



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*	L, 62-76
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 (4-8, 0-1) at Southern Illinois Salukis (11-2, 1-0)

The Game: Jan. 5, 2002 • 3:05 p.m. (CST) • SIU Arena (10,000) • Carbondale, Ill.

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About The Game: Today's game is the second of 18 straight Missouri Valley Conference games for Illinois State. It is also the first of three appearances for the Birds on the Valley television package. Illinois State has lost four straight games, while Southern Illinois is riding a three-game winning streak. The Salukis have won their last four games at SIU Arena.

The Probable Starters:

ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (4-8, 0-1)

					ppg	rpg	apg	
F 33	Shedrick Ford	6-5	220	Sr.-1L	Macon, Ga.	11.1	4.0	1.6
F 23	Baboucarr Bojang	6-9	205	Jr.-TR	Greenville, S.C.	14.7	7.5	0.6
C 5	Andy Strandmark	6-11	235	Jr.-2L	Geneseo, Ill.	2.6	2.4	0.3*
G 2	Gregg Alexander	6-4	190	Fr.-HS	Lincoln, Ill.	9.6	3.3	2.4
G 15	Randy Rice	6-0	175	Sr.-1L	Springfield, Ill.	3.3	2.4	3.0

Southern Illinois Salukis (11-2, 1-0)

F 23	Jermaine Dearman	6-8	220	Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind.	11.2	8.0	1.0
C 15	Rolan Roberts	6-6	250	Sr.	Woodbridge, Va.	13.5	7.8	2.5*
G 2	Marcus Belcher	6-0	185	Sr.	Mexico, Mo.	6.3	2.5	3.4
G 25	Stetson Hairston	6-3	200	Fr.	Fairview Heights, Ill.	6.2	4.0	2.2
G 33	Kent Williams	6-2	180	Jr.	Mt. Vernon, Ill.	17.2	2.7	2.1

NOTE - (*) indicates blocks per game.

The Coaches: Tom Richardson is 35-37 in his third season at Illinois State. He is assisted by Chad Altadonna, Anthony Beane and Doug Novsek. Southern Illinois is coached by Bruce Weber, who owns a 62-41 record in his fourth season with the Salukis. He is assisted by Matt Painter, Rodney Watson and Chris Lowery.

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: Fox Sports Net Chicago, Fox Sports Net Midwest and Metro Sports in Kansas City will all carry today's broadcast. Dan McLaughlin (play-by-play) and Scott Highmark (analyst) will be the talent for the broadcast. Satellite coordinates are Galaxy 3 TR4 Digital Slot A.

TALE OF THE TAPE

	ISU	SIU
W-L Record	4-8	11-2
ESPN/USA Today	UR	32
AP Poll	UR	39
Saragin Ranking	145	35
RPI	141	54
Points Scored	66.2	74.2
Points Allowed	70.7	66.3
Scoring Margin	-4.4	+7.9
FG Percentage	42.3	44.5
Def. FG Percentage	49.5	38.8
3-pt. Percentage	30.6	33.6
Def. 3-pt. Percentage	34.0	32.0
FT Percentage	75.2	63.2
Offensive Rebounds	10.2	14.2
Total Rebounds	30.3	40.5
Rebounding Margin	-3.8	+4.5
Assists	14.5	13.6
Turnover Average	15.7	15.3
Turnover Margin	+1.9	+0.2
Steal Average	6.7	6.6
Block Average	1.2	4.8
Fouls	18.6	20.8

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 Southern Illinois

- Southern Illinois is located in Carbondale, Ill., and enrolls 22,552 students. The Salukis are members of the Missouri Valley Conference.
- Head coach Bruce Weber is in his fourth season at Southern Illinois. He owns a 62-41 record with the Salukis after serving as an assistant at Purdue for 18 seasons and Western Kentucky for one.
- Southern Illinois is 4-0 at home this season, including a 72-60 win over #24 Indiana. SIU's only losses on the season came against #2 Illinois (75-72) at the Las Vegas Invitational and at Colorado State (80-62).
- Four players average double figures for the Salukis led by Kent Williams. Williams posts 17.2 points per game and has led SIU in scoring in eight of Southern Illinois' 13 games. Williams is shooting 41 percent from the floor and 40.8 percent from behind the arc.
- SIU averages 5.5 made 3-point field goals per game and Williams averages at least two of them.
- Rolan Roberts, a senior transfer from Virginia Tech, averages 13.5 points per game and is also second in rebounds per 7.8 per contest. Roberts is shooting 60 percent from the floor and leads the team with 33 blocks and 19 steals.
- Jermaine Dearman leads the team with 8.0 boards per game and is averaging 11.2 points. Darren Brooks is the final Saluki averaging double figures with 10.3 points.
- Southern Illinois leads the league in rebounding at 40.5 boards per game and has really been aggressive on the offensive glass. SIU has 185 offensive boards on the year with Roberts, Dearman and Brooks hauling in the majority of them.
- The Salukis are 363-131 (.735) all-time at SIU Arena, including 35-10 (.778) in the Bruce Weber era. SIU owns a 16-10 edge over Illinois State at SIU Arena, but the 'Birds are 2-1 against the Salukis during the Weber era.

