



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)	L, 58-79
1/7	WICHITA STATE*	W, 81-71
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 (5-9, 1-2) at Drake Bulldogs (6-7, 1-2)

The Game: Jan. 10, 2002 • 7:05 p.m. (CST) • Knapp Center (7,002) • Des Moines, Iowa

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About The Game: Even though both teams are only four games into the conference season, this is a crucial league game for both Illinois State and Drake. Both clubs enter the contest with an identical 1-2 mark in league play and are trying to get back to a .500 mark in conference action. Drake won both meetings last season and is 4-1 in Des Moines this season.

The Probable Starters:

ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (5-9, 1-2)

					ppg	rpg	apg	
F 2	Gregg Alexander	6-4	190	Fr.-HS	Lincoln, Ill.	9.7	3.5	2.4
F 33	Shedrick Ford	6-5	220	Sr.-1L	Macon, Ga.	11.1	4.2	1.5
C 23	Baboucarr Bojang	6-9	205	Jr.-TR	Greenville, S.C.	14.6	7.6	0.6
G 15	Randy Rice	6-0	175	Sr.-1L	Springfield, Ill.	4.1	2.1	2.9
G 21	Shawn Jeppson	6-2	175	Sr.-3L	Spring Valley, Ill.	11.3	1.7	1.7

Drake Bulldogs (6-7, 1-2)

F 20	Aaron Knight	6-4	233	Sr.	Louisville, Ky.	5.4	4.5	1.8
F 21	Andry Sola	6-8	216	Jr.	Oakville, Ontario	12.8	5.2	2.0
C 40	Greg Danielson	6-9	267	Jr.	Des Moines, Iowa	9.8	7.1	1.8
G 24	David Newman	5-11	183	Jr.	Des Moines, Iowa	5.0	2.2	2.6
G 25	Luke McDonald	6-6	215	So.	Wolfforth, Texas	19.0	3.6	0.8

NOTE - (*) indicates blocks per game.

The Coaches: Tom Richardson is 36-38 in his third season at Illinois State. He is assisted by Chad Altadonna, Anthony Beane and Doug Novsek. Drake is coached by Kurt Kanaskie, who owns a 44-108 record in his sixth season with the Bulldogs. He is assisted by Marty Bell, Chris Davis and Kevin Reynolds.

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	DU
W-L Record	5-9	6-7
ESPN/USA Today	UR	UR
AP Poll	UR	UR
Saragin Ranking	159	192
RPI	120	201
Points Scored	66.7	70.3
Points Allowed	71.8	72.8
Scoring Margin	-5.1	-2.5
FG Percentage	42.7	43.5
Def. FG Percentage	49.1	46.3
3-pt. Percentage	33.2	35.6
Def. 3-pt. Percentage	33.6	41.0
FT Percentage	75.1	69.9
Offensive Rebounds	10.3	10.2
Total Rebounds	30.4	34.5
Rebounding Margin	-4.3	+1.5
Assists	14.1	14.1
Turnover Average	15.9	14.4
Turnover Margin	+1.8	-2.0
Steal Average	7.0	4.9
Block Average	1.4	1.0
Fouls	18.5	16.6

WEEKLY MEDIA CONFERENCE

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

- 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 Drake

- Drake is located in Des Moines, Iowa, and enrolls 3,667 students. The Bulldogs are members of the Missouri Valley Conference.
- Head coach Kurt Kanaskie is in his sixth season at Drake. He owns a 44-108 record with the Bulldogs after serving as the head coach at Indiana (Pa.) for eight seasons and Lock Haven for three. Prior to coaching at Lock Haven, Kanaskie worked as an assistant at South Carolina.
- Drake is 4-1 in Des Moines this season with wins over Arkansas-Pine Bluff (93-64), Indiana State (85-71), Iowa State (72-58) and Denver (72-68). The Bulldogs only home loss came against Northern Illinois (79-57).
- Three players average double figures for the Bulldogs, led by sophomore Luke McDonald. McDonald, ranks second in the Valley with 19.0 points per game. McDonald has attempted 62.8 percent of his shots from three-point range and averages 3.5 made treys per game while converting on 42.9 percent.
- Andry Sola averages 12.8 points per contest and is also second on the team in rebounding with 5.2 boards per game.
- J.J. Sola has tallied 12.3 points per game, but 14.3 in league games. He is shooting 55.7 percent from the floor with 101 attempts from inside the 3-point arch.
- Greg Danielson leads the team with 7.1 boards per game and averages 9.8 points. In conference games, Danielson is averaging 11 points.
- Lonnie Randolph leads the club in assists with 38 and steals with 14.
- As a team, the Bulldogs only have 13 blocked shots and 63 steals on the season.
- Drake shoots 38.8 percent of its shots from 3-point land.

