

# ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

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2001-02 BASKETBALL GAME NOTES

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# **2001-02 SCHEDULE**

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Date 11/1 11/11	Opponent (TV) ST. XAVIER (EX.) EA SPORTS (EX.)	Fime/Result W, 93-69 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	S	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	
1/7	WICHITA STATE*	W, 81-71
1/10	@ Drake*	L, 73-83
1/12	INDIANA STATE (ESPN2)*	
1/16	@ Creighton*	L, 56-63
1/19	SW MISSOURI STATE*	W, 61-60
1/23	@ Bradley* (WEEK)	W, 58-55
1/26	DRAKE*	W, 68-54
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* (W	MBD) 2:05
2/20	@ Wichita State*	7:05
2/23	@ Northern Iowa* (WMBD)	7:05
2/25	EVANSVILLE* (Valley-TV)	6:05

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

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

# ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (9-11, 5-4) vs. Northern Iowa Panthers (11-7, 6-3)

The Game: Jan. 30, 2002 • 7:05 p.m. (CST) • Redbird Arena (10,200) • Normal, Ill.

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**About The Game:** Illinois State is riding its longest winning streak of the season and has won four straight games at Redbird Arena. Northern lowa enters tonight's game with a 4-4 record on the road this season, including a 3-1 mark in league play. The Panthers are also coming off the heels of a 69-64 over Southern Illinois in Cedar Falls, lowa.

The Probable Starters: ppg					ppg	rpg	apg	
ILLING	ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (9-11, 5-4)							
F 2	Gregg Alexander	<i>6-4</i>	190	FrHS	Lincoln, III.	10.0	3.4	2.4
F 4	Dirk Williams	<i>6-8</i>	210	So1L	Pekin, III.	4.5	3.2	0.7
C 23	Baboucarr Bojang	<i>6-9</i>	205	JrTR	Greenville, S.C.	<i>13.7</i>	7.4	0.9
G 15	Randy Rice	<i>6-0</i>	175	Sr1L	Springfield, III.	5.5	2.8	3.6
G 21	Shawn Jeppson	6-2	175	Sr3L	Spring Valley, III.	11.1	1.6	1.7
Northe	ern Iowa Panthers (1	1-7, 6-	3)					
F 33	Aaron Middendorf	6-4	224	Sr3L	Caledonia, Minn.	8.9	5.2	1.8
C 42	David Gruber	6-7	217	SoTR	Solon, Iowa	<i>15.1</i>	7.8	0.9
G 12	Erik Smith	6-2	207	Sr1L	Missouri City, Texas	10.9	2.3	1.1
G 20	Robbie Sieverding	<i>5-11</i>	192	Sr2L	Bellevue, Iowa	18.6	4.6	3.6
G 21	Chris Foster	<i>5-10</i>	195	FrRS	Ironton, Mo.	12.3	2.2	2.9
NOTE – (*) indicates blocks per game.								

**The Coaches:** Tom Richardson is 40-40 in his third season at Illinois State. He is assisted by Chad Altadonna, Anthony Beane and Doug Novsek. Northern lowa is coached by Greg McDermott, who owns a 11-7 record in his first season with the Panthers. He is assisted by Kyle Green, Ben Jacobson and Ron Smith.

**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 Birds:** The Illinois State athletics web page, at www.redbirds.org, includes a direct links to yahoo.broadcast.com and www.wjbc.com to access the WJBC/Redbird Radio Network broadcasts. In addition, for home games, live stats are available.

Television: None.

# TALE OF THE TAPE

	ISU	UNI
W-L Record	9-11	11-7
ESPN/USA Today	UR	UR
AP Poll	UR	UR
Saragin Ranking	153	118
RPI	131	116
Points Scored	65.9	71.9
Points Allowed	68.8	71.8
Scoring Margin	-2.9	+0.1
FG Percentage	43.4	46.6
Def. FG Percentage	48.1	47.8
3-pt. Percentage	35.0	38.0
Def. 3-pt. Percentage	35.2	39.9
FT Percentage	76.1	71.1
Offensive Rebounds	10.4	9.1
Total Rebounds	31.1	30.1
Rebounding Margin	-1.5	-3.5
Assists	14.3	13.7
Turnover Average	15.2	13.9
Turnover Margin	+0.9	-1.2
Steal Average	6.8	6.9
Block Average	1.7	1.9
Fouls	18.1	18.5

# **WEEKLY MEDIA CONFERENCE**

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

- Monday, February 4
- Tuesday, February 12
- Tuesday, February 19
- Wednesday, February 27

# **WHAT'S BACK**

Here's a look at what Illinois State returned heading into the 2001-02 season by percentage in key statistical categories ...

Scoring	75%
Three-Point FG	88%
Rebounding	68%
Assists	77%
Steals	74%
Blocks	52%
Minutes	78%

Now here's what Illinois State returns without Tarise Bryson in the line-up ...

Scoring	44%
Three-Point FG	48%
Rebounding	47%
Assists	59%
Steals	51%
Blocks	37%
Minutes	55%

### About Northern Iowa

- Northern Iowa is located in Cedar Falls, Iowa, and enrolls 14,000 students. The Panthers are members of the Missouri Valley Conference.
- Head coach Greg McDermott is in his first season at his alma mater, Northern Iowa. He owns a
  11-7 record with the Panthers after serving as the head coach at North Dakota State for a season
  and Wayne State for six years. McDermott scored 1,033 career points with the Panthers and
  ranks 21st on UNI's all-time scoring chart.
- Northern lowa is 4-4 this season on the road, including 3-1 in conference play. The Panthers have posted wins at Bradley, Indiana State and Drake, while losing at Southern Illinois.
- Four players average double-digit scoring led by the league-leading scorer Robbie Sieverding.
   Sieverding drops 18.6 points per game and is shooting 45.4% from the floor and 34.7% from 3-point range.
   Only 35% of his shots are taken from behind the arc and he is averaging 16.6 points per league game.
- David Gruber is second on the club with 15.1 points per game and leads the team with 7.8 boards per contest. Gruber is shooting 64.6% from the field and is averaging 6.3 boards in league games.
- Chris Foster ranks third at 12.3 points per game and Erik Smith is fourth at 10.9. Both Foster and Smith are averaging more points in league games at 12.7 and 11.6 points, respectively.
- Aaron Middendorf is second in rebounding with 5.2 boards. He also chips in 8.9 points.
- The Panthers have eight players averaging nine minutes or more per game, but only five in league contests.
- The Panthers shoot behind the arc 36.6% of the time and average 7.3 made treys per game.
   Opponents are averaging 10.9 offensive rebounds per game against UNI.

### The Series

Today's game is the 35th meeting between the two schools. Illinois State leads the series 25-9 and has won the last three meetings. At Redbird Arena, Illinois State holds a 15-2 advantage, including victories in the last two games in Normal. Last season, the 'Birds dropped the Panthers 64-52 at Redbird Arena, before posting a 69-66 win at the UNI-Dome.

### **Driven By Ford Lately**

The Redbirds are winners in their last three thanks in a large part to **Shedrick Ford**. But Ford hasn't been pacing the 'Birds in his usual role. In all three games, Ford has played with emotion off the bench and is averaging 11.7 points per contest during the streak. In addition to scoring, Ford is getting to the free throw line. In three games, Ford is 17-for-18 from the charity stripe.

### A Larger Portion of Rice

In the last seven 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 is averaging 9.7 points per game during that span on 25-for-50 shooting. Not only has Rice been scoring, he also has 17 steals, 25 rebounds and 35 assists with only 13 turnovers.

# 60 Limit Strictly Enforced

In the last five games, the 'Birds have posted a 4-1 mark thanks to enforcing a 60-point limit on their opponents. In the five contests, the Redbirds have allowed their opponent to score more than 60 points just once – a 63-56 loss at Creighton. Otherwise Illinois State has four wins by holding Indiana State (56), Southwest Missouri State (60), Bradley (55) and Drake (54) to 60 points or less.

# The Word on the Streak

With three straight wins and four consecutive victories at Redbird Arena there is good reason why Illinois State basketball is a hot topic. In the three games, the 'Birds are shooting 45.3% from the floor and holding their foes to 40.5%, eight points below the season average. Illinois State is also shooting 44.4% on treys and 80.4% from the line during that span, while equalling its opponents rebounding total and committing one less turnover.

### Ah, There are the Comeback Wins

Through 17 games, the Redbirds had one victory (vs. Samford) in games in which they trailed at halftime. But second-half rallies against Southwest Missouri State and Bradley in the last two outings has boosted that win total to three. Last season, the 'Birds had 11 come-from-behind wins on their 21-9 campaign.

### 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 13 points against Drake, Jeppson currently owns 985 points for his career and only needs 15 more to become the 35th player in Illinois State history to reach the 1,000-point plateau.