The Series

Today's game is the 117th meeting between the two schools. Southern Illinois leads the series 59-57, but Illinois State has won seven of the last nine meetings including both last season. The Salukis own a 36-16 advantage in Carbondale. The Redbirds topped SIU 88-74 in Carbondale last season, before beating the Salukis 69-60 in Redbird Arena a month later.

The Redbirds and Roberts

Southern Illinois' Rolan Roberts is no stranger to the Redbirds, well at least to some of them. Illinois State faced Virginia Tech, the school from which Roberts transferred from, in the first round of the 1999 San Juan Shootout. The Hokies topped the 'Birds 79-71 and Roberts tossed in 14 points, while grabbing five rebounds and blocking three shots. Current Redbirds Tarise Bryson dumped in 18 points and Shawn Jeppson added nine. Both Bryson and Jeppson logged 40 minutes, while Andy Strandmark came off the bench to score two points in 11 minutes.

Non-Conference Slate as Tough as Advertised

Heading into the season head coach **Tom Richardson** knew that Illinois State's 11-game non-conference schedule was going to be challenging. As if the Redbirds 4-7 record wasn't enough proof, Illinois State's non-conference opponents have posted a 86-47 (.647) mark this season. In addition to the overall winning percentage, Redbird non-conference foes have posted wins over Arkansas, Ball State, Gonzaga, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio State, St. Bonaventure, St. John's and Utah State, which College RPI all rank in its top 50.

League Games From Here on Out

Midwest winters in the months of January and February have been causes for bouts of depression, but this year during the first two months of 2002 Illinois State will be battling compression – of its Missouri Valley Conference schedule. The 'Birds will play their entire 18-game conference slate in 55 days from January 2 to February 25. In January, the Redbirds play 10 league games with six taking place in Redbird Arena. In February, Illinois State closes out the regular season with eight contests, including five on the road.

Streaking at the Charity Stripe

Illinois State's **Vince Greene** and **Dirk Williams** are riding of a couple of notable streaks – 18 straight made free throws. Greene has sank his last 18 attempts, while Williams has made all 18 tries this season. Gene Jontry holds the Redbird record for 35 made free throws in succession which was set in 1956-57.

January Drought

Central Illinois only averages 2.07 inches of participation in the month of January and that drought carried over to the Redbirds' second-half shooting Wednesday night against Creighton. **Shedrick Ford's** layup at the 12:27 mark in the second half was the last field goal for the Redbirds until **Gregg Alexander's** trey at the 4:04 mark. The 'Birds went 8:23 without a field goal and Alexander's 3-pointer was the only Illinois State basket in the final 12:27 of the game.

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 four-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 12 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 nine 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 11 points against Creighton, Jeppson currently owns 888 points for his career and only needs 112 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.

Ford's Getting Offensive on the Boards

Shedrick Ford is Illinois State's second leading rebounder, averaging 4.0 boards per game. Of Ford's 48 total rebounds, 42 percent or 20 boards are coming off the offensive glass.

Strandy Has Been Dandy

Junior **Andy Strandmark** got his first starting nod of the season against Creighton, based on his strong minutes off the bench in the two previous games. 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 5.3 points and 6.0 boards in the Redbirds last three games.

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.

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 three 3-pointers to surpass former Redbird Kyle Cartmill.

THE LAST TIME THEY MET

Birds' Second-Half Start Tops SIU

CARBONDALE, Ill. – Tarise Bryson scored 16 of his game-high 26 points in the second half to lead Illinois State to a 69-60 victory Thursday in a Missouri Valley Conference basketball game at Redbird Arena.

The Redbirds, 18-5, 10-4 in the Valley, got 17 points from Shawn Jeppson to back Bryson's play. Randy Rice, who had 13 assists in ISU's victory Monday at Evansville, followed that with eight on Thursday. The Birds have won 10 of their last 13 games.

