# ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

2001-02 BASKETBALL GAME NOTES

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# **2001-02 SCHEDULE**

Date	Opponent (TV) T	ime/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# I	L, 80-82 (ot)
11/29	@ Georgia Southern	L, 76-87
12/1	@ UT-San Antonio	L, 82-88
12/8	SAMFORD (WMBD)	W, 65-54
12/9	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W, 72-63
12/15	@ Chattanooga	L, 59-70
12/18	@ #7 Illinois (ESPN+)	L, 73-87
12/22	KENT STATE	L, 48-61
1/2	CREIGHTON*	L, 62-76
1/5	@ Southern Illinois* (Valley-TV)	) L, 58-79
1/7	WICHITA STATE*	W, 81-71
1/10	@ Drake*	L, 73-83
1/12	INDIANA STATE (ESPN2)*	W, 68-56
1/16	@ Creighton*	L, 56-63
1/19	SW MISSOURI STATE*	7:05
1/23	@ Bradley* (WEEK)	7:35
1/26	DRAKE*	7:05
1/30	NORTHERN IOWA*	7:05
2/2	@ SW Missouri State* (Valley-	TV) 3:05
2/5	BRADLEY* (WMBD)	7:35
2/9	@ Indiana State* (WMBD)	3:05
2/13	@ Evansville*	7:05
2/16	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS* (WI	MBD) 2:05
2/20	@ Wichita State*	7:05
2/23	@ Northern Iowa* (WMBD)	7:05
2/25	EVANSVILLE* (Valley-TV)	6:05
3/1	@ MVC Tournament (St. Louis	Mo.)

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

# ILLINOIS STATE MEDIA RELATIONS

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

# ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (6-11, 2-4) vs. SMS Bears (8-10, 3-3)

The Game: Jan. 19, 2002 • 7:05 p.m. (CST) • Redbird Arena (10,200) • Normal, III.



About The Game: Illinois State and Southwest Missouri State enter tonight's game in different state of mind. The Redbirds are coming off a loss, while the Bears just ended a three-game losing streak. Illinois State has played well at home with a 5-2 mark while SMS has had some success on the road, particularly in conference play with a 2-1 mark.

The Probable Starters:			ppg	rpg	apg				
ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (6-11, 2-4)									
F 2	Gregg Alexander	6-4	190	FrHS	Lincoln, III.	9.8	3.4	2.4	
F 33	Shedrick Ford	6-5	220	Sr1L	Macon, Ga.	10.5	4.0	1.5	
C 23	Baboucarr Bojang	6-9	205	JrTR	Greenville, S.C.	14.5	7.7	0.9	
G 15	Randy Rice	6-0	175	Sr1L	Springfield, III.	4.7	2.2	3.1	
G 21	Shawn Jeppson	6-2	175	Sr3L	Spring Valley, III.	11.1	1.5	1.6	
South	vest Missouri State	Bears	(8-10,	3-3)					
F 20	Scott Brakebill	6-8	227	Sr3L	Bolivar, Mo.	<i>13.7</i>	5.5	1.1	
F 31	Daniel Novak	6-7	235	Sr1L	Bratislava, Slovakia	7.6	3.7	1.6	
C 40	Mike Wallace	6-5	236	Sr1L	Spartanburg, S.C.	14.8	10.7	1.0	
G 11	Robert Yanders	5-11	160	Sr-11	Milwaukee Wis	122	27	26	

G 11 Robert Yanders 160 Sr.-1L Milwaukee. VVis. 2.6 G 15 Terrance McGee 6-0 185 Jr.-TR Milwaukee, Wis. 15.2 2.8 3.3 NOTE – (\*) indicates blocks per game.

The Coaches: Tom Richardson is 37-40 in his third season at Illinois State. He is assisted by Chad Altadonna, Anthony Beane and Doug Novsek. Southwest Missouri State is coached by Barry Hinson, who owns a 44-37 record in his fourth season with the Bears. He is assisted by Tommy Deffebaugh, Ric Wesley and Steve Lynch.

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 via Internet at either sports.yahoo.com or wjbc.com. WJBC also carries Richardson's weekly call-in show, which generally airs each Thursday from 6:07-7 pm, depending on the schedule.

Web 'Birtls: 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: Ned Reynolds, play-by-play; and Tom Mast, color, will be the talent for the broadcast on KY-3 that will air in the Springfield, Mo. area. Satellite coordinates for the broadcast are SBS 6, TX 5.

# **TALE OF THE TAPE**

	ISU	SMS
W-L Record	6-11	8-10
ESPN/USA Today	UR	UR
AP Poll	UR	UR
Saragin Ranking	164	174
RPI	149	201
Points Scored	66.5	74.4
Points Allowed	71.0	72.0
Scoring Margin	-4.5	+2.4
FG Percentage	43.1	45.3
Def. FG Percentage	49.3	43.8
3-pt. Percentage	33.5	40.1
Def. 3-pt. Percentage	34.3	38.4
FT Percentage	75.3	74.6
Offensive Rebounds	11.1	12.8
Total Rebounds	31.3	36.9
Rebounding Margin	-1.8	+5.3
Assists	14.2	11.9
Turnover Average	15.6	14.9
Turnover Margin	+0.9	-0.2
Steal Average	6.8	5.7
Block Average	1.4	2.5
Fouls	18.2	20.9

# WEEKLY MEDIA CONFERENCE

 Tuesday, January 22 (at 2:30 p.m. in the Redbird Club Room)

- All start at 3 p.m., in arena media room
- Tuesday, January 29
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- Monday, February 4
  Tuesday, February 12
- Tuesday, February 12Tuesday, 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 Southwest Missouri State

- Southwest Missouri State is located in Springfield, Mo., and enrolls 20,006 students. The Bears are members of the Missouri Valley Conference.
- Head coach Barry Hinson is in his fourth season at Southwest Missouri State. He owns a 44-37
  record with the Bears after serving as the head coach at Oral Roberts for two seasons and an
  assistant at ORU for four seasons.
- SMS has held its own on the road this season, particularly in conference games. Already the Bears own victories at Evansville and Northern Iowa.
- The Bears 80-78 win Wednesday night at Northern Iowa ended a three-game losing streak.
- Kirkwood College-transfer Terrance McGee leads the Bears in scoring with 15.2 points per game. McGee also leads the team with 60 assists. He has converted 44.4 percent of his 3-point shots and shoots from behind the arc 37 percent of the time.
- Senior Mike Wallace is second on the team with 14.8 points per game. Wallace also leads with 10.7 boards. He is the only player in the league averaging a double-double per game. Wallace shoots 54.6 percent from the floor.
- Scott Brakebill and Robert Yanders round out the double-digit scorers with 13.7 and 12.2 points, respectively. Brakebill leads the team in blocked shots with 12 and Yanders is the team leader in steals with 20.
- SMS leads the conference in 3-point field goal percentage (40.1) and rebounding margin (+5.3).
- Only 27.9 percent of the SMS shots are 3-point attempts, while McGee, Yanders and Daniel Novak account for 76 percent of them.

# The Series

Today's game is the 37th meeting between the two schools. The Redbirds lead the series 23-13 and have won four of the last five meetings. In Normal, Illinois State leads 13-2. The Redbirds won both meetings last season with a 64-60 win in Springfield, Mo. and a 63-62 victory at Redbird Arena.

# A Larger Portion of Rice

In the last four games, if the Redbirds have looked a little different it might be because of a change in their diet. Lately, the offensive appetite of the 'Birds has been fueled by Rice – **Randy Rice** that is. The senior point guard is averaging 9.5 points per game during that span on 14-for-30 shooting. Not only has Rice been scoring, he also has 16 assists over the four games with only six turnovers and 12 steals.

# SMS-West Plains Grizzly Reunion Today

This could very well be a sign posted in front of Redbird Arena tonight, as Redbird junior **Baboucarr Bojang** will meet former SMS-West Plains teammates Mike Wallace and Robert Yanders. The three combined to post a 27-5 mark and second-place finish in the region. Bojang and Wallace also played a non-conference high school game in South Carolina, during Bojang's junior season and were teammates for two summers on the Upper Carolina Basketball Association AAU team.

