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2001-02 BASKETBALL GAME NOTES

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2001-02 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent (TV) Time/F	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
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
1/2	CREIGHTON* L,	62-76
1/5	@ Southern Illinois* (Valley-TV) L,	58-79
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
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
3/1	@ MVC Tournament (St. Louis, Mo.)	

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

ILLINOIS STATE MEDIA RELATIONS

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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 (4-9, 0-2) vs. Wichita State Shockers (7-6, 1-1)

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

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About The Game: Both teams are coming off of 21-point Missouri Valley Conference road losses Saturday. Illinois State lost at Southern Illinois 79-58 and Wichita State fell at Southwest Missouri State 82-61. The Redbirds are still looking for their first league win of the season at 0-2, while the Shockers are 1-1 in conference play. Illinois State won both meetings last season.

The Pro	bable Starters:					ppg	rpg	apg
ILLINC	DIS STATE REDBIRD	S (4-9	, 0-2)					
F 2	Gregg Alexander	6-4	190	FrHS	Lincoln, III.	9.5	3.6	2.5
F 33	Shedrick Ford	<i>6-5</i>	220	Sr1L	Macon, Ga.	11.5	4.1	1.5
C 23	Baboucarr Bojang	<i>6-9</i>	205	JrTR	Greenville, S.C.	14.5	7.6	0.6
G 15	Randy Rice	<i>6-0</i>	175	Sr1L	Springfield, III.	3.2	2.3	2.8
G 21	Shawn Jeppson	6-2	175	Sr3L	Spring Valley, III.	10.1	1.6	1.6
Wichit	a State Shockers (7	-6, 1-1)					
F 15	Terrell Benton	<i>6-5</i>	210	Sr.	Derby, Kan.	10.5	3.5	2.2
F 33	Rob Kampman	<i>6-8</i>	190	Fr.	Forest City, Iowa	9.1	4.6	1.2
C 22	Troy Mack	<i>6-8</i>	205	Sr.	Detroit, Mich.	10.4	6.5	1.0*
G 3	Matt Clark	<i>6-0</i>	174	So.	Ft. Collins, Colo.	2.8	1.2	1.8
G 5	Randy Burns	5-11	179	Fr.	Houston, Tex.	14.9	1.8	1.8
NOTE	NOTE – (*) indicates blocks per game.							

The Coaches: Tom Richardson is 35-38 in his third season at Illinois State. He is assisted by Chad Altadonna, Anthony Beane and Doug Novsek. Wichita State is coached by Mark Turgeon, who owns a 16-25 record in his second season with the Shockers. He is assisted by Tad Boyle, Jean Prioleau and Mike Rohn.

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	WSU
W-L Record	4-9	7-6
ESPN/USA Today	UR	UR
AP Poll	UR	UR
Saragin Ranking	168	120
RPI	143	146
Points Scored	65.6	74.8
Points Allowed	71.8	71.5
Scoring Margin	-6.2	+3.5
FG Percentage	42.4	44.6
Def. FG Percentage	49.0	45.8
3-pt. Percentage	30.9	38.9
Def. 3-pt. Percentage	33.2	36.2
FT Percentage	74.7	73.7
Offensive Rebounds	10.5	13.2
Total Rebounds	30.8	33.8
Rebounding Margin	-3.9	+0.7
Assists	14.1	14.5
Turnover Average	16.3	16.0
Turnover Margin	+0.8	+0.4
Steal Average	6.6	4.8
Block Average	1.3	2.1
Fouls	18.6	19.1

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	
Minutes	55%

About Wichita State

- Wichita State is located in Wichita, Kan., and enrolls 14,810 students. The Shockers are members
 of the Missouri Valley Conference.
- Head coach Mark Turgeon is in his second season at Wichita State. He owns a 16-23 record with
 the Shockers after serving as the head coach at Jacksonville State for two seasons. Prior to
 Jacksonville State, Turgeon worked as an assistant at Kansas, Oregon and for the Philadelphia
 76ers
- Wichita State is 3-4 this season away from Wichita with losses against Delaware (62-47) and Mississippi (80-68) at the Top of the World Classic, in Fairbanks, Alaska, and at Oklahoma State and Southwest Missouri State. The Shockers posted wins over Radford, Kansas State and Chicago State.
- Three players average double figures for the Shockers, led by freshman Randy Burns' 14.9 points.
 Burns has started nine games and nearly half of his shots come from behind the arc (66-of-130).
 Burns shoots 45.4 percent from the floor and 42.4 on treys.
- Senior Terrell Benton is second on the team with 10.5 points per game. Of Benton's 89 field goal attempts, 63, or 70.7 percent, have come from 3-point land.
- Troy Mack averages 10.4 points and leads the team with 6.5 boards per game. Mack also leads the team with 13 blocked shots.
- The Shockers average 18.8 three-point attempts per game and 35.7 percent of their shots are treys. They shoot 38.9 percent from behind the arc.
- Freshman Rob Kampman leads the team in minutes played with 368 and CC McFall heads the club with 37 assists.