ISU trailed by two at halftime, but shot 56 percent from the field (14 of 25) in the second half and had just four turnovers in the final 20 minutes, out-scoring the Salukis 40-29 after intermission.

The Salukis, 13-12, 7-7, were led by Kent Williams with 14 points and Jermaine Dearman with 12 off the bench. SIU had a 37-28 rebounding advantage but ISU had a 51 percent to 39 percent field goal shooting edge.

ISU opened the second half with a 13-2 spurt as Bryson scored eight and Shedrick Ford got the other five and the Birds led 42-33. The Salukis never got closer than five after that and ISU led by as many as 12.

ILLINOIS STATE 69, Southern Illinois 60

February 15, 2001 • Normal, Ill.

S. Illinois	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Cross (F)	22	3-5	1-1	1-8	1	4	7
Schrader (F)	20	2-8	0-0	0-4	2	3	4
Willis (C)	11	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	2
Belcher (G)	30	2-6	0-0	0-2	1	3	5
Williams (G)	39	4-15	6-7	0-1	2	3	14
Mells	10	0-2	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Buie	18	2-6	2-2	3-7	0	0	7
Dearman	28	5-7	2-5	5-7	2	1	12
Harvey	22	4-9	1-2	1-4	2	1	9
Totals	200	23-59	12-17	13-37	10	16	60

Team Pct.: FG – .390; FT – .706

3-Pt.: 2-15, .133 (Schrader 0-4, Belcher 1-4, Williams 0-4, Mells 0-1, Buie 1-1, Harvey 0-1)

Blocks: 2 (Buie 1, Harvey 1)

Turnovers: 14 (Cross 2, Schrader 1, Willis 1, Belcher 2, Mells 1, Buie 1, Dearman 4, Harvey 2)

Steals: 8 (Cross 2, Schrader 1, Belcher 2, Dearman 1, Harvey 2)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Ford (F)	32	3-10	1-1	1-6	1	2	7
Beyers (C)	30	4-6	0-1	1-4	4	2	8
Bryson (G)	39	8-13	6-6	0-5	2	2	26
Rice (G)	34	0-3	0-0	0-1	8	3	0
Jeppson (G)	30	5-8	4-5	0-3	2	5	17
Knight	18	2-3	1-4	0-2	1	1	5
Williams	12	2-3	0-2	0-0	0	1	4
Hammock	5	1-3	0-0	2-3	0	0	2
Totals	200	25-49	12-19	4-28	18	16	69

Team Pct.: FG – .510; FT – .632

3-Pt.: 7-15, .467 (Ford 0-2, Beyers 0-1, Bryson 4-6, Jeppson 3-6)

Blocks: 3 (Ford 1, Beyers 1, Knight 1)

Turnovers: 14 (Ford 1, Bryson 5, Rice 4, Jeppson 3, Hammock 1)

Steals: 4 (Beyers 1, Bryson 1, Rice 1, Jeppson 1)

Officials: Paul Janssen, Sam Banks, Ed Schumer

Attendance: 7,059

Halftime Score: S. Illinois 31, ILLINOIS STATE 29

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 JEPSON (1998-)** **109**
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	12	12
4	Dirk Williams	41	8
5	Andy Strandmark	67	14
11	Vince Greene	12	2
12	Tarise Bryson	91	83
15	Randy Rice	42	39
21	Shawn Jeppson	99	31
23	Baboucarr Bojang	12	12
31	Chad Mazanowski	59	12
33	Shedrick Ford	42	37
34	Kenneth Hill	0	0
40	Casey Reid	12	2
44	Brett Gillan	26	0

FT Four-Peat ???

The Redbirds have opened the season shooting 75.2% 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.

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.

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 373 minutes, second most on the team by one minute, and coughed up only nine turnovers. Alexander is averaging .024 turnovers per minute, which is the lowest percentage in the Missouri Valley Conference. He has dished out 29 assists which ranks third on the team and is fourth on the club in scoring with 9.56 points per game. Alexander also leads the team in steals with 19.

Built Ford Tough

Shedrick Ford is second on the Redbirds in scoring with 11.1 points per game and has scored double-figures for Illinois State in six 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:** 10 pts, 3-10 FG, 3 stls, 32 min.
- Only nine turnovers in 373 minutes of play.
- After opening the season with 13-for-29 (.448) shooting on treys, has made six of his last 33 attempts (.182).
- Had fourth career double digit effort with 10 points against Creighton.
- Scored a career-high 24 points in the overtime loss against Hofstra.
- Currently averages 32.0 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:** 6 pts., 5 rebs, 1-3 3FG, 22 min.
- Posted his second double-digit scoring effort of the season with 10 points at Illinois.
- Shooting 2-for-17 from behind the arc.
- Has made 18 straight free throw attempts.
- Averaging 13.8 minutes per game in the first six games, but logged 18.5 in the last six games.
- Has blocked three shots in the last four games.