# Sending Out an S.O.S.

After being picked to win the conference and sitting with a 6-11 overall record, the Redbirds might be feeling like they're stranded on a deserted island. However, for these cast aways the cause, rather than a solution, could be found in an S.O.S. – Strength of Schedule. Illinois State's schedule ranks as the No. 29 toughest slate in the nation by Saragin Rankings and No. 52 by College RPI.

# 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 14 points at Creighton, Jeppson currently owns 951 points for his career and only needs 49 more to become the 35th player in Illinois State history to reach the 1,000-point plateau.

# Redbird Rebounding is on the Rebound

After being out-rebounded in 11 of the first 14 games, including the last six, the Redbirds started hitting the boards running against Drake, Indiana State and Creighton. In the last three games, the 'Birds own a +10.0 rebounding edge, despite holding a -1.8 margin for the season. The Redbirds had 106 boards over the last three games with 44 coming off of the offensive glass. As a result, the 'Birds had 34 more shot attempt in the three games.

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

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

### Comeback, Comeback Wins

Last season, Illinois State won seven games after trailing at halftime. This season the Redbirds are 1-11 in games in which they trail, or are tied, 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.

## Freshman Trey-ning

True freshman **Gregg Alexander** is adjusting the next level nicely. In fact through 17 games, Alexander has 31 made 3-pointers, for an average of 1.8 per game. At this pace, Alexander will finish the regular season with 53 treys. The Redbird freshman record for made 3-pointers is 50, set by Dan Muller during the 1994-95 season.

## Non-Conference Slate as Tough as Advertised

Heading into the season head coach **Tom Richardson** knew that Illinois State's 11-game nonconference 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 110-67 (.621) mark this season (as of 1/8). In addition to the overall winning percentage, Redbird non-conference foes have posted wins over Arkansas, Ball St., Boston College, Gonzaga, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio St., Pepperdine, St. Bonaventure, St. John's and Utah St. (twice), 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 at the free throw line. Williams has made all 22 tries this season, while Greene has sank his last 18 attempts. Gene Jontry holds the ISU record for 35 made free throws in succession which was set in 1956-57.

# **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 five 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 15 straight games and in every game this season except one.

# 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.

# FT Four-Peat ???

The Redbirds have opened the season shooting 75.3% 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.

# THE LAST TIME THEY MET

### **Redbirds Hold On to Beat SMS, 63-62**

**NORMAL, III.** – Tarise Bryson scored 17 of his gamehigh 19 points in the second half to lead Illinois State past Southwest Missouri State 63-62.

Illinois State, 13-3, 5-2 in the Valley, got a solid game from Cedric Knight with 12 points, six rebounds, four assists and two blocks. Randy Rice gave the 'Birds added support with eight points, nine assists (with just one turnover), four rebounds and a pair of steals.

Shedrick Ford, with 12 points, gave the Redbirds three players in double figures scoring as the Redbirds shot 50 percent from the field while winning their 12th game in their last 14 outings.

ISU took its biggest lead 51-42 on the second of back-to-back baskets by Ford, but SMS went to work starting with back-to-back Robert Yanders jump shots. The Bears eventually sliced the lead to 59-57 with 3:19 remaining on the second of consecutive baskets by Gaines.

Daniel Novak's steal and dunk with 53 seconds left sliced the lead to 63-62. Rice's shot rimmed out with 18 seconds left and SMS played for the last shot without a time out, but Yanders missed a shot in the lane and Gaines missed a tip attempt as time expired.

#### ILLINOIS STATE 63, SW Missouri State 62 January 24, 2001 • Normal, III.

SMS	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	ΤР
Novak (F)	33	3-8	0-0	0-3	7	2	7
Randle (F)	28	4-5	0-0	2-7	1	3	8
Rueter (C)	17	3-5	2-4	2-2	0	3	8
Yanders (G)	33	3-11	0-0	3-4	3	1	7
Dobbins (G)	19	1-5	0-0	0-1	0	3	2
Williams	8	2-3	0-0	0-1	0	1	6
Walk	21	3-6	0-0	0-0	1	0	6
Wallace	12	4-7	0-0	2-4	0	2	8
Gaines	22	3-7	4-5	3-7	0	0	10
Hume	7	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Totals	200	26-59	6-9	14-33	12	16	62

Team Pct.: FG - 441; FT - .667

**3-Pt.:** 4-12, .333 (Novak 1-5, Yanders 1-3, Dobbins 0-1, Williams 2-2, Wallace 0-1)

Blocks: 1 (Randle 1)

Turnovers: 14 (Novak 3, Randle 2, Rueter 1, Yanders 2, Dobbins 2, Williams 2, Wallace 2)

Steals: 4 (Novak 2, Yanders 2)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	ΤР
Ford (F)	34	6-10	0-0	1-4	0	1	12
Beyers (F)	11	1-2	0-0	0-2	0	0	2
Strandmark (C	6 (	0-1	0-0	1-2	0	1	0
Bryson (G)	34	6-12	6-6	2-3	2	2	19
Rice (G)	36	3-6	2-3	0-4	9	0	8
Knight	26	6-9	0-2	4-6	4	3	12
Williams	10	1-1	0-0	0-2	0	3	2
Jeppson	27	2-8	0-0	1-2	1	1	5
Wilson	13	1-2	1-2	0-0	1	1	3
Hammock	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	26-52	9-13	10-29	17	12	63

Team Pct.: FG – .500; FT – .692 3-Pt.: 2-6, .333 (Bryson 1-4, Rice 0-1, Jeppson 1-1) Blocks: 5 (Ford 1, Bryson 1, Knight 2, Jeppson 1) Turnovers: 14 (Ford 3, Beyers 1, Bryson 1, Rice 1, Knight 1, Williams 1, Jeppson 3, Wilson 3) Steals: 6 (Ford 1, Strandmark 1, Rice 2, Knight 1, Wilson 1)

Officials: Randy Heimerman, Randy McCall, Steve Morris Attendance: 6,447 Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 28, SMS 26

# **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 Schaefbauer (1996-98)	153
5. Richard Thomas (1990-93)	149
6. Rickey Jackson (1986-90)	126
7. Maurice Trotter (1994-96)	121
8. SHAWN JEPPSON (1998	118

### **Career FT Made Leaders**

1. TARISE BRYSON (1998 4	168
2. Fred Marberry (1954-57) 4	59

### 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)	
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

### Season FT Made Leaders

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

### Season FT Att. Leaders

# **CAREER STARTS/GAMES**

		Illinoi	s St.
No.	Player	GP	GS
2	Gregg Alexander	17	17
4	Dirk Williams	46	8
5	Andy Strandmark	72	14
11	Vince Greene	17	2
12	Tarise Bryson	91	83
15	Randy Rice	47	44
21	Shawn Jeppson	104	36
23	Baboucarr Bojang	17	17
31	Chad Mazanowski	62	12
33	Shedrick Ford	47	42
34	Kenneth Hill	0	0
40	Casey Reid	17	2
44	Brett Gillan	28	0

### **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 four 3-pointers to surpass former Redbird Maurice Trotter.

### 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.

### 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 530 minutes, second most on the team, and coughed up only 23 turnovers. Alexander is averaging .043 turnovers per minute and 1.4 per game. He has dished out 41 assists which ranks third on the team and is fourth on the club in scoring with 9.8 points per game. He ranks second in steals with 25.

### **Built Ford Tough**

**Shedrick Ford** is third on the Redbirds in scoring with 10.5 points per game and has scored doublefigures for Illinois State in eight 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.

### 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.

## #2 Gregg Alexander

#### Freshman • F • 6-4 • 190

#### Lincoln, III. (Lincoln)

- Last Game: 8 pts, 3 rebs, 3 asts, 3 stls, 34 min.
- Only 23 turnovers in 530 minutes of play, but has 16 in the last six games.
- Has hit 12 of his last 26 treys (.462).
- Had sixth career double digit effort with 17 points at Drake.
- Scored a career-high 24 points in the overtime loss against Hofstra.
- Averages 31.2 minutes per game and is making a run at breaking the freshman record for minutes played in a season by Dan Muller with 953.