### Redbird Rebounding is on the Rebound

In the last seven games, the 'Birds are 5-2 and own a +3.0 rebounding edge over their opponents which is a 180-degree turn from the first 13 games of the season. To open the campaign, the 'Birds started off 4-9 and had a -3.9 rebounding margin. The 'Birds biggest improvement on the glass has come on the offensive end, where they hold a 71-54 advantage over their foes in the last 7 games.

# Sending Out an S.O.S.

After being picked to win the conference and sitting with a 7-11 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. 43 toughest slate in the nation by Saragin Rankings and No. 63 by College RPI.

### FT Four-Peat ???

The Redbirds have opened the season shooting 76.1% from the charity stripe and are on a good start to eclipse 70% for a fourth straight season. ISU shot 72.8% from the free throw line last season, 74% in 1999-2000 and 73.5% in 1998-99. The Redbirds have not had a stretch of that length since it bettered 70% for a four-season span from 1982 through 1985.

### Sensational From the Stripe

Not only will the Redbirds 76.1% shooting from the free throw be four straight seasons at 70% or better, it currently ranks as the second-best percentage by an Illinois State team in school history. Only the 1983-84 team has shot better from the line at 77.4%.

### Freshman Trey-ning

True freshman **Gregg Alexander** is adjusting the next level nicely. In fact through 20 games, Alexander has 39 made 3-pointers, for an average of 2.0 per game. At this pace, Alexander will finish the regular season with 60 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 non-conference schedule was going to be challenging. As if the Redbirds 4-7 record wasn't enough proof, Illinois State's non-conference opponents have posted a 130-80 (.619) 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 ISU will be battling compression – of its Valley schedule. ISU will play its entire 18-game conference slate in 55 days from Jan. 2 to Feb. 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 24 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 six 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 scored double-digits in 15 straight games and in every game this season except three.

# THE LAST TIME THEY MET

### 'Birds Win at Northern Iowa, 69-66

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa – Tarise Bryson scored 20 points and Shawn Jeppson added 16 as Illinois State withstood a late rally to defeat Northern Iowa, 69-66, Saturday at the UNI Dome.

The victory coupled with Bradley's 69-55 loss at Wichita State moved the Redbirds back into a second-place tie with Bradley. The entire league completes regular season play Monday night.

At Northern Iowa, Illinois State (19-7, 11-6) led 32-27 at halftime, but opened the second half with a flurry. Four different Redbirds scored as ISU moved out to a 40-29 lead.

That was one of three 11-point leads Illinois State would enjoy over the remainder of the game. The gap narrowed when the homestanding Panthers nailed six of their last seven 3-point shots.

UNI (6-21, 3-13) had possession with 1.7 seconds remaining, but could not get a shot off.

Illinois State dominated on the glass, 42-29, with Bryson and Rich Beyers each garnering eight. The 'Birds shot 51.0% from the field and made the only three-point shot they attempted (by Shawn Jeppson).

# ILLINOIS STATE 69, Northern Iowa 66

February 24, 2001 • Cedar Falls, Iowa

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	TP
Jeppson (F)	33	6-8	3-5	0-5	1	1	16
Ford (F)	20	4-7	0-0	0-5	2	4	8
Beyers (C)	28	3-6	2-2	3-8	1	1	8
Bryson (G)	40	4-13	12-15	1-8	5	1	20
Rice (G)	28	4-10	0-2	1-4	5	0	8
Knight	18	4-5	1-2	2-3	2	1	9
Williams	12	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	2	0
Strandmark	3	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0
Mazanowski	10	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Hammock	8	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	2	0
Totals	200	25-49	18-26	9-42	17	13	69

**Team Pct.:** FG – .510; FT – .692 **3-Pt.:** 1-1, 1.000 (Jeppson 1-1)

Blocks: 5 (Bryson 1, Rice 1, Beyers 2, Knight 1)
Turnovers: 19 (Bryson 4, Rice 1, Jeppson 6, Ford 1,
Beyers 3, Williams 1, Strandmark 1, Hammock 2)

Steals: 7 (Bryson 3, Ford 2, Beyers 2)

N. Iowa	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	TP
Middendorf (F)	37	1-7	3-4	2-5	1	4	5
Hill (F)	15	3-7	0-0	1-4	0	3	6
Breakenridge (C)	39	5-11	2-6	3-10	1	5	12
Woodley (G)	40	2-6	0-0	0-1	10	3	5
Smith (G)	34	3-10	0-1	0-1	4	4	9
Warren	12	3-11	0-0	1-3	0	0	7
Coon	19	7-10	2-4	1-1	0	4	22
Morariu	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Wilde	0+	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Totals	200	24-62	7-15	9-28	16	23	66

Team Pct.: FG - .387; FT - .467

**3-Pt.:** 11-28 (Woodley 1-3, Smith 3-7, Middendorf 0-4, Hill 0-1, Warren 1-4, Coon 6-9)

Blocks: 4 (Woodley 1, Breakenridge 1, Warren 1, Morariu 1)

**Turnovers:** 11 (Woodley 2, Smith 2, Middendorf 5, Hill 1, Warren 1)

Steals: 10 (Wooley 6, Middendorf 1, Warren 1, Coon 2)

Officials: Ron Berkholtz, Randy McCall, Frank Spencer Attendance: 2,531

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 32, Northern Iowa 27

# **CHART CLIMBERS**

Career Scoring Leaders         1. Doug Collins (1970-73)       2,240         5. Bill Sarver (1951-54)       1,798         6. TARISE BRYSON (1998
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. SHAWN JEPPSON (1998-       125
<b>Career FT Made Leaders 1. TARISE BRYSON (1998</b>
Career FT Att. Leaders         1. Fred Marberry (1953-57)       756         2. Jerry McGreal (1965-68)       600         3. TARISE BRYSON (1998-       576
Career Steals       232         1. Ron Jones (1976-80)       232         2. Richard Thomas (1989-93)       174         3. Todd Wemhoener (1990-94)       163         4. Jamar Smiley (1994-98)       142         5. Michael McKinney (1981-85)       138         6. Rickie Johnson (1981-85)       129         TARISE BRYSON (1998-       129
Season Scoring Leaders         1. Doug Collins (1971-72)       847         2. Doug Collins (1970-71)       743         4. TARISE BRYSON (2000-01)       685         3. Doug Collins (1972-73)       650
<b>Season FT Made Leaders</b> 1. TARISE BRYSON (2000-01)
<b>Season FT Att. Leaders 1. TARISE BRYSON (2000-01)</b>

# **CAREER STARTS/GAMES**

		Illinoi	s St.
No.	Player	GP	GS
2	Gregg Alexander	20	20
4	Dirk Williams	49	11
5	Andy Strandmark	75	14
11	Vince Greene	20	2
12	Tarise Bryson	91	83
15	Randy Rice	50	47
21	Shawn Jeppson	107	39
23	Baboucarr Bojang	20	20
31	Chad Mazanowski	63	12
33	Shedrick Ford	50	42
34	Kenneth Hill	0	0
40	Casey Reid	20	2
44	Brett Gillan	28	0

### Picked to Win the League? Chances Are You Played Illinois State

ISU played 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.

### **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. Bryson dislocated his right wrist and suffered severe ligament damage to his shooting hand. Bryson underwent surgery the day after the game and will have a cast on for two more weeks, followed by four months of rehabilitation before resuming any basketball activity.

### **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. After hitting three treys against Drake, Jeppson stands in seventh place overall and needs two 3-pointers to surpass former Redbird Rickey Jackson and 15 to move ahead of Richard Thomas.

# 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 633 minutes, the most on the team, and coughed up only 29 turnovers. Alexander is averaging .046 turnovers per minute and 1.5 per game. He is second on the team in assists with 47 and is fourth on the club in scoring with 10.0 points per game. He ranks second in steals with 28.

### 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.

# **PLAYER UPDATES**

# #2 Gregg Alexander

# Freshman • F • 6-4 • 190

- Lincoln, III. (Lincoln)
- Last Game: 5 pts, 2-6 FG, 5 rebs, 34 min
- Only 29 turnovers in 633 minutes of play, but has 22 in the last nine games.
- Has hit 20 of his last 44 treys (.455).
- Had eighth career double digit effort with a gamehigh 16 points at Bradley.
- Scored a career-high 24 points in the overtime loss against Hofstra.
- Averages 31.7 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: 2 pts, 3 rebs, 11 min
- Against Drake (1/26), logged only 11 minutes after suffering a mild concussion.
- · Has started the last three games.
- Had biggest offensive output of the season with 13 points at Drake.
- Made 16 of his last 32 field goal attempts (.500).
- Has made all 24 of his free throw attempts this season.

# #5 Andy Strandmark

# Junior • C • 6-11 • 235

### Geneseo, III. (Darnall)

- Last Game: 2 pts, 2 rebs, 1-3 FG, 8 min
- Had eight points, seven boards and two blocks against Indiana State.
- Got only starting nod of the season vs. Creighton.
- · Battling a reoccurring stress fracture in right leg.

### #10 Kevin Troc

# Freshman • G • 6-4 • 185

# Lockport, III. (Lockport)

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

### #11 Vince Greene

### Sophomore • G • 5-9 • 160 Chicago, III. (Brother Rice)

- Last Game: 0 pts, 0-1 FG, 2 TO, 8 min
- Made last 18 free throw attempts.
- Has made 4 of his last 21 trey attempts (.190).
- After four straight double-digit scoring games, has been held in single digits for the last 11 contests on a combined 9-for-48 shooting (.188).

### #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: 17 pts, 6-11 FG, 4 ast, 32 min
- Tossed in a career-high 17 points vs. Drake (1/26).
- Scored 16 points against Wichita State, while posting career-highs in steals (6) and blocks (3).
- Pulled down a season-high 7 boards at Bradley, while dishing out a season-best 9 assists.
- Started every game except against UT-San Antonio.
- Shooting 29-for-58 (.500) over his last 10 games.
- Has made 7 of his last 14 treys (.500).
- · Has 29 assists in the last five games.
- · Grabbed 17 boards in last three games.

# #21 Shawn Jeppson

### Senior • G • 6-2 • 180

# Spring Valley, III. (Hall)

- Last Game: 13 pts, 3-5 3FG, 2 rebs, 3 asts, 35 min
- Scored a career-high 27 against Wichita State with 5-for-7 shooting on treys.
- Made 49 of his last 103 FG attempts (.476).
- Has hit 23 of his last 48 three-point attempts (.479).
- Left Illinois game after eight minutes with a moderate MCL sprain of his right knee.
- Has scored double-figures in 13 contests.
- · Made at least one trey in 35 of his last 39 games.

### #23 Baboucarr Bojang

# Junior • F • 6-9 • 205

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

- Last Game: 8 pts, 3 rebs, 1 blk, 3 stls, 31 min
- Ending two-game single-digit scoring streak with his sixth career double-double against Drake (14p,10r).
- Started all 20 games, scoring double figures in 17.
- 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.
- Has logged 30 or more minutes in 15 of 20 games.

# #31 Chad Mazanowski

# Senior • F • 6-6 • 225

### DeKalb, III. (DeKalb)

- Last Game: DNP Coach's Decision
- Has logged 48 minutes in 12 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: 15 4-6 FG, 7-8 FT, 4 reb, 27 min
- Has come off the bench to score double figures in the last two games (14 at Bradley, 15 vs. Drake).
- Started 15 games for the Redbirds, but hasn't started in the last three.
- Has hit 2 of his last 9 trey attempts (.222).
- · Sank 18-of-his-last-19 free throw attempts.
- Pulled down a season-best eight rebounds with 18 points in the season-opener against Weber State.

### #34 Kenneth Hill

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

- Last Game: DNP Coach's Decision
- · Late addition walk-on.
- · Has yet to see any game action this season.
- Averaged 13.6 points, 6.4 rebounds, 2.4 assists per game during his senior season at Naperville Central.
- Selected to the all-conference and all-area teams.

### #40 Casey Reid

### Junior • F • 6-7 • 205

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

- Last Game: 0 pts, 1 reb, 1 ast, 1 blk, 11 min
- Sank a free throw at the end of regulation to give the 'Birds a 61-60 win over SMS.
- In the last six games, scored 16 points on 7-for-14 shooting, grabbed 17 rebounds and averaging 14 minutes per contest.
- Two starting assignments on the season UT-Chattanooga and Illinois.
- Played a solid 17 minutes at Illinois with four points, five rebounds and two blocked shots.
- Tallied 44 points in the last 16 games, after totaling four in the first four contests.

### #44 Brett Gillan

### Junior • G • 6-4 • 185

### Normal, III. (Normal Community)

- Last Game: DNP Coach's Decision
- Walk-on that has seen action in six games.
- 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 Southern Illinois.

# **INDIVIDUAL SEASON AND CAREER HIGHS**

GREGG ALEXANDER – #2				
Season	Category	Career		
24 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01	Points	24 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01		
9 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01	Field Goals	9 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01		
6 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01	3-Pt. Field Goals	s 6 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01		
5 vs. Weber St., 11-16-01	Free Throws	5 vs. Weber St., 11-16-01		
7, twice	Rebounds	7, twice		
4, twice	Assists	4, twice		
4 at Chattanooga, 12-15-01	l 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, twice	Free Throws	8, twice
13 vs. C. Michigan, 12-9-01	Rebounds	13 vs. C. Michigan, 12-9-01
3 vs. Drake, 1-26-02	Assists	3 vs. Drake, 1-26-02
4 at Ga. Southern, 11-29-01	Steals	4 at Ga. Southern, 11-29-01
1, three times	Blocks	1, three times
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
8 at Bradley, 1-23-02	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, three times	Steals	3 vs. Evansville, 2-12-01
1, twice	Blocks	2 vs. UTSA, 12-17-00
38 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01	Minutes	46 at W. Illinois, 12-31-00

### **BRETT GILLAN - #44**

Season	Category	Career
None	Points	2, three times
None	Field Goals	1, three times
None	3-Pt. Field Goals	None
None	Free Throws	None
1 vs. Creighton, 1-2-02	Rebounds	1, four times
1 vs. Creighton, 1-2-02	Assists	1 vs. Creighton, 1-2-02
None	Steals	None
None	Blocks	None
4 vs. Creighton, 1-2-02	Minutes	4, twice

### VINCE GREENE - #11

Season	Category	Career
14 vs. Samford, 12-8-01	Points	14 vs. Samford, 12-8-01
4, three times	Field Goals	4, three times
2, four times	3-Pt. Field Goals	2, four times
8, twice	Free Throws	8, twice
2, three times	Rebounds	2, three times
5 at Illinois, 12-18-01	Assists	5 at Illinois, 12-18-01
2 vs. SMS, 1-19-02	Steals	2 vs. SMS, 1-19-02
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	Points	27 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02
9 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02	Field Goals	9 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02
5 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02	3-Pt. Field Goals	5 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02
4, three times	Free Throws	9 vs. Wichita St., 2-23-00
4 vs. Pittsburgh, 11-24-01	Rebounds	7 at Wichita St., 1-29-01
5, twice	Assists	9 at S. Illinois, 1-14-01
4 vs. Creighton, 1-2-02	Steals	4, twice
None	Blocks	2, three times
39 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01	Minutes	43 vs. Bradley, 2-8-00

### CHAD MAZANOWSKI - #31

Season	Category	Career
5, twice	Points 10	at Bowling Green, 12-1-99
2 vs. Pittsburgh, 11-24-01	Field Goals 4	at Bowling Green, 12-1-99
None	3-Pt. Field Goals	None
3 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01	Free Throws	3 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01
3 vs. Kent St., 12-22-01	Rebounds	8, three times
1, twice	Assists	1, seven times
1, twice	Steals	1, 13 times
None	Blocks	2, twice
12 vs. Pittsburgh, 11-24-0	Minutes	31 vs. Creighton, 2-5-00

### CASEY REID - #40

Season	Category	Career
8 at Ga. Southern, 11-29-01	Points	8 at Ga. Southern, 11-29-01
4 at Ga. Southern, 11-29-01	Field Goals	4 at Ga. Southern, 11-29-01
None 3	Pt. Field Goa	ls None
2 at UTSA, 12-1-01	Free Throws	2 at UTSA, 12-1-01
5, three times	Rebounds	5, three times
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, 11-29-01	Minutes	20 at Ga. Southern, 11-29-01

### RANDY RICE - #15

Season	Category	Career
17 vs. Drake, 1-26-02	Points	17 vs. Drake, 1-26-02
6 vs. Drake, 1-26-02	Field Goals	6 vs. Drake, 1-26-02
2 vs. Drake, 1-26-02	3-Pt. Field Goals	2 vs. Drake, 1-26-02
7 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02	Free Throws	7 vs. Wichita St., 1-7-02
7 at Bradley, 1-23-02	Rebounds	8 at Evansville, 2-12-01
9 at Bradley, 1-23-02	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 Goal	s 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
5 vs. SMS, 1-19-02	Field Goals	6 vs. Evansville, 3-3-01
1, three times	3-Pt. Field Goals	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**