The Series

Today's game is the 47th meeting between the two schools. Illinois State leads the series 30-16, but the two teams have split the last six meetings. The Redbirds own a 17-4 advantage in Normal. The Redbirds won both meetings against the Shockers last season with a 68-61 win in Wichita, Kan., and a 79-71 victory in Redbird Arena nearly a month later.

Home Sweet Home???

Even though Illinois State has lost its last two home games, the 'Birds have won 18 of their last 22 games in Redbird Arena. The last time Illinois State lost three straight games in Redbird Arena was 1994, when Southern Illinois downed the 'Birds 84-73, in the home finale of the 1993-94 season and Illinois State dropped the first two home dates of the 1994-95 season against UW-Green Bay (64-58) and UNC-Wilmington (83-71). In 14 seasons, the Redbirds are 133-47 in Redbird Arena for a .739 winning percentage.

The Difference Between Winning and Losing

The Redbirds enter tonight's game riding a five-game losing streak and a 4-9 record. Statistically speaking, there have been noticeable differences between the wins and losses for the 'Birds. In the four wins, Illinois State is shooting 45.1 percent and its opponents are shooting 45.5, as opposed to 41.3 percent for the Redbirds and 50.3 for their foes in the losses. In victory, Illinois State is shooting 12 percent better from the line, while forcing five more turnovers per game. In defeat, the 'Birds are being out-rebounded by 5.2 boards per game and allowing 77.2 points per game. Individually, **Shedrick Ford** is shooting 11 percent better in victory, while **Vince Greene** is averaging 9.3 points per win and 4.3 points per loss.

Comeback, Comeback Wins

Last season, Illinois State won seven games after trailing at halftime. This season the Redbirds are 1-9 in games in which they trail at the break. Illinois State was behind Samford 27-23 at halftime, before posting a 65-54 victory in its only come-from-behind win to date this season.

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.

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 96-53 (.644) mark this season. In addition to the overall winning percentage, Redbird non-conference foes have posted wins over Arkansas, Ball State, Boston College, Gonzaga, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio State, Pepperdine, 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.

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.

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 five-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 13 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 10 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 6 points against Southern Illinois, Jeppson currently owns 894 points for his career and only needs 106 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 non-conference 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 4.1 boards per game. Of Ford's 53 total rebounds, 24 boards, or 45.3 percent, are coming off the offensive glass.

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.

THE LAST TIME THEY MET

Redbirds Down Wichita State, Nab 20th Victory

NORMAL, III. – Tarise Bryson, the Missouri Valley Conference's scoring leader, pumped in 28 points and added six steals to lead Illinois State to a 79-71 win over Wichita State in the regular-season finale for both teams at Redbird Arena.

Illinois State, 20-7 overall, 12-6 to finish tied for second in the Missouri Valley, continued to be one of the top turnaround stories in college basketball this season. The Birds finished the regular-season with the same number of wins as it had losses in a 10-20 campaign a year ago. The Birds won 20 games for the fifth time in seven seasons and the 13th time in the last 26.

Bryson got scoring support from Shawn Jeppson with 15 and Shedrick Ford with 13, plus eight rebounds as ISU had a 32-31 edge on the boards. Randy Rice had seven points, five rebounds, five assists and five steals, matching his career high. Wichita State had eight of its 18 turnovers in the first nine minutes of the second half.

ILLINOIS STATE 79, Wichita State 71

February 26, 2001 • Normal, III.

Wichita State	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	TP
Robinson (F)	32	3-8	1-2	3-11	2	4	7
Mack (F)	18	5-7	0-1	2-4	2	4	10
McFall (F)	36	3-6	4-4	0-5	3	5	11
Phillips (G)	34	3-8	0-0	0-3	1	1	9
Benton (G)	34	6-17	3-3	0-3	3	2	18
Tshomba	7	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	3	3
Clark	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Grundvig	13	3-4	0-0	0-1	1	2	6
Drumgole	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Davis	17	2-3	3-4	2-2	0	2	7
Totals	200	26-55	11-14	7-31	14	25	71

Team Pct.: FG - .473; FT - .786

3-Pt.: 8-19, .421 (McFall 1-3, Phillips 3-5, Benton 3-10, Tshomba 1-1)

Blocks: 3 (Robinson 1, Mack 1, Davis 1)

Turnovers: 18 (Robinson 6, McFall 4, Phillips 4, Benton 3, Tshomba 1)

Steals: 5 (McFall 2, Phillips 2, Grundvig 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	TP
Jeppson (F)	35	5-9	3-4	0-1	1	1	15
Beyers (F)	27	1-4	3-4	2-5	1	4	5
Luczywko (C)	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Bryson (G)	37	8-20	10-13	1-5	1	1	28
Rice (G)	37	2-6	3-3	1-5	5	0	7
Knight	12	2-3	1-4	1-3	2	1	5
Williams	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Strandmark	6	0-1	2-2	1-1	0	3	2
Hammock	12	2-3	0-0	1-1	0	1	4
Ford	29	4-6	5-5	1-8	1	2	13
Totals	200	24-54	27-35	9-32	11	15	79

Team Pct.: FG - .444; FT - .771

3-Pt.: 4-13, .308 (Jeppson 2-5, Bryson 2-8)

Blocks: 3 (Beyers 2, Ford 1)

Turnovers: 10 (Jeppson 1, Beyers 3, Bryson 1, Rice 1,

Hammock 2, Ford 2)

Steals: 12 (Beyers 1, Bryson 6, Rice 5)

Officials: Mark McMullen, John Higgins, David Warfel

Attendance: 6,264

Halftime Score: Wichita State 40, ILLINOIS STATE 34

CHART CLIMBERS

Career Scoring Leaders 1. Doug Collins (1970-73)
5. Bill Sarver (1951-54)
Career 3-Point FG Leaders 1. TARISE BRYSON (1999-present)
8. Kyle Cartmill (1996-99)
Career FT Made Leaders 1. <i>TARISE BRYSON (1998 468</i> 2. Fred Marberry (1954-57)
Career FT Att. Leaders 756 Fred Marberry (1953-57) 600 Jerry McGreal (1965-68) 600 TARISE BRYSON (1998- 576
Career Steals 232 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)
Season FT Att. Leaders 1. TARISE BRYSON (2000-01)

CAREER STARTS/GAMES

	Illinoi	s St.
Player	GP	GS
Gregg Alexander	13	13
Dirk Williams	42	8
Andy Strandmark	68	14
Vince Greene	13	2
Tarise Bryson	91	83
Randy Rice	43	40
Shawn Jeppson	100	32
Baboucarr Bojang	13	13
Chad Mazanowski	60	12
Shedrick Ford	43	38
Kenneth Hill	0	0
Casey Reid	13	2
Brett Gillan	27	0
	Gregg Alexander Dirk Williams Andy Strandmark Vince Greene Tarise Bryson Randy Rice Shawn Jeppson Baboucarr Bojang Chad Mazanowski Shedrick Ford Kenneth Hill Casey Reid	Player GP Gregg Alexander 13 Dirk Williams 42 Andy Strandmark 68 Vince Greene 13 Tarise Bryson 91 Randy Rice 43 Shawn Jeppson 100 Baboucarr Bojang 13 Chad Mazanowski 60 Shedrick Ford 43 Kenneth Hill 0 Casey Reid 13

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.

FT Four-Peat ???

The Redbirds have opened the season shooting 74.7% 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 398 minutes, second most on the team, and coughed up only 13 turnovers, one per game. Alexander is averaging .033 turnovers per minute, which is the lowest percentage in the Missouri Valley Conference. He has dished out 32 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 21.

Built Ford Tough

Shedrick Ford is second on the Redbirds in scoring with 11.5 points per game and has scored double-figures for Illinois State in seven games. Ford has been the leading scorer in three games and had a season-high 21 points against Hofstra. In the season opener against Weber St., 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???

PLAYER UPDATES

#2 Gregg Alexander

Freshman • F • 6-4 • 190 Lincoln, III. (Lincoln)

- Last Game: 8 pts., 3-8 FG, 7 rebs, 4 TO, 25 min.
- Only 13 turnovers in 398 minutes of play, but has 7 in the last three games.
- At SIU, 2-of-3 treys ended a 6-for-33 (.182) slump.
- Had fourth career double digit effort with 10 points against Creighton.
- Scored a career-high 24 points in the overtime loss against Hofstra.
- Averages 30.6 minutes per game and is making a run at breaking the freshman record for minutes played in a season by Dan Muller with 953.

#4 Dirk Williams

Sophomore • F • 6-8 • 210

Pekin, III. (Pekin Community)

- Last Game: 6 pts., 3-4 FG, 2 rebs, 14 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.
- Has blocked four shots in the last five games.

#5 Andy Strandmark

Junior • C • 6-11 • 235

Geneseo, III. (Darnall)

- Last Game: 4 pt., 1 reb, 2 TO, 6 min.
- · Got first starting nod of the season vs. 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 4.8 rebounds per game over the last four.
- · Battling a reoccurring stress fracture in right leg.
- Averaging 3.9 points per game in the 'Birds last nine games, after going scoreless in first four.

#10 Kevin Troc

Freshman • G • 6-4 • 185

Lockport, III. (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, III. (Brother Rice)

- Last Game: 0 pts., 0-3 FG, 2 reb, 2 ast., 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 five contests on a combined 4-for-34 shooting (.118).
- Hasn't scored in two straight games and has missed his last 16 FG attempts.

#12 Tarise Bryson

Senior • G • 6-1 • 175

Decatur, III. (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, III. (Springfield/Wabash Valley CC)

- Last Game: 2 pts, 1 reb, 1 asts, 2 stl, 27 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.
- Shooting 4-for-8 (.500) over his last three games.