The Series

Today's game is the 52nd meeting between the two schools. Illinois State leads the series 35-16, but Drake has won three of the last four including two straight. The Redbirds own a 12-10 advantage in Des Moines and a 29-12 edge in regular season Valley action. The Bulldogs won both meetings last season with a 77-68 victory at Drake and a 81-78 win in Redbird Arena.

Jeppson Shocks Wichita State, Again

Senior **Shawn Jeppson** entered Monday's game against Wichita State owning a career-high of 22 points that he accomplished last season – at Wichita State. Well, the yellow and black brought it out again Monday night as Jeppson lit the Shockers for 27 points on 9-for-15 shooting. Jeppson also hit a career-best five treys on seven attempts.

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.

Rice Crispies

Shawn Jeppson wasn't the only Redbird having a career night against Wichita State, Monday night. Senior captain **Randy Rice** had a list of highlights as well:

- Scored a career-high 16 points (6 points more than his previous best) and matched his season-best point total in the first 10 minutes of the game.
- Posted a career-best six steals, while sinking a career-high seven free throws on nine tries.
- At 6-foot tall, Rice tallied three blocked shots after entering the game with five career swats.
- Logged 35 minutes, his most of the season and was instrumental in the Redbirds' 81-point explosion, their highest point total of the year, with his aggressive defensive and offensive penetration.

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 98-53 (.649) 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, corkscrewed on a five-game losing streak and is currently soaring again with a win over Wichita State.

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 this season 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 11 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 a career-high 27 points against Creighton, Jeppson currently owns 921 points for his career and only needs 79 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 4.2 boards per game. Of Ford's 59 total rebounds, 27 boards, or 45.8 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.

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 eighth place overall and needs eight 3-pointers to surpass former Redbird Maurice Trotter.

THE LAST TIME THEY MET

McDonald, Drake Shoot Down Illinois State

NORMAL, Ill. – Drake freshman Luke McDonald out-dualed Illinois State scoring star Tarise Bryson to give the Bulldogs an 81-78 win over the Redbirds Sunday at Redbird Arena.

McDonald, who set a Drake freshman scoring record with 31 points, played all 40 minutes for the short-handed Bulldogs, who have just eight players. He got scoring help from Andry Sola, who had 19 to go with nine rebounds to lead all players.

Bryson, now one of the nation's top 10 scorers at 22.4 points per game, answered with 30 points, but it wasn't enough.

Drake led by as many as nine in the second half before the Redbirds caught up. ISU took a 76-75 lead with 2:41 left on Jeppson's three-pointer. Justin Ohl answered with a pair of free throws 17 seconds later.

Bryson's two free throws with 1:20 left put ISU up 78-77, but McDonald was fouled shooting a three-pointer with 1:05 left and drained all three free throws to give the 'Dogs a two-point lead.

ISU, 18-6 overall, 10-5 in the Valley, had a chance to tie with nine seconds left, but Bryson missed a 10-foot bank shot. Sola was fouled on the rebound and made the second of two free throws to put Drake ahead 81-78 with 6 seconds left. Bryson had another shot to tie, but his 24-footer attempt was deflected by Aaron Thomas of Drake. ISU had an in-bound opportunity with 0.8 seconds left, but Dirk Williams' three was short.

Drake 81, ILLINOIS STATE 78

February 18, 2001 • Normal, Ill.

