



Redbird Basketball

GAME NOTES

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Illinois State Schedule

Date	Opponent (TV)	Time/Result
11/4	SIU-EDWARDSVILLE (Ex.)	W, 89-70
11/14	EA Sports All-Stars (Ex.)	L, 65-66
11/23	UTAH STATE	L, 53-68
11/26	@ Central Michigan	Tonight

Bird Bit: The Redbirds have won six of the last seven meetings against the Chippewas, including two at Rose Arena.

11/30 ILLINOIS-CHICAGO 7:05 p.m.

12/2	CHATTANOOGA	7:10 p.m.
12/7	@ Kent State	1:00 p.m.
12/15	@ Western Kentucky	3:00 p.m.
12/18	JACKSONVILLE	7:05 p.m.
12/21	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	2:05 p.m.
12/29	SMS* (Valley-TV)	2:05 p.m.

1/4	@ Southern Illinois* (WMBD)	3:05 p.m.
1/7	@ Northern Iowa*	7:05 p.m.
1/11	CREIGHTON*	7:05 p.m.
1/15	@ SMS* (WMBD)	7:05 p.m.
1/18	WICHITA STATE*	2:05 p.m.
1/20	@ Creighton*	7:05 p.m.
1/25	@ Evansville*	7:05 p.m.
1/29	NORTHERN IOWA*	7:05 p.m.

2/1	BRADLEY* (WMBD)	4:05 p.m.
2/4	@ Wichita State*	7:05 p.m.
2/8	INDIANA STATE* (WMBD)	2:05 p.m.
2/12	@ Bradley* (WEEK)	7:35 p.m.
2/15	DRAKE*	7:05 p.m.
2/19	EVANSVILLE*	7:05 p.m.
2/22	@ Bracket Buster (ESPN)	TBA
2/26	@ Drake*	7:05 p.m.

3/1	@ Indiana State* (WMBD)	1:05 p.m.
3/3	S. ILLINOIS* (Valley-TV)	6:05 p.m.
3/7-10	@ Missouri Valley Conference Tournament	

All times listed are CT
Home games in CAPS

*=Missouri Valley Conference game

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GAME



ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (0-1)

AT

C. MICHIGAN CHIPPEWAS (1-0)

Tuesday, November 26, 2002 • 6:30 p.m. CST
Rose Arena (5,200) • Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

THE GAME

The Probable Starters:

ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (0-1)

						ppg	rpg	apg	
F	2	Gregg Alexander	6-4	195	So.-1L	Lincoln, Ill.	6.0	1.0	0.0
F	23	Baboucarr Bojang	6-9	205	Sr.-1L	Greenville, S.C.	2.0	5.0	1.0
C	5	Andy Strandmark	6-11	240	Sr.-3L	Geneseo, Ill.	2.0	2.0	1.0*
G	11	Vince Greene	5-9	160	So.-1L	Chicago, Ill.	10.0	3.0	3.0
G	24	Trey Guidry	6-2	185	So.-TR	Baton Rouge, La.	20.0	2.0	1.0

CENTRAL MICHIGAN CHIPPEWAS (0-0)

F	24	Gerrit Brigitha	6-8	245	Jr.-2L	Niles, Mich.	4.0	5.0	1.0*
F	25	Mike Manciel	6-5	235	Sr.-3L	Detroit, Mich.	7.0	4.0	1.0
C	35	Chris Kaman	7-0	255	Jr.-2L	Wyoming, Mich.	26.0	10.0	2.0
G	2	J.R. Wallace	6-0	170	Sr.-3L	Grandville, Mich.	9.0	0.0	1.0
G	15	T.J. Meerman	6-3	185	Jr.-2L	Coopersville, Mich.	4.0	1.0	2.0

NOTE - (*) indicates blocks per game.

About The Game: Tonight is the second game of the season for both Illinois State and Central Michigan. It is the first road game of the season for the 'Birds, while Central Michigan has been home for both games, including a 61-58 win over George Mason. The Chippewas were picked to finish sixth in the Mid-American Conference West Division in the MAC News Media Association Preseason Poll. Tonight is the first of two MAC road games for the Redbirds. ISU will travel to Kent State on Dec. 7.

Series History: This is the 58th meeting between the two schools. Illinois State leads the series 33-24 and has won six of the last seven meetings, including three straight. The Redbirds are 2-2 in Rose Arena with a 85-73 win on Dec. 3, 2000.

Last Meeting: Illinois State held Central Michigan to a Redbird Arena record-tying 14 first-half points and held on for a 72-63 non-conference win on Dec. 9, 2001. Baboucarr Bojang led all scorers with 20 points on 8-for-8 shooting from the floor. He also added 13 boards for his fourth-career double-double. Shedrick Ford chipped in 15 points and Vince Greene tossed in 12. David Webber led the Chippewas with 16 points.

On the Air: John Fitzgerald, play-by-play; Mike Matthews, color; Bruce Evans, sideline (home only) and Tim Fisher, studio host. Affiliates: WJBC (AM 1230/Bloomington), flagship; 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.

THE COACHES

Tom Richardson (St. Xavier '77) is 48-44 in his fourth season at Illinois State. He is assisted by Chad Altadonna, Lance Irvin and Kirk Sarff. Richardson is 31-28 against Valley opponents, 17-16 vs. non-conference foes, 31-11 at home, 12-27 on the road and 5-6 on neutral floors.

Jay Smith (Saginaw Valley State '84) is in his sixth season at Central Michigan and owns a 51-87 mark.



TALE OF THE TAPE



W-L Record	0-1	1-0
ESPN/USA Today	UR	UR
AP Poll	UR	UR
Points Scored	53.0	61.0
Points Allowed	68.0	58.0
Scoring Margin	-15.0	+3.0
FG Percentage	38.9	42.0
Def. FG Percentage	50.0	43.5
3-pt. Percentage	45.5	16.7
Def. 3-pt. Percentage	50.0	30.0
FT Percentage	12.5	70.8
Offensive Rebounds	10.0	9.0
Total Rebounds	28.0	34.0
Rebounding Margin	-7.0	+2.0
Assists	12.0	6.0
Turnover Average	13.0	18.0
Turnover Margin	-1.0	+3.0
Steal Average	2.0	4.0
Block Average	3.0	3.0
Fouls	15.0	20.0

WEEKLY MEDIA CONFERENCE

All start at 3 p.m. and are located in the Redbird Arena press room off of the southwest loading dock.

- Tuesday, December 3
- Tuesday, December 10
- Tuesday, December 17
- Thursday, January 2
- Wednesday, January 8
- Tuesday, January 14
- Tuesday, January 21
- Tuesday, January 28
- Wednesday, February 5
- Tuesday, February 11
- Tuesday, February 18
- Tuesday, February 25
- Tuesday, March 4

WHAT'S BACK

Here's a look at what Illinois State returns heading into the 2002-03 season by percentage in key statistical categories ...

Scoring	49.5%
Three-Point Field Goals	49.4%
Rebounding	63.2%
Assists	42.4%
Steals	56.5%
Blocks	55.2%
Minutes	51.6%

VALLEY TELECONFERENCE

Teleconferences with The Valley men's basketball head coaches will be conducted each Tuesday, with the men's briefings beginning on a weekly basis in December. To participate in either conference briefing, call 913/981-5509. The first men's teleconference begins at 10 a.m. CST on **Tuesday, December 3**. Head coach **Tom Richardson** will be available at 10:25 a.m. during the teleconference.

About the Central Michigan Chippewas

- Central Michigan is located in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., and has an enrollment of 28,159. The Chippewas are members of the Mid-American Conference.
- Senior Mike Manciel needs 124 points to join the Central Michigan 1,000-point club. He would be the 23rd Chippewa to reach the mark.
- Junior center Chris Kaman has 86 career blocked shots, which ties him for sixth in the CMU record book. He needs 10 more blocks to move ahead of Dan Majerle into third place. Kaman is also the top returning shot blocker in the MAC this season. Kaman is coming off of a career-high 26 points against George Mason.
- Senior J.R. Wallace is expected to pick up the scoring slack after losing leading-scorer David Webber to graduation.
- Kaman, Manciel and Wallace all averaged double digits in scoring in the two exhibition games.
- In 2001-02, Central Michigan ranked last in the MAC in both three-point accuracy (.299) and three-pointers made (4.36).
- The Chippewas were picked to finish sixth in the MAC West Division according to the MAC News Media Association Preseason Poll. Ball State was picked to win the East, with Bowling Green tabbed to capture the West.
- Central Michigan is 230-139 (.622) all-time in Rose Arena.

For (Road) Openers

Under head coach **Tom Richardson**, the Redbirds are 2-1 in road openers with a 72-67 win at Oakland in 1999, a 80-61 loss at Kansas in 2000 and a 58-52 win versus UC-Irvine last season. Since Illinois State became a Division I program in 1970, the 'Birds are 13-19 in their road debuts.

Big MAC Attack

Playing a league member of the Mid-American Conference is nothing new for Illinois State. Tonight's game will mark the 246th contest against a current affiliate of the MAC. The 'Birds have had their share of success against the MAC with a 151-94 record. The only current member of the 13-team conference that the Redbirds have never faced is Toledo.

A SI of Relief

Whew! Apparently the Missouri Valley Conference's success in the NCAA Tournament is starting to gain the league national recognition and the Redbirds are reaping benefits from it as well. In the latest issue of *Sports Illustrated*, the magazine's forecast of the 65-team NCAA Tournament field included Illinois State at No. 50, while Southern Illinois was No. 30 and Creighton was tabbed for No. 48. The Valley has posted seven NCAA Tournament victories in the last four years, including two teams advancing to the Sweet 16.

A State of Good Luck in the Great Lake State

This is the 11th time that the Redbirds will play in the state of Michigan. Overall the 'Birds own a 5-5 mark in the Great Lake State, but Illinois State has won the last three with road wins at Central Michigan in 2000, at Oakland in 1999 and at Detroit in 1980.

One Class Short

These words said by an academic advisor to a student expecting to graduate could force anxiety and stress, but for the Redbirds it's nothing to fret – there just isn't a junior class. With the early retirement of Dirk Williams, due to multiple concussions, the 'Birds are left without a third-year player. The 2002-03 roster consists of four seniors, five sophomores and four freshmen. The last time the Redbirds sent a team out on the floor comprised of just three classes was in 1997-98, when the Redbirds returned everyone from their NCAA qualifying season and didn't have a single freshman on the squad.

Central Michigan Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
11/10	LAKE SUPERIOR STATE (Ex.)	W, 86-84
11/16	NORTHWOOD (Ex.)	W, 80-55
11/22	GEORGE MASON	W, 61-58
11/26	ILLINOIS STATE	TONIGHT
11/30	at DePaul	1 p.m.
12/3	at Michigan	6 p.m.
12/8	DRAKE	1 p.m.
12/14	at Marist	6:30 p.m.
12/18	at Bradley	7 p.m.
12/23	at Valparaiso	6 p.m.
12/30	SPRING ARBOR	6:30 p.m.
1/4	at Miami*	2 p.m.
1/8	at Western Michigan*	6 p.m.
1/11	OHIO*	2 p.m.
1/14	at Marshall*	6:30 p.m.
1/18	BUFFALO*	1 p.m.
1/22	TOLEDO*	6 p.m.
1/25	at Eastern Michigan*	6 p.m.
1/29	at Kent State*	6 p.m.
2/1	BOWLING GREEN*	1 p.m.
2/8	at Akron*	2 p.m.
2/10	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	6 p.m.
2/15	at Toledo*	6 p.m.
2/19	BALL STATE*	6 p.m.
2/22	at Northern Illinois*	2 p.m.
2/25	AKRON*	6 p.m.
3/1	EASTERN MICHIGAN*	1 p.m.
3/5	NORTHERN ILLINOIS*	6 p.m.
3/8	at Ball State*	12 p.m.
3/10-15	at MAC Tournament	

All times listed are CST
* Mid-American Conference Game



No Need to Jump Ship

Sure Illinois State was beaten 68-53 by Utah State in the season-opener Saturday, but there is no need to hit the panic button. Since becoming a Division I program in 1970, the Redbirds have now lost 14 opening games. In the previous 13 contests, Illinois State went on to post a winning record in 11 seasons and advanced to the post-season in five of the campaigns.

Instant Impact

No it isn't the latest Steven Segal movie, instead it is North Carolina State transfer Trey Guidry being an immediate factor for the Redbird offense. The sophomore poured in a team-high 20 points against Utah State, his first opponent in an Illinois State uniform. Guidry's effort is the second-best by a Redbird in an Illinois State debut, only behind Billy Lewis' 25 points against St. Louis in 1974.

Trey for Trey

With a name like Trey, you better be able to shoot the three. For Illinois State's Trey Guidry the defense rests after the sophomore transfer tossed in six treys against Utah State. Guidry became the 12th Redbird to toss in six 3-pointers in a game and he is the 21st to pour in six or more in a contest.

Greene Means Go

And that is just what sophomore Vince Greene has done as an offensive weapon for the Redbirds this season. Greene is averaging 17.3 points per game in the two exhibition games and the one regular season contest. He has shot 20-for-34 (.588) from the field, including an impressive 11-of-17 (.647) on treys. Against SIU-Edwardsville, Greene pumped in a game-high 26 points which was the most points by a Redbird since Tarise Bryson equalled the feat against Brazil Select on Nov. 9, 1999.

Big Men Breakout Bids

The Illinois State careers of current big man Andy Strandmark and former Redbird center Brian Kern (1991-95) up to this point are extremely similar and head coach Tom Richardson hopes that they continue along the same path. Through his first three seasons, Strandmark has averaged 2.5 points and 2.9 rebounds per game. In that same stretch, Kern averaged 2.9 points and 1.7 boards per game, but in his senior season posted 10.1 points and 4.8 rebounds per contest. With Strandmark's play in Australia and in the two exhibition games, the career parallel looks as if it could continue.

Bojang One of Valley's Elite

Senior Baboucarr Bojang was named to the preseason all-league team at the Missouri Valley Conference's media day. Bojang claimed second-team honors in 2001-02 and joined Creighton's Kyle Korver, Drake's Luke McDonald and Southern Illinois' Kent Williams and Jermaine Dearman on the All-Valley team.

The Power of Three

As voted by the players, Gregg Alexander, Baboucarr Bojang and Vince Greene will serve as Redbird captains for the 2002-03 season. It is the first time since 1996-97, that Illinois State has had three captains. That year, the 'Birds were led by Dan Muller, Jamar Smiley and Rob Gibbons and went on to earn an NCAA Tournament bid with a 34-6 record.

A League of Their Own

For a second-straight season, Illinois State non-conference slate will be a challenging one from top to bottom. In fact, if ISU's non-league opponents joined together to form a conference it would be The Winner's League. After all, the 11 non-league foes (including all the possible Bracket Buster opponents) combined for 213 wins last season, or 19.4 each. The squads also combined for 5 NCAA appearances and 2 NIT bids.

Times They Are a Changin'

Well, luckily not all of them ... just the games against Chattanooga and at Kent State. Tip-off for the contest against Chattanooga will be bumped back five minutes to 7:10 p.m., for the Milt Weisbecker ceremony prior to the game. Initially the game against the Golden Flashes was scheduled for 2 p.m. CST, but has since been moved up an hour and will now tip-off at 1 p.m. CST.

Slightly Above Average Valley Year

With 12 league victories last season, it was an "average" year for Illinois State. Since the Redbirds joined the Valley for the 1981-82 season, Illinois State has averaged 10.3 conference wins per year. Five of those 21 campaigns were just 16-game Valley schedules, while four others included only 14 games. On average, Illinois State has finished four games over .500 in league play.

THE LAST TIME THEY MET

Bojang Leads ISU Past Central Michigan

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

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

Shedrick Ford added 15 points and Vince Greene had 11 for the 'Birds, 4-4, who shot a season-best 52.4 percent from the field for the game, including Bojang's 8-for-8 efforts, which ties for No. 5 in Redbird Arena history for field goal perfection. His 20 points matched his career high and the 13 rebounds a career best.

The 'Birds had a 35-26 rebounding edge and made 25 of 32 free throws, including 16 of 21 in the second half.

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

Table with columns: C. Michigan, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include Mancel (F), Pleiness (F), Brigitha (C), Robinson (G), Webber (G), Wallace, Goliday, Bowne, Meerman, Kaman, Dentlinger, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .375; FT - .800
3-Pt.: 5-21, .238 (Mancel 1-4, Pleiness 0-3, Robinson 1-4, Webber 2-9, Bowne 1-1)
Blocks: 4 (Webber 3, Meerman 1)
Turnovers: 15 (Mancel 3, Pleiness 2, Brigitha 3, Robinson 2, Webber 1, Bowne 2, Kaman 2)
Steals: 13 (Mancel 1, Pleiness 2, Brigitha 2, Robinson 6, Webber 1, Bowne 1)

Table with columns: ILLINOIS ST., Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include Williams (F), Ford (F), Bojang (C), Alexander (G), Rice (G), Strandmark, Greene, Jeppson, Reid, and Totals.

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



CHART CLIMBERS

Career 3-Point FG Leaders

1. Tarise Bryson (1999-02)	214
10. Antonio Cooper (1992-96)	93
– Gregg Alexander (2001-)	60

Career Double-Digit Rebounding Games

1. Ron deVries	60
5. Joe Galvin	23
– Baboucarr Bojang	9

Career Blocked Shots Leaders

1. LeRoy Watkins (1996-99)	143
8. Dan Muller (1994-98)	57
Hank Comley (1980-84)	57
– Andy Strandmark (1999-)	42

Career Minutes Averaged Leader

1. Tarise Bryson (1998-02)	34.1
2. Dan Muller (1994-98)	32.6
3. Gregg Alexander (2001-)	32.4
4. Michael McKenny (1981-85)	31.8

CAREER STARTS/GAMES

No.	Player	Illinois St.	
		GP	GS
1	Chris Burras	1	0
2	Gregg Alexander	32	31
3	Dana Ford	1	0
5	Andy Strandmark	87	23
10	Kevin Troc	1	0
11	Vince Greene	32	3
21	Marcus Arnold	1	0
23	Baboucarr Bojang	32	30
24	Trey Guidry	1	1
34	Kenneth Hill	0	0
40	Casey Reid	32	3
44	Brett Gillan	30	0

2002-03 VALLEY PRESEASON POLL

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
1. Creighton	25	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	290
2. S. Illinois	5	24	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	274
3. Wichita St.	–	–	9	15	2	3	1	–	–	–	208
4. Illinois State	–	1	11	7	7	1	3	–	–	–	205
5. Drake	–	–	8	3	9	4	3	1	2	–	178
6. Bradley	–	–	–	4	3	8	5	7	2	1	132
7. N. Iowa	–	–	–	–	3	9	8	5	3	2	118
8. SMS	–	–	1	1	3	2	8	11	4	–	116
9. Indiana St.	–	–	–	–	1	2	–	3	17	6	71
10. Evansville	–	–	–	–	1	1	2	3	2	21	53

2002-03 VALLEY STANDINGS

	MVC			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
1. Creighton	0	0	.000	2	0	1.000
2. Bradley	0	0	.000	1	0	1.000
Drake	0	0	.000	1	0	1.000
Evansville	0	0	.000	1	0	1.000
Indiana State	0	0	.000	1	0	1.000
Northern Iowa	0	0	.000	1	0	1.000
7. S. Illinois	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Wichita State	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
9. Illinois State	0	0	.000	0	1	.000
SMS	0	0	.000	0	1	.000

International Flair

The 2002 trip to Australia marked the third international tour for the Redbirds. The team traveled to Europe in both 1992 and 1997, before the Australian tour this year. Overseas, the 'Birds have had their share of success with a 12-8 overall mark, but the real story comes in their record after returning home. ISU has posted a combined 44-16 (.733) record with two Missouri Valley Conference regular-season titles in the seasons immediately following the first two trips.

FT Five-Peat ?

With the 77.5% effort from the line last season, the Redbirds eclipsed the 70% shooting mark for a fourth-straight season. ISU shot 72.8% from the free throw line in 2000-01, 74% in 1999-2000 and 73.5% in 1998-99. The Redbirds have not had a stretch of five-straight seasons since it bettered 70% from 1975-1979.

Put Me in Coach, I'm Ready to Play

Trey Guidry, a 6-2 guard, sat out the entire 2001-02 season to meet NCAA transfer rules. The North Carolina State transfer was a spot starter for the Wolfpack in 2000-01 as a freshman and recorded a scoring best of 15 points against Wake Forest.

One Newcomer Not So New

Former all-conference and all-area selection at Lockport High School, **Kevin Troc** sat out last season as a redshirt. Troc averaged 14.0 points, seven rebounds and six assists per game as a senior prep. He was able to practice with the 'Birds for the majority of the season, but missed a couple of months after developing a staph infection during the trip to Pittsburgh.

No Thanks, I'm Just Watching

Neil Plank, a 6-5 swing player, has transferred to Illinois State from Wisconsin, but cannot play for the Redbirds until the 2003-04 season. NCAA rules require that he sit out one season. Plank played in 27 games for the Badgers as a freshman, scoring 25 points in 173 minutes of action.

Freshmen Trey-ning

Gregg Alexander didn't have any problem adjusting to the next level as a true freshman. The Lincoln, Ill., native finished the season with a team-high 58 made 3-pointers. The 58 threes set the standard for freshman treys by a Redbird eclipsing Dan Muller's 50 during the 1994-95 season. Alexander also shot 39.2% from behind the arc, which topped the previous Redbird freshman best of 37.7% by Markku Larkio.

We Have a Winner

With a 17-14 record last season, the Redbirds finished above .500 for the 29th time in 32 seasons at the Division I level. It was also the 'Birds' tenth winning season in the last 11 years.

Missed It By That Much

The Redbirds nearly claimed the national title last season. In fact, they only missed the title by less than a percentage point – the national free throw title. The 'Birds 77.5% accuracy from the line trailed only Morehead State (78.4%) and Loyola Marymount (77.7%).

The Addition of Size, Size and More Size

On November 13, 2002, the Illinois State basketball team added 241 inches and 670 pounds to the program next season with the inking of **Ronnie Carlwell** (6-10, 250, Maywood, Ill • Proviso East), **Greg Dilligard** (6-8, 215, LaBelle, Mo. • Highland) and **Michael Sams** (6-7, 205, Mt. Zion, Ill. • Mt. Zion) on the first day of the early signing period. The Redbirds have one scholarship left to fill.

Redbird Flashback

Since becoming an NCAA Division I program in 1970, the Redbirds have posted a 6-1 record when playing on November 26, one of Illinois State's six victories occurred in 1977 and it is today's Redbird Flashback: **Nov. 26, 1977 • St. Louis, Mo.** – Illinois State opened the 1977-78 campaign on the road at St. Louis at the Kiel Center. The Redbirds trailed at halftime 41-36, but 54 points in the second half helped the 'Birds overcome the five-point deficit for a 90-83 win. Of the 54 second-half points, 16 came from the hands of Ron Jones, while Derick Mayes tossed in 14 in the final frame. Billy Lewis led all scorers with 22 points, despite fouling out. ISU's Jones finished with 20, while Mayes and Joe Galvin dumped in 17 and 15 points, respectively. The Redbirds went on to post a 24-4 mark and went on to the National Invitation Tournament, where they fell 73-71 to Larry Bird and the Indiana State Sycamores.



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. Babouarr Bojang (15) vs. UNI, 1-30-02
Opponent Joshua Cross (17), S. Illinois, 2-12-00
A player had a double-double ... ILLINOIS ST. B. Bojang (15p, 11r) vs. Evansville, 2-25-02
Opponent Aaron Middendorf (15p, 10r), N. Iowa, 2-23-02
A player made five 3-pointers ... ILLINOIS ST. Trey Guidry (6-11) vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Opponent Luke McDonald (5-9) vs. Drake, 3-2-02
A player made 10 free throws ... ILLINOIS ST. Shedrick Ford (11-13) vs. S. Illinois, 2-16-02
Opponent Devin Brown (10-13) at UTSA, 12-1-01
A player had 15 free throw attempts ... ILLINOIS ST. Tarise Bryson (12-15) at Purdue, 3-14-01
Opponent Aaron Thomas (14-15), Drake, 1-17-00
A player had 10 assists ... ILLINOIS ST. Randy Rice (13) vs. Evansville, 2-12-01
Opponent Jeremy Stanton (15), Evansville, 3-3-01
A player had five steals ... ILLINOIS ST. Randy Rice (6) vs. Wichita State, 1-7-02
Opponent Jerry Green (5), UC-Irvine, 11-23-01
A player blocked five shots ... ILLINOIS ST. LeRoy Watkins (5) vs. Alcorn State, 12-2-98
Opponent Scott Brakebill (5), SMS, 2-2-02

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 field goals ... ILLINOIS ST. at Southern Illinois (35-53), 2-28-98
Opponent vs. UT-San Antonio (35-65), 12-17-00
A team had 75 field goal attempts ... ILLINOIS ST. vs. Lewis (78), 12-2-92
Opponent vs. Akron (27-80), 11-20-98
A team shot 50 percent from the field ... ILLINOIS ST. vs. UNI (.510, 26-51), 1-30-02
Opponent vs. Utah State (.500, 24-48), 11-23-02
A team made 10 3-point field goals ... ILLINOIS ST. vs. Utah State (.455, 10-22), 11-23-02
Opponent vs. Creighton (.565, 13-23), 3-3-02
A team had 25 3-point field goal attempts ... ILLINOIS ST. at Drake (8-27), 1-10-02
Opponent at N. Iowa (10-30), 2-23-02
A team shot 50 percent on 3-pointers ... ILLINOIS ST. vs. Creighton (.571, 4-7), 3-3-02
Opponent vs. Utah State (.500, 6-12), 11-23-02
A team made 30 free throws ... ILLINOIS ST. vs. UT-San Antonio (34-42), 12-17-01
Opponent at Drake (37-52), 1-17-01
A team had 25 assists ... ILLINOIS ST. vs. Hofstra (25), 11-25-01
Opponent na
A team had 15 steals ... ILLINOIS ST. vs. Weber State (15), 11-16-01
Opponent at Creighton (18), 12-12-99
A team had blocked 10 shots ... ILLINOIS ST. 10 vs. Evansville, 1-17-79
Opponent na

BENCH SCORING (ISU-OPP)

Utah State 13-31
at Central Michigan
Illinois-Chicago
Chattanooga
at Kent State
at Western Kentucky
Jacksonville
Northern Illinois
SMS
at Southern Illinois
at Northern Iowa
Creighton
at SMS
Wichita State
at Creighton
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Northern Iowa
Bradley
at Wichita State
Indiana State
at Bradley
Drake
Evansville
at TBA
at Drake
at Indiana State
Southern Illinois
Total 13-31

ILLINOIS STATE'S 2002-03 RECORD WHEN

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



SUPERLATIVES

STARTING LINEUPS – F, F, C, G, G (1):

- Alexander, Bojang, Strandmark, Greene, Guidry (0-1)
(L) – Utah State

FIRST POINTS:

Strandmark 1

DOUBLE-DIGIT SCORERS (2):

Guidry 1, Greene 1

DOUBLE-DIGIT REBOUNDING (0):

LEADING SCORER:

Guidry 1

LEADING REBOUNDER:

Bojang 1

DOUBLE-DOUBLES (0):

DUNKS (1):

Reid 1

MOST MINUTES:

35, Trey Guidry vs. Utah State, 11-23-02

33, Vince Greene vs. Utah State, 11-23-02

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

Opponent	Alexander	Arnold	Bojang	Burras	Ford	Gillan
Utah State	6-1-0	9-4-0	2-5-1	0-2-0	0-1-0	DNP
at Central Michigan						
Illinois-Chicago						
Chattanooga						
at Kent State						
at Western Kentucky						
Jacksonville						
Northern Illinois						
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at Southern Illinois						
at Northern Illinois						
Creighton						
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Wichita State						
at Creighton						
at Evansville						
Northern Iowa						
Bradley						
at Wichita State						
Indiana State						
at Bradley						
Drake						
Evansville						
at TBA						
at Drake						
at Indiana State						
Southern Illinois						

Opponent	Greene	Guidry	Hill	Reid	Strandmark	Troc
Utah State	10-3-3	20-2-1	DNP	2-1-1	2-2-1	2-4-5
at Central Michigan						
Illinois-Chicago						
Chattanooga						
at Kent State						
at Western Kentucky						
Jacksonville						
Northern Illinois						
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at Southern Illinois						
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at TBA						
at Drake						
at Indiana State						
Southern Illinois						



In remembrance of former Illinois State director of athletics and coach Milt Weisbecker, who passed away in 2002, the Redbird men's basketball team will be wearing patches on its uniforms this season.



2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME

	Final	FG	FG%	3FG	3%	FT	FT%	O-D-T Reb.	Fouls	Assists	Turnovers	Blocks	Steals	Halftime
Utah State	68	24-48	.500	6-12	.500	14-18	.778	8-27-35	13	12	12	3	10	32
@ Illinois State	53	21-54	.389	10-22	.455	1-8	.125	10-18-28	15	12	13	3	2	22

Illinois State
@ Central Michigan

Illinois-Chicago
@ Illinois State

Chattanooga
@ Illinois State

Illinois State
@ Kent State

Illinois State
@ Western Kentucky

Jacksonville
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Northern Illinois
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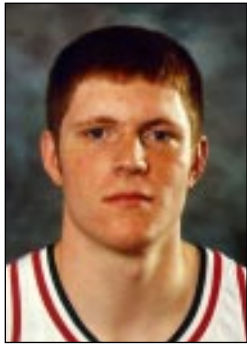
Evansville
@ Illinois State

Illinois State
@ TBA

Illinois State
@ Drake

Illinois State
@ Indiana State

Southern Illinois
@ Illinois State



2 • Gregg Alexander



Sophomore • 6-4 • 195 • Guard/Forward • Lincoln, Ill. (Lincoln)

2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
at Utah State	27	2-6	2-5	0-0	1	3	0	2	0	2	6
at Central Michigan											
Illinois-Chicago											
Chattanooga											
at Kent State											
at Western Kentucky											
Jacksonville											
Northern Illinois											
SMS*											
at Southern Illinois*											
at Northern Iowa*											
Creighton*											
at SMS*											
Wichita State*											
at Creighton*											
at Evansville*											
Northern Iowa*											
Bradley*											
at Wichita State*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Drake*											
Evansville*											
at TBA											
at Drake*											
at Indiana State*											
Southern Illinois*											

* Missouri Valley Conference game

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Didn't attempt a shot in the first half against Utah State and finished with six points on 2-for-6 shooting.
- Seven points and three boards against EA Sports.
- Had eight points, four steals and three rebounds in exhibition against SIU-Edwardsville. Shot 3-for-6 from the field, including 2-of-3 from 3-point range.
- Posted three points in the Red-White scrimmage.
- One of three captains voted by the team.

ALEXANDER'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	24 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01
Rebounds	7, twice
Assists	4, twice
Steals	4 at Chattanooga, 12-15-01
Blocks	None
Minutes	42 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01

ALEXANDER'S SEASON HIGHS

Points	6 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Rebounds	1 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Assists	0
Steals	2 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Blocks	0
Minutes	27 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02

ALEXANDER'S CAREER STATISTICS

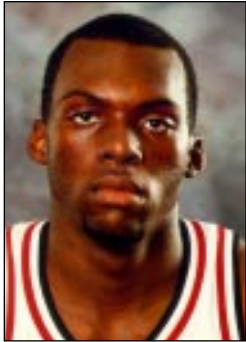
YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
01-02	31-30	1004	112-254	.441	58-148	.392	28-37	.757	22-78	100	3.2	64	37	0	40	310	10.0
02-03	1-1	27	2-6	.333	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0-1	1	1.0	0	2	0	2	6	6.0
Total	32-31	1031	114-360	.317	60-153	.392	28-37	.757	22-79	101	3.2	64	39	0	42	316	9.9

ALEXANDER'S MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
01-02	18-17	602	68-152	.447	37-88	.420	14-18	.778	11-46	57	3.2	33	29	0	21	187	10.4

ALEXANDER AGAINST CENTRAL MICHIGAN

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
	1-1	33	1-3	.333	1-3	.333	4-4	1.000	1-3	4	4.0	4	1	0	1	7	7.0



21 • Marcus Arnold



Freshman • 6-8 • 225 • Forward • Chicago, Ill. (Morgan Park)

2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Utah State	20	4-7	0-0	1-4	4	1	0	1	0	0	9
at Central Michigan											
Illinois-Chicago											
Chattanooga											
at Kent State											
at Western Kentucky											
Jacksonville											
Northern Illinois											
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at Drake*											
at Indiana State*											
Southern Illinois*											

* Missouri Valley Conference game

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Scored nine points in his collegiate debut against Utah State.
- In 15 minutes, recorded four points and two boards against EA Sports.
- Saw 19 minutes of action in the first exhibition against SIU-Edwardsville. Finished with six points on 3-for-5 shooting with one rebound and a block.
- Dumped in six points in the Red-White scrimmage.

ARNOLD'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	9 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Rebounds	4 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Assists	0
Steals	0
Blocks	0
Minutes	20 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02

ARNOLD'S SEASON HIGHS

Points	9 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Rebounds	4 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Assists	0
Steals	0
Blocks	0
Minutes	20 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02

ARNOLD'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
02-03	1-0	20	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	1-4	.250	3-1	4	4.0	0	1	0	0	9	9.0



23 • Baboucarr Bojang



Senior • 6-9 • 205 • Forward • Greenville, S.C. (Wade Hampton/SMS-West Plains)

2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Utah State	29	1-4	0-0	0-2	5	3	1	2	0	0	2
at Central Michigan											
Illinois-Chicago											
Chattanooga											
at Kent State											
at Western Kentucky											
Jacksonville											
Northern Illinois											
SMS*											
at Southern Illinois*											
at Northern Iowa*											
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Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Drake*											
Evansville*											
at TBA											
at Drake*											
at Indiana State*											
Southern Illinois*											

* Missouri Valley Conference game

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Coming off of a career-low two points against Utah State.
- Tallied a double-double against EA Sports with 15 points and 10 rebounds.
- Finished with 14 points on 6-for-8 shooting along with six boards against SIU-Edwardsville.
- Named to the Preseason All-Missouri Valley Conference Team.
- Posted nine points in the Red-White game.
- One of three team captains as voted by peers.

BOJANG'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	26 at Chattanooga, 12-15-01
Rebounds	15 vs. Northern Iowa, 1-30-02
Assists	4 vs. Evansville, 2-13-02
Steals	4, twice
Blocks	4 vs. Northern Iowa, 1-30-02
Minutes	39 at Chattanooga, 12-15-01

BOJANG'S SEASON HIGHS

Points	2 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Rebounds	5 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Assists	1 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Steals	0
Blocks	0
Minutes	29 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02

BOJANG'S CAREER STATISTICS

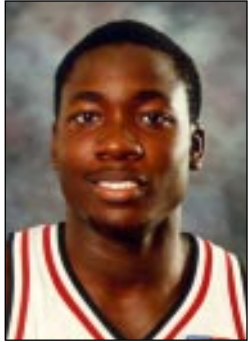
YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
01-02	31-29	971	158-339	.466	0-0	.000	93-128	.727	75-162	237	7.6	29	74	9	30	409	13.2
02-03	1-1	29	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	1-4	5	5.0	1	2	0	0	2	2.0
Total	32-30	1000	159-343	.464	0-0	.000	93-130	.715	76-166	242	7.6	30	76	9	30	411	12.8

BOJANG'S MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
01-02	18-16	566	85-193	.440	0-0	.000	55-70	.786	40-101	141	7.8	21	46	8	15	225	12.5

BOJANG AGAINST CENTRAL MICHIGAN

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
	1-1	36	8-8	1.000	0-0	.000	4-7	.571	4-9	13	13.0	0	2	0	0	20	20.0



1 • Chris Burras



Freshman • 6-5 • 210 • Forward • Chicago, Ill. (Leo)

2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Utah State	6	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
at Central Michigan											
Illinois-Chicago											
Chattanooga											
at Kent State											
at Western Kentucky											
Jacksonville											
Northern Illinois											
SMS*											
at Southern Illinois*											
at Northern Iowa*											
Creighton*											
at SMS*											
Wichita State*											
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at Evansville*											
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Bradley*											
at Wichita State*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Drake*											
Evansville*											
at TBA											
at Drake*											
at Indiana State*											
Southern Illinois*											

* Missouri Valley Conference game

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Played six minutes in collegiate debut against Utah State. Didn't score, but had two boards.
- Posted five points and five rebounds against EA Sports.
- Scored 10 points in the Red-White scrimmage.
- Came off the bench to score 12 points in the 'Birds exhibition win over SIU-Edwardsville. Added two steals and two assists in 20 minutes.

BURRAS' CAREER HIGHS

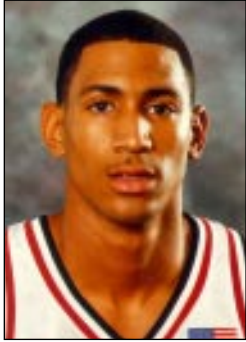
Points	24 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01
Rebounds	7, twice
Assists	4, twice
Steals	4 at Chattanooga, 12-15-01
Blocks	None
Minutes	42 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01

BURRAS' SEASON HIGHS

Points	24 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01
Rebounds	7, twice
Assists	4, twice
Steals	4 at Chattanooga, 12-15-01
Blocks	None
Minutes	42 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01

BURRAS' CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
02-03	1-0	6	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-2	2	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0



3• Dana Ford



Freshman • 6-4 • 185 • Guard • Tamms, Ill. (Egyptian)

2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Utah State	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
at Central Michigan											
Illinois-Chicago											
Chattanooga											
at Kent State											
at Western Kentucky											
Jacksonville											
Northern Illinois											
SMS*											
at Southern Illinois*											
at Northern Iowa*											
Creighton*											
at SMS*											
Wichita State*											
at Creighton*											
at Evansville*											
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Bradley*											
at Wichita State*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Drake*											
Evansville*											
at TBA											
at Drake*											
at Indiana State*											
Southern Illinois*											

* Missouri Valley Conference game

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Played four minutes against Utah State. Finished with a rebound.
- Saw eight minutes of action against EA Sports without a point. Added one board, one assist and one steal.
- Started at guard in the exhibition game against SIU-Edwardsville and finished with four points, six rebounds and five assists.
- Tossed in six points in the annual Red-White game.

FORD'S CAREER HIGHS

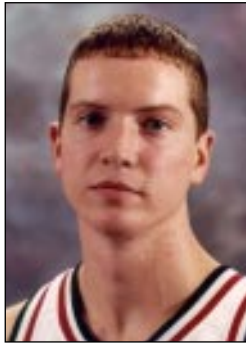
Points	0
Rebounds	1 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Assists	0
Steals	0
Blocks	0
Minutes	4 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02

FORD'S SEASON HIGHS

Points	0
Rebounds	1 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Assists	0
Steals	0
Blocks	0
Minutes	4 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02

FORD'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
02-03	1-0	4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	1	1.0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0



44 • Brett Gillan



Senior • 6-4 • 190 • Guard/Forward • Normal, Ill. (Normal Community)

2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

- Opponent M FG-A 3FG-A FT-A R PF A TO BLK S TP
- Utah State Did Not Play
- at Central Michigan
- Illinois-Chicago
- Chattanooga
- at Kent State
- at Western Kentucky
- Jacksonville
- Northern Illinois
- SMS*
- at Southern Illinois*
- at Northern Iowa*
- Creighton*
- at SMS*
- Wichita State*
- at Creighton*
- at Evansville*
- Northern Iowa*
- Bradley*
- at Wichita State*
- Indiana State*
- at Bradley*
- Drake*
- Evansville*
- at TBA
- at Drake*
- at Indiana State*
- Southern Illinois*
- * Missouri Valley Conference game

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Played five minutes against SIU-Edwardsville and was 0-for-1 from the floor with one assist.
- Didn't score in the Red-White scrimmage.

GILLAN'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	2, three times
Rebounds	1, five times
Assists	1 vs. Creighton, 1-2-02
Steals	None
Blocks	None
Minutes	4, twice

GILLAN'S SEASON HIGHS

Points	0
Rebounds	0
Assists	0
Steals	0
Blocks	0
Minutes	0

GILLAN'S CAREER STATISTICS

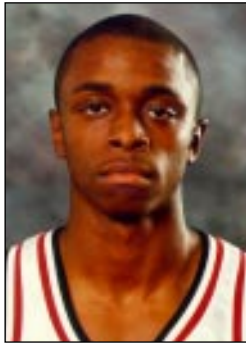
YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
99-00	8-0	9	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	1	0.1	0	0	0	0	2	0.3
00-01	14-0	20	2-4	.500	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-2	2	0.1	1	1	0	0	4	0.3
01-02	8-0	15	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-2	2	0.3	1	1	0	0	0	0.0
02-03	0-0	0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	30-0	44	3-5	.600	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-5	5	0.2	2	2	0	0	6	0.2

GILLAN'S MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
99-00	5-0	5	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	1	0.2	0	0	0	0	2	0.4
00-01	6-0	8	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	1	0.2	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
01-02	4-0	9	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	1	0.3	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	15-0	22	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-3	3	0.2	1	1	0	0	2	0.1

GILLAN AGAINST CENTRAL MICHIGAN

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
1-0	1	1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0



11 • Vince Greene

Sophomore • 5-9 • 160 • Guard • Chicago, Ill. (Brother Rice)



2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Utah State	33	4-12	2-6	0-0	3	2	3	4	0	0	10
at Central Michigan											
Illinois-Chicago											
Chattanooga											
at Kent State											
at Western Kentucky											
Jacksonville											
Northern Illinois											
SMS*											
at Southern Illinois*											
at Northern Iowa*											
Creighton*											
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Evansville*											
at TBA											
at Drake*											
at Indiana State*											
Southern Illinois*											

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Posted seventh-career double-digit scoring game with 10 points against Utah State.
- Led the 'Birds in scoring in both exhibition games with 16 against EA Sports, on 3-for-4 shooting on 3-pointers.
- Poured in a game-high 26 points against SIU-Edwardsville and was 6-for-7 on treys. Also added four assists in 27 minutes of action.
- Scored four points in the Red-White game.
- One of three elected captains voted on by the team.

* Missouri Valley Conference game

GREENE'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	14 vs. Samford, 12-8-01
Rebounds	3 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Assists	5 at Illinois, 12-18-01
Steals	4 vs. Evansville, 2-13-02
Blocks	1 at Southwest Missouri State, 2-2-02
Minutes	33 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02

GREENE'S SEASON HIGHS

Points	10 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Rebounds	3 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Assists	3 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Steals	0
Blocks	0
Minutes	33 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02

GREENE'S CAREER STATISTICS

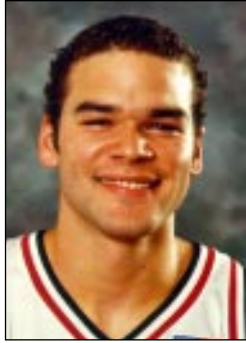
YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
01-02	31-2	472	43-123	.350	23-55	.418	36-42	.857	4-18	22	0.7	58	52	1	15	145	4.7
02-03	1-1	33	4-12	.333	2-6	.333	0-0	.000	1-2	3	3.0	3	4	0	0	10	10.0
Total	32-3	505	47-135	.348	25-61	.410	36-42	.857	5-20	25	0.8	61	56	1	15	155	4.8

GREENE'S MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
01-02	18-0	224	20-52	.385	13-31	.419	5-6	.833	1-12	13	0.7	23	19	1	10	58	3.2

GREENE AGAINST CENTRAL MICHIGAN

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
	1-0	21	1-5	.200	1-1	1.000	8-8	1.000	0-1	1	1.0	3	4	0	0	11	11.0



24 • Trey Guidry



Sophomore • 6-2 • 185 • Guard • Baton Rouge, La. (Central/North Carolina State)

2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Utah State	35	7-17	6-11	0-0	2	2	1	3	1	0	20
at Central Michigan											
Illinois-Chicago											
Chattanooga											
at Kent State											
at Western Kentucky											
Jacksonville											
Northern Illinois											
SMS*											
at Southern Illinois*											
at Northern Iowa*											
Creighton*											
at SMS*											
Wichita State*											
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at Evansville*											
Northern Iowa*											
Bradley*											
at Wichita State*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Drake*											
Evansville*											
at TBA											
at Drake*											
at Indiana State*											
Southern Illinois*											

* Missouri Valley Conference game

GUIDRY'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	20 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Rebounds	2 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Assists	1 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Steals	0
Blocks	1 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Minutes	35 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02

GUIDRY'S SEASON HIGHS

Points	20 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Rebounds	2 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Assists	1 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Steals	0
Blocks	1 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Minutes	35 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02

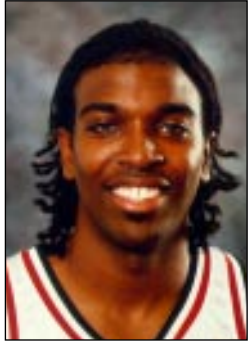
GUIDRY'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
00-01*	25-6	241	27-69	.391	19-44	.432	5-9	.556	4-17	21	0.8	9	14	1	8	78	3.1
02-03	1-1	35	7-17	.412	6-11	.545	0-0	.000	0-2	2	2.0	1	3	1	0	20	20.0
Total	26-7	276	34-86	.395	25-55	.455	5-9	.556	4-19	23	0.9	10	17	2	8	98	3.8

* At North Carolina State

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Poured in a team-high 20 points in the opener against Utah State with six treys.
- Played 19 minutes against EA Sports with seven points.
- His left foot was placed in a cast as a precautionary measure to heal a slight stress fracture. As a result, did not play in the first exhibition.
- Scored a game-high 22 points in the Red-White game powered by six 3-pointers.



34 • Kenneth Hill



Sophomore • 6-6 • 190 • Forward • Naperville, Ill. (Central)

2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Utah State											
at Central Michigan											
Illinois-Chicago											
Chattanooga											
at Kent State											
at Western Kentucky											
Jacksonville											
Northern Illinois											
SMS*											
at Southern Illinois*											
at Northern Iowa*											
Creighton*											
at SMS*											
Wichita State*											
at Creighton*											
at Evansville*											
Northern Iowa*											
Bradley*											
at Wichita State*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Drake*											
Evansville*											
at TBA											
at Drake*											
at Indiana State*											
Southern Illinois*											

* Missouri Valley Conference game

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Saw three minutes of action against SIU-Edwardsville, but did not attempt a shot. Grabbed one board.
- In the Red-White scrimmage, registered four points.

HILL'S CAREER HIGHS

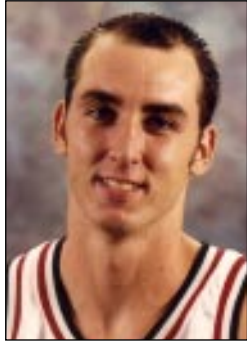
Points	0
Rebounds	0
Assists	0
Steals	0
Blocks	0
Minutes	0

HILL'S SEASON HIGHS

Points	0
Rebounds	0
Assists	0
Steals	0
Blocks	0
Minutes	0

HILL'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
02-03	0-0	0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0



40 • Casey Reid



Senior • 6-7 • 205 • Forward • Las Vegas, Nev. (Las Vegas/Scottsdale CC)

2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Utah State	12	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2
at Central Michigan											
Illinois-Chicago											
Chattanooga											
at Kent State											
at Western Kentucky											
Jacksonville											
Northern Illinois											
SMS*											
at Southern Illinois*											
at Northern Iowa*											
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Bradley*											
at Wichita State*											
Indiana State*											
at Bradley*											
Drake*											
Evansville*											
at TBA											
at Drake*											
at Indiana State*											
Southern Illinois*											

* Missouri Valley Conference game

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- His only points against Utah State came off of a baseline drive and dunk.
- Two points and two assists against EA Sports.
- Against SIU-Edwardsville, finished with six points, three boards and three assists in 21 minutes of action.
- Dumped in 10 points in the annual scrimmage.

REID'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	8 at Georgia Southern, 11-29-01
Rebounds	6 at Northern Iowa, 2-23-02
Assists	3 vs. Wichita State, 1-7-02
Steals	2 vs. Southern Illinois, 2-16-02
Blocks	2 at Illinois, 12-18-01
Minutes	20 at Georgia Southern, 11-29-01

REID'S SEASON HIGHS

Points	2 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Rebounds	1 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Assists	1 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Steals	0
Blocks	1 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Minutes	12 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02

REID'S CAREER STATISTICS

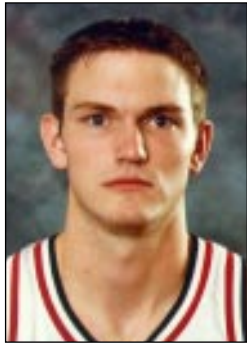
YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
01-02	31-3	391	31-62	.500	0-1	.000	13-21	.619	20-55	75	2.4	20	22	12	7	75	2.4
02-03	1-0	12	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	1	1.0	1	0	1	0	2	2.0
Total	32-3	403	32-64	.500	0-1	.000	13-21	.619	20-56	76	2.4	21	22	13	7	77	2.4

REID'S MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
01-02	18-1	230	17-36	.472	0-1	.000	7-13	.538	15-33	48	2.7	10	9	7	5	41	2.3

REID AGAINST CENTRAL MICHIGAN

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
	1-0	14	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-4	4	4.0	2	2	0	0	0	0.0



5 • Andy Strandmark



Senior • 6-11 • 240 • Center • Geneseo, Ill. (Darnall)

2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

• Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
• Utah State	21	1-4	0-0	0-2	2	2	1	0	1	0	2
• at Central Michigan											
• Illinois-Chicago											
• Chattanooga											
• at Kent State											
• at Western Kentucky											
• Jacksonville											
• Northern Illinois											
• SMS*											
• at Southern Illinois*											
• at Northern Iowa*											
• Creighton*											
• at SMS*											
• Wichita State*											
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• Bradley*											
• at Wichita State*											
• Indiana State*											
• at Bradley*											
• Drake*											
• Evansville*											
• at TBA											
• at Drake*											
• at Indiana State*											
• Southern Illinois*											

* Missouri Valley Conference game

STRANDMARK'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	15 vs. Bradley, 2-8-00
Rebounds	13 vs. Southwest Missouri State, 1-22-00
Assists	3 at Bradley, 1-26-00
Steals	3 at Creighton, 12-12-99
Blocks	3 vs. Southern Illinois, 2-16-02
Minutes	33, twice

STRANDMARK'S SEASON HIGHS

Points	2 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Rebounds	2 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Assists	1 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Steals	0
Blocks	1 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Minutes	21 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02

STRANDMARK'S CAREER STATISTICS

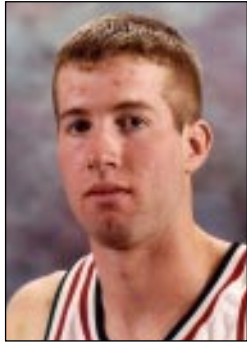
YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
99-00	29-8	511	36-78	.462	0-0	.000	22-30	.733	27-88	115	4.0	14	29	21	10	94	3.2
00-01	26-5	206	9-42	.214	0-0	.000	14-19	.737	10-41	51	2.0	5	15	5	3	32	1.2
01-02	31-9	369	40-83	.482	0-0	.000	11-21	.524	28-55	83	2.7	13	17	15	7	91	2.9
02-03	1-1	21	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	1-1	2	2.0	1	0	1	0	2	2.0
Total	87-23	1107	86-207	.415	0-0	.000	47-72	.653	66-185	251	2.9	33	61	42	20	219	2.5

STRANDMARK'S MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
99-00	18-8	359	30-58	.517	0-0	.000	16-21	.762	22-65	87	4.8	11	17	15	5	76	4.2
00-01	15-2	102	5-20	.250	0-0	.000	4-6	.667	6-14	20	1.3	3	7	1	1	14	0.9
01-02	18-8	235	25-53	.472	0-0	.000	6-13	.462	16-37	53	2.9	6	7	10	6	56	3.1
Total	51-18	696	60-131	.458	0-0	.000	26-40	.650	44-116	160	3.1	20	31	26	12	146	2.9

STRANDMARK AGAINST CENTRAL MICHIGAN

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
	3-1	36	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-3	5	1.7	1	3	2	0	6	2.0



10 • Kevin Troc



Freshman • 6-4 • 190 • Guard • Lockport, Ill. (Lockport)

2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	M	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	R	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	TP
Utah State	13	1-1	0-0	0-0	4	1	5	0	0	0	2
at Central Michigan											
Illinois-Chicago											
Chattanooga											
at Kent State											
at Western Kentucky											
Jacksonville											
Northern Illinois											
SMS*											
at Southern Illinois*											
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at Bradley*											
Drake*											
Evansville*											
at TBA											
at Drake*											
at Indiana State*											
Southern Illinois*											

* Missouri Valley Conference game

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Five assists, four boards and two points against Utah State in 13 minutes.
- Played 19 minutes against EA Sports with two points, four assists and two rebounds.
- Recorded five points, including an dunk, against SIU-Edwardsville. He was 1-for-1 on treys and chipped in two rebounds and three assists.
- Had seven points in the annual Red-White game.

TROC'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	2 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Rebounds	4 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Assists	5 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Steals	0
Blocks	0
Minutes	13 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02

TROC'S SEASON HIGHS

Points	2 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Rebounds	4 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Assists	5 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Steals	0
Blocks	0
Minutes	13 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02

TROC'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
02-03	1-0	13	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	4	4.0	5	0	0	0	2	2.0



EXHIBITION 1

Greene Leads 'Birds in Exhibition Win

NORMAL, Ill. – Sophomore point guard Vince Greene scored a game-high 26 points, including six three-pointers, as Illinois State won its first exhibition of the season, 89-70, over SIU-Edwardsville at Redbird Arena.

Baboucarr Bojang finished with 14 points and six rebounds for the 'Birds, while true freshman Chris Burras came off the bench to score 12.

SIU-Edwardsville was led by Ron Jones with 19 points, 17 of which came in the second half. Rob Baumgardner and Ben Garwitz each contributed 13 points and Baumgardner also led the Cougars in rebounding with six boards. The Cougars never led in the entire game and after the initial 12-point deficit never got closer than seven points.

Illinois State opened up the game with a 12-0 run, highlighted by two three-pointers and a cross-over lay-up by Greene. The 'Birds defense forced eight Cougar turnovers in the first 12 minutes of the game, including the team's first two possessions.

Greene led all scorers in the first half with 10 points, while Gregg Alexander chipped in eight first half points on 3-for-4 shooting. ISU shot 61 percent from the field in the first half, including 5-for-8 from beyond the arc.

Down 45-24 at halftime, the Cougars came out firing in the second half and outscored the 'Birds 26-15 over the first 8:30 minutes led by nine points apiece by junior Ron Jones and freshman Logan Glosser narrowing the Redbird lead to 10. Following a timeout with 11:05 remaining in the game, the 'Birds went on a 13-0 run to extend their lead back to 23, which tied their largest lead of the night.

ILLINOIS STATE 89, SIU-Edwardsville 70

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SIU-E	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Bauersachs, f	24	2-3	0-0	0-3	0	1	4
Mueller, c	8	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	2
Bradford, g	30	0-2	1-2	1-3	2	2	1
Jones, g	33	7-13	2-2	0-0	2	1	19
Baumgardner, g	30	4-10	3-4	1-6	9	2	13
Gajewski	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Zick	2	0-0	0-1	0-1	0	0	0
Garwitz	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0
Heflin	20	6-10	0-0	1-3	1	5	13
Glosser	21	4-6	1-1	0-3	1	1	12
Ward	10	3-4	0-0	0-2	2	2	6
Salak	5	0-2	0-0	1-1	0	1	0
Totals	200	27-51	7-10	5-27	20	15	70

Team Pct.: FG – .529; FT – .700

3-Pt.: 9-15, .600 (Bradford 0-1, Jones 3-4, Baumgardner 2-4, Heflin 1-1, Glosser 3-5)

Blocks: 1 (Ward 1)

Turnovers: 19 (Bauersachs 1, Bradford 3, Jones 4, Baumgardner 3, Gajewski 2, Heