



Illinois State Basketball 2001-02

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Results/Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
W	N 7	NWBL (Exhibition)	(W 74-63)
Su	N 11	Challengers (Exhibition)	(W 88-74)
M	N 19	at Wisconsin-Milwaukee	(L 63-69)
Su	N 25	Central Michigan	(L 62-72)
Tu	N 27	Louisville	(L 58-72)
<i>Hoosier Classic at Bloomington, Ind.</i>			
F	N 30	at Indiana	(L 53-101)
Sa	D 1	vs. Murray State	(L 55-65)
Tu	D 4	Ball State	(L 61-78)
Th	D 6	at Illinois	(L 57-75)
Th	D 20	Northern Illinois	(W 55-52)
Sa	D 22	Western Illinois	(W 53-50)
Sa	D 29	• at Indiana State	(L 51-57)
F	J 4	• at Northern Iowa	(L 44-53)
Su	J 6	• at Bradley (WTVP-TV)	(L 36-71)
Th	J 10	• Drake	(L 58-70)
Sa	J 12	• Creighton (Valley TV)	8:05 p.m.
Th	J 17	• at Evansville	7 p.m.
Su	J 20	• at Southern Illinois	2:05 p.m.
Th	J 24	• Wichita State	7:05 p.m.
Sa	J 26	• SW Missouri State	2:05 p.m.
Th	J 31	• Northern Iowa	7:05 p.m.
Su	F 3	• Bradley (WTVP-TV)	2:05 p.m.
Th	F 7	• at Creighton	7:05 p.m.
Sa	F 9	• at Drake	2:05 p.m.
F	F 15	• Evansville	7:05 p.m.
Su	F 17	• Southern Illinois	2:05 p.m.
F	F 22	• at SW Missouri State	7:05 p.m.
Su	F 24	• at Wichita State	5 p.m.
Th	F 28	• Indiana State	8:05 p.m.

Th-Sa M7-9 State Farm-Missouri Valley Tournament at Springfield, Mo
• Missouri Valley Conference games

The Coaches

• **Jenny Yopp, Illinois State.** She is 53-92 in her sixth season as a college head coach, 13-53 in her third season at Illinois State.

• **Connie Yori, Creighton.** She is 180-137 in her 12th season as a college head coach, 155-112 in her 10th season in Omaha. Yori's teams are 12-7 against the Redbirds.

Series Stuff

• **Redbirds vs. Creighton.** The Jays lead the series 13-7, but the 'Birds have a 7-3 edge in games played in Normal.

Promotions: 'Pack the Arena'

• **Creighton Game.** Pack the Arena Night includes free tickets available at 10 area businesses ... the first 1200 youngsters (12 and under) to enter will receive a free MVC T-shirt ... Family Night provides 2 adult tickets, 2 youth (14 and under) tickets with 4 Pepsis and popcorn for just \$12 ... at halftime, the Redbirds will retire Charlotte Lewis' No. 30 jersey.

• Creighton (10-4, 4-0) at Illinois State (2-11, 0-4)

8:05 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002, Redbird Arena, Normal, Ill.

Fox Sports TV: Mitch Holthus and Jill Hutchison

The Redbirds

"Pacesetters"

Pos.No.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	PPG	Reb.	Ast.
F 20	Stacey White *	5-11	So.	West Lebanon, IN	8.0	4.9	1.1
F 22	Steph Reichle **	5-9	Jr.	Lincoln, IL	6.8	4.7	1.5
C 55	Kristi Larson ***	6-4	Sr.	Cashton, WI	7.5	5.4	1.6 blk
G 4	Taren O'Brien *	5-7	So.	Savannah, MO	9.2	2.5	2.8
G 10	Katie Donovan	6-0	Fr.	Kingston, Ontario	7.0	6.1	1.3