#21 Shawn Jeppson

Senior • G • 6-2 • 180

Spring Valley, III. (Hall)

- Last Game: 6 pts, 3-9 FG, 1 reb, 3 TO, 31 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 17 of his last 35 FG attempts (.486).
- Has hit 7 of his last 14 three-point attempts (.500).
- Made at least one trey in 28 of his last 32 games.

#23 Baboucarr Bojang

Junior • F • 6-9 • 205

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

- Last Game: 13 pts, 9 reb, 5-11 FG, 35 min.
- Started all 13 games and has scored double figures in 12, including the last 10 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.
- Owns 25.7 percent of the team's offensive rebounds (35-of-136)
- Has logged 31 or more minutes in 9 of 13 games.

#31 Chad Mazanowski

Senior • F • 6-6 • 225 DeKalb, III. (DeKalb)

- Last Game: 0 pts, 1 reb, 1 pf, 2 TO, 5 min.
- · Has logged 39 minutes in nine games.
- Battling chronic inflammation in his ankle. Has suffered from ankle injuries throughout his career.
- · Two of his three FGs have been 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: 16 pts, 7-14 FG, 5 reb, 7 TO, 27 min.
- Has scored double figures in two straight, after being held in single digits for three consecutive.
- Started 12 games for the Redbirds, but missed his first starting assignment against Kent State.
- Averaging 14.0 points and shooting 50 percent from the floor in the last two games.
- 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, III. (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, 3 reb, 1-2 FG, 1 ast, 11 min.
- Has only played an average 9.3 minutes over the last three 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 28 points in the last nine games, after totaling four in the first four contests.

#44 Brett Gillan

Junior • G • 6-4 • 185

Normal, III. (Normal Community)

- Last Game: 0 pts, 1 pf, 3 min.
- Walk-on that has seen action in five games.
- 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 and three minutes at Southern Illinois.

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	s 6 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01	
5 vs. Weber St., 11-16-01	Free Throws	5 vs. Weber St., 11-16-01	
7, twice	Rebounds	7, twice	
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	

BABOUCARR BOJANG - #23

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

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, twice	Rebounds	2, twice
5 at Illinois, 12-18-01	Assists	5 at Illinois, 12-18-01
1, five times	Steals	1, five times
None	Blocks	None
28 at Illinois, 12-18-01	Minutes	28 at Illinois, 12-18-01

SHAWN JEPPSON - #21

Season	Category	Career
19 at Ga. Southern, 11-29	-01 Points	22 at Wichita St., 1-29-01
7 at Ga. Southern, 11-29-0	1 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 Goa	ls 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, 11-29-0	1 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	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
1 at S. Illinois, 1-5-02	Blocks	1, five 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 None
2, twice	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, 12-15-0	1 Rebounds	13 vs. Evansville, 1-20-01
3 at Illinois, 12-18-01	Assists	3 at Illinois, 12-18-01
1, five times	Steals	2, twice
2 at Chattanooga, 12-15-0	1 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	;	c	VEF	RALL
		W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
1.	Northern Iowa	3	0	1.000	8	4	.667
2.	S. Illinois	2	0	1.000	12	2	.857
	SW Missouri St.	2	0	1.000	7	7	.500
4.	Creighton	2	1	.667	7	5	.583
5.	Wichita State	1	1	.500	7	6	.538
6.	Drake	1	2	.333	6	7	.462
	Bradley	1	2	.000	4	8	.333
	Indiana State	1	2	.000	3	9	.250
9.	Illinois State	0	2	.000	4	9	.308
	Evansville	0	3	.000	3	9	.250
			(A.	s of 1/5 _/)		

2001-02 VALLEY RANKINGS

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Scoring Offense	8th	66.2
Scoring Defense	7th	71.2
Scoring Margin	8th	5.0
Free Throw Pct	2nd	
Field Goal Pct	8th	
FG Pct. Defense	10th	
3-Point FG Pct	t8th	
3-Point FG Pct. Def	3rd	
Rebounding Offense	10th	30.3
Rebounding Defense	7th	34.4
Rebounding Margin	10th	4.1
Blocked Shots	9th	1.17
Assists	4th	14.50
Steals	3rd	6.67
Turnover Margin	1st	+2.17
Assist/Turnover Ratio	t3rd	0.93
Offensive Rebounds	8th	10.17
Defensive Rebounds	10th	20.17
3-Point Field Goals Made		

INDIVIDUAL

INDIVIDUAL
SCORING
Baboucarr Bojang 9th 14.7
REBOUNDING
Baboucarr Bojang 6th 7.4
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE
Baboucarr Bojang 9th547
ASSISTS

	ASSISTS						
Randy Rice	t9th	3.00					
•	IROW PERCENTAG						
Vince Greene	3rd						
STEALS							

Gregg Alexander	1st	1.58								
ASSIST/TURNOVER RATIO										
Randy Rice	9th	1.24								
OFFENS	OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS									
Baboucarr Bojang	t7th	2.67								
DEFENS	SIVE REBOUNDS	3								