Drake	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Sola (F)	39	5-14	7-10	2-9	1	1	19
Gaw (F)	33	3-7	2-4	2-7	3	2	8
Danielson (C)	27	4-6	2-4	2-4	2	4	10
Thomas (G)	31	2-5	4-4	0-1	6	4	9
McDonald (G)	40	10-15	7-7	0-2	1	2	31
Ohl	19	1-4	2-2	4-4	1	2	4
Knight	7	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	4	0
Cundiff	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	25-52	24-31	11-31	14	19	81

Team Pct.: FG – .481; FT – .774

3-Pt.: 7-14, .500 (Sola 2-4, Gaw 0-1, Thomas 1-1, McDonald 4-7, Cundiff 0-1)

Blocks: 2 (Sola 1, Thomas 1)

Turnovers: 10 (Sola 4, Danielson 1, Thomas 4, Knight 1)

Steals: 6 (Sola 2, Gaw 1, Danielson 1, Thomas 1, McDonald 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Ford (F)	33	7-12	0-0	1-6	3	3	18
Beyers (C)	22	2-4	5-6	0-2	1	3	9
Bryson (G)	37	7-12	13-14	2-6	2	4	30
Rice (G)	29	1-5	0-0	0-2	2	2	2
Jeppson (G)	23	4-8	0-0	0-3	4	5	10
Knight	23	0-2	0-2	1-1	2	1	0
Williams	9	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0
Strandmark	7	1-1	0-2	1-2	0	1	2
Hammock	9	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	2
Luczwyko	8	2-2	1-2	1-2	0	1	5
Totals	200	25-48	19-26	8-26	16	23	78

Team Pct.: FG – .521; FT – .731

3-Pt.: 9-17, .529 (Ford 4-6, Bryson 3-5, Jeppson 2-5, Williams 1)

Blocks: 3 (Jeppson 2, Knight 1)

Turnovers: 12 (Beyers 2, Bryson 5, Rice 1, Jeppson 2, Williams 1, Team 1)

Steals: 4 (Bryson 2, Knight 2)

Officials: Paul Janssen, Jerry Petro, J.D. Collins

Attendance: 9,212

Halftime Score: Drake 38, ILLINOIS STATE 34

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
4. Skipp Schaeffbauer (1996-98) 153
5. Richard Thomas (1990-93) 149
6. Rickey Jackson (1986-90) 126
7. Maurice Trotter (1994-96) 121
8. **SHAWN JEPPESON (1998-)** **114**

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	14	14
4	Dirk Williams	43	8
5	Andy Strandmark	69	14
11	Vince Greene	14	2
12	Tarise Bryson	91	83
15	Randy Rice	44	41
21	Shawn Jeppson	101	33
23	Baboucarr Bojang	14	14
31	Chad Mazanowski	60	12
33	Shedrick Ford	44	39
34	Kenneth Hill	0	0
40	Casey Reid	14	2
44	Brett Gillan	27	0

FT Four-Peat ???

The Redbirds have opened the season shooting 75.1% 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 431 minutes, second most on the team, and coughed up only 14 turnovers, one per game. Alexander is averaging .032 turnovers per minute, which is the lowest percentage in the Missouri Valley Conference. He has dished out 34 assists which ranks third on the team and is fourth on the club in scoring with 9.7 points per game. Alexander also leads the team in steals with 22.

Built Ford Tough

Shedrick Ford is third on the Redbirds in scoring with 11.1 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???

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:** 13 pts, 5-8 FG, 2 rebs, 2 ast, 33 min
- Only 14 turnovers in 431 minutes of play, but has 8 in the last four games.
- Has hit 5 of his last 8 treys (.625).
- Had fifth career double digit effort with 13 points against Wichita State.
- Scored a career-high 24 points in the overtime loss against Hofstra.
- Averages 30.8 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, Ill. (Pekin Community)

- **Last Game:** 2 pts, 1-3 FG, 3 rebs, 17 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 six games.

#5 Andy Strandmark

Junior • C • 6-11 • 235

Geneseo, Ill. (Darnall)

- **Last Game:** 2 pts, 1-1 FG, 1 stl, 4 min
- Got only starting nod of the season vs. Creighton.
- Posted his best scoring (7 points) and rebounding (7 boards) game of the season at Illinois.
- Battling a reoccurring stress fracture in right leg.
- Averaging 3.7 points per game in the 'Birds last 10 games, after going scoreless in first four.

