pct.: FG – .375; FT – .800

3-Pt.: 5-21, .238 (Manciel 1-4, Pleiness 0-3, Robinson 1-4, Webber 2-9, Bowne 1-1)

Blocks: 4 (Webber 3, Meerman 1)

Turnovers: 15 (Manciel 3, Pleiness 2, Brigitha 3, Robinson 2, Webber 1, Bowne 2, Kaman 2)

Steals: 13 (Manciel 1, Pleiness 2, Brigitha 2, Robinson 6, Webber 1, Bowne 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Williams (F)	12	0-2	2-2	0-1	1	2	2
Ford (F)	21	5-10	4-6	1-3	1	4	15
Bojang (C)	36	8-8	4-7	4-13	0	2	20
Alexander (G)	33	1-3	4-4	1-4	4	1	7
Rice (G)	26	3-3	1-2	0-4	2	2	7
Strandmark	11	2-2	0-0	1-1	0	2	4
Greene	21	1-5	8-8	0-1	3	2	11
Jeppson	26	2-8	2-2	0-1	1	4	6
Reid	14	0-1	0-0	0-4	2	3	0
Totals	200	22-42	25-31	8-35	14	22	72

Team Pct.: FG – .524; FT – .806

3-Pt.: 3-9, .333 (Williams 0-2, Ford 1-1, Alexander 1-3, Greene 1-1, Jeppson 0-2)

Blocks: 0

Turnovers: 20 (Ford 4, Bojang 2, Alexander 1, Rice 3, Strandmark 2, Greene 4, Jeppson 1, Reid 2, Team 1)

Steals: 4 (Williams 1, Alexander 1, Rice 1, Jeppson 1)

Officials: Gerry Pollard, Frank Spencer, Sam Banks

Attendance: 5,078

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 36, C. Michigan 14

GAME 9

Chattanooga Defeats Illinois State, 70-59

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. – Baboucarr Bojang scored a career-high 26 points to lead all scorers, but the rest of the Redbird offense struggled as Chattanooga defeated Illinois State 70-59 in non-conference men's basketball action, Saturday, in Chattanooga, Tenn.

A 16-6 run by the Mocs, 3-5, late in the first half and a 10-4 run to start the second half proved to be too much for the 'Birds, 4-5, who managed only 26 points in the first half on 12 of 30 shooting.

Bojang scored 16 of his 26 points in the first half, shooting seven for eight from the field and hitting two free throws. He also led Illinois State in rebounding with eight. Shawn Jeppson was the only other Redbird to finish in double figures in scoring with 10 points. Shedrick Ford contributed nine points and five rebounds.

Chattanooga led by 10 at the half, 36-26, with Toot Young chipping in half of the Moc's points with 18.

Young finished the game as Chattanooga's leading scorer with 22 points. The Moc's had three other players in double figures with 10 points apiece.

Chattanooga 70, ILLINOIS STATE 59
December 15, 2001 • Chattanooga, Tenn.

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Williams (F)	16	1-4	0-0	1-7	1	4	2
Ford (F)	31	4-10	1-1	4-5	1	3	9
Bojang (C)	39	9-17	8-11	7-8	0	2	26
Alexander (G)	33	2-8	0-0	0-3	2	4	5
Rice (G)	22	1-4	0-0	0-6	7	1	3
Strandmark	4	0-1	0-0	1-2	1	0	0
Greene	18	1-10	0-0	0-1	1	1	2
Jeppson	23	5-9	0-0	1-1	1	2	10
Mazanowski	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Reid	11	1-4	0-0	1-2	0	2	2
Totals	200	24-67	9-12	15-35	14	20	59

Team Pct.: FG – .358; FT – .750

3-Pt.: 2-13, .154 (Alexander 1-6, Rice 1-2, Greene 0-1, Jeppson 0-4)

Blocks: 2 (Williams 2)

Turnovers: 13 (Williams 1, Rice 3, Bojang 2, Ford 3, Greene 3, Jeppson 1)

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

Chattanooga	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Ashby (F)	27	2-5	0-0	0-4	3	4	4
Benson (F)	22	2-5	0-0	1-2	1	0	4
Pullian (C)	32	5-7	0-0	6-12	0	3	10
McCully (G)	26	5-6	0-2	1-3	3	3	10
Young (G)	34	7-13	4-4	0-3	4	1	22
Parker	22	2-6	5-5	2-8	1	3	10
Spaulding	18	1-5	2-2	0-2	0	0	4
Bishop	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Harris	10	0-1	4-7	1-3	1	1	4
Sylla	2	0-1	2-2	0-0	0	1	2
Morgan	5	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	2	0
Totals	200	24-50	17-22	11-39	13	18	70