		1	2	3	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	7	<u>8</u>	9	<u>10</u>	<u>Total</u>
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	a —	_	_	_	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	5	8	.667
Jeppson	2	3	.667
Bojang	12	21	.571
Mazanowski	3	4	.750
Strandmark	1	2	.500
Reid	1	2	.500
Total	44	66	.667

SHOOTING BREAKDOWN

	Illinois St.	Орр.
FG Pct., 1st Half	146-346 (42.2%)	173-353 (49.0%)
FG Pct., 2nd Half	158-368 (42.9%)	178-361 (49.3%)
3FG Pct., 1st Half	29-101 (28.7%)	39-111 (35.1%)
3FG Pct., 2nd Half	34-103 (33.0%)	31-99 (31.3%)
FT Pct., 1st Half	68-88 (77.3%)	59-93 (63.4%)
FT Pct., 2nd Half	108-147 (73.5%)	95-129 (73.6%)
FG Pct., Home	104-240 (43.3%)	121-254 (47.6%)
FG Pct., Away	138-319 (43.3%)	151-299 (50.5%)
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	24-82 (29.3%)	25-80 (31.3%)
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	48-68 (70.6%)	77-110 (70.0%)
FT Pct., Neutral	42-55 (76.4%)	27-42 (64.3%)

BENCH SCORING

Weber State
vs. UC-Irvine
vs. Pittsburgh
vs. Hofstra 5-30
at Georgia Southern
at UT-San Antonio
Samford
Central Michigan 21-9
at Chattanooga 14-20
at Illinois
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

THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

ΙΝΠΙΛΙΠΙΤΙ

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 Stetson Hairston (15p, 11r), S. Illinois, 1-5-02

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 Devin Brown (10-13) at UTSA, 12-1-01 Opponent

A player had 15 free throw attempts ...

ILLINOIS ST. Tarise Bryson (12-15) at Purdue, 3-14-01 Aaron Thomas (14-15), Drake, 1-17-00 Opponent

A player had 10 assists ...

ILLINOIS ST. Randy Rice (13) vs. Evansville, 2-12-01 Jeremy Stanton (15), Evansville, 3-3-01 Opponent

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 Opponentvs. UT-San Antonio (35-65), 12-17-00

A team had 75 field goal attempts ...

ILLINOIS ST.vs. Lewis (78), 12-2-92 Opponentvs. 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 Opponentvs. 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 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 4-9	ISU Scores 60 or More	3-
Missouri Valley Conference 0-2	ISU Scores less than 60	1-4
Playing Nationally Ranked Teams 0-1	Opponent Scores 100 or More	0-0
Leading at the Half 3-0	Opponent Scores 90 or More	0-0
Trailing at the Half 1-9	Opponent Scores 80 or More	0-4
Tied at the Half 0-0	Opponent Scores 70 or More	1-7
Leading with 5:00 to Play 4-0	Opponent Scores 60 or More	2-9
Trailing with 5:00 to Play 0-9	Opponent Scores less than 60	2-0
Tied with 5:00 to Play 0-0	In Games Decided by 5 or less	1-1
In Overtime 0-1	In Games Decided by 6-10 Points	2-1
ISU out-rebounds opponent 1-1	In Games Decided by 11-20 Points	1-6
Opponents out-rebounds ISU 2-8	In Games Decided by 21+ Points	0-1
ISU has 15 or fewer Turnovers 0-5	Day Games	3-5
ISU has fewer Turnovers than opp 3-5	Night Games	1-4
ISU shoots 50 Percent or Better 1-1	Home Court	3-2
ISU shoots 40 Percent or Better 3-5	Away Games	0-5
Opponents shoot less than 40 Percent 1-0	Neutral Games	1-2
Opponents shot 40 Percent or Better 3-8	When ISU Scores First	2-2
ISU shoots better than Opponent 1-1	When ISU Wins Tip	2-6
Opponent shoots better than ISU 3-8	In November	2-3
ISU has more FG Attempts 3-5	In December	2-4
Opponent has more FG Attempts 1-4	In January	0-2
ISU Shoots better than 35% on 3's 1-4	In February	0-0
ISU Attempts more 3's 2-4	In March	0-0
Opponents Attempt more 3's 2-4	On Sunday	1-′
ISU has more FT Attempts 3-4	On Monday	0-0
Opponent has more FT Attempts 1-5	On Tuesday	0-′
ISU Scores 100 or More 0-0	On Wednesday	0-1
ISU Scores 90 or More 0-0	On Thursday	0-1
ISU Scores 80 or More 0-2	On Friday	
ISU Scores 70 or More 2-4	On Saturday	1-5