#10 Kevin Troc

Freshman • G • 6-4 • 185

Lockport, Ill. (Lockport)

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

#11 Vince Greene

Sophomore • G • 5-9 • 160

Chicago, Ill. (Brother Rice)

- **Last Game:** 0 pts, 1 ast, 5 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 three straight games and has missed his last 16 FG attempts.

#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:** 16 pts, 3 ast, 3 blk, 6 stl, 35 min
- Scored a career-best 16 points against Wichita State, while posting career-highs in steals (6) and blocked shots (3).
- 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 8-for-16 (.500) over his last four games.

#21 Shawn Jeppson

Senior • G • 6-2 • 180

Spring Valley, Ill. (Hall)

- **Last Game:** 27 pts, 5-7 3FG, 3 reb, 3 ast, 37 min.
- Scored a career-high 27 against Wichita State with 5-for-7 shooting on treys.
- Made 26 of his last 50 FG attempts (.520).
- Has hit 12 of his last 21 three-point attempts (.571).
- Left Illinois game after eight minutes with a moderate MCL sprain of his right knee.
- Has scored double-figures in nine contests.
- Made at least one trey in 29 of his last 33 games.

#23 Baboucarr Bojang

Junior • F • 6-9 • 205

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

- **Last Game:** 15 pts, 4-12 FG, 7 rebs, 30 min.
- Started all 14 games and has scored double figures in 13, including the last 11 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.
- Has logged 30 or more minutes in 10 of 14 games.

#31 Chad Mazanowski

Senior • F • 6-6 • 225

DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)

- **Last Game:** DNP – Coach's Decision
- 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:** 6 pts, 1-8 FG, 6 rebs, 3 to, 29 min
- Held to single-digit scoring against Wichita State after scoring double figures in two straight.
- Started 13 games for the Redbirds, but missed his first starting assignment against Kent State.
- Has hit 2 of his last 7 trey attempts (.286).
- 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 – Coach's 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, 3 ast, 10 min.
- Has only played an average 9.5 minutes over the last four 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 10 games, after totaling four in the first four contests.

#44 Brett Gillan

Junior • G • 6-4 • 185

Normal, Ill. (Normal Community)

- **Last Game:** DNP – Coach's Decision
- 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	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

BABOUCCARR 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, twice	Blocks	1, twice
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, 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 JEPSON – #21

Season	Category	Career
27 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02	Points	27 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02
9 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02	Field Goals	9 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02
5 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02	3-Pt. Field Goals	5 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02
4, three times	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
3 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02	Assists	3 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02
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
16 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02	Points	16 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02
4 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02	Field Goals	4, three times
1, four times	3-Pt. Field Goals	1, nine times
7 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02	Free Throws	7 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02
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
6 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02	Steals	6 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02
3 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02	Blocks	3 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02
35 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02	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, 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, three times	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, five 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. S. Illinois	3	0	1.000	13	2	.867
Northern Iowa	3	0	1.000	8	4	.667
3. Creighton	2	1	.667	7	5	.583
SW Missouri St.	2	1	.667	7	8	.467
5. Wichita State	1	2	.333	7	7	.500
Drake	1	2	.333	6	7	.462
Illinois State	1	2	.333	5	9	.357
Bradley	1	2	.000	4	8	.333
Indiana State	1	2	.000	3	9	.250
10. Evansville	0	3	.000	3	9	.250

(As of 1/7)

2001-02 VALLEY RANKINGS

TEAM	Rank	Value
Scoring Offense	8th	66.7
Scoring Defense	6th	71.8
Scoring Margin	8th	-5.1
Free Throw Pct	2nd	.751
Field Goal Pct.	8th	.427
FG Pct. Defense	10th	.491
3-Point FG Pct.	6th	.330
3-Point FG Pct. Def	3rd	.336
Rebounding Offense	10th	30.4
Rebounding Defense	7th	34.7
Rebounding Margin	10th	-4.3
Blocked Shots	9th	1.43
Assists	4th	14.14
Steals	2nd	7.00
Turnover Margin	2nd	+1.79
Assist/Turnover Ratio	5th	0.89
Offensive Rebounds	7th	10.29
Defensive Rebounds	10th	20.14
3-Point Field Goals Made	7th	5.21