			MVC		c	VE	RALL
		W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
1.	Creighton	8	1	.889	13	5	.722
2.	S. Illinois	7	2	.778	17	4	.810
3.	Northern Iowa	6	3	.667	11	7	.611
4.	Wichita State	5	4	.556	11	9	.550
	SW Missouri St.	5	4	.556	10	11	.476
	Illinois State	5	4	.556	9	11	.450
7.	Drake	3	6	.333	8	11	.421
8.	Bradley	3	6	.333	6	12	.333
9.	Indiana State	2	7	.222	4	14	.222
10.	Evansville	1	8	.111	4	14	.222
			(As	of 1/25	)		

# **2001-02 VALLEY RANKINGS**

### **TEAM**

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Scoring Offense	8th	65.9
Scoring Defense	5th	68.8
Scoring Margin	8th	2.9
Free Throw Pct	1st	
Field Goal Pct	8th	
FG Pct. Defense	. 10th	481
3-Point FG Pct	6th	349
3-Point FG Pct. Def	4th	
Rebounding Offense	9th	31.1
Rebounding Defense	2nd	32.6
Rebounding Margin	8th	1.5
Blocked Shots	9th	1.65
Assists	4th	14.30
Steals	3rd	6.80
Turnover Margin	4th	+0.85
Assist/Turnover Ratio	6th	0.94
Offensive Rebounds	7th	10.35
Defensive Rebounds	. 10th	20.75
3-Point Field Goals Made	8th	5.45

# INDIVIDUAL

INDIVIDUAL				
SCORING				
Baboucarr Bojang 10th 13.6				
REBOUNDING				
Baboucarr Bojang 6th 7.3				
ASSISTS				
Randy Rice 3rd 3.60				
STEALS				
Randy Rice 3rd 1.55				
Gregg Alexander 7th 1.40				
3-POINT FG MADE				

ASSIST/TURNOVER RATIO				
Randy Rice	4th	1.67		
OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS				
Baboucarr Bojang	9th	2.50		
DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS				
Baboucarr Bojang	5th	4.80		

Gregg Alexander ...... t8th ...... 1.95

# **VALLEY PRESEASON POLL**

		1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	7	8	9	<u>10</u>	<b>Total</b>
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	<b>1</b> —	_	_	_	1	_	1	_	3	25	41

# **CLUTCH FREE THROWS**

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

	FTM	FTA	PCT
Williams	2	2	1.000
Greene	10	12	.833
Jeppson	10	13	.769
Mazanowski	5	7	.714
Ford	7	10	.700
Rice	9	13	.692
Reid	2	3	.667
Bojang	16	25	.640
Alexander	4	7	.571
Strandmark	2	4	.500
Total	67	96	.698

# **SHOOTING BREAKDOWN**

	Illinois St.	Орр.
FG Pct., 1st Half	225-529 (42.5%)	248-502 (49.4%)
FG Pct., 2nd Half	248-558 (44.4%)	261-545 (47.9%)
3FG Pct., 1st Half	46-151 (30.5%)	62-170 (36.5%)
3FG Pct., 2nd Half	63-160 (39.4%)	55-161 (34.2%)
FT Pct., 1st Half	95-124 (76.6%)	89-130 (68.5%)
FT Pct., 2nd Half	162-213 (76.1%)	144-205 (70.2%)
FG Pct., Home	201-456 (44.1%)	210-458 (45.9%)
FG Pct., Away	210-476 (44.1%)	223-444 (50.2%)
FG Pct., Neutral	63-161 (39.1%)	78-161 (48.4%)
3FG Pct., Home	49-130 (37.7%)	53-156 (34.0%)
3FG Pct., Away	44-136 (32.4%)	48-133 (36.1%)
3FG Pct., Neutral	16-46 (34.8%)	16-43 (37.2%)
FT Pct., Home	148-191 (77.5%)	92-135 (68.1%)
FT Pct., Away	71-97 (73.2%)	118-164 (72.0%)
FT Pct., Neutral	42-55 (76.4%)	27-42 (64.3%)

# **BENCH SCORING**

Weber State
vs. UC-Irvine
vs. Pittsburgh
vs. Hofstra 5-30
at Georgia Southern
at UT-San Antonio
Samford
Central Michigan
at Chattanooga 14-20
at Illinois
Kent State 30-18
Creighton
at Southern Illinois
Wichita State 4-24
at Drake
Indiana State 15-14
at Creighton 5-17
Southwest Missouri St
at Bradley 18-19
Drake 17-17
Northern Iowa
at Southwest Missouri St.
Bradley
at Indiana State
at Evansville
Southern Illinois
at Wichita State
at Northern Iowa
Evansville
Total 358-368

# THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

INDIVIDUAL
A player scored 40 points  ILLINOIS ST Tarise Bryson (41) at C. Michigan, 12-3-00  Opponent Anthony Roberts (48), Oral Roberts, 1-6-75
A player scored 30 points  ILLINOIS ST Tarise Bryson (38) at Purdue, 3-15-01  Opponent Jermaine Boyette (31), Weber St., 11-16-01
A player grabbed 20 rebounds  ILLINOIS ST Ron deVries (24) vs. Pacific, 1-19-74  Opponent Anthony Bonner (21), St. Louis, 2-6-90
A player grabbed 15 rebounds  ILLINOIS ST Shedrick Ford (15) vs. Bradley, 2-6-01  Opponent Joshua Cross (17), S. Illinois, 2-12-00
A player had a double-double  ILLINOIS ST B. Bojang (14p, 10r) vs. Drake, 1-26-02  Opponent Mike Wallace (14p, 13r), SMS, 1-19-02
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 ...

. Tarise Bryson (12-15) at Purdue, 3-14-01 . Devin Brown (10-13) at UTSA, 12-1-01
 ee throw attempts Tarise Bryson (12-15) at Purdue, 3-14-01

#### Opponent ...... .... Aaron Thomas (14-15), Drake, 1-17-00

A player had 10 assists					
ILLINOIS ST	Randy Rice (13) vs. Evansville, 2-12-01				
Opponent	Jeremy Stanton (15), Evansville, 3-3-01				

### A player had five steals ...

ILLINOIS ST	. Randy Rice (6), vs	s. Wichita State, 1-7-02
Opponent	. Jerry Green (5), U	C-Irvine, 11-23-01

### A player blocked five shots ...

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

	INDIVIDUAL
A team scored 100	) points
ILLINOIS ST	vs. Southern Illinois (105), 1-10-98
Opponent	vs. Oklahoma (112), 12-28-90
A team made 35 fi	eld goals
ILLINOIS ST	at Southern Illinois (35-53), 2-28-98
Opponent	vs. UT-San Antonio (35-65), 12-17-00
A team had 75 fiel	d goal attempts
ILLINOIS ST	vs. Lewis (78), 12-2-92
Opponent	vs. Akron (27-80), 11-20-98
A team shot 50 pe	rcent 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 (11-24), 1-26-02
A team had 20 3-p	oint field goal attempts
ILLINOIS ST	at Drake (8-27), 1-10-02
Opponent	at Drake (11-24), 1-26-02
A team shot 50 pe	rcent on 3-pointers
ILLINOIS ST	vs. Drake (.500, 6-12), 1-26-02
Opponent	vs. Creighton (.500, 4-8), 1-2-02
A team made 30 fr	ee 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), 11-25-0
Opponent	na

# A team had 15 steals ...

### ILLINOIS ST. .....vs. Weber State (15), 11-16-01 **Opponent** ..... at Creighton (18), 12-12-99

### A team had blocked 10 shots ...

ILLINOIS	ST.	 10 vs.	Evansville,	1-17-7
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# Opponent ..... na

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

Overall9-11	ISU Scores 60 or More	7-6
Missouri Valley Conference 5-4	ISU Scores less than 60	2-5
Playing Nationally Ranked Teams 0-1	Opponent Scores 100 or More	0-0
Leading at the Half 6-0	Opponent Scores 90 or More	0-0
Trailing at the Half 3-10	Opponent Scores 80 or More	0-5
Tied at the Half 0-1	Opponent Scores 70 or More	2-8
_eading with 5:00 to Play 8-0	Opponent Scores 60 or More	4-11
Trailing with 5:00 to Play1-11	Opponent Scores less than 60	5-0
Tied with 5:00 to Play 0-0	In Games Decided by 5 or less	3-1
n Overtime 0-1	In Games Decided by 6-10 Points	3-3
SU out-rebounds opponent 3-3	In Games Decided by 11-20 Points	3-6
Opponents out-rebounds ISU 5-8	In Games Decided by 21+ Points	0-1
SU has 15 or fewer Turnovers 5-6	Day Games	4-5
SU has fewer Turnovers than opp 7-5	Night Games	5-6
SU shoots 50 Percent or Better 1-1	Home Court	7-2
SU shoots 40 Percent or Better 8-7	Away Games	1-7
Opponents shoot less than 40 Percent 3-0	Neutral Games	1-2
Opponents shot 40 Percent or Better 6-10	When ISU Scores First	3-2
SU shoots better than Opponent 3-2	When ISU Wins Tip	4-6
Opponent shoots better than ISU 5-9	In November	2-4
SU has more FG Attempts 5-7	In December	2-4
Opponent has more FG Attempts 3-4	In January	5-3
SU Shoots better than 35% on 3's 5-5	In February	0-0
SU Attempts more 3's 4-5	In March	0-0
Opponents Attempt more 3's 5-5	On Sunday	1-1
SU has more FT Attempts 6-4	On Monday	1-0
Opponent has more FT Attempts 3-7	On Tuesday	0-1
SU Scores 100 or More 0-0	On Wednesday	1-2
SU Scores 90 or More 0-0	On Thursday	0-2
SU Scores 80 or More 1-2	On Friday	2-0
SU Scores 70 or More 3-5	On Saturday	4-5

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

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

Northern Iowa

at SMS

Bradley at Indiana St. at Evansville

S. Illinois

Evansville

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at Indiana St.