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

Opponent	Alexander	Bojang	Bryson	Ford	Gillan	Greene
Weber State	8-1-2*	14-10-2*	8-3-3*	18-8-1*	DNP	1-0-1
vs. UC-Irvine	7-7-3*	13-8-1*	DNP - Injured	9-3-1*	DNP	11-0-4
vs. Pittsburgh	7-0-2*	7-5-0*	DNP - Injured	13-5-1*	0-0-0	4-2-0
vs. Hofstra	24-4-3*	10-11-2*	DNP - Injured	21-7-3*	DNP	0-0-4
at Ga. Southern	7-5-2*	14-10-1*	DNP - Injured	11-5-0*	DNP	12-2-4
at UT-San Antonio	18-3-2*	20-6-0*	DNP - Injured	2-5-3*	DNP	12-0-3*
Samford	5-3-4*	13-5-1*	DNP - Injured	6-2-1*	DNP	14-1-4
C. Michigan	7-4-4*	20-13-0*	DNP - Injured	15-3-1*	DNP	11-1-3
at Chattanooga	5-3-2*	26-8-0*	DNP - Injured	9-5-1*	DNP	2-1-1
at Illinois	15-5-1*	15-4-0*	DNP - Injured	8-1-2*	0-0-0	7-1-5
Kent State	2-4-1*	11-6-0*	DNP - Injured	9-1-4	0-0-0	2-0-4*
Creighton	10-1-3*	13-4-0*	DNP - Injured	12-3-1*	0-1-1	0-0-2
at S. Illinois	8-7-3*	13-9-1*	DNP - Injured	16-5-0*	0-0-0	0-2-2
Wichita State						

at Drake

Indiana State

at Creighton SMS

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Drake Northern Iowa

at SMS

Bradley at Indiana St.

at Evansville

at Wichita St. at N. Iowa

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Weber State	14-1-5	DNP	4-0-1	2-2-1*	0-1-0	5-3-0
vs. UC-Irvine	12-3-1*	DNP	0-0-1	0-3-2*	0-1-0	6-2-0
vs. Pittsburgh	2-4-2*	5-0-0	0-1-1	4-1-2*	0-4-0	4-4-0
vs. Hofstra	14-1-5*	5-2-0	0-1-1	6-4-5*	0-0-1	0-0-1
at Ga. Southern	19-1-2*	0-0-0	8-3-1	2-2-3*	3-2-2	0-2-0
at UT-San Antonio	15-3-2	0-0-0	6-2-2*	0-3-2	4-0-1	5-5-0
Samford	5-2-1	DNP	2-3-0	6-0-3*	4-0-0	10-1-2*
C. Michigan	6-1-1	DNP	0-4-2	7-4-2*	4-1-0	2-1-1*
at Chattanooga	10-1-1	0-0-0	2-2-0	3-6-7*	0-2-1	2-7-1*
at Illinois	5-1-0	0-0-1	4-5-0*	2-3-3*	7-7-0	10-5-3
Kent State	12-1-0	0-3-0	3-2-0	3-0-4*	6-7-0	0-1-0*
Creighton	11-1-0	2-1-0	0-1-0	5-1-2*	3-4-0*	6-5-1
at S. Illinois	6-1-1*	0-1-0	3-3-1	2-1-1*	4-1-0	6-2-0
Wichita State						

Reid

Rice

Strandmark

Williams

Mazanowski

SUPERLATIVES

STARTING LINEUPS - F, F, C, G, G (7):

- Alexander, Ford, Bojang, Bryson, Rice (1-0)
 (W) Weber State
- Alexander, Ford, Bojang, Rice, Jeppson (1-4)
 (W) UC-Irvine
 - (L) Pittsburgh, Hofstra, at Ga. Southern, at Southern Illinois
- 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 6, Jeppson 4, Rice 1, Greene 1, Reid 1

FIRST POINTS:

Bojang 8, Ford 2, Rice 1, Williams 1, Reid 1

DOUBLE-DIGIT SCORERS (34):

Bojang 12, Jeppson 8, Ford 7, Greene 5, Alexander 4, Williams 2

DOUBLE-DIGIT REBOUNDING (4):

Bojang 4

LEADING SCORER:

Bojang 6, Ford 3, Alexander 2, Jeppson 2, Greene 1

LEADING REBOUNDER:

Bojang 9, 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, Jeppson 3, Bojang 3, Reid 2, Alexander 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
- 35, Baboucarr Bojang at S. Illinois, 1-5-02
- 34, Gregg Alexander vs. UC-Irvine, 11-23-01 Gregg Alexander vs. Samford, 12-8-01 Gregg Alexander at Illinois, 12-18-01
- 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 Shawn Jeppson at S. Illinois, 1-5-02

2001-02 GAME-BY-GAME														
Weber State @Illinois State (1-0)	Final 70 74	FG 26-56 23-57	FG% 46.4% 40.4%	3FG 6-14 4-20	3% 42.9% 20.0%	FT 12-19 24-28	FT% 63.2% 85.7%	O-D-T Reb. 14-25-39 9-22-31	Fouls 22 22	Assists 9 16	Turnovers 24 19	Blocks 5 2	Steals 9 15	Halftime 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
Ilinois 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
Ilinois 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
Ilinois 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
Ilinois 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 Ilinois 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 Ilinois 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
Ilinois State (4-9, 0-2) Southern Illinois	58 79	24-55 31-70	43.6% 44.3%	3-8 5-19	37.5% 26.3%	7-11 12-17	63.6% 70.6%	14-22-36 20-18-38	19 16	9 16	24 11	3 8	6 8	31 43

EXHIBITION 1

Bryson, Redbirds Look Sharp in Exhibition Opener

NORMAL, III. - 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.