#5 Andy Strandmark

Junior • C • 6-11 • 235

Geneseo, Ill. (Darnall)

- **Last Game:** 3 pts., 4 rebs, 1-5 FG, 12 min.
- Coming off first starting assignment of the season against Creighton
- 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 is averaging 6.0 rebounds per game over the last three.
- Battling a reoccurring stress fracture in right leg.
- Averaging 3.9 points per game in the 'Birds last seven games, after going scoreless in first four.
- Posted a blocked shot in four of 12 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 be redshirted, 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:** 0 pts., 0-2 3FG, 2 asts, 16 min.
- Made last 18 free throw attempts.
- Has made 1 of his last 12 trey attempts (.083).
- After four straight double-digit scoring games, has been held in single digits for the last four contests on a combined 4-for-31 shooting (.129).

#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:** 5 pts, 2-4 FG, 2 asts, 24 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 4.3 points per game over the last six contests, after averaging 2.3 in the first six.

#21 Shawn Jeppson

Senior • G • 6-2 • 180

Spring Valley, Ill. (Hall)

- **Last Game:** 11 pts., 4-8 FG, 2-4 3FG, 21 min.
- Left Illinois game after eight minutes with a moderate MCL sprain of his right knee.
- Has scored double-figures in 8 contests, including a season-high 19 points at Georgia Southern.
- Made 14 of his last 26 FG attempts (.538).
- Has hit 7 of his last 13 three-point attempts (.538).
- Made at least one trey in 28 of his last 31 games.

#23 Baboucarr Bojang

Junior • F • 6-9 • 205

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

- **Last Game:** 13 pts., 5-8 FG, 4 rebs, 33 min.
- Started all 12 games and has scored double figures in 11, including the last nine 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 8 games.
- Had back-to-back double-doubles against Hofstra and Georgia Southern.
- Made 34 of his last 56 FG attempts (.607).
- Owns 26.2 percent of the team's offensive rebounds (32-of-122).

#31 Chad Mazanowski

Senior • F • 6-6 • 225

DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)

- **Last Game:** 2 pts., 1 reb, 1 stl, 2 min.
- Has logged 34 minutes in eight 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:** 12 pts, 5-10 FG, 4 tos, 27 min.
- Has been held to single digit scoring in five of his last seven games.
- Started 11 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 8.7 points in last seven.
- 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:** 0 pts., 1 reb, 1 stl, 7 min.
- Has only played an average 8.5 minutes over the last two games.
- 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 eight 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 reb, 1 ast, 4 min.
- Walk-on that has seen action in four games this season.
- Logged four minutes, tying a career high, against Creighton while recording his first career assist.
- 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
1 vs. Creighton, 1-2-02	Rebounds	1, four times
1 vs. Creighton, 1-2-02	Assists	1 vs. Creighton, 1-2-02
None	Steals	None
None	Blocks	None
4 vs. Creighton, 1-2-02	Minutes	4, twice

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
4 vs. Creighton, 1-2-02	Steals	4, twice
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, twice	Steals	1, 13 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, three times	Steals	1, three times
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, twice	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, twice	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, four 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	2	0	1.000	7	4	.636
Northern Iowa	2	0	1.000	7	4	.636
3. S. Illinois	1	0	1.000	11	2	.846
Wichita State	1	0	1.000	7	5	.583
SW Missouri St.	1	0	1.000	6	7	.462
6. Drake	1	1	.500	6	6	.500
7. Illinois State	0	1	.000	4	8	.333
8. Bradley	0	2	.000	3	8	.273
Evansville	0	2	.000	3	8	.273
Indiana State	0	2	.000	2	9	.182

(As of 1/2)

2001-02 VALLEY RANKINGS

TEAM

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

SCORING

Baboucarr Bojang	7th	14.8
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REBOUNDING

Baboucarr Bojang	5th	7.7
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FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Baboucarr Bojang	8th	.542
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ASSISTS

Randy Rice	19th	3.09
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FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

Vince Greene	4th	.867
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STEALS

Gregg Alexander	5th	1.45
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ASSIST/TURNOVER RATIO