Off the Bench

F 00	Michelle Harakas	6-0	Fr.	Redford, MI	3.2	2.2	0.5
G 12	Beth Huston *	5-8	So.	Port Washington, WI	4.3	2.4	1.4
F 11	Heidi Harnisch	5-10	Fr.	Urbana, IL	1.3	0.8	0.3
F 21	Stacey Nickerson *	6-0	Jr.	Washington, IL	1.3	1.1	0.3
G 23	Jaci McCormack *	5-10	So.	Lake Oswego, OR	--	--	--
F 30	Sophie Tirtiaux	6-1	Fr.	Andenne, Belgium	2.0	1.0	0.0
C 31	Sharon Blade *	6-2	So.	Peoria, IL	6.1	5.2	0.5
G 33	Chris Kutschinski	5-10	Fr.	Ann Arbor, MI	1.2	1.2	0.3

(* - denotes letters earned)

HEAD COACH: Jenny Yopp (North Carolina '89)

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

ATHLETIC TRAINER: Yvonne Logan **STUDENT MANAGERS:** Vance Catlin, Nikki Jones

Lewis Reaches Redbird Rafter

Charlotte Lewis, a Redbird All-American and 1976 USA Olympian for the Redbirds, will have her uniform number (30) retired during festivities at halftime of the Redbird game with Creighton Saturday at Redbird Arena. She joins NBA All-Star Doug Collins and fellow Olympian/All-American Cathy Boswell as the only three players whose basketball jerseys have been retired at Illinois State. Lewis, who played 15 years as a professional, returned to Illinois State to complete her degree in 2001.

Signs of Much Better Times

The Redbirds are 2-4 after an 0-7 start, and the statistics bear out that Jenny Yopp's team has improved dramatically in their last six games since the end of a 6-games-in-12-days run into mid-December. The biggest turnarounds have come in the areas of defense and ballhandling (see box above right).

Much Better Birds

(team statistics)

Category	1st 7 games	Last 6
Record	0-7	2-4
Opponent points per game	76.0	58.8
Opponents field goal pct.	.429	.361
Opponents 3-point FG pct.	.343	.282
Opponents FG made/game	27.1	22.2
ISU turnover margin	-7.2	-3.0
ISU steal margin	-2.4	-0.8
ISU turnovers per game	21.7	17.8

Donovan's Rebounds Offensive

Freshman Katie Donovan is bidding to become just the second Illinois State player in history to

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Redbird Basketball Access Guide

• **Interviews/Credentials.** Contact Tom Lamonica, sports information director, at (309) 438-5746/ talamon@ilstu.edu or Erica Fricke (309) 438-3802/ebfrick@ilstu.edu to make arrangements.

• **Weekly Media Conference.** Jenny Yopp follows Tom Richardson into the Redbird Arena press room weekly on the following dates, with all conferences beginning at 3 p.m.: Nov. 7, 14, 20, 27. Dec. 4, 11. Jan. 8, 14, 22. Feb. 4, 12, 19, 27.

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

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

• **Redbird Radio.** Award-winning sportscaster R.C. McBride is joined by Redbird coaching legend Jill Hutchison for the play-by-play of Redbird basketball on WJBC AM 1230 and on the web at www.wjbc.com.

• **Web Birds.** The Redbird athletics home page is www.redbirds.org.

• **Missouri Valley Scoreboard Phone.** Scores and highlights at (314) 997-9877.

Coming Attractions

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

finish a season with more offensive rebounds than defensive. Currently ISU's top rebounder, 53 percent of her boards are under ISU's basket.

Record Stinginess

The Redbirds four straight opponents (Northern Illinois, Western Illinois, Indiana State and Northern Iowa) under 60 points. That matched the longest streak of its kind (holding opponents below 60) by an Illinois State team since 1974-75. It's only the fourth time in those 27 years ISU has held four straight teams under 60 and the first time since Feb., 1992.

Twinbirds

Sophomore guard Beth Huston has a twin brother (Brandon) and freshman forward Michelle Harakas has a twin sister (Melissa). The 'Birds have had other 'twin-connections' in women's basketball including early 1990s Tammy (player) and Julie (student manager) Kocher and long-time assistant coach Lisa Robinson, whose twin sister Lynnette is an assistant at Southwest Missouri State.

Their Best Boards

In the same game at Northern Iowa, senior Kristi Larson matched her career high with 13 rebounds and sophomore Sharon Blade tied her career best with 9 rebounds.