INDIVIDUAL

Player	Rank	Value
Baboucarr Bojang	9th	14.6
Baboucarr Bojang	6th	7.5
Gregg Alexander	2nd	1.57
Randy Rice	6th	1.43
Baboucarr Bojang	8th	2.57
Baboucarr Bojang	5th	4.93

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	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

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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
Jeppson	6	7	.857
Greene	10	12	.833
Mazanowski	3	4	.750
Rice	7	10	.667
Ford	5	8	.667
Bojang	14	23	.609
Alexander	4	7	.571
Strandmark	1	2	.500
Reid	1	2	.500
Total	53	77	.688

SHOOTING BREAKDOWN

	Illinois St.	Opp.
FG Pct., 1st Half	156-372 (41.9%)	182-365 (49.9%)
FG Pct., 2nd Half	174-397 (43.8%)	194-389 (49.9%)
3FG Pct., 1st Half	33-108 (30.6%)	44-124 (35.5%)
3FG Pct., 2nd Half	40-112 (35.7%)	34-107 (31.8%)
FT Pct., 1st Half	73-95 (76.8%)	62-97 (63.9%)
FT Pct., 2nd Half	122-164 (74.3%)	105-142 (73.9%)
FG Pct., Home	130-295 (44.1%)	146-304 (48.0%)
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	33-93 (35.5%)	36-105 (34.3%)
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	109-142 (76.8%)	67-93 (72.0%)
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	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	13-21
Wichita State	4-24
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	261-280

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

A player made five 3-pointers ...
ILLINOIS ST. Shawn Jeppson (5-7), vs. Wichita State, 1-7-02
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. Randy Rice (6), vs. Wichita State, 1-7-02
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. Wichita State (.500, 25-50), 1-7-02

A team made 10 3-point field goals ...
ILLINOIS ST. vs. Wichita State (10-16), 1-7-02
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. Wichita State (8-21), 1-7-02

A team shot 50 percent on 3-pointers ...
ILLINOIS ST. vs. Wichita State (.625, 10-16), 1-7-02
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	5-9
Missouri Valley Conference	1-2
Playing Nationally Ranked Teams	0-1
Leading at the Half	4-0
Trailing at the Half	1-9
Tied at the Half	0-0
Leading with 5:00 to Play	5-0
Trailing with 5:00 to Play	0-9
Tied with 5:00 to Play	0-0
In Overtime	0-1
ISU out-rebounds opponent	1-1
Opponents out-rebounds ISU	3-8
ISU has 15 or fewer Turnovers	1-5
ISU has fewer Turnovers than opp.	4-5
ISU shoots 50 Percent or Better	1-1
ISU shoots 40 Percent or Better	4-5
Opponents shoot less than 40 Percent	1-0
Opponents shot 40 Percent or Better	4-8
ISU shoots better than Opponent	1-1
Opponent shoots better than ISU	4-8
ISU has more FG Attempts	4-5
Opponent has more FG Attempts	1-4
ISU Shoots better than 35% on 3's	2-4
ISU Attempts more 3's	2-4
Opponents Attempt more 3's	3-4
ISU has more FT Attempts	4-4
Opponent has more FT Attempts	1-5
ISU Scores 100 or More	0-0
ISU Scores 90 or More	0-0
ISU Scores 80 or More	1-2
ISU Scores 70 or More	3-4

ISU Scores 60 or More	4-5
ISU Scores less than 60	1-4
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	2-7
Opponent Scores 60 or More	3-9
Opponent Scores less than 60	2-0
In Games Decided by 5 or less	1-1
In Games Decided by 6-10 Points	3-1
In Games Decided by 11-20 Points	1-6
In Games Decided by 21+ Points	0-1
Day Games	3-5
Night Games	2-4
Home Court	4-2
Away Games	0-5
Neutral Games	1-2
When ISU Scores First	2-2
When ISU Wins Tip	2-6
In November	2-3
In December	2-4
In January	1-2
In February	0-0
In March	0-0
On Sunday	1-1
On Monday	1-0
On Tuesday	0-1
On Wednesday	0-1
On Thursday	0-1
On Friday	2-0
On Saturday	1-5

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>	8-7-3*	13-9-1*	DNP – Injured	16-5-0*	0-0-0	0-2-2
<i>Wichita State</i>	13-2-2*	15-7-1*	DNP – Injured	6-6-2*	DNP	0-0-1
<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>	6-1-1*	0-1-0	3-3-1	2-1-1*	4-1-0	6-2-0
<i>Wichita State</i>	27-3-3*	DNP	0-1-3	16-0-3*	2-0-0	2-3-0
<i>at Drake</i>						
<i>Indiana State</i>						
<i>at Creighton</i>						
<i>SMS</i>						
<i>at Bradley</i>						
<i>Drake</i>						
<i>Northern Iowa</i>						
<i>at SMS</i>						
<i>Bradley</i>						
<i>at Indiana St.</i>						
<i>at Evansville</i>						
<i>S. Illinois</i>						
<i>at Wichita St.</i>						
<i>at N. Iowa</i>						
<i>Evansville</i>						

SUPERLATIVES

STARTING LINEUPS – F, F, C, G, G (7):

- **Alexander, Ford, Bojang, Bryson, Rice (1-0)**
(W) – Weber State
- **Alexander, Ford, Bojang, Rice, Jeppson (2-4)**
(W) – UC-Irvine, Wichita State
(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 7, Jeppson 4, Rice 1, Greene 1, Reid 1

FIRST POINTS:

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

DOUBLE-DIGIT SCORERS (38):

Bojang 13, Jeppson 9, Ford 7, Greene 5, Alexander 5, Williams 2, Rice 1

DOUBLE-DIGIT REBOUNDING (4):

Bojang 4

LEADING SCORER:

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

LEADING REBOUNDER:

Bojang 10, Strandmark 2, Ford 1, Williams 1

DOUBLE-DOUBLES (4):

Bojang 4

DUNKS (11):

Bojang 8, Mazanowski 2, Strandmark 1

CHARGES DRAWN (16):

Ford 5, Williams 5, Rice 4, Jeppson 3, Bojang 3, Reid 3, Alexander 3, 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
- 37, Shawn Jeppson vs. Wichita State, 1-7-02
- 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
- Randy Rice vs. Wichita State, 1-7-02
- 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. Michigan, 12-9-01
- Gregg Alexander at Chattanooga, 12-15-01
- Baboucarr Bojang vs. Creighton, 1-2-02
- Gregg Alexander vs. Wichita State, 1-7-02
- 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

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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
Illinois 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
Wichita State Illinois State (5-9, 1-2)	71 81	25-50 26-55	50.0% 47.3%	8-21 10-16	38.1% 62.5%	13-17 19-24	76.5% 79.2%	10-25-35 8-18-26	21 17	10 15	22 10	7 3	8 12	26 29

EXHIBITION 1

Bryson, Redbirds Look Sharp in Exhibition Opener

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

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

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .408; FT – .600

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

Dodson 0-1, Hampton 0-3, Rojas 1-2)

Blocks: 2 (Ausley, Mikal)

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .529; FT – .682

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

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

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

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

Officials: Todd Burchyett, Charlie Balunek and Brian Roberson

Attendance: 4,759

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 51, St. Xavier 27

EXHIBITION 2

Bryson, Ford Lead Redbirds to 98-64 Exhibition Win

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .383; FT – .591

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

Blocks: 2 (Jackson 1, Mobley 1)

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .517; FT – .781

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

Blocks: 1 (Mazanowski 1)

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

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

Officials: Sam Banks, Mark Mayhood, Paul Norfleet

Attendance: 5,317

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 50, EA Sports 30

GAME 1

Ford Powers Illinois State Past Weber State in Season Opener

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

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

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

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .464; FT – .632

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

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

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .404; FT – .857

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

Blocks: 2 (Ford 1, Strandmark 1)

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

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

Officials: Ron Berkholtz, Sam Banks, David Warfel

Attendance: 6,846

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 35, Weber St. 31

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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 buried a jumper at the 6:24 mark in the game at 49-37.

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

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

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

ILLINOIS STATE 58, UC-Irvine 52

November 23, 2001 • Moon Township, Pa.