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at Wichita St

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at SMS

Bradley

at Wichita St. at N. Iowa

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
SMS	14-1-3*	0-0-0	3-5-0	8-4-6*	1-5-0	10-6-1*
at Bradley	7-2-0*	DNP	0-2-0	5-7-9*	2-2-0	4-3-2*
Drake	13-2-3*	DNP	0-1-1	17-6-4*	2-2-0	2-3-0*

### **SUPERLATIVES**

### STARTING LINEUPS - F, F, C, G, G (8):

- 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 Creighton
- 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
- Alexander, Williams, Bojang, Rice, Jeppson (3-0)
   (W) SMS, at Bradley, Drake

### FIRST SUBSTITUTION:

Williams 7, Jeppson 4, Reid 3, Greene 3, Strandmark 2, Rice 1

#### FIRST POINTS:

Bojang 11, Ford 3, Rice 2, Williams 1, Reid 1, Jeppson 1, Alexander 1

### **DOUBLE-DIGIT SCORERS (56):**

Bojang 17, Jeppson 13, Ford 10, Alexander 8, Greene 5, Williams 4, Rice 3

### **DOUBLE-DIGIT REBOUNDING (6):**

Bojang 6

### LEADING SCORER:

Bojang 7, Jeppson 4, Alexander 4, Ford 3, Greene 1, Rice 1

### LEADING REBOUNDER:

Bojang 14, Strandmark 2, Williams 2, Ford 1, Rice 1

# DOUBLE-DOUBLES (6):

Bojang 6

### **DUNKS (13):**

Bojang 9, Mazanowski 3, Strandmark 1

### **CHARGES DRAWN (17):**

Ford 6, Williams 5, Rice 5, Jeppson 4, Bojang 3, Reid 3, Alexander 3, Strandmark 2, Greene 2

### 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 Gregg Alexander at Bradley, 1-23-02
- 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 Shawn Jeppson vs. Drake, 1-26-02
- 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 Gregg Alexander vs. Drake, 1-26-02 Baboucarr Bojang vs. Drake, 1-26-02

						2001-	02 GAM	IE-BY-GAME						
	Final	FG	FG%	3FG	3%	FT	FT%	O-D-T Reb.	Fouls	Assists	Turnovers	Blocks	Steals	Halftime
Weber State @Illinois State (1-0)	70 <b>74</b>	26-56 <b>23-57</b>	46.4% <b>40.4%</b>	6-14 <b>4-20</b>	42.9% <b>20.0%</b>	12-19 <b>24-28</b>	63.2% <b>85.7%</b>	14-25-39 <b>9-22-31</b>	22 <b>22</b>	9 <b>16</b>	24 <b>19</b>	5 <b>2</b>	9 <b>15</b>	31 <b>35</b>
Illinois State (2-0)	58	21-49	42.9%	6-15	40.0%	10-11	90.0%	6-22-28	16	13	16	0	6	26
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)	46	12-45	26.7%	1-11	9.1%	21-28	75.0%	9-20-29	16	8	15	0	6	20
Illinois State (2-2) vs. Hofstra	<b>80</b> 82	<b>30-67</b> 33-65	<b>44.8%</b> 50.8%	<b>9-20</b> 7-19	<b>45.0%</b> 36.8%	<b>11-16</b> 9-13	<b>68.8%</b> 69.2%	<b>13-19-32</b> 16-25-41	<b>18</b> 18	<b>25</b> 19	<b>19</b> 24	<b>1</b> 9	<b>6</b> 8	<b>39</b> 52
Illinois State (2-3) @ Georgia Southern	<b>76</b> 87	<b>29-65</b> 34-57	<b>44.6%</b> 59.6%	<b>7-24</b> 5-12	<b>29.2%</b> 41.7%	<b>11-15</b> 14-18	<b>73.3%</b> 77.8%	<b>15-17-32</b> 6-25-31	<b>18</b> 13	<b>15</b> 22	<b>13</b> 12	<b>1</b> 4	<b>4</b> 4	<b>40</b> 48
Illinois State (2-4) @ UT-San Antonio	<b>82</b> 88	<b>31-61</b> 31-64	<b>50.8%</b> 48.4%	<b>8-17</b> 4-17	<b>47.1%</b> 23.5%	<b>12-17</b> 22-31	<b>70.6%</b> 71.0%	<b>4-25-29</b> 12-30-42	<b>25</b> 19	<b>15</b> 18	<b>18</b> 16	<b>2</b> 5	<b>4</b> 10	<b>32</b> 42
@ U1-San Antonio	- 00	31-04	46.4%	4-17	23.5%	22-31	71.0%	12-30-42	19	10	10		10	42
Samford  @ Illinois State (3-4)	54 <b>65</b>	20-36 <b>22-47</b>	55.6% <b>46.8%</b>	7-21 <b>4-12</b>	33.3% <b>33.3%</b>	7-10 <b>17-23</b>	70.0% <b>73.9%</b>	3-22-25 <b>6-14-20</b>	17 <b>13</b>	13 <b>16</b>	25 <b>11</b>	0 <b>1</b>	2 <b>10</b>	27 <b>23</b>
@ IIIInois State (3-4)		22-41	40.6%	4-12				6-14-20						-
Central Michigan  @ Illinois State (4-4)	63 <b>72</b>	21-56 <b>22-42</b>	37.5% <b>52.4%</b>	5-21 <b>3-9</b>	23.8% <b>33.3%</b>	16-20 <b>25-61</b>	80.0% <b>80.6%</b>	11-15-26 <b>8-27-35</b>	26 <b>22</b>	8 <b>14</b>	15 <b>20</b>	4 <b>0</b>	13 <b>4</b>	14 <b>36</b>
Ilinois State (4-5) @ Chattanooga	<b>59</b> 70	<b>24-67</b> 24-50	<b>35.8%</b> 48.0%	<b>2-13</b> 5-12	<b>15.4%</b> 41.7%	<b>9-12</b> 17-22	<b>75.0%</b> 77.3%	<b>15-20-35</b> 11-28-39	<b>20</b> 18	<b>14</b> 13	<b>13</b> 20	<b>2</b> 7	<b>7</b> 7	<b>26</b> 36
Illinois State (4-6) @ #7 Illinois	<b>73</b> 87	<b>30-71</b> 34-64	<b>42.3%</b> 53.1%	<b>4-20</b> 7-24	<b>20.0%</b> 29.2%	<b>9-13</b> 12-22	<b>69.2%</b> 54.5%	<b>17-20-37</b> 13-25-38	<b>21</b> 15	<b>15</b> 20	<b>10</b> 12	<b>4</b> 5	<b>3</b> 8	<b>37</b> 32
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Kent State Illinois State (4-7)	61 <b>48</b>	23-56 <b>15-40</b>	41.1% <b>37.5%</b>	6-20 <b>7-17</b>	30.0% <b>41.2%</b>	9-11 <b>11-17</b>	81.8% <b>64.7%</b>	13-22-35 <b>8-22-30</b>	19 <b>16</b>	11 <b>13</b>	11 <b>19</b>	1 1	5 <b>1</b>	29 <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)	62	22-54	40.7%	5-19	26.3%	13-19	68.4%	12-14-26	16	10	15	0	14	31
Illinois State (4-9, 0-2) Southern Illinois	<b>58</b> 79	<b>24-55</b> 31-70	<b>43.6%</b> 44.3%	<b>3-8</b> 5-19	<b>37.5%</b> 26.3%	<b>7-11</b> 12-17	<b>63.6%</b> 70.6%	<b>14-22-36</b> 20-18-38	<b>19</b> 16	<b>9</b> 16	<b>24</b> 11	<b>3</b> 8	<b>6</b> 8	<b>31</b> 43
Wichita State	71 <b>81</b>	25-50	50.0%	8-21	38.1%	13-17	76.5%	10-25-35	21 <b>17</b>	10 <b>15</b>	22 <b>10</b>	7 <b>3</b>	8 <b>12</b>	26 <b>29</b>
Illinois State (5-9, 1-2)	01	26-55	47.3%	10-16	62.5%	19-24	79.2%	8-18-26	17	15	10		12	29
<b>Ilinois State (5-10, 1-3)</b> Drake	<b>73</b> 83	<b>28-63</b> 26-46	<b>44.4%</b> 56.5%	<b>8-27</b> 11-23	<b>29.6%</b> 47.8%	<b>9-10</b> 20-23	<b>90.0%</b> 87.0%	<b>17-19-36</b> 2-19-21	<b>20</b> 13	<b>15</b> 20	<b>13</b> 7	<b>1</b> 1	<b>3</b> 7	<b>32</b> 36
ndiana State Ilinois State (6-10, 2-3)	56 <b>68</b>	24-49 <b>28-65</b>	49.0% <b>43.1%</b>	2-14 <b>3-9</b>	14.3% <b>33.3%</b>	6-16 <b>9-11</b>	37.5% <b>81.8%</b>	9-21-30 <b>18-23-41</b>	14 <b>17</b>	14 <b>12</b>	12 <b>11</b>	5 <b>2</b>	7 5	30 <b>33</b>
mmois State (0-10, 2-3)	00	20-00	43.1%	3-9	33.3%	9-11	01.0%	10-23-41	17	12	11		<u> </u>	აა
Ilinois State (6-11, 2-4) Creighton	<b>56</b> 63	<b>24-51</b> 23-50	<b>47.1%</b> 46.0%	<b>5-10</b> 7-17	<b>50.0%</b> 41.2%	<b>3-6</b> 10-12	<b>50.0%</b> 83.3%	<b>9-20-29</b> 6-19-25	<b>13</b> 10	<b>17</b> 18	<b>19</b> 15	<b>0</b> 7	<b>10</b> 12	<b>31</b> 31
Southwest Missouri State	60 <b>61</b>	23-58 <b>23-51</b>	39.7% <b>45.1%</b>	4-13 <b>7-16</b>	30.8% <b>43.8%</b>	10-10 <b>8-13</b>	100.0% <b>61.5%</b>	12-23-35 <b>7-24-31</b>	17 <b>15</b>	9 <b>14</b>	10 <b>13</b>	3 <b>6</b>	4 <b>4</b>	29 <b>22</b>
Ilinois State (8-11, 4-4)	<b>58</b> 55	<b>20-43</b> 20-43	<b>46.5%</b> 46.5%	<b>7-17</b> 4-9	<b>41.2%</b> 44.4%	<b>11-13</b> 11-19	<b>84.6%</b> 57.9%	<b>5-19-24</b> 8-20-28	<b>19</b> 15	<b>17</b> 12	<b>14</b> 16	1 3	<b>8</b> 7	<b>26</b> 28
Orake	54 <b>68</b>	17-47 <b>20-45</b>	36.2% <b>44.4%</b>	11-24 <b>6-12</b>	45.8% <b>50.0%</b>	9-16 <b>22-25</b>	56.3% <b>88.0%</b>	7-20-27 <b>7-28-35</b>	17 <b>19</b>	12 <b>13</b>	14 13	2 3	2 8	23 <b>29</b>