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St. Xavier	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	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	Α	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, III. - 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 monsterous 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 doubledigits 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.

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EA Sports	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	ΤP
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)

Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	ΤP
25	3-7	2-2	2-5	2	2	10
23	4-10	2-2	2-10	1	1	10
22	3-7	5-6	0-2	0	1	11
25	6-10	7-7	0-0	3	3	23
24	1-3	4-4	0-1	4	2	7
14	3-5	2-2	2-7	0	3	10
7	0-1	0-0	0-3	0	1	0
16	3-4	0-0	0-0	5	3	8
22	5-6	1-3	0-3	2	3	13
6	2-3	1-4	0-3	1	1	5
14	0-1	0-0	1-3	1	4	0
2	0-1	1-2	1-1	0	0	1
200	30-58	25-3	9-39	19	24	98
	25 23 22 25 24 14 7 16 22 6 14 2	25 3-7 23 4-10 22 3-7 25 6-10 24 1-3 14 3-5 7 0-1 16 3-4 22 5-6 6 2-3 14 0-1 2 0-1	25 3-7 2-2 23 4-10 2-2 22 3-7 5-6 25 6-10 7-7 24 1-3 4-4 14 3-5 2-2 7 0-1 0-0 16 3-4 0-0 22 5-6 1-3 6 2-3 1-4 14 0-1 0-0 2 0-1 1-2	25 3-7 2-2 2-5 23 4-10 2-2 2-10 22 3-7 5-6 0-2 25 6-10 7-7 0-0 24 1-3 4-4 0-1 14 3-5 2-2 2-7 7 0-1 0-0 0-3 16 3-4 0-0 0-0 22 5-6 1-3 0-3 6 2-3 1-4 0-3 14 0-1 0-0 1-3 2 0-1 1-2 1-1	25 3-7 2-2 2-5 2 23 4-10 2-2 2-10 1 22 3-7 5-6 0-2 0 25 6-10 7-7 0-0 3 24 1-3 4-4 0-1 4 14 3-5 2-2 2-7 0 7 0-1 0-0 0-3 0 16 3-4 0-0 0-0 5 22 5-6 1-3 0-3 2 6 2-3 1-4 0-3 1 1 4 0-1 0-0 1-3 1 2 0-1 1-2 1-1 0	25 3-7 2-2 2-5 2 2 23 4-10 2-2 2-10 1 1 22 3-7 5-6 0-2 0 1 25 6-10 7-7 0-0 3 3 24 1-3 4-4 0-1 4 2 14 3-5 2-2 2-7 0 3 7 0-1 0-0 0-3 0 1 16 3-4 0-0 0-0 5 3 22 5-6 1-3 0-3 2 3 6 2-3 1-4 0-3 1 1 14 0-1 0-0 1-3 1 4 2 0-1 1-2 1-1 0 0

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, III. - 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 lavup 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.

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Weber St.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	۱P
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)

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	ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	ΤP
	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	Α	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	Α	PF	ΤP
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	Α	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	Α	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-

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 then 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	Α	PF	ΤP
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)

Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	TP
29	4-8	0-0	3-10	1	5	10
17	2-4	2-2	0-2	0	2	6
8	1-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	2
40	5-14	3-5	0-1	8	2	15
41	9-18	0-0	2-2	3	2	19
4	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0
29	6-6	2-2	2-7	0	1	14
23	2-5	0-0	3-5	1	0	5
22	3-6	2-4	2-4	2	2	9
12	1-3	0-0	2-4	1	3	2
225	33-65	9-13	16-41	10	18	82
	29 17 8 40 41 4 29 23 22 12	29 4-8 17 2-4 8 1-1 40 5-14 41 9-18 4 0-0 29 6-6 23 2-5 22 3-6 12 1-3	29 4-8 0-0 17 2-4 2-2 8 1-1 0-0 40 5-14 3-5 41 9-18 0-0 4 0-0 0-0 29 6-6 2-2 23 2-5 0-0 22 3-6 2-4 12 1-3 0-0	29 4-8 0-0 3-10 17 2-4 2-2 0-2 8 1-1 0-0 0-1 40 5-14 3-5 0-1 41 9-18 0-0 2-2 4 0-0 0-0 0-0 29 6-6 2-2 2-7 23 2-5 0-0 3-5 22 3-6 2-4 2-4 12 1-3 0-0 2-2	29 4-8 0-0 3-10 1 17 2-4 2-2 0-2 0 8 1-1 0-0 0-1 1 40 5-14 3-5 0-1 8 41 9-18 0-0 2-2 3 4 0-0 0-0 0-0 2 29 6-6 2-2 2-7 0 23 2-5 0-0 3-5 1 22 3-6 2-4 2-4 2 12 1-3 0-0 2-4 1	29

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.