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

Team Pct.: FG – .429; FT – .909

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

Blocks: 0

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .465; FT – .533

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

Blocks: 2 (Harris 1, Parada 1)

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

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

Officials: Jeff Bryant, Robert Adams, James Julian

Attendance: 1,824

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 26, UC-Irvine 21

GAME 3

Shooting Woes, Pitt Down Redbirds

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pittsburgh 65, ILLINOIS STATE 46

November 24, 2001 • Moon Township, Pa.

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

Team Pct.: FG – .472; FT – .714

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

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

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .267; FT – .750

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

Blocks: 0

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

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

Officials: John Hughes, Robert Adams, Dwayne Gladden

Attendance: 1,349

Halftime Score: Pittsburgh 32, ILLINOIS STATE 20

GAME 4

Illinois State Falls to Hofstra in Overtime

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

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

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

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

Hofstra 82, ILLINOIS STATE 80

November 25, 2001 • Moon Township, Pa.

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

Team Pct.: FG – .448; FT – .688

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

Blocks: 1 (Bojang 1)

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .508; FT – .692

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

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

Turnovers: 24 (Walker 4, Grubler 2, Suarez 10, Apodaca 3, Souffrant 1, Radziejewski 2, Millar 2)

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

Officials: Rich Kotarsky, Gene Steratore, Floyd Shuler

Attendance: 1,214

Halftime Score: Hofstra 52, ILLINOIS STATE 39

GAME 5

Hot Shooting Sinks 'Birds

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .446; FT – .733

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

Blocks: 1 (Strandmark 1)

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

Steals: 4 (Bojang 4)

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

Team Pct.: FG – .596; FT – .778

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

Blocks: 4 (Latham 3, Cox 1)

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

Steals: 4 (Jenkins 2, Peterson 2)

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

GAME 6

UT-San Antonio Pulls Away From Illinois State

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

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

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

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

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

UT-San Antonio 88, ILLINOIS STATE 82
December 1, 2001 • San Antonio, Texas

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

Team Pct.: FG – .508; FT – .706

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

Blocks: 2 (Reid 1, Strandmark 1)

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

Steals: 4 (Alexander 2, Rice 2)

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

Team Pct.: FG – .484; FT – .710

3-Pt.: 4-17, .235 (Minnieweather 1-3, President 0-2, Brown 1-6, Joseph 1-2, Akotaobi 1-2, Briggs 0-1, Havens 0-1)

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

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

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

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

GAME 7

Second-Half Defense Spurs Redbirds Past Samford

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

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

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

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .556; FT – .700

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

Blocks: 0

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

Steals: 2 (Weaver 2)

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

Team Pct.: FG – .468; FT – .739

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

Blocks: 1 (Williams 1)

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

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

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

Attendance: 6,222

Halftime Score: Samford 27, ILLINOIS STATE 23

GAME 8

Bojang Leads Illinois State Past Central Michigan

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

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

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .375; FT – .800

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

Blocks: 4 (Webber 3, Meerman 1)

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .524; FT – .806

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

Blocks: 0

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

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

Officials: Gerry Pollard, Frank Spencer, Sam Banks

Attendance: 5,078

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 36, C. Michigan 14

GAME 9

Chattanooga Defeats Illinois State, 70-59

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .358; FT – .750

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

Blocks: 2 (Williams 2)

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .480; FT – .773

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

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

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

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

Officials: Tony Greene, David Elliot, Keith Maxwell

Attendance: 2,130

Halftime Score: Chattanooga 36, ILLINOIS STATE 26

GAME 10

Illini Downs Illinois State, 87-73

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

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

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

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

Baboucarr Bojang had 15 points for the Redbirds.

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

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .423; FT – .692

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

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

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .531; FT – .545

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

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

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

Steals: 8 (Williams 4, Head 4)

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

Attendance: 16,500

Halftime Score: Illinois 37, ILLINOIS STATE 32

GAME 11

Illinois State Falls to Kent State, 61-48

NORMAL, Ill. – Andrew Mitchell scored 12 of his game-high 17 points in the second half as Kent State defeated Illinois State 61-48 at Redbird Arena. Shawn Jeppson led the 'Birds in scoring with 12 points.

The Redbirds, 4-7, managed only 18 points in the first half, the total tied the record for least points in a half for Illinois State at Redbird Arena. The other 18-point half performance occurred on January 23, 1993 against Bradley, when Illinois State was outscored 24-18 in the first frame. The 'Birds were unable to generate any points in the final 6:38 of the first half.