### **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

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

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

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

Blocks: 2 (Ausley, Mikal)

Turnovers: 23 (Ausley 3, Mikal 3, Brown 1, Telander 2, Dodson 3, Watson 4, Hampton 3, Rojas 2, Hillock 1) Steals: 8 (Ausley 1, Mikal 1, Brown 1, Telander 1,

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

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

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

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

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

Turnovers: 15 (Williams 1, Ford 1, Bojang 2, Bryson 5,

Rice 1, Jeppson 3, Reid 2)

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

Officials: Todd Burchyett, Charlie Balunek and Brian Roberson

Attendance: 4.759

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 51, St. Xavier 27

### **EXHIBITION 2**

### **Bryson. Ford Lead Redbirds** to 98-64 Exhibition Win

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

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

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

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG - .383; FT - .591

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

Fountain 2-5, Mobley 0-3) Blocks: 2 (Jackson 1, Mobley 1)

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

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

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	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 lavup by Ford and a Shawn Jeppson trey. The 'Birds took their first lead of the game at the four minute mark on another Jeppson three-pointer as ISU took a 35-31 lead into the half.

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

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

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

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

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

Blocks: 2 (Ford 1, Strandmark 1)

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

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

Officials: Ron Berkholtz, Sam Banks, David Warfel

Attendance: 6.846

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 35, Weber St. 31

# **GAME 2**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### ILLINOIS STATE 58, UC-Irvine 52

November 23, 2001 • Moon Township, Pa.

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

Team Pct.: FG - .429: FT - .909

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

Blocks: 0

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG - .465; FT - .533

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

Blocks: 2 (Harris 1, Parada 1)

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

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

Officials: Jeff Bryant, Robert Adams, James Julian Attendance: 1.824

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 26, UC-Irvine 21

# **GAME 3**

### **Shooting Woes, Pitt Down Redbirds**

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

Illinois State (2-1) struggled from the floor en route to making only 12 field goals and shooting 1-for-11 on 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.

### Pittsburgh 65, ILLINOIS STATE 46

November 24, 2001 • Moon Township, Pa.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG - .267; FT - .750

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

Blocks: 0

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

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

Officials: John Hughes, Robert Adams, Dwayne Gladden

Attendance: 1,349

Halftime Score: Pittsburgh 32, ILLINOIS STATE 20

### **GAME 4**

### Illinois State Falls to Hofstra in Overtime

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

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

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

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

### Hofstra 82, ILLINOIS STATE 80

November 25, 2001 • Moon Township, Pa.

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

Team Pct.: FG - .448; FT - .688

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

Blocks: 1 (Bojang 1)

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

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

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

Team Pct.: FG - .508; FT - .692

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

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	ΤP
Alexander (F)	30	3-11	0-1	3-5	2	1	7
Ford (F)	28	3-9	4-6	3-5	0	1	11
Bojang (C)	26	6-11	2-2	4-10	1	3	14
Rice (G)	23	1-6	0-0	1-2	3	1	2
Jeppson (G)	30	7-13	2-3	1-1	2	3	19
Williams	8	0-2	0-0	1-2	0	0	0
Strandmark	12	1-1	1-1	1-2	2	2	3
Greene	21	4-6	2-2	0-2	4	5	12
Mazanowski	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Reid	20	4-6	0-0	1-3	1	1	8
Totals	200	29-65	11-15	15-32	15	18	76

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

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

Blocks: 1 (Strandmark 1)

Turnovers: 13 (Bojang 2, Ford 2, Rice 1, Jeppson 1,

Williams 1, Greene 4, Reid 2)

Steals: 4 (Bojang 4)

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

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

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

1, Cox 0-1)

Blocks: 4 (Latham 3, Cox 1)

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

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

Officials: Jamie Luckie, Tony Brown, Billy Dunlap

Attendance: 1,465

Halftime Score: Ga. Southern 48, ILLINOIS STATE 40

### **GAME 6**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### UT-San Antonio 88, ILLINOIS STATE 82

December 1, 2001 • San Antonio, Texas

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

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

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

Blocks: 2 (Reid 1, Strandmark 1)

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

Steals: 4 (Alexander 2, Rice 2)

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

**Team Pct.:** FG – .484; FT – .710

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

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

Turnovers: 16 (Minnieweather 1, President 2, Brown 2, Powers 4, Akotaobi 3, Briggs 1, Havens 2, Watkins 1) Steals: 10 (Minnieweather 2, President 2, Brown 2, Powers 1, Akotaobi 2, Watkins 1)

Officials: Steve, Carey, David Stevens, Jay Darien

Attendance: 2,240

Halftime Score: UTSA 42, ILLINOIS STATE 32

### GAME 7

### Second-Half Defense Spurs Redbirds Past Samford

NORMAL, III. – Vince Greene's career-high 14 points led three Redbirds in double figures scoring as Illinois State stopped Samford 65-54 Saturday at Redbird 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	TP
Mills (F)	28	2-5	0-0	0-3	2	1	6
Green (F)	26	3-6	0-0	1-2	2	5	6
Ramelli (C)	31	7-7	0-0	0-3	1	4	14
Weaver (G)	37	2-4	2-4	0-4	2	1	7
Felton (G)	35	2-5	3-4	0-6	1	2	8
Harper	24	3-6	2-2	1-2	3	1	10
Gardner	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	0
Boerjan	9	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	3
Dorsey	6	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Totals	200	20-36	7-10	3-25	13	17	54