Boiang 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	Α	PF	ΤP
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	Α	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 vear.

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 Casev 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

UT-San Antonio 88, ILLINOIS STATE 82

December 1, 2001 • San Antonio, Texas

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	ΤP
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	Α	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 (0	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

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

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, III.

Samford	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	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)

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	Α	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, III. – 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 nonconference 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.

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C. Michigan	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	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	Α	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

CHATTANOGA, 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	Α	PF	ΤP
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	Α	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

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, III. (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, III.

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	ΤP
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	Α	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, III. – 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, III.

Kent State	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	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	Α	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	8-0	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, III. – 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, III.

Creighton	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	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

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

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	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

Southern Illinois Cruises Past Illinois State

CARBONDALE, III. – Illinois State committed 24 turnovers and continued to have problems generating points throughout the game as the Southern Illinois Salukis cruised to a 79-58 conference victory over the Redbirds in Carbondale, III. The Salukis had four players reach double figures in scoring in the game.

SIU, 12-2 (2-0 MVC), started to pull away midway through the first half with a 11-2 run. With the score 43-31 at the half, the Salukis added some more cushion to their lead with a 13-3 run to open the second half. SIU took their largest lead of the game, 72-40, with a little over eight minutes remaining in the game.

Shedrick Ford led Illinois State, 4-9 (0-2 MVC), with 16 points shooting 7 for 14 from the field. Baboucarr Bojang was the only other Redbird to reach double figures with 13 points. Bojang also led the 'Birds on the boards with nine rebounds.

SIU was led in scoring by junior Jermaine Dearman with 16 points, while freshman guard Stetson Hairston put together the best performance of his young collegiate career with 15 points and 11 rebounds. The Salukis tallied 20 offensive boards in the game, which helped create plenty of opportunities for SIU to score.

Southern Illinois 79, ILLINOIS STATE 58 January 5, 2002 • Carbondale, Ill.

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	TP
Alexander (F)	25	3-8	0-0	2-7	3	3	8
Ford (F)	27	7-14	1-3	4-5	0	4	16
Bojang (C)	35	5-11	3-4	3-9	1	2	13
Rice (G)	27	1-3	0-0	0-1	1	2	2
Jeppson (G)	31	3-9	0-0	0-1	1	1	6
Williams	14	3-4	0-0	1-2	0	1	6
Strandmark	6	1-1	2-2	1-1	0	3	4
Greene	16	0-3	0-0	0-2	2	0	0
Mazanowski	5	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Reid	11	1-2	1-2	0-3	1	1	3
Gillan	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Totals	200	24-55	7-11	14-36	9	19	58

Team Pct.: FG - .436; FT - .636

3-Pt.: 3-8, .375 (Alexander 2-3, Ford 1-4, Jeppson 0-1) **Blocks:** 3 (Bojang 1, Rice 1, Williams 1)

Turnovers: 24 (Alexander 4, Ford 7, Bojang 3, Rice 1, Jeppson 3, Williams 1, Strandmark 2, Greene 1, Mazanowski 2)

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

S. Illinois	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	ΤP
Dearman (F)	22	8-13	0-0	7-9	2	2	16
Roberts (C)	24	3-6	4-7	1-4	0	3	10
Belcher (G)	28	1-3	0-0	0-2	2	2	3
Hairston (G)	28	7-11	0-0	3-11	3	1	15
Williams (G)	22	6-12	0-0	2-2	5	3	14
Brooks	24	2-8	2-2	2-3	4	1	7
Buie	15	1-7	2-2	3-4	0	1	4
Willis	12	3-6	2-3	1-1	0	0	8
Korn	15	0-3	2-2	0-1	0	2	2
McGlown	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Carney	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Ward	6	0-0	0-1	1-1	0	1	0
Totals	200	31-70	12-17	20-38	16	16	79

Team Pct.: FG - .443; FT - .706

3-Pt.: 5-19, .263 (Belcher 1-3, Hairston 1-1, Williams 2-

5, Brooks 1-3, Buie 0-4, Korn 0-3)

Blocks: 8 (Dearman 1, Roberts 3, Brooks 3, Korn 1)
Turnovers: 11 (Dearman 1, Roberts 2, Belcher 2,
Hairston 1, Williams 1, Korn 1, McGlown 1, Ward 2)

Hairston 1, Williams 1, Korn 1, McGlown 1, Ward 2 Steals: 8 (Dearman 1, Belcher 4, Hairston 3)

Officials: Ron Berkholtz, Winston Stith, Steven Skiles

Attendance: 6,211

Halftime Score: S. Illinois 43, ILLINOIS STATE 31