Kent State, 5-4, had two other players find double figures with Trevor Huffman scoring 13 and Demetric Shaw chipping in 10. The Golden Flashes were led on the boards by Antonio Gates with 11.

Baboucar 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 Baboucar 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

Southern Illinois Cruises Past Illinois State

CARBONDALE, Ill. – 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, Ill. 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. Baboucar 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	A	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	A	PF	TP
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
McGlowan	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, McGlowan 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

GAME 14

Illinois State Finds Offense; Defeats Wichita State 81-71

NORMAL, Ill. – Seniors Shawn Jeppson and Randy Rice each scored career highs as Illinois State defeated Wichita State 81-71 at Redbird Arena. The victory snapped a five-game losing skid for the 'Birds.

Jeppson made five three-point baskets in the game to break his previous career mark of four and led the 'Birds in scoring with 27 points. Rice scored 16 points in the contest, his previous high was 10.. He also set career highs in steals with six and blocked shots with three.

Baboucarr Bojang and Gregg Alexander also had strong performances for Illinois State. Bojang scored 15 points and led the team on the boards with seven. Alexander chipped in 13 points, including 3-for-6 shooting from behind the arc.

The Shockers, 7-7 (1-2 MVC) were led by senior Terrell Benton with 16 points. Wichita State had three other players in double figures. Senior Troy Mack led the Shockers in rebounding with nine and also put in 11 points.

The second half saw the Redbirds pull away, outscoring the Shockers 30-15 through the first 11 minutes behind three three-pointers from Jeppson. The 'Birds took their largest lead of the game at 59-41 with 8:49 remaining in the game.

ILLINOIS STATE 81, Wichita State 71

January 7, 2002 • Normal, Ill.

Wichita State	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
McFall (F)	32	5-7	0-0	0-5	2	1	11
Kampman (F)	28	4-6	1-2	2-7	0	2	12
Mack (C)	26	3-5	5-6	3-9	2	4	11
Howard (G)	21	3-6	2-2	2-5	2	5	8
Burns (G)	26	1-6	2-2	1-2	0	2	5
Clark	11	1-2	0-0	0-1	2	0	2
Sowers	19	2-5	2-4	0-1	0	0	6
Benton	26	6-11	1-1	2-4	2	3	16
Steven	11	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	4	0
Totals	200	25-50	13-17	10-35	10	21	71

Team Pct.: FG – .500; FT – .765

3-Pt.: 8-21, .381 (McFall 1-3, Kampman 3-4, Burns 1-4, Benton 3-8, Steven 0-2)

Blocks: 7 (Mack 2, Howard 1, Burns 1, Sowers 3)

Turnovers: 22 (McFall 4, Kampman 2, Mack 3, Howard 3, Burns 5, Clark 1, Benton 3, Steven 1)

Steals: 8 (McFall 2, Mack 1, Burns 3, Sowers 1, Steven 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander (F)	33	5-8	0-1	0-2	2	1	13
Ford (F)	29	2-8	1-2	3-6	2	3	6
Bojang (C)	30	4-12	7-7	1-7	1	4	15
Rice (G)	35	4-8	7-9	0-0	3	2	16
Jeppson (G)	37	9-15	4-4	1-3	3	1	27
Williams	17	1-3	0-0	2-3	0	2	2
Strandmark	4	1-1	0-1	0-0	0	2	2
Greene	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Reid	10	0-0	0-0	0-1	3	2	0
Totals	200	26-55	19-24	8-26	15	17	81

Team Pct.: FG – .473; FT – .792

3-Pt.: 10-16, .625 (Alexander 3-6, Ford 1-2, Rice 1-1, Jeppson 5-7)

Blocks: 3 (Rice 3)

Turnovers: 10 (Alexander 1, Ford 3, Rice 2, Jeppson 2, Williams 2)

Steals: 12 (Alexander 1, Ford 1, Bojang 1, Rice 6, Jeppson 2, Strandmark 1)

Officials: John Higgins, Mike Sanzere, Steve Olson

Attendance: 4,776

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 29, Wichita State 26

GAME 15

GAME 16