Randy Rice	9th	1.31
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OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS

Baboucarr Bojang	16th	2.82
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DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS

Baboucarr Bojang	4th	4.91
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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	PTC
Williams	2	2	1.000
Greene	10	12	.833
Rice	4	6	.667
Alexander	4	6	.667
Ford	5	8	.667
Jeppson	2	3	.667
Bojang	11	19	.579
Mazanowski	3	4	.750
Strandmark	1	2	.500
Total	42	62	.678

SHOOTING BREAKDOWN

	Illinois St.	Opp.
FG Pct., 1st Half	133-319 (41.7%)	156-317 (49.2%)
FG Pct., 2nd Half	147-340 (43.2%)	164-327 (50.2%)
3FG Pct., 1st Half	28-98 (28.6%)	36-101 (35.6%)
3FG Pct., 2nd Half	32-98 (32.7%)	29-90 (32.2%)
FT Pct., 1st Half	64-84 (76.2%)	53-84 (63.1%)
FT Pct., 2nd Half	105-140 (75.0%)	89-121 (73.6%)
FG Pct., Home	104-240 (43.3%)	121-254 (47.6%)
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	23-77 (29.9%)	28-84 (33.3%)
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	90-118 (76.3%)	54-76 (71.1%)
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	19-30
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	244-235

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 Joe Dabbert (10p, 10r), Creighton, 1-2-02

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 vs. Creighton (.620, 31-50), 1-2-02

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 vs. Creighton (.500, 4-8), 1-2-02

A team made 30 free throws ...
ILLINOIS ST. vs. UT-San Antonio (34-42), 12-17-01
Opponent at Drake (37-52), 1-17-01

A team had 25 assists ...
ILLINOIS ST. vs. Hofstra (25), 11-25-01
Opponent na

A team had 15 steals ...
ILLINOIS ST. vs. Weber State (15), 11-16-01
Opponent vs. 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	4-8
Missouri Valley Conference	0-1
Playing Nationally Ranked Teams	0-1
Leading at the Half	3-0
Trailing at the Half	1-8
Tied at the Half	0-0
Leading with 5:00 to Play	4-0
Trailing with 5:00 to Play	0-8
Tied with 5:00 to Play	0-0
In Overtime	0-1
ISU out-rebounds opponent	1-1
Opponents out-rebounds ISU	2-7
ISU has 15 or fewer Turnovers	0-5
ISU has fewer Turnovers than opp.	3-5
ISU shoots 50 Percent or Better	1-1
ISU shoots 40 Percent or Better	3-4
Opponents shoot less than 40 Percent	1-0
Opponents shot 40 Percent or Better	3-7
ISU shoots better than Opponent	1-1
Opponent shoots better than ISU	3-7
ISU has more FG Attempts	3-5
Opponent has more FG Attempts	1-3
ISU Shoots better than 35% on 3's	1-3
ISU Attempts more 3's	2-4
Opponents Attempt more 3's	2-3
ISU has more FT Attempts	3-4
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	3-5
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	1-6
Opponent Scores 60 or More	2-8
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	1-6
In Games Decided by 21+ Points	0-0
Day Games	3-4
Night Games	1-4
Home Court	3-2
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	0-1
In February	0-0
In March	0-0
On Sunday	1-1
On Monday	0-0
On Tuesday	0-1
On Wednesday	0-1
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>	10-1-3*	13-4-0*	DNP – Injured	12-3-1*	0-1-1	0-0-2
<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>	11-1-0	2-1-0	0-1-0	5-1-2*	3-4-0*	6-5-1
<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>						
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<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 (7):

- **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
- **Bojang, Ford, Strandmark, Alexander, Rice (0-1)**
(L) – Creighton

FIRST SUBSTITUTION:

Williams 5, Jeppson 4, Rice 1, Greene 1, Reid 1

FIRST POINTS:

Bojang 7, Ford 2, Rice 1, Williams 1, Reid 1

DOUBLE-DIGIT SCORERS (34):

Bojang 11, Jeppson 8, Ford 6, Greene 5, Alexander 4, Williams 2

DOUBLE-DIGIT REBOUNDING (4):

Bojang 4

LEADING SCORER:

Bojang 6, Alexander 2, Ford 2, Jeppson 2, Greene 1

LEADING REBOUNDER:

Bojang 8, Strandmark 2, Ford 1, Williams 1

DOUBLE-DOUBLES (4):

Bojang 4

DUNKS (10):

Bojang 7, Mazanowski 2, Strandmark 1

CHARGES DRAWN (16):