Team Pct.: FG – .480; FT – .773

3-Pt.: 5-12, .417 (Young 4-7, Parker 1-2, Spaulding 0-3)

Blocks: 7 (Ashby 4, Benson 1, Pullian 1, Harris 1)

Turnovers: 20 (Ashby 5, McCully 5, Young 5, Benson 2, Pullian 2, Parker 1)

Steals: 7 (Ashby 3, Young 1, Benson 1, Parker 1, Harris 1)

Officials: Tony Greene, David Elliot, Keith Maxwell

Attendance: 2,130

Halftime Score: Chattanooga 36, ILLINOIS STATE 26

GAME 10

Illini Downs Illinois State, 87-73

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) – It was a case of too much paint for Illinois State's basketball team Tuesday night at the Assembly Hall. No. 7-ranked Illinois scored 36 of its 50 second-half points in the paint to cover up ISU, 87-73, before a sellout crowd of 16,500 people.

The Illini (9-2) led by five at halftime but went on a 17-6 run in which Frank Williams scored eight straight points and 11 in total to help Illinois build a 20-point lead. He finished with 29 points - including 4-of-8 from 3-point range - one off his career high.

Leading 37-32 at halftime, the Illini extended their lead over Illinois State (4-5) to 50-38 in the opening minutes of the second half with Williams on the bench because of a stomach ailment. Reserve Damir Krupalija scored nine of Illinois' 13 points in the surge and finished with 14 points on 6-for-7 shooting.

Illinois made 13 of its first 17 field goal attempts after halftime and shot 60 percent in the half, with most of those points coming on shots near the basket. The Illini shot 53 percent for the game.

Baboucarr Bojang had 15 points for the Redbirds.

The schools, located approximately 50 miles apart, played for just the seventh time, the first since 1982.

The Illini won the last meeting 67-60, and has lost to the Redbirds once, in 1906.

#7 Illinois 87, ILLINOIS STATE 73
December 18, 2001 • Champaign, Ill.

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Ford (F)	24	2-8	3-4	0-1	2	3	8
Reid (F)	17	2-4	0-0	2-5	0	2	4
Bojang (C)	27	7-14	1-1	1-4	0	4	15
Alexander (G)	34	7-15	0-0	2-5	1	3	15
Rice (G)	26	1-5	0-0	0-3	3	0	2
Williams	19	4-6	2-2	4-5	3	3	10
Strandmark	14	3-7	1-2	4-7	0	4	7
Greene	28	3-10	0-0	1-1	5	1	7
Jeppson	8	1-2	2-2	0-1	0	1	5
Mazanowski	2	0-0	0-2	0-0	1	0	0
Gillan	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	30-71	9-13	17-37	15	21	73

Team Pct.: FG – .423; FT – .692

3-Pt.: 4-20, .200 (Ford 1-3, Alexander 1-6, Rice 0-2, Williams 0-2, Greene 1-5, Jeppson 1-2)

Blocks: 4 (Reid 2, Williams 1, Strandmark 1)

Turnovers: 10 (Bojang 1, Ford 1, Reid 2, Alexander 1, Rice 2, Williams 1, Strandmark 1, Greene 1)

Steals: 3 (Ford 1, Rice 1, Greene 1)

#7 Illinois	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Harrington (F)	28	0-2	2-4	0-2	4	0	2
Cook (F)	23	5-11	0-1	2-6	1	3	10
Archibald (C)	12	3-3	2-3	2-2	1	3	8
Bradford (G)	33	4-9	1-2	1-2	4	3	10
Williams (G)	30	11-19	3-5	2-8	2	2	29
Head	28	3-6	0-0	2-3	5	1	7
Ferguson	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Howard	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Krupalija	22	6-7	1-2	2-8	3	0	14
Powell	8	0-3	1-3	1-2	0	0	1
Smith	13	2-4	2-2	0-2	0	3	6
Totals	200	34-64	12-22	13-38	20	15	87

Team Pct.: FG – .531; FT – .545

3-Pt.: 7-24, .292 (Harrington 0-2, Cook 0-2, Bradford 1-6, Williams 4-8, Head 1-4, Krupalija 1-2)

Blocks: 5 (Cook 2, Head 1, Krupalija 1, Smith 1)

Turnovers: 12 (Cook 3, Bradford 2, Williams 1, Head 3, Ferguson 1, Krupalija 1, Smith 1)

Steals: 8 (Williams 4, Head 4)

Officials: Ted Valentine, Tom O'Neill, Eugene Crawford

Attendance: 16,500

Halftime Score: Illinois 37, ILLINOIS STATE 32

GAME 11

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

GAME 12

GAME 13