## #4 Dirk Williams

#### Sophomore • F • 6-8 • 210

#### Pekin, III. (Pekin Community)

- Last Game: 3 pts, 1-3 FG, 3 rebs, 1 ast, 10 min
- Had biggest offensive output of the season with 13 points at Drake.
- Made 9 of his last 20 field goal attempts (.450).
- Nine offensive boards in the last four games.
- Has made all 22 of his free throw attempts this season.

## #5 Andy Strandmark

Junior • C • 6-11 • 235

- Geneseo, III. (Darnall)
- Last Game: 0 pts, 0-1 FG, 2 rebs, 1 ast, 11 min
- Coming off best outing of season with eight points, seven boards and two blocks against Indiana St.
- Got only starting nod of the season vs. Creighton.
- Battling a reoccurring stress fracture in right leg.
- Averaging 3.5 points per game in the 'Birds last 13 games, after going scoreless in first four.

# #10 Kevin Troc

### Freshman • G • 6-4 • 185

### Lockport, III. (Lockport)

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

# #11 Vince Greene

# Sophomore • G • 5-9 • 160

# Chicago, III. (Brother Rice)

- Last Game: 0 pts, 1 ast, 5 min
  Made last 18 free throw attempts.
- Has made 3 of his last 18 trey attempts (.167).
- After four straight double-digit scoring games, has been held in single digits for the last eight contests on a combined 7-for-43 shooting (.163).
- Has converted 3-for-25 on field goals in the last six games (.120).

# **PLAYER UPDATES**

# #12 Tarise Bryson

### Senior • G • 6-1 • 175

### Decatur, III. (Stephen Decatur)

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

# #15 Randy Rice

## Senior • G • 6-0 • 175

Springfield, III. (Springfield/Wabash Valley CC)

- Last Game: 8 pts, 4-7 FG, 1 reb, 6 asts, 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.
- Shooting 18-for-38 (.474) over his last 7 games.
- Has made 3 of his last 7 treys.
- Has 12 steals in the last four games and 10 assists in the last two.

# #21 Shawn Jeppson

# Senior • G • 6-2 • 180

# Spring Valley, III. (Hall)

- Last Game: 14 pts, 6-10 FG, 1 reb, 1 ast, 31 min
  Scored a career-high 27 against Wichita State with
- 5-for-7 shooting on treys.
- Made 38 of his last 79 FG attempts (.481).
- Has hit 16 of his last 33 three-point attempts (.485).Left Illinois game after eight minutes with a
- moderate MCL sprain of his right knee.
- Has scored double-figures in 11 contests.
- Made at least one trey in 32 of his last 36 games.

### #23 Baboucarr Bojang Junior • F • 6-9 • 205

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

- Last Game: 15 pts, 6-12 FG, 7 rebs, 3 stls, 32 min
- Started all 17 games and has scored double figures in 16, including the last 14 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 and added his fifth against Indiana State (15p, 11r).
- Had back-to-back double-doubles against Hofstra and Georgia Southern.
- Has logged 30 or more minutes in 12 of 17 games.

# #31 Chad Mazanowski

### Senior • F • 6-6 • 225

### DeKalb, III. (DeKalb)

- Last Game: DNP Coach's Decision
- Has logged 45 minutes in 11 games.
- Battling chronic inflammation in his ankle. Has suffered from ankle injuries throughout his career.
- Three of his four 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, 3-8 FG, 6 rebs, 2 asts, 27 min
- Scored double-figures once in the last four games.
- Started 15 games for the Redbirds, but missed his
- first starting assignment against Kent State.Has hit 2 of his last 9 trey attempts (.222).
- Pulled down a season-best eight rebounds with 18 points in the season-opener against Weber State.

# #34 Kenneth Hill

#### Freshman • F • 6-6 • 181 Naperville, III. (Central)

#40 Casey Reid

minutes per contest.

#44 Brett Gillan

Junior • G • 6-4 • 185

Southern Illinois

Chattanooga and Illinois.

four in the first four contests.

Normal, III. (Normal Community)

Junior • F • 6-7 • 205

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- Last Game: DNP Coach's Decision
- Last Game. DNF Coach's Decision
  Late addition walk-on.
- Has yet to see any game action this season.

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

• Last Game: 2 pts, 1-3 FG, 2 rebs, 1 stl, 15 min

In the last three games, scored 13 points on 6-for-9

shooting, grabbed 9 rebounds and averaging 15.3

Played a solid 17 minutes at Illinois with four points,

Tallied 41 points in the last 13 games, after totaling

Last Game: DNP - Didn't dress because of illness

Logged four minutes, tying a career high, against

Creighton while recording his first career assist.

Played a minute each against Pittsburgh, Illinois,

Kent State and Indiana State and three minutes at

Walk-on that has seen action in six games.

Two starting assignments on the season - UT-

five rebounds and two blocked shots.

- 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.

# **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 Goal	s 6 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01
5 vs. Weber St., 11-16-01	Free Throws	5 vs. Weber St., 11-16-01
7, twice	Rebounds	7, twice
4, twice	Assists	4, twice
4 at Chattanooga, 12-15-0	1 Steals	4 at Chattanooga, 12-15-01
None	Blocks	None
42 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01	Minutes	42 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01

#### BABOUCARR BOJANG – #23

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 Goa	als 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, five times	Assists	2, five times
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 Points None 2. three times None Field Goals 1, three times 3-Pt. Field Goals None 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 Blocks None 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, three times	Rebounds	2, three times
5 at Illinois, 12-18-01	Assists	5 at Illinois, 12-18-01
1, five times	Steals	1, five times
None	Blocks	None
28 at Illinois, 12-18-01	Minutes	28 at Illinois, 12-18-01

#### SHAWN JEPPSON - #21 Season Category Career 27 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02 27 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02 Points 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 Assists 9 at S. Illinois, 1-14-01 5, twice 4 vs. Creighton, 1-2-02 Steals 4, twice Blocks 2, three times None 39 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01 Minutes 43 vs. Bradley, 2-8-00

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 Goa	Is 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, twice	Assists	1, seven times
1, twice	Steals	1, 13 times
None	Blocks	2, twice
12 vs. Pittsburgh, 11-24-01	Minutes	31 vs. Creighton, 2-5-00

CASEY REID – #40		
Season	Category	Career
8 at Ga. Southern, 11-29-01	Points	8 at Ga. Southern, 11-29-01
4 at Ga. Southern, 11-29-01	Field Goals	4 at Ga. Southern, 11-29-01
None 3	-Pt. Field Goa	als None
2 at UTSA, 12-1-01	Free Throws	2 at UTSA, 12-1-01
5, twice	Rebounds	5, twice
3 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02	Assists	3 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02
1, four times	Steals	1, four times
2 at Illinois, 12-18-01	Blocks	2 at Illinois, 12-18-01
20 at Ga. Southern, 11-29-07	1 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, three times	Field Goals	4, five times
1, five times	3-Pt. Field Goals	1, 10 times
7 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02	Free Throws	7 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02
6 at Chattanooga, 12-15-07	Rebounds	8 at Evansville, 2-12-01
7 at Chattanooga, 12-15-07	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
8 vs. Indiana St., 1-12-02	Points	15 vs. Bradley, 2-8-00
4 vs. Indiana St., 1-12-02	Field Goals	6 vs. Bradley, 2-8-00
None	3-Pt. Field Goals	None
2, twice	Free Throws	4, twice
7, three times	Rebounds	13 vs. SW Mo. St., 1-22-00
2 at Ga. Southern, 11-29-0	1 Assists	3 at Bradley, 1-26-00
1, four times	Steals	3 at Creighton, 12-12-99
2 vs. Indiana St., 1-12-02	Blocks	2, seven times
23 vs. Kent St., 12-22-01	Minutes	33, twice

DIRK WILLIAMS – #4		
Season	Category	Career
13 at Drake, 1-10-02	Points	14 vs. Evansville, 3-3-01
4, twice	Field Goals	6 vs. Evansville, 3-3-01
1, three times	3-Pt. Field Goals	s 2 vs. Evansville, 3-3-01
4, three times	Free Throws	4, three times
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, six 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**