 $\textbf{Team Pct.:} \ \mathsf{FG}-.556; \ \mathsf{FT}-.700$ 

**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	TP
Williams (F)	32	3-6	4-4	0-1	2	2	10
Ford (F)	26	3-7	0-0	2-2	1	3	6
Bojang (C)	32	6-12	1-3	2-5	1	3	13
Alexander (G)	34	2-6	0-2	0-3	4	0	5
Rice (G)	19	1-3	4-4	0-0	3	0	6
Strandmark	4	2-2	0-0	0-0	3	0	6
Greene	23	2-4	8-10	1-1	4	1	14
Jeppson	19	2-6	0-0	0-2	1	3	5
Reid	11	1-1	0-0	0-3	0	1	2
Totals	200	22-47	17-23	6-20	16	13	65

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

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

Blocks: 1 (Williams 1)

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

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

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

Mayhood Attendance: 6,222

Halftime Score: Samford 27, ILLINOIS STATE 23

# **GAME 8**

### Bojang Leads Illinois State Past Central Michigan

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

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

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

### ILLINOIS STATE 72, Central Michigan 63 December 9, 2001 • Normal, 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	TP
Williams (F)	12	0-2	2-2	0-1	1	2	2
Ford (F)	21	5-10	4-6	1-3	1	4	15
Bojang (C)	36	8-8	4-7	4-13	0	2	20
Alexander (G)	33	1-3	4-4	1-4	4	1	7
Rice (G)	26	3-3	1-2	0-4	2	2	7
Strandmark	11	2-2	0-0	1-1	0	2	4
Greene	21	1-5	8-8	0-1	3	2	11
Jeppson	26	2-8	2-2	0-1	1	4	6
Reid	14	0-1	0-0	0-4	2	3	0
Totals	200	22-42	25-31	8-35	14	22	72

Team Pct.: FG - .524; FT - .806

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

Blocks: 0

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

Officials: Gerry Pollard, Frank Spencer, Sam Banks

Attendance: 5,078

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 36, C. Michigan 14

# GAME 9

### Chattanooga Defeats Illinois State, 70-59

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

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

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

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

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

### Chattanooga 70, ILLINOIS STATE 59

December 15, 2001 • Chattanooga, Tenn.

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

**Team Pct.:** FG – .358; FT – .750

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

Blocks: 2 (Williams 2)

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

Greene 3, Jeppson 1)

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

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

Team Pct.: FG - .480; FT - .773

**3-Pt.:** 5-12, .417 (Young 4-7, Parker 1-2, Spaulding 0-3) **Blocks:** 7 (Ashby 4, Benson 1, Pullian 1, Harris 1) **Turnovers:** 20 (Ashby 5, McCully 5, Young 5, Benson 2,

Pullian 2, Parker 1)

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

Officials: Tony Greene, David Elliot, Keith Maxwell

Attendance: 2,130

Halftime Score: Chattanooga 36, ILLINOIS STATE 26

# **GAME 10**

### Illini Downs Illinois State, 87-73

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

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

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

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

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

### #7 Illinois 87, ILLINOIS STATE 73

December 18, 2001 • Champaign, III.

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

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

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

Blocks: 4 (Reid 2, Williams 1, Strandmark 1)
Turnovers: 10 (Bojang 1, Ford 1, Reid 2, Alexander 1,
Rice 2. Williams 1, Strandmark 1, Greene 1)

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

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

**Team Pct.:** FG - .531; FT - .545

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

Blocks: 5 (Cook 2, Head 1, Krupalija 1, Smith 1)
Turnovers: 12 (Cook 3, Bradford 2, Williams 1, Head 3,

Ferguson 1, Krupalija 1, Smith 1)

Steals: 8 (Williams 4, Head 4)

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

Attendance: 16,500

Halftime Score: Illinois 37, ILLINOIS STATE 32

# **GAME 11**

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

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

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

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

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

#### Kent State 61. ILLINOIS STATE 48

December 22, 2001 • Normal, III.

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

Team Pct.: FG - .411; FT - .818

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

Blocks: 1 (Gates 1)

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

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

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	TP
Alexander (F)	23	1-3	0-1	0-4	1	1	2
Williams (F)	10	0-2	0-0	1-1	0	3	0
Bojang (C)	31	4-8	3-4	2-6	0	4	11
Greene (G)	20	8-0	2-2	0-0	4	0	2
Rice (G)	23	1-1	0-0	0-0	4	1	3
Strandmark	23	2-5	2-3	2-7	0	0	6
Jeppson	27	4-7	0-0	0-1	0	0	12
Mazanowski	5	0-0	0-0	3-3	0	1	0
Ford	27	2-5	3-4	0-1	4	4	9
Reid	10	1-1	1-3	0-2	0	2	3
Gillan	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	15-40	11-17	8-30	13	16	48

Team Pct.: FG - .375: FT - .647

**3-Pt.:** 7-17, .412 (Alexander 0-2, Greene 0-4, Rice 1-1,

Jeppson 4-7, Ford 2-3)

Blocks: 1 (Reid 1)

Turnovers: 19 (Alexander 1, Williams 1, Bojang 1, Greene 3, Rice 4, Strandmark 1, Ford 5, Reid 3)

Steals: 1 (Mazanowski 1)

Officials: Dave Draucker, Joe Ponsetto, Brian

Roberson **Attendance:** 4,802

Halftime Score: Kent State 29, ILLINOIS STATE 18

### GAME 12

# **Redbirds Fall Short to Creighton**

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

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

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

### Creighton 76, ILLINOIS STATE 62

January 2, 2002 • Normal, III.

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

**Team Pct.:** FG - .620; FT - .625

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

Blocks: 1 (Dabbert 1)

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

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

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

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

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

Blocks: None

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

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

Officials: Randy McCall, Bert Smith, Mark McMullen

Attendance: 5,182

Halftime Score: Creighton 32, ILLINOIS STATE 31

# **GAME 13**

### **Southern Illinois Cruises Past Illinois State**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Blocks:** 8 (Dearman 1, Roberts 3, Brooks 3, Korn 1) **Turnovers:** 11 (Dearman 1, Roberts 2, Belcher 2,

Hairston 1, Williams 1, Korn 1, McGlown 1, Ward 2) **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	ΤP
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	TP
Alexander (F)	33	5-8	0-1	0-2	2	1	13
Ford (F)	29	2-8	1-2	3-6	2	3	6
Bojang (C)	30	4-12	7-7	1-7	1	4	15
Rice (G)	35	4-8	7-9	0-0	3	2	16
Jeppson (G)	37	9-15	4-4	1-3	3	1	27
Williams	17	1-3	0-0	2-3	0	2	2
Strandmark	4	1-1	0-1	0-0	0	2	2
Greene	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Reid	10	0-0	0-0	0-1	3	2	0
Totals	200	26-55	19-24	8-26	15	17	81

**Team Pct.:** FG - .473; FT - .792

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

Blocks: 3 (Rice 3)

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

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

Officials: John Higgins, Mike Sanzere, Steve Olson

Attendance: 4,776

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 29, Wichita State 26

# **GAME 15**

### 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	TP
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	TP
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)

 $\label{eq:officials:} \textbf{ Eddie Jackson, Glenn Mayborg, Tom O'Neill, Jr.}$ 

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 double-double 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 three-point 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	TP
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

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

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

Creighton	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	ΤP
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**

### **Illinois State Defeats SMS in Thriller**

NORMAL, III. – Casey Reid sunk a free throw with no time remaining on the clock to give Illinois State the victory, 61-60, over Southwest Missouri State in Missouri Valley Conference action tonight at Redbird Arena.

Illinois State, 7-11 (3-4 MVC), trailed most of the game, but took the lead for the first time at 52-51 on a lay-up by Randy Rice with 3:00 remaining in the contest. Gregg Alexander gave the 'Birds the lead again at 58-57 with just under a minute left with a three-point basket.

Two free throws by Shedrick Ford extended the Illinois State lead to three, 60-57, with 19 seconds left, but a three-point basket by SMS's Terrance McGee tied the game at 60 with 10 seconds remaining. With no time-outs left, Illinois State went the length of the floor and Reid was fouled on his shot attempt as the clock expired. Reid needed only his first free throw attempt to seal the victory.

Shawn Jeppson led the 'Birds in scoring with 14 points, while Gregg Alexander and Dirk Williams contributed 11 and 10 points respectively.