Ford 5, Williams 5, Rice 4, Reid 2, Jeppson 2, Alexander 2, Bojang 2, Strandmark 2, 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
- Baboucarr Bojang vs. Creighton, 1-2-02
- 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
- Gregg Alexander vs. Creighton, 1-2-02
- 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

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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
Creighton Illinois State (4-8, 0-1)	76 62	31-50 22-54	62.0% 40.7%	4-8 5-19	50.0% 26.3%	10-16 13-19	62.5% 68.4%	9-22-31 12-14-26	17 16	19 10	20 15	1 0	9 14	32 31

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

Redbirds Fall Short to Creighton

NORMAL, Ill. – After battling a hot-shooting Creighton team for 28 minutes, Illinois State went cold and fell victim to a couple of late spurts and Kyle Korver's 24 points as the Jays won for just the second time in 18 tries in Normal, 76-62.

Korver led the Jays, 7-4 overall, 2-0 in the Missouri Valley, by hitting his first seven field goals, three from three-point range, and a pair of free throws. He finished 8-9 overall and had support from Terrell Taylor's 15 points and 14 by Brody Daren, who made 6 of 7 field goals. Joe Dabbert had 10 points and a game-high 10 rebounds as Creighton shot 63 percent from the field, including 4-8 from three-point range to overcome 20 turnovers.

The Redbirds, 4-8, 0-1 in the Valley, had four players in double figures led by Baboucarr Bojang with 13. Shedrick Ford had 12, Shawn Jeppson 11 and Gregg Alexander had 10. The lead changed 14 times and the game was tied nine times through the first 28 minutes. ISU shot 41 percent—just 9 of 25 in the second half and just one field goal in 11 tries during the final 12 minutes of the game.

Creighton 76, ILLINOIS STATE 62

January 2, 2002 • Normal, Ill.

Creighton	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Lindeman (F)	25	2-4	2-2	0-3	2	1	6
Korver (F)	33	8-9	5-5	0-4	2	1	24
Deren (C)	20	6-7	2-2	1-3	0	3	14
Bowden (G)	18	0-2	0-0	1-1	1	0	0
House (G)	14	1-4	0-0	1-3	3	3	2
Caro	9	0-2	1-2	1-1	2	1	1
Dabbert	19	5-8	0-0	4-10	2	4	10
Taylor	26	7-11	0-1	0-1	2	2	15
McKinney	17	1-1	0-1	0-0	4	2	2
Motz	13	0-1	0-3	0-0	1	0	0
Grimes	6	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	2
Totals	200	31-50	10-16	9-31	19	17	76

Team Pct.: FG – .620; FT – .625

3-Pt.: 4-8, .500 (Korver 3-3, Taylor 1-4)

Blocks: 1 (Dabbert 1)

Turnovers: 20 (Lindeman 1, Korver 2, Deren 1, House 3, Caro 2, Dabbert 2, Taylor 4, McKinney 4, Grimes 1)

Steals: 9 (Lindeman 1, Korver 3, Deren 1, House 1, Caro 2, McKinney 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Bojang (F)	33	5-8	3-4	1-4	0	3	13
Ford (F)	27	5-10	2-3	2-3	1	1	12
Strandmark (C)	12	1-5	1-2	2-4	0	3	3
Alexander (G)	32	3-10	2-2	0-1	3	2	10
Rice (G)	24	2-4	1-2	1-1	2	1	5
Williams	22	2-5	1-1	1-5	1	1	6
Greene	16	0-3	0-0	0-0	2	1	0
Jeppson	21	4-8	1-2	0-1	0	4	11
Mazanowski	2	0-0	2-2	1-1	0	0	2
Reid	7	0-1	0-1	1-1	0	0	0
Gillan	4	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0
Totals	200	22-54	13-19	12-26	10	16	62

Team Pct.: FG – .407; FT – .684

3-Pt.: 5-19, .263 (Ford 0-1, Alexander 2-9, Williams 1-3, Greene 0-2, Jeppson 2-4)

Blocks: None

Turnovers: 15 (Bojang 2, Ford 4, Alexander 2, Rice 3, Williams 1, Jeppson 3)

Steals: 14 (Bojang 2, Strandmark 1, Alexander 3, Rice 1, Williams 1, Jeppson 4, Mazanowski 1, Reid 1)

Officials: Randy McCall, Bert Smith, Mark McMullen

Attendance: 5,182

Halftime Score: Creighton 32, ILLINOIS STATE 31

GAME 13