			мус		OVERALL			
		W	L	РСТ	w	L	РСТ	
1.	S. Illinois	5	1	.833	15	3	.833	
	Creighton	5	1	.833	10	5	.667	
3.	Wichita State	4	2	.667	10	7	.588	
	Northern Iowa	4	2	.667	9	6	.600	
5.	Drake	3	3	.500	8	8	.500	
	SW Missouri St.	3	3	.500	8	10	.444	
7.	Illinois State	2	4	.333	6	11	.353	
	Bradley	2	4	.333	5	10	.333	
9.	Evansville	1	5	.167	4	11	.267	
	Indiana State	1	5	.167	3	12	.200	
			(As	of 1/16)	)			

# 2001-02 VALLEY RANKINGS

#### TEAM

Scoring Offense	8th	66.5
Scoring Defense	5th	71.0
Scoring Margin	8th	4.5
Free Throw Pct	1st	
Field Goal Pct.	8th	
FG Pct. Defense	. 10th	
3-Point FG Pct	6th	
3-Point FG Pct. Def	4th	
Rebounding Offense	9th	31.3
Rebounding Defense	4th	33.1
Rebounding Margin	8th	1.8
Blocked Shots	9th	1.35
Assists	4th	14.24
Steals	2nd	6.82
Turnover Margin	3rd	+0.94
Assist/Turnover Ratio	6th	0.91
Offensive Rebounds	6th	11.06
Defensive Rebounds	. 10th	20.24
3-Point Field Goals Made	9th	5.24

#### INDIVIDUAL

INDIVIDUAL						
SC	CORING					
Baboucarr Bojang	9th	14.5				
REB	OUNDING					
Baboucarr Bojang	5th	7.6				
FIELD GOA	L PERCENTA	GE				
Baboucarr Bojang	10th					
A	SSISTS					
Randy Rice	7th	3.12				
S	TEALS					
Randy Rice	5th	1.53				
Gregg Alexander	6th	1.47				
3-POIN	IT FG MADE					
Gregg Alexander	10th	1.82				
ASSIST/TU	RNOVER RAT	10				
Randy Rice	8th	1.47				
OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS						
Baboucarr Bojang	8th	2.71				
DEFENSI	VE REBOUND	S				
Baboucarr Bojang	5th	4.94				

# VALLEY PRESEASON POLL

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

# **CLUTCH FREE THROWS**

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

	FTM	FTA	PCT
Williams	2	2	1.000
Jeppson	6	7	.857
Greene	10	12	.833
Mazanowski	5	7	.714
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	55	80	.688

# SHOOTING BREAKDOWN

	Illinois St.	Орр.
FG Pct., 1st Half	197-461 (42.7%)	219-437 (50.1%)
FG Pct., 2nd Half	213-487 (43.7%)	230-462 (49.8%)
3FG Pct., 1st Half	39-126 (31.0%)	55-151 (36.4%)
3FG Pct., 2nd Half	50-140 (35.7%)	43-134 (32.1%)
FT Pct., 1st Half	81-108 (75.0%)	74-111 (66.7%)
FT Pct., 2nd Half	135-178 (75.8%)	129-179 (72.1%)
FG Pct., Home	158-360 (43.9%)	170-353 (48.2%)
FG Pct., Away	190-433 (43.9%)	203-401 (50.6%)
FG Pct., Neutral	63-161 (39.1%)	78-161 (48.4%)
3FG Pct., Home	36-102 (35.3%)	38-119 (31.9%)
3FG Pct., Away	37-119 (31.1%)	44-124 (35.5%)
3FG Pct., Neutral	16-46 (34.8%)	16-43 (37.2%)
FT Pct., Home	118-153 (77.1%)	73-109 (67.0%)
FT Pct., Away	60-84 (71.4%)	107-145 (73.8%)
FT Pct., Neutral	42-55 (76.4%)	27-42 (64.3%)

# **BENCH SCORING**

Weber State 24-20
vs. UC-Irvine
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
Kent State 30-18
Creighton 19-30
at Southern Illinois 13-21
Wichita State 4-24
at Drake 29-16
Indiana State 15-14
at Creighton 5-17
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 310-327

# THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

#### INDIVIDUAL

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 made five 3-pointers ...

ILLINOIS ST. ..... Gregg Alexander (5-9) at Drake, 1-10-02 Opponent ...... Luke McDonald (5-8), Drake, 1-10-02

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 ...

#### A player blocked five shots ...

ILLINOIS ST. ...... LeRoy Watkins (5) vs. Alcorn State, 12-2-98 Opponent ...... Brody Deren (5), Creighton, 1-16-02

		INDI	VIDU	۹L				
A team scored 100 points								
ILLINOIS ST	ve	Southern	Illinois	(105)				

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

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

A team shot 50 percent from the field ... ILLINOIS ST. ....... vs. C. Mich. (.524, 22-42), 12-9-01 Opponent ......at Drake (.565, 26-46), 1-10-02

A team made 10 3-point field goals ... ILLINOIS ST. ...... vs. Wichita State (10-16), 1-7-02 Opponent ...... at Drake (11-23), 1-10-02

A team had 20 3-point field goal attempts ... ILLINOIS ST. ...... at Drake (8-27), 1-10-02 Opponent ...... at Drake (11-23), 1-10-02

A team shot 50 percent on 3-pointers ... ILLINOIS ST. ...... at Creighton (.500, 3-6), 1-16-02 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

Opponent ..... na

# **ILLINOIS STATE'S 2001-02 RECORD WHEN**

Overall
Missouri Valley Conference 2-4
Playing Nationally Ranked Teams 0-1
Leading at the Half 5-0
Trailing at the Half 1-10
Tied at the Half 0-1
Leading with 5:00 to Play 6-0
Trailing with 5:00 to Play0-11
Tied with 5:00 to Play 0-0
In Overtime 0-1
ISU out-rebounds opponent 2-3
Opponents out-rebounds ISU 3-8
ISU has 15 or fewer Turnovers 2-6
ISU has fewer Turnovers than opp 5-5
ISU shoots 50 Percent or Better 1-1
ISU shoots 40 Percent or Better 5-7
Opponents shoot less than 40 Percent 1-0
Opponents shot 40 Percent or Better 5-10
ISU shoots better than Opponent 1-2
Opponent shoots better than ISU 5-9
ISU has more FG Attempts 5-7
Opponent has more FG Attempts 1-4
ISU Shoots better than 35% on 3's 2-5
ISU Attempts more 3's 2-5
Opponents Attempt more 3's 4-5
ISU has more FT Attempts 4-4
Opponent has more FT Attempts 2-7
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 3-5

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ISU Scores 60 or More 5-6	
ISU Scores less than 60 1-5	
Opponent Scores 100 or More 0-0	
Opponent Scores 90 or More 0-0	
Opponent Scores 80 or More 0-5	
Opponent Scores 70 or More 2-8	
Opponent Scores 60 or More 3-11	
Opponent Scores less than 60 3-0	
In Games Decided by 5 or less 1-1	
In Games Decided by 6-10 Points 3-3	
In Games Decided by 11-20 Points 2-6	
In Games Decided by 21+ Points 0-1	
Day Games 4-5	
Night Games 2-6	
Home Court 5-2	
Away Games 0-7	
Neutral Games 1-2	
When ISU Scores First 2-2	
When ISU Wins Tip 3-6	
In November	
In December 2-4	
In January 2-3	
In February 0-0	
In March 0-0	
On Sunday 1-1	
On Monday 1-0	
On Tuesday 0-1	
On Wednesday 0-2	
On Thursday	
On Friday	
On Saturday	
2-0	

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

Opponent	Alexander	Bojang	Bryson	Ford	Gillan	Greene
Weber State	8-1-2*	14-10-2*	8-3-3*	18-8-1*	DNP	1-0-1
vs. UC-Irvine	7-7-3*	13-8-1*	DNP – Injured	9-3-1*	DNP	11-0-4
vs. Pittsburgh	7-0-2*	7-5-0*	DNP - Injured	13-5-1*	0-0-0	4-2-0
vs. Hofstra	24-4-3*	10-11-2*	DNP - Injured	21-7-3*	DNP	0-0-4
at Ga. Southern	7-5-2*	14-10-1*	DNP – Injured	11-5-0*	DNP	12-2-4
at UT-San Antonio	18-3-2*	20-6-0*	DNP – Injured	2-5-3*	DNP	12-0-3*
Samford	5-3-4*	13-5-1*	DNP – Injured	6-2-1*	DNP	14-1-4
C. Michigan	7-4-4*	20-13-0*	DNP – Injured	15-3-1*	DNP	11-1-3
at Chattanooga	5-3-2*	26-8-0*	DNP – Injured	9-5-1*	DNP	2-1-1
at Illinois	15-5-1*	15-4-0*	DNP – Injured	8-1-2*	0-0-0	7-1-5
Kent State	2-4-1*	11-6-0*	DNP – Injured	9-1-4	0-0-0	2-0-4*
Creighton	10-1-3*	13-4-0*	DNP – Injured	12-3-1*	0-1-1	0-0-2
at S. Illinois	8-7-3*	13-9-1*	DNP – Injured	16-5-0*	0-0-0	0-2-2
Wichita State	13-2-2*	15-7-1*	DNP – Injured	6-6-2*	DNP	0-0-1
at Drake	17-1-2*	12-7-2*	DNP – Injured	6-1-2*	DNP	5-2-2
Indiana State	6-5-2*	15-11-2*	DNP – Injured	11-2-1*	DNP	3-1-1
at Creighton	8-3-3*	15-7-2*	DNP - Injured	6-6-2*	DNP	0-0-1
SMS						
at Bradlev						

at Drake Indiana State at Creighton SMS at Bradley Drake Northern Iowa at SMS Bradley at Indiana St. at Evansville S. Illinois at Wichita St. at N. Iowa Evansville

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at Evansville

at Wichita St

S. Illinois

at N. Iowa

Evansville

Drake

at SMS

Bradley

Opponent	Jeppson	Mazanowski	Reid	Rice	Strandmark	Williams
Weber State	14-1-5	DNP	4-0-1	2-2-1*	0-1-0	5-3-0
vs. UC-Irvine	12-3-1*	DNP	0-0-1	0-3-2*	0-1-0	6-2-0
vs. Pittsburgh	2-4-2*	5-0-0	0-1-1	4-1-2*	0-4-0	4-4-0
vs. Hofstra	14-1-5*	5-2-0	0-1-1	6-4-5*	0-0-1	0-0-1
at Ga. Southern	19-1-2*	0-0-0	8-3-1	2-2-3*	3-2-2	0-2-0
at UT-San Antonio	15-3-2	0-0-0	6-2-2*	0-3-2	4-0-1	5-5-0
Samford	5-2-1	DNP	2-3-0	6-0-3*	4-0-0	10-1-2*
C. Michigan	6-1-1	DNP	0-4-2	7-4-2*	4-1-0	2-1-1*
at Chattanooga	10-1-1	0-0-0	2-2-0	3-6-7*	0-2-1	2-7-1*
at Illinois	5-1-0	0-0-1	4-5-0*	2-3-3*	7-7-0	10-5-3
Kent State	12-1-0	0-3-0	3-2-0	3-0-4*	6-7-0	0-1-0*
Creighton	11-1-0	2-1-0	0-1-0	5-1-2*	3-4-0*	6-5-1
at S. Illinois	6-1-1*	0-1-0	3-3-1	2-1-1*	4-1-0	6-2-0
Wichita State	27-3-3*	DNP	0-1-3	16-0-3*	2-0-0	2-3-0
at Drake	5-1-2*	4-1-0	7-5-1	4-2-3*	0-3-0	13-4-1
Indiana State	11-0-1*	0-0-1	4-2-0	10-5-4*	8-7-0	0-3-0
at Creighton	14-1-1*	DNP	2-2-0	8-1-6*	0-2-1	3-3-1
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# SUPERLATIVES

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

- Alexander, Ford, Bojang, Bryson, Rice (1-0)
   (W) Weber State
- Alexander, Ford, Bojang, Rice, Jeppson (3-6) (W) – UC-Irvine, Wichita State, Indiana State (L) – Pittsburgh, Hofstra, at Ga. Southern, at Southern Illinois. at Drake, at Creidhton
- 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, Reid 3, Rice 1, Greene 1, Strandmark 1

#### FIRST POINTS:

Bojang 9, Ford 3, Rice 2, Williams 1, Reid 1, Jeppson 1

#### DOUBLE-DIGIT SCORERS (47):

Bojang 16, Jeppson 11, Ford 8, Alexander 6, Greene 5, Williams 3, Rice 2

## DOUBLE-DIGIT REBOUNDING (5):

Bojang 5

#### LEADING SCORER:

Bojang 7, Ford 3, Jeppson 3, Alexander 3, Greene 1

LEADING REBOUNDER:

Bojang 13, Strandmark 2, Ford 1, Williams 1

DOUBLE-DOUBLES (5): Bojang 5

DUNKS (13):

Bojang 9, Mazanowski 3, Strandmark 1

#### CHARGES DRAWN (17):

Ford 6, Williams 5, Rice 4, Jeppson 4, 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
- Baboucarr Bojang vs. UC-Irvine, 11-23-01 Baboucarr Bojang vs. C. Mich., 12-9-01 Gregg Alexander at Drake, 1-10-02
- 35, Baboucarr Bojang at S. Illinois, 1-5-02 Randy Rice vs. Wichita State, 1-7-02 Randy Rice at Creighton, 1-16-02
- 34, Gregg Alexander vs. UC-Irvine, 11-23-01 Gregg Alexander vs. Samford, 12-8-01 Gregg Alexander at Illinois, 12-18-01 Gregg Alexander at Creighton, 1-16-02
- 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 Shawn Jeppson vs. Indiana State, 1-12-02