'Youngbirds'

Last year, the Redbird freshmen played a larger percentage of minutes (44 percent) than any previous Illinois State freshmen class. With one senior, two juniors, four sophomores and five freshmen, the 2001-02 Redbird team is actually younger than its 2000-01 counterpart--and the youngest team in the Valley (see chart at right).

Young Leaders

Three players currently on the Redbird roster are among the team's all-time three-point field goal percentage leaders. Jaci McCormack (sidelined after ankle surgery) is No. 6, with Taren O'Brien No. 9.

Birds vs. League

With an all-time conference record of 187-137, the Redbirds have winning records against five of its nine current league foes (see list at right).

3 For the Road

Although this is Illinois State's 19th year of regular-season conference play, it is the first time the 'Birds opened a schedule with three straight road games.

The Valley Experience

(Valley rosters ranked by class avg./player)

(Fr.-So.-Jr.-Sr.) Rank, Team	No. on Roster	Exp. Avg.
1. Illinois State (5-5-2-1)	13	1.92
2. Bradley (7-2-3-3)	15	2.13
3. Creighton (6-3-2-3)	14	2.14
4. Wichita State (4-4-2-3)	13	2.31
5. Indiana State (2-2-5-1)	10	2.40
6. Southern Illinois (3-3-5-2)	13	2.46
7. Northern Iowa (3-4-4-3)	14	2.50
8. Drake (4-3-2-5)	14	2.57
9. SMS (4-2-1-5)	12	2.58
10. Evansville (4-1-2-7)	14	2.86
League Avg. (42-29-28-33)	132	2.39

ISU Career 3-Pt. FG Pct.

Rank No.	Name (Years)
1. .437 (205-469)	Jenny Schmidt (1995-99)
2. .423 (129-305) ...	Cindy Kaufmann (1987-91)
3. .379 (31-82)	Tami Baalke (1989-93)
4. .378 (14-37)	Ellen McGrew (1984-89)
5. .378 (17-45)	Pam Tanner (1985-89)
6. .348 (16-46)	Jaci McCormack (2000-)
7. .345 (91-264)	Shandeen Hunt (1997-01)
8. .344 (11-32)	Char Govan (1985-90)
9. .337 (32-95)	Taren O'Brien (2000-)
10. .308 (44-143)	Kellie Johnson (1997-01)

Birds vs. Conference

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

Opponent	W-L	Pct.
Bradley	26-11	.702
Creighton *	6-12	.333
Drake	15-22	.405
Evansville **	10-4	.714
Indiana State	21-16	.567
Northern Iowa	28-9	.757
Southern Illinois	11-25	.306
Southwest Missouri State	15-21	.417
Wichita State	25-11	.694
Eastern Illinois #	12-6	.667
Western Illinois #	18-0	1.000
Total	187-137	.577

* joined the Valley in 1992-93

** joined the Valley in 1994-95

Gateway members through 1991-92

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Redbird Review (2-11, 0-4)

• Drake 70, Illinois State 58

Thursday, Jan. 10, 2002, Redbird Arena, Normal, Ill. Foul problems for the Redbird centers (Kristi Larson and Sharon Blade) helped Carla Bennett score 15 of her game-high 20 points in the first half as the Bulldogs downed the Redbirds. Bennett added 14 rebounds to offset three Redbirds in double figures scoring: Stacey White with 12, Blade with 11 and Taren O'Brien with 10. ISU led 22-13 in the first 10 minutes, but Drake used a 19-0 spurt to take the lead and keep it late in the first half.

Records When ...

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

Heidi Breaks the Ice

Freshman guard Heidi Harnisch earned her first points of the season in dramatic style, hitting two free throws to stop a 19-0 Drake run and then adding a three-pointer to help bring the 'Birds back within striking distance in the first half.

Great In the State

Including their back-to-back wins over Northern Illinois and Western Illinois, the Redbirds have played 253 games against Illinois' 11 other Division I teams and the 'Birds have an overwhelming lead against in-state foes with a 170-83 record (.672) and .500 or better marks against every team but Northwestern (see list at right).

Larson For the Block

Senior Kristi Larson is one of only five players in Redbird history with 60 or more career blocked shots. She needs just three to surpass Marla Maupin for fourth place. (see box above right).