### ILLINOIS STATE 61, SW Missouri State 60 January 19, 2002 • Normal, III.

SMS	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	TP
Brakebill (F)	30	6-8	3-3	1-6	1	4	16
Novak (F)	23	1-6	0-0	1-4	1	2	2
Wallace (C)	32	5-13	4-4	5-13	0	2	14
Yanders (G)	36	3-9	1-1	0-2	3	1	8
McGee (G)	32	6-16	2-2	1-2	2	1	15
Williams	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Gilbert	17	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	1	3
Maclin	8	0-0	0-0	1-3	0	0	0
Fisher	0+	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Randle	10	1-2	0-0	1-2	0	3	2
Walk	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Totals	200	23-58	10-10	12-35	9	17	60

Team Pct.: FG - .397; FT - 1.000

**3-Pt.:** 4-13, .308 (Brakebill 1-2, Novak 0-1, Wallace 0-1, Yanders 1-1, McGee 1-5, Gilbert 1-3)

Blocks: 3 (Brakebill 2, Maclin 1)

Turnovers: 10 (Novak 1, Wallace 2, Yanders 1, McGee 2, Williams 1, Gilbert 2, Maclin 1)

Steals: 4 (Novak 1, Yanders 1, McGee 2)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	TP
Alexander (F)	32	4-11	0-0	1-2	2	2	11
Williams (F)	15	5-7	0-0	1-6	1	4	10
Bojang (C)	30	2-7	1-2	0-3	0	2	5
Rice (G)	28	3-4	1-2	0-4	6	1	8
Jeppson (G)	32	5-11	2-3	0-1	3	3	14
Strandmark	10	0-2	1-2	1-5	0	1	1
Greene	12	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	3
Mazanowski	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Ford	22	2-3	2-2	2-4	1	2	6
Reid	16	1-4	1-2	2-5	0	0	3
Totals	200	23-51	8-13	7-31	14	15	61

Team Pct.: FG - .451; FT - .615

**3-Pt.:** 7-16, .615 (Alexander 3-8, Williams 0-1, Rice 1-1, Jeppson 2-5, Greene 1-1)

**Blocks:** 6 (Williams 1, Rice 1, Jeppson 1, Strandmark 1, Ford 1, Reid 1)

Turnovers: 12 (Alexander 1, Bojang 4, Rice 2, Jeppson 2, Greene 1, Ford 1, Reid 1)

Steals: 4 (Alexander 1, Rice 1, Greene 2)

Officials: Steve Morris, Ron Berkholtz, Scott Fruehling

Attendance: 6,569

Halftime Score: SMS 29, ILLINOIS STATE 22

# **GAME 19**

### **Alexander, Illinois State Sinks Bradley**

**PEORIA, III.** – Gregg Alexander scored a game-high 16 points, including 4-of-7 shooting from three-point range, leading the Illinois State men's basketball team to a 58-55 win in Missouri Valley Conference action Wednesday night at Carver Arena in Peoria.

With the win, Illinois State (8-11, 4-4) notches its first conference road victory of the year and first win at Carver Arena since January 21, 1998, when the 'Birds held on for a 57-54 victory. Bradley drops to 5-12, 2-6 on the year.

Alexander led all scorers while Shedrick Ford added 14 points for Illinois State. Bradley's Reggie Hall totaled 15 points on the evening followed by Danny Granger who had 11.

Ahead by three points with two and half minutes left, Ford hit a crucial jumper on the line as the shot clock sounded to give ISU another five-point cushion. A foul by Ford a minute later put Danny Granger at the line where he hit both attempts and pulled BU to within three.

With possession and 16 seconds left, Bradley's Tucker threw up a mercy trey but Andy Strandmark grabbed the rebound as time expired.

# ILLINOIS STATE 58, Bradley 55

January 23, 2002 • Peoria, III.

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	ΤP
Alexander (F)	37	6-11	0-0	0-3	3	2	16
Williams (F)	19	2-4	0-0	0-3	2	4	4
Bojang (C)	31	3-8	2-2	1-3	0	3	8
Rice (G)	26	2-5	0-1	1-7	9	1	5
Jeppson (G)	31	2-5	1-2	0-2	0	2	7
Strandmark	11	1-1	0-0	0-2	0	0	2
Greene	14	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	2
Ford	20	3-6	8-8	0-0	2	5	14
Reid	11	0-1	0-0	1-2	0	2	0
Totals	200	20-43	11-13	5-24	17	19	58

**Team Pct.:** FG - .465; FT - .846

**3-Pt.:** 7-17, .412 (Alexander 4-7, Williams 0-1, Rice 1-3, Jeppson 1-5, Greene 0-1)

Blocks: 1 (Bojang 1)

Turnovers: 14 (Alexander 3, Bojang 1, Rice 3, Jeppson 3, Greene 3, Team 1)

Steals: 8 (Alexander 2, Bojang 3, Rice 1, Ford 2)

Bradley	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	ΤP
Hall (F)	34	6-9	3-5	2-6	2	2	15
Stewart (C)	10	0-1	1-2	0-0	0	1	1
Robinson (G)	30	2-5	0-0	0-5	0	3	6
Gillingham (G)	26	3-6	2-2	1-5	6	1	9
Gilbert (G)	38	2-6	0-0	0-4	2	2	5
Granger	25	4-7	3-5	3-5	1	4	11
Tucker	23	3-8	2-4	0-0	1	2	8
Faulknor	7	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0
Heemskerk	7	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Totals	200	20-43	11-19	8-28	12	15	55

Team Pct.: FG - .465; FT - .579

**3-Pt.:** 4-9, .444 (Robinson 2-3, Gillingham 1-3, Gilbert 1-2 Tucker 0-1)

Blocks: 3 (Granger 3)

Turnovers: 16 (Hall 1, Stewart 1, Robinson 5, Gillingham 2, Gilbert 5, Tucker 1, Heemskerk 1) Steals: 7 (Robinson 1, Gillingham 1, Gilbert 2, Granger 2, Tucker 1)

Officials: Ron Zetcher, Gerry Pollard, Sam Banks

Attendance: 10,392

Halftime Score: Bradley 28, ILLINOIS STATE 26

# **GAME 20**

### Rice, Illinois State Shuts Down Drake, 68-54

NORMAL, III. – Randy Rice scored a career-high 17 points as Illinois State defeated the Drake Bulldogs, 68-54, in Missouri Valley Conference action tonight at Redbird Arena.

Illinois State, 9-11 overall, 5-4 in the Missouri Valley Confererence, made six of its 12 three-point attempts in the game for 50 percent. The Redbirds also shot 88 percent (22-for-25) from the free throw line on the night.

Shedrick Ford was the 'Bird's second-leading scorer with 15 points, while Baboucarr Bojang collected his sixth double-double of the season with a 14-point, 10-rebound performance. Shawn Jeppson also found double digits in the scoring column with 13 points, all which came in the second half.

Drake, 8-11, 3-6, had only one player in double-figures in scoring with Luke McDonald collecting 11 points. The Bulldogs shot only 36 percent in the game, including 9-for-27 from the field in the second half for 33 percent.

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Drake	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	ΤP
Knight (F)	30	3-7	0-0	0-3	2	1	6
Sola (F)	28	3-5	0-0	0-3	1	5	9
Danielson (C)	28	2-4	2-2	1-3	2	3	7
Newman (G)	23	1-8	1-2	0-3	2	1	4
McDonald (G)	31	3-8	2-3	0-4	0	1	11
Welton	20	2-6	1-2	1-1	1	3	7
Randolph	18	2-3	2-5	0-1	3	0	7
O'Neill	9	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	0	1
Bancroft	13	1-6	0-0	2-3	1	3	2
Totals	200	17-47	9-16	7-27	12	17	54

Team Pct.: FG - .362; FT - .563

**3-Pt.:** 11-24, .458 (Knight 0-2, Sola 3-4, Danielson 1-2, Newman 1-5, McDonald 3-5, Welton 2-4, Randolph 1-1, Bancroft 0-1)

Blocks: 2 (Bancroft 2)

Turnovers: 14 (Knight 3, Sola 1, Danielson 1, Newman 1, McDoanld 3, Randolph 3, O'Neill 1, Bancroft 1)

Steals: 2 (Knight 1, Sola 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	Α	PF	TP
Alexander (F)	34	2-6	0-0	1-5	1	1	5
Williams (F)	11	0-1	2-2	0-3	0	2	2
Bojang (C)	34	3-9	8-8	3-10	3	2	14
Rice (G)	32	6-11	3-3	0-6	4	1	17
Jeppson (G)	35	4-8	2-2	0-2	3	3	13
Strandmark	8	1-3	0-2	1-2	0	3	2
Greene	8	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	2	0
Ford	27	4-6	7-8	1-4	1	3	15
Reid	11	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	2	0
Totals	200	20-45	22-25	7-35	13	19	68

Team Pct.: FG - .444; FT - .880

**3-Pt.:** 6-12, .500 (Alexander 1-3, Rice 2-3, Jeppson 3-5, Greene 0-1)

Blocks: 3 (Rice 1, Ford 1, Reid 1)

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

Steals: 8 (Bojang 2, Rice 3, Jeppson 3)

Officials: Jerrry Petro, Dave Draucker, Joe Ponsetto

Attendance: 8,010

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 29, Drake 23

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