						2001-	02 GAN	IE-BY-GAME						
Weber State @Illinois State (1-0)	Final 70 74	FG 26-56 <b>23-57</b>	FG% 46.4% 40.4%	<b>3FG</b> 6-14 <b>4-20</b>	3% 42.9% 20.0%	<b>FT</b> 12-19 <b>24-28</b>	FT% 63.2% 85.7%	<b>O-D-T Reb.</b> 14-25-39 <b>9-22-31</b>	Fouls 22 22 22	Assists 9 16	Turnovers 24 19	5 2	Steals 9 15	Halftime 31 35
Illinois State (2-0)	<b>58</b>	<b>21-49</b>	<b>42.9%</b>	<b>6-15</b>	<b>40.0%</b>	<b>10-11</b>	<b>90.0%</b>	<b>6-22-28</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>26</b>
vs. UC-Irvine	52	20-43	46.5%	4-10	40.0%	8-15	53.3%	6-22-28	15	13	19	2	11	21
Pittsburgh	65	25-53	47.2%	5-14	35.7%	10-14	71.4%	10-28-38	20	17	16	6	5	32
vs. Illinois State (2-1)	<b>46</b>	<b>12-45</b>	<b>26.7%</b>	<b>1-11</b>	<b>9.1%</b>	<b>21-28</b>	<b>75.0%</b>	<b>9-20-29</b>	<b>16</b>	8	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	20
<b>llinois State (2-2)</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>30-67</b>	<b>44.8%</b>	<b>9-20</b>	<b>45.0%</b>	<b>11-16</b>	<b>68.8%</b>	<b>13-19-32</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>39</b>
/s. Hofstra	82	33-65	50.8%	7-19	36.8%	9-13	69.2%	16-25-41	18	19	24	9	8	52
Illinois State (2-3)	<b>76</b>	<b>29-65</b>	<b>44.6%</b>	<b>7-24</b>	<b>29.2%</b>	<b>11-15</b>	<b>73.3%</b>	<b>15-17-32</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>40</b>
@ Georgia Southern	87	34-57	59.6%	5-12	41.7%	14-18	77.8%	6-25-31	13	22	12	4	4	48
Illinois State (2-4)	<b>82</b>	<b>31-61</b>	<b>50.8%</b>	<b>8-17</b>	<b>47.1%</b>	<b>12-17</b>	<b>70.6%</b>	<b>4-25-29</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>32</b>
@ UT-San Antonio	88	31-64	48.4%	4-17	23.5%	22-31	71.0%	12-30-42	19	18	16	5	10	42
Samford	54	20-36	55.6%	7-21	33.3%	7-10	70.0%	3-22-25	17	13	25	0	2	27
@ Illinois State (3-4)	<b>65</b>	<b>22-47</b>	<b>46.8%</b>	<b>4-12</b>	<b>33.3%</b>	<b>17-23</b>	<b>73.9%</b>	<b>6-14-20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	11	1	10	<b>23</b>
Central Michigan	63	21-56	37.5%	5-21	23.8%	16-20	80.0%	11-15-26	26	8	15	4	13	14
@ Illinois State (4-4)	<b>72</b>	<b>22-42</b>	<b>52.4%</b>	<b>3-9</b>	<b>33.3%</b>	<b>25-61</b>	<b>80.6%</b>	<b>8-27-35</b>	<b>22</b>	14	<b>20</b>	0	<b>4</b>	<b>36</b>
Illinois State (4-5)	<b>59</b>	<b>24-67</b>	<b>35.8%</b>	<b>2-13</b>	<b>15.4%</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>75.0%</b>	<b>15-20-35</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>26</b>
@ Chattanooga	70	24-50	48.0%	5-12	41.7%	17-22	77.3%	11-28-39	18	13	20	7	7	36
Illinois State (4-6)	<b>73</b>	<b>30-71</b>	<b>42.3%</b>	<b>4-20</b>	<b>20.0%</b>	<b>9-13</b>	<b>69.2%</b>	<b>17-20-37</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>37</b>
@ #7 Illinois	87	34-64	53.1%	7-24	29.2%	12-22	54.5%	13-25-38	15	20	12	5	8	32
Kent State	61	23-56	41.1%	6-20	30.0%	9-11	81.8%	13-22-35	19	11	11	1	5	29
Illinois State (4-7)	<b>48</b>	<b>15-40</b>	<b>37.5%</b>	<b>7-17</b>	<b>41.2%</b>	<b>11-17</b>	<b>64.7%</b>	<b>8-22-30</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	1	<b>18</b>
Creighton	76	31-50	62.0%	4-8	50.0%	10-16	62.5%	9-22-31	17	19	20	1	9	32
Illinois State (4-8, 0-1)	<b>62</b>	<b>22-54</b>	<b>40.7%</b>	<b>5-19</b>	<b>26.3%</b>	<b>13-19</b>	<b>68.4%</b>	<b>12-14-26</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	14	<b>31</b>
Illinois State (4-9, 0-2)	<b>58</b>	<b>24-55</b>	<b>43.6%</b>	<b>3-8</b>	<b>37.5%</b>	<b>7-11</b>	<b>63.6%</b>	<b>14-22-36</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>31</b>
Southern Illinois	79	31-70	44.3%	5-19	26.3%	12-17	70.6%	20-18-38	16	16	11	8	8	43
Wichita State	71	25-50	50.0%	8-21	38.1%	13-17	76.5%	10-25-35	21	10	22	7	8	26
Ilinois State (5-9, 1-2)	<b>81</b>	<b>26-55</b>	<b>47.3%</b>	<b>10-16</b>	<b>62.5%</b>	<b>19-24</b>	<b>79.2%</b>	<b>8-18-26</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	10	3	12	<b>29</b>
<b>Ilinois State (5-10, 1-3)</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>28-63</b>	<b>44.4%</b>	<b>8-27</b>	<b>29.6%</b>	<b>9-10</b>	<b>90.0%</b>	<b>17-19-36</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>32</b>
Drake	83	26-46	56.5%	11-23	47.8%	20-23	87.0%	2-19-21	13	20	7	1	7	36
ndiana State	56	24-49	49.0%	2-14	14.3%	6-16	37.5%	9-21-30	14	14	12	5	7	30
Ilinois State (6-10, 2-3)	<b>68</b>	<b>28-65</b>	<b>43.1%</b>	<b>3-9</b>	<b>33.3%</b>	<b>9-11</b>	<b>81.8%</b>	<b>18-23-41</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	5	<b>33</b>
Illinois State (6-11, 2-4)	<b>56</b>	<b>24-51</b>	<b>47.1%</b>	<b>5-10</b>	<b>50.0%</b>	<b>3-6</b>	<b>50.0%</b>	<b>9-20-29</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>31</b>
Creighton	63	23-50	46.0%	7-17	41.2%	10-12	83.3%	6-19-25	10	18	15	7	12	31

# **EXHIBITION 1**

### Bryson, Redbirds Look Sharp in Exhibition Opener

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

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

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG - .408; FT - .600

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

Blocks: 2 (Ausley, Mikal) Turnovers: 23 (Ausley 3, Mikal 3, Brown 1, Telander 2,

Dodson 3, Watson 4, Hampton 3, Rojas 2, Hillock 1) Steals: 8 (Ausley 1, Mikal 1, Brown 1, Telander 1,

Dodson 1, Reiter 1, Winding 1, Rojas 1)

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

Team Pct.: FG - .529; FT - .682

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

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

Rice 1, Jeppson 3, Reid 2) Steals: 13 (Williams 1, Ford 1, Bojang 1, Bryson 2, Rice

4, Alexander 1, Greene 2, Jeppson 1)

Officials: Todd Burchyett, Charlie Balunek and Brian Roberson

Attendance: 4,759

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 51, St. Xavier 27

# **EXHIBITION 2**

### Bryson, Ford Lead Redbirds to 98-64 Exhibition Win

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

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

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

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

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

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

EA Sports	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	ΤР
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	Α	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, III. – Forward Shedrick Ford tossed in 18 points and hauled in eight rebounds as Illinois State edged Weber State, 74-70, in the season opener Friday at Redbird Arena.

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

Down by as many as six in the first half, the Redbirds (1-0) clawed their way back to within one with nine minutes left, after a 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	Α	PF	ΤР
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	Α	PF	ΤР
Alexander (F)	20	1-4	5-6	1-1	2	1	8
Ford (F)	31	6-9	5-7	3-8	1	4	18
Bojang (C)	28	5-9	4-4	2-10	2	2	14
Bryson (G)	19	3-11	2-2	1-3	3	1	8
Rice (G)	31	1-5	0-0	0-2	1	3	2
Williams	17	1-4	3-3	1-3	0	3	5
Strandmark	4	0-1	0-0	1-1	0	1	0
Greene	11	0-2	1-2	0-0	1	2	1
Jeppson	26	4-10	4-4	0-1	5	2	14
Reid	13	2-2	0-0	0-0	1	3	4
Totals	200	23-57	24-28	9-31	16	22	74

#### Team Pct.: FG - .404; FT - .857

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

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

Steals: 15 (Alexander 2, Ford 2, Bojang 2, Bryson 3,

Williams 1, Greene 1, Jeppson 3, Reid 1)

Officials: Ron Berkholtz, Sam Banks, David Warfel Attendance: 6,846

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 35, Weber St. 31

# GAME 2

### **Bojang, Illinois State Defense Stuff UC-Irvine**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	ΤР
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	ΤР
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 3pointers. 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.

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

Team Pct.: FG - .472; FT - .714

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

Blocks: 6 (Brown 1, Morris 3, Page 1, Lett 1) Turnovers: 16 (Brown 1, Zavackas 3, Morris 1, Page 2, Knight 4. Troutman 1. McCarroll 2. Lett 2)

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

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	ΤР
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 then two and Illinois State up 80-78 with 1:49 remaining, A layup by Kenny Adeleke in the last minute tied the score at 80 before Hofstra took advantage of a missed layup and turnover by Ford and Alexander fouled Osei Miller, who got the steal, to take him to the line. Miller made both his free throws and secured the victory, 82-80.

#### Hofstra 82, ILLINOIS STATE 80

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

Team Pct.: FG - .446; FT - .733

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

Blocks: 1 (Strandmark 1)

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

Steals: 4 (Bojang 4)

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

Team Pct.: FG - .596; FT - .778

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

Blocks: 4 (Latham 3, Cox 1)

Turnovers: 12 (Latham 1, Bennett 3, Jenkins 2,

Peterson 3, Williams 1, Cox 2) Steals: 4 (Jenkins 2, Peterson 2)

Officials: Jamie Luckie, Tony Brown, Billy Dunlap Attendance: 1 465

Halftime Score: Ga. Southern 48, ILLINOIS STATE 40

# **GAME 6**

### **UT-San Antonio Pulls Away From Illinois State**

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

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

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

A foul on 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	Α	PF	ΤР
Ford (F)	28	1-5	0-0	1-5	3	3	2
Reid (F)	17	2-4	2-2	0-2	2	2	6
Bojang (C)	27	8-11	4-8	0-6	0	4	20
Alexander (G)	31	7-12	0-0	0-3	2	4	18
Greene (G)	22	4-8	2-2	0-0	3	2	12
Williams	10	2-7	0-0	2-5	0	0	5
Strandmark	10	2-3	0-0	0-0	1	4	4
Rice	22	0-1	0-0	0-3	2	3	0
Jeppson	30	5-10	4-5	1-3	2	1	15
Mazanowski	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Totals	200	31-61	12-17	4-29	15	25	82

Team Pct.: FG - .508; FT - .706

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

Blocks: 2 (Reid 1, Strandmark 1)

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

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

Team Pct.: FG - .484; FT - .710

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

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

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

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

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

# GAME 7

### **Second-Half Defense Spurs Redbirds Past Samford**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG - .468; FT - .739

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

Blocks: 1 (Williams 1)

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

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

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

#### Mayhood Attendance: 6.222

Halftime Score: Samford 27, ILLINOIS STATE 23

# GAME 8

### Bojang Leads Illinois State Past Central Michigan

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

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

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG - .375; FT - .800

3-Pt.: 5-21, .238 (Manciel 1-4, Pleiness 0-3, Robinson

1-4, Webber 2-9, Bowne 1-1) Blocks: 4 (Webber 3, Meerman 1)

Turnovers: 15 (Manciel 3, Pleiness 2, Brigitha 3,

Robinson 2, Webber 1, Bowne 2, Kaman 2)

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

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

Team Pct.: FG - .358; FT - .750

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

Blocks: 2 (Williams 2)

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

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

Chattanooga	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	ΤР
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 (Åshby 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, III. (AP)** – It was a case of too much paint for Illinois State's basketball team Tuesday night at the Assembly Hall. No. 7-ranked Illinois scored 36 of its 50 second-half points in the paint to cover up ISU, 87-73, before a sellout crowd of 16,500 people.

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

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

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

Baboucarr Bojang had 15 points for the Redbirds. The schools, located approximately 50 miles apart, played for just the seventh time, the first since 1982. The Illini won the last meeting 67-60, and has lost to the Redbirds once, in 1906.

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

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

Team Pct.: FG - .423: FT - .692

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

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

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG – .531; FT – .545

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

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

Turnovers: 12 (Cook 3, Bradford 2, Williams 1, Head 3, Ferguson 1, Krupalija 1, Smith 1) Steals: 8 (Williams 4, Head 4)

Officials: Ted Valentine, Tom O'Neill, Eugene Crawford Attendance: 16,500

Halftime Score: Illinois 37, ILLINOIS STATE 32

# GAME 11

## Illinois State Falls to Kent State, 61-48

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

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

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

Baboucarr Bojang was the only other Redbird to reach double figures with 11 points. Andy Strandmark had another great performance off the bench for Illinois State leading the team in rebounding with seven.

#### Kent State 61, ILLINOIS STATE 48 December 22, 2001 • Normal, III.

Kent State	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	TP
Gerwig (F)	21	0-2	0-0	2-3	0	2	0
Gates (F)	30	1-5	1-2	5-11	3	4	3
Shaw (G)	24	3-6	2-2	2-5	2	2	10
Mitchell (G)	32	8-13	1-1	0-2	2	2	17
Huffman (G)	34	5-16	2-2	0-3	4	1	13
Merritt	2	0-1	1-2	1-1	0	0	1
Haut	15	3-6	0-0	0-1	0	0	8
Wilkins	5	0-2	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Bedford	7	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	2	0
Thomas	21	2-2	0-0	2-3	0	1	5
Edwards	9	1-2	2-2	1-1	0	4	4
Totals	200	23-56	9-11	13-35	11	19	61

Team Pct.: FG – .411; FT – .818

**3-Pt.:** 6-20, .300 (Shaw 2-3, Mitchell 0-3, Huffman 1-7, Haut 2-4, Wilkins 0-2, Thomas 1-1)

Blocks: 1 (Gates 1)

Turnovers: 11 (Gerwig 1, Gates 2, Shaw 2, Mitchell 3, Huffman 3)

Steals: 5 (Gerwig 1, Gates 2, Mitchell 1, Wilkins 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	TΡ
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, III. – After battling a hot-shooting Creighton team for 28 minutes, Illinois State went cold and fell victim to a couple of late spurts and Kyle Korver's 24 points as the Jays won for just the second time in 18 tries in Normal, 76-62.

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

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

Creighton 76, ILLINOIS STATE 62

January 2, 2002 • Normal, III.

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

Team Pct.: FG - .407; FT - .684

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

Blocks: None

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

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

Officials: Randy McCall, Bert Smith, Mark McMullen Attendance: 5,182

Halftime Score: Creighton 32, ILLINOIS STATE 31

# **GAME 13**

### Southern Illinois Cruises Past Illinois State

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3-Pt.: 3-8, .375 (Alexander 2-3, Ford 1-4, Jeppson 0-1)

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

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

Mazanowski 2)

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

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

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

3-Pt.: 5-19, .263 (Belcher 1-3, Hairston 1-1, Williams 2-5, Brooks 1-3, Buie 0-4, Korn 0-3)

Blocks: 8 (Dearman 1, Roberts 3, Brooks 3, Korn 1)

Turnovers: 11 (Dearman 1, Roberts 2, Belcher 2,

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

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, III. - 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, III.

Wichita State	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	ΤР
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	Α	PF	тр
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**

## Illinois State Falls at Drake. 83-73

DES MOINES, Iowa - Luke McDonald and Andry Sola each had 17 points as Drake put on an offensive display to defeat the Redbirds 83-73 at the Drake Knapp Center in Des Moines, Iowa. The Bulldogs shot a season-high 57 percent from the field in the game, which was charged by 64 percent shooting in the second half.

Drake, 7-7 overall (2-2 MVC), had five players reach double figures in scoring in the game. J.J. Sola had 15 points, while Lonnie Randolph and Greg Danielson chipped in 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Illinois State, 5-10 overall (1-3 MVC), was led by Gregg Alexander with 17 points, including a 5-for-9 performance from behind the arc. Dirk Williams came off the bench to put up 13 points. Baboucarr Bojang contributed 12 points and led the 'Birds on the boards with seven rebounds

With Drake ahead 36-32 at the half, Alexander and Bojang were able to cut the lead to one point early, but a 9-0 run by the Bulldogs with just over 15 minutes remaining kept the 'Birds at bay for the remainder of the game. Illinois State was unable to cut the lead to less than seven points following the 9-0 Bulldog run.

#### Drake 83, ILLINOIS STATE 73 January 10, 2002 • Des Moines, Iowa

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	ΤР
Alexander (F)	36	5-11	2-2	0-1	2	1	17
Ford (F)	20	3-7	0-0	0-1	2	1	6
Bojang (C)	32	6-11	0-0	3-7	2	3	12
Rice (G)	31	2-6	0-0	0-2	3	1	4
Jeppson (G)	24	2-9	0-0	0-1	2	4	5
Williams	17	4-6	4-4	3-4	1	3	13
Strandmark	8	0-2	0-0	0-3	0	0	0
Greene	15	2-7	0-0	1-2	2	3	5
Mazanowski	2	1-1	2-3	1-1	0	1	4
Reid	15	3-3	1-1	3-5	1	3	7
Totals	200	28-63	9-10	17-36	15	20	73

Team Pct.: FG - .444; FT - .900

3-Pt.: 8-27, .296 (Alexander 5-9, Ford 0-2, Rice 0-2, Jeppson 1-6, Williams 1-3, Greene 1-5)

Blocks: 1 (Reid 1)

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

Steals: 3 (Ford 1, Rice 2)

Drake	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	ΤР
J. Sola (F)	31	6-10	3-3	1-4	4	4	15
A. Sola (F)	34	6-12	2-2	0-4	3	0	17
Danielson (C)	29	3-5	4-4	1-7	3	2	10
Newman (G)	27	3-7	0-0	0-1	5	1	8
McDonald (G)	37	6-9	0-0	0-1	1	1	17
Welton	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Randolph	14	2-2	6-7	0-1	3	1	11
Knight	17	0-1	5-7	0-1	1	4	5
O'Neill	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Bancroft	5	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Totals	200	26-46	20-23	2-21	20	13	83

Team Pct.: FG - .565; FT - .870

3-Pt.: 11-23, .478 (J. Sola 0-1, A. Sola 3-7, Newman 2-5, McDonald 5-8, Randolph 1-1, Knight 0-1)

Blocks: 1 (Danielson 1)

Turnovers: 7 (A. Sola 3, Danielson 3, Randolph 1) Steals: 7 (J. Sola 1, A. Sola 3, Danielson 1, McDonald 1, Knight 1)

Officials: Eddie Jackson, Glenn Mayborg, Tom O'Neill, Jr. Attendance: 3,517

Halftime Score: Drake 36, ILLINOIS STATE 32

# **GAME 16**

### **Bojang Leads Redbirds to 68-56** Win Over Indiana State

NORMAL, III. - Baboucarr Bojang scored 13 of his team-high 15 points in the first half as Illinois State defeated Indiana State, 68-56, Saturday in Missouri Valley Conference action at Redbird Arena.

Illinois State, 6-10 (2-3 MVC), had four players score in double figures. Shedrick Ford and Shawn Jeppson had 11 points apiece, while Randy Rice chipped in 10 points for the 'Birds. Bojang also posted his fifth doubledouble of the season with a game-high 11 rebounds. Andy Strandmark also came of the bench to chip in eight points and seven boards.

The Sycamores were led in scoring by Terence Avery with 22 points. Marcus Howard was the only other player for Indiana State to score in double digits with 11 points. Djibril Kante led the Sycamores on the boards with seven rebounds.

Indiana State, 3-11 (1-4 MVC) had the lead for the majority of the first half until Jeppson made a lay-up with 1:50 remaining that gave the Redbirds a 27-26 advantage. A jumper by Howard gave the Sycamores the lead again 28-27, but Bojang converted on a threepoint play and scored on a tip-in at the buzzer to give the 'Birds a 33-30 lead heading into halftime.

#### **ILLINOIS STATE 68, Indiana State 56** January 12, 2002 • Normal, III.

Indiana State	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	ΤР
Kante (F)	30	2-2	0-1	1-7	2	4	4
Broermann (F)	31	0-4	0-0	0-5	2	0	0
Avery (C)	37	10-14	2-4	2-5	1	0	22
Howard (G)	32	4-9	2-3	1-2	4	1	11
Grimes (G)	24	2-6	1-2	0-1	4	1	5
Berry	17	1-5	0-2	0-3	0	2	2
Haywood	17	2-3	1-3	1-1	1	2	5
Sams	11	3-6	0-1	1-2	0	4	7
Adler	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	24-49	6-16	9-30	14	14	56

Team Pct.: FG - .490; FT - .375

3-Pt.: 2-14, .143 (Broermann 0-4, Howard 1-4, Grimes

0-1, Berry 0-3, Sams 1-2)

Blocks: 5 (Kante 1, Avery 2, Grimes 1, Sams 1)

Turnovers: 12 (Kante 3, Howard 5, Grimes 2, Haywood 1. Team 1)

Steals: 7 (Kante 1, Broermann 2, Avery 3, Haywood 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	ΤР
Alexander (F)	29	3-8	0-0	3-5	2	2	6
Ford (F)	21	5-13	1-1	2-2	1	2	11
Bojang (C)	29	5-10	5-6	3-11	2	4	15
Rice (G)	29	4-9	1-2	0-5	4	3	10
Jeppson (G)	33	4-10	2-2	0-0	1	1	11
Williams	9	0-4	0-0	3-3	0	1	0
Strandmark	18	4-6	0-0	3-7	0	1	8
Greene	11	1-2	0-0	0-1	1	0	3
Mazanowski	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0
Reid	16	2-3	0-0	0-2	0	2	4
Gillan	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	28-65	9-11	18-41	12	17	68

Team Pct.: FG - .431; FT - .818

3-Pt.: 3-9, .333 (Alexander 0-4, Rice 1-1, Jeppson 1-3, Greene 1-1)

Blocks: 2 (Strandmark 2)

Turnovers: 11 (Alexander 3, Bojang 4, Rice 1, Williams 1, Mazanowski 2)

Steals: 5 (Rice 2, Jeppson 1, Williams 1, Strandmark 1)

Officials: Randy McCall, Mark McMullen, Eric Anderson Attendance: 5.790

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 33, Indiana State 30

# GAME 17

### **Deren, Creighton Shoot Down Illinois State**

**OMAHA, Neb.** – Brody Deren went 7-10 from the field, notching 16 points and five blocked shots to lead Creighton past Illinois State, 63-56, in Missouri Valley Conference men's basketball action Wednesday in Omaha, Neb.

Illinois State (6-11, 2-4) was led by Baboucarr Bojang who had 15 points. Shawn Jeppson also reached double digits on the evening, scoring 14. Creighton improves to 10-5 overall and 5-1 in the Valley. McKinney ended the game with 10 points while Tyler Michael Lindeman also dished out 10.

After a solid and equal first half, the score was tied 31 all during the break. The game remained fairly even through the first ten minutes, until Creighton broke out to an eight point lead, its biggest of the game at the 10:16 mark. The Redbirds pulled to within one after a jumper by Jeppson with four minutes remaining, setting the score at 55-54.

The Bluejays pulled ahead, however, leading by three, 59-56, with just over a minute left in the game, Shedrick Ford had the chance to bring the Redbirds within one, but missed a jumper from the elbow of the key. The missed shot followed by two Redbird turnovers led to Tyler McKinney's three-point basket that put the Jays up by six, securing the win.

# Creighton 63, ILLINOIS STATE 56

January 16, 2002 • Omaha, Neb.

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	TΡ
Alexander (F)	34	3-7	0-0	0-3	3	1	8
Ford (F)	27	3-8	0-0	1-6	2	3	6
Bojang (C)	32	6-12	3-6	4-7	2	0	15
Rice (G)	35	4-7	0-0	0-1	6	1	8
Jeppson (G)	31	6-10	0-0	0-1	1	3	14
Williams	10	1-3	0-0	1-3	1	1	3
Strandmark	11	0-1	0-0	0-2	1	2	0
Greene	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Reid	15	1-3	0-0	0-2	0	2	2
Totals	200	24-51	3-6	9-29	17	13	56

Team Pct.: FG - .471; FT - .500

**3-Pt.:** 3-6, .500 (Alexander 2-5, Rice 0-1, Jeppson 2-3, Williams 1-1)

Blocks: 0

Turnovers: 19 (Alexander 3, Ford 5, Bojang 4, Rice 1,

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

Creighton	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	ΤР
Lindeman (F)	28	4-6	1-2	1-2	2	1	10
Korver (F)	30	2-6	1-2	0-2	5	4	6
Deren (C)	30	7-10	2-2	1-3	2	1	16
House (G)	17	1-6	0-0	0-1	1	3	2
McKinney (G)	24	4-5	0-0	0-3	3	0	12
Bowden	9	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
Caro	16	2-5	0-0	0-3	1	4	0
Dabbert	10	1-2	2-2	0-0	0	1	4
Taylor	17	1-5	0-0	0-2	3	0	3
Motz	9	0-2	0-0	1-3	0	0	0
Grimes	10	1-3	4-4	2-2	1	0	6
Totals	200	23-50	10-12	6-25	18	10	63

Team Pct.: FG - .460; FT - .833

**3-Pt.:** 7-17, .412 (Lindeman 1-1, Korver 1-5, McKinney 4-5, Caro 0-1, Taylor 1-3, Motz 0-2)

Blocks: 7 (Korver 1, Deren 5, Dabbert 1)

Turnovers: 15 (Lindeman 1, Korver 2, Deren 1, House 1, Bowden 2, Dabbert 2, Taylor 4, Motz 1, Grimes 1)

Steals: 12 (Lindeman 1, Korver 1, House 3, McKinney 1, Caro 3, Taylor 1, Motz 1, Grimes 1)

Officials: Eddie Jackson, Winston Stith, Terry Davis Attendance: 5,324

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 31, Creighton 31

# **GAME 18**

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