Gettin' Good Grades

Led by junior Steph Reichle and freshman Chris Kutschinski with straight A's, five Redbird players reached the AFNI Athletics Honor Roll with a 3.0 or higher GPA for the Fall, 2001 semester: Reichle, Kutschinski, Beth Huston, Taren O'Brien and Sophie Tirtiaux.

From Beyond the Arc

With the 'Birds averaging 15.1 tries per game this season, they are on a pace which would break the school record for three-point tries. The current pace of 3.7 made would put the team over 100 three-pointers made for only the sixth time in the 15 years since the three-point shot was introduced.

Taren's Treys

Sophomore Taren O'Brien's 16 three-point field goals made in 13 games put her on a pace to become just the fourth different Redbird player (Jenny Schmidt, Cindy Kaufmann and Shandeen Hunt) to hit 30 treys or more in a season.

Tirtiaux, McCormack Sidelined

Freshman Sophie Tirtiaux and sophomore Jaci McCormack both are out for the season recovering from their injuries. McCormack had surgery on her ankle in October, while Tirtiaux has a stress fracture in her leg.

Birds vs. The State

(all-time standings vs. Illinois Division I foes)

Team	W-L	Pct.
Bradley	26-12	.684
Chicago State	0-0	.000
DePaul	3-3	.500
Eastern Illinois	25-8	.758
Illinois-Chicago	11-1	.917
Illinois	17-15	.531
Loyola of Chicago	1-0	1.000
Southern Illinois	34-31	.523
Northern Illinois	9-3	.750
Northwestern	5-8	.385
Western Illinois	39-2	.951
Total	170-83	.672

ISU Career Blocked Shots

Rank	Total	Name (Years)
1.	177	Leslie Ferrell (1986-89)
2.	95	Cathy Boswell (1979-83)
3.	90	Caryn Brune (1989-93)
4.	68	Marla Maupin (1981-85)
5.	66	Kristi Larson (1998-)
6.	41	Valarie Trame (1994-98)
7.	40	Melanie Ward (1991-96)
8.	39	LuAnn Robinson (1987-91)
9.	39	Juli Stiles (1983-87)
10.	32	Tammy Kocher (1989-93)

Missouri Valley Standings

(thru games of 1/10/02)

Rank, Team	Valley	All
1. Creighton	4-0	9-4
2. Drake	4-1	10-4
3. Northern Iowa	3-1	8-7
4. Bradley	2-2	11-2
Wichita State	2-2	7-6
Southwest Missouri State	2-2	5-7
7. Evansville	1-2	6-7
Indiana State	1-2	5-7
9. Southern Illinois	0-3	4-8
Illinois State	0-4	2-11



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00 Michelle Harakas **Last Game:** Drake, 4 pts., 2 reb.

6-0 • Fr. • F • Redford, Mich. (Ladywood H.S.)

Scored in 12 of 13 games ... hit 11 of last 19 field goals after 6 of first 22 this season ... twin sister Melissa plays at Detroit-Mercy ... prep coach, Andrea Gorski, played against the Redbirds at Bradley ... from same high school as former Redbird star Char Govan, ISU's No. 3 all-time scorer and No. 4 all-time rebounder ... name pronounced HAIR-ah-kas.

Michelle's Career Bests

Points 7 at Wisconsin-Milwaukee (11/19/01)
Rebounds 6 at Wisconsin-Milwaukee (11/19/01)
Assists 2 vs. Murray State (12/1/01)
Steals 1 (twice)
Blocks 1 (twice)
Minutes 24 vs. Central Michigan (11/25/01)

4 Taren O'Brien **Last Game:** Drake, 10 pts., 2 steals.

5-7 • So. • G • Savannah, Mo. (Savannah H.S.)

Redbird leader in points, assists and 3-point field goals ... 2000-01 team leader in steals ... among Top 10 in ISU career 3-point field goal percentage ... had arthroscopic knee surgery in Jan., 2001, but missed just 3 games ... 1999 National Finalist for Teen Magazine Athlete of the Year ... last name rhymes with "Karen."

Taren's Career Bests

Points 18 vs. Western Illinois (12/22/01)
Rebounds 7 vs. Western Illinois (12/22/01)
Assists 8 vs. Indiana State (2/16/01)
Steals 3 (three times)
Blocks 1 at Indiana (11/30/01)
Minutes 37 vs. Western Illinois (12/22/01)

10 Katie Donovan **Last Game:** Drake, 9 pts., 7 reb., 2 assists

6-0 • Fr. • G • Kingston, Ontario (St. Thomas Aquinas H.S.)

Top freshman rebounder in the Valley ... her 2 double-doubles are the most by a Redbird freshman since Leslie Ferrell had 3 in 1986-87 ... in her first career start, had 15 points and 14 rebounds vs. Louisville ... has 3 double-digit rebounding efforts in her first 8 games ... bidding to join Steph Reichle and Cathy Boswell as the only freshmen to lead the Redbirds in rebounding for a season.

Katie's Career Bests

Points 15 vs. Louisville (11/27/01)
Rebounds 14 vs. Louisville (11/27/01)
Assists 4 (twice)
Steals 3 (twice)
Blocks 1 vs. Louisville (11/27/01)
Minutes 37 vs. Northern Illinois (12/20/01)

11 Heidi Harnisch **Last Game:** Drake, 5 pts., 1 reb.

5-10 • Fr. • F • Urbana, Ill. (Urbana H.S.)

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

Heidi's Career Bests

Points 5 vs. Drake (1/10/02)
Rebounds . 1 at Illinois (12/6/01), vs. Drake (1/10/02)
Assists 1 at Bradley (2/6/02)
Steals none
Blocks 1 at Bradley (2/6/02)
Minutes 8 at Bradley (1/6/02)

12 Beth Huston **Last Game:** Drake, 0 pts., 1 reb., 1 steal

5-8 • So. • G • Port Washington, Wis. (Port Washington H.S.)

After scoring just 11 points and playing just 66 minutes as a freshman, she has joined the regular rotation ... has 11 three-pointers and 12 two-point field goals in her career ... made college starting debut with 10 points at Wisconsin-Milwaukee, just minutes away from her hometown.

Beth's Career Bests

Points 12 vs. Louisville (11/27/01)
Rebounds 6 at Bradley (1/6/02)
Assists . 4 vs. Ball St. (12/4/01), at Ind. St. (12/30/01)
Steals 2 (twice)
Blocks none
Minutes 33 vs. Murray State (12/1/01)

20 Stacey White **Last Game:** Drake, 12 pts., 5 reb., 2 asst., 1 stl.

5-11 • So. • F • West Lebanon, Ind. (Seeger Memorial H.S.)

Only Redbird to start every game this season ... 2 free throws with 0:00.9 left cemented 53-50 win over WIU (12/22) ... only 2 points of the game were 2 FT with 0:18 left vs. NIU to lock-in a 55-52 Redbird win (12/20)... Redbird leader in free throw percentage, her string of 13 straight made ended at Bradley ... came within a rebound of a double-double twice, vs. Central Michigan (11 pts., 9 reb.) and at Indiana (12 pts., 9 reb.) ... younger sister of former Purdue star Stephanie White-McCarty.

Stacey's Career Bests

Points ... 13 at Illinois (12/6/01), at Ind. St. (12/29/01)
Rebounds 9 (twice)
Assists 3 vs. Illinois (12/7/00)
Steals 3 vs. Murray State (12/1/01)
Blocks 1 (five times)
Minutes 35 at Indiana State (12/29/01)



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21 Stacey Nickerson

Last Game: Drake, dnp/cd

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

Scored 4 points and grabbed 3 rebounds in 16 minutes at Indiana ... all-around athlete who was offered a college scholarship for rowing out of high school ... played on Illinois Central College team which finished No. 3 at 2000 NJCAA Tournament ... junior college coach was Lorene Ramsey, an Illinois State alum and Hall of Famer.

Stacey's Career Bests

Points 5 at Louisville (12/2/00)
Rebounds 3 at Indiana (11/30/01)
Assists 1 (four times)
Steals none
Blocks none
Minutes 16 at Indiana (11/30/01)

22 Steph Reichle

Last Game: Drake, 2 pts., 3 reb., 1 steal

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

2001 2nd Team Missouri Valley Scholar-Athlete ... 2000 Missouri Valley All-Freshman Team ... blocked a 3-point shot which could have given NIU a win over the 'Birds (12/20) and came back 2 days later to deny WIU a last-ditch winning shot (12/22) ... regaining form following major knee surgery early in 2000 and arthroscopic surgery in Oct., 2001 ... 17 points in 13 minutes vs. Central Michigan (11/25) ... team leader in steals ... name pronounced RIKE-lee.

Steph's Career Bests

Points 24 vs. Western Illinois (11/30/99)
Rebounds 15 vs. Southern Illinois (1/2/00)
Assists 8 vs. Wichita State (1/4/01)
Steals 6 (twice)
Blocks 2 vs. Northern Illinois (12/20/01)
Minutes 36 vs. Western Illinois (11/30/99)

31 Sharon Blade

Last Game: Drake 11 pts., 4 reb., 2 blocks

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

Matched career high with 9 rebounds at UNI (1/4) ... in 2001, she joined Steph Reichle and Cathy Boswell as the only three freshmen in Illinois State history to lead their teams in scoring ... also led 2001 team in blocked shots with 17, No. 3 all-time for Redbird freshmen ... redshirted in 1999-2000 ... her 22 points in her first collegiate game (at Northern Illinois, 11/17/00) are a Redbird freshman first-game record.

Sharon's Career Bests

Points 25 vs. Bradley (12/30/00)
Rebounds 9 at WIU (11/29/00), at UNI (1/2/02)
Assists 2 (twice)
Steals 2 (six times)
Blocks 2 (four times)
Minutes 37 at Northern Illinois (11/17/00)

33 Chris Kutschinski

Last Game: Drake, 0 pts., 2 reb.

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

Excellent on-ball defender who sees spot duty in the Redbird perimeter rotation ... had 2 key second-half baskets in win over Western Illinois (12/22) ... also a member of the Redbird track team, she will run middle distances for coach Jeff Pigg's team after the basketball season ends ... AAU teammate of Redbird teammate Michelle Harakas ... name pronounced koo-SCHIN-skee.

Chris' Career Bests

Points 4 (twice)
Rebounds 3 vs. Central Michigan (11/25/01)
Assists 2 at Indiana (11/30/01)
Steals 1 at Indiana (11/30/01)
Blocks 1 vs. Ball State (12/4/01)
Minutes 15 at Indiana (11/30/01)

55 Kristi Larson

Last Game: Drake, 5 pts., 5 reb., 2 blocks

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

No. 3 in Valley in blocked shots ... 16 points, 7 rebounds, 2 blocks in 1st Redbird win of the season over NIU (12/20) ... career-high 13 rebounds with 18 points vs. Ball State (12/4) ... ranks No. 5 in career blocked shots at Illinois State ... slowed by bruised ribs and bronchitis in late November, but bounced back to hit 19 of 37 shots, good for 45 points in three games in mid-December.

Kristi's Career Bests

Points 22 vs. Northern Illinois (11/23/99)
Rebounds 13 at Ball St. (12/4/01), at UNI (1/4/02)
Assists 2 at Evansville (1/28/99)
Steals 2 (three times)
Blocks 3 (six times)
Minutes 31 vs. Western Illinois (11/30/99)

30 Sophie Tirtiaux

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

23 Jaci McCormack

5-10 • **So.** • **G** • Lake Oswego, Ore. (Lake Oswego H.S.)
Recovering ankle surgery in November; could miss the entire season ... Native American of Nez Perce Tribe was ISU's No. 2 scorer in 2001-02 ... 1997 & 1998 Idaho Prep Player of the Year at Lapwai H.S. ... first name pronounced JACK-ee.

Jaci's Career Bests

Points 18 vs. Bradley (12/30/00)
Rebounds 6 (three times)
Assists 5 vs. Drake (1/14/01)
Steals 3 at Valparaiso (12/22/00)
Blocks 1 vs. Bradley (12/30/00)
Minutes 33 vs. Missouri (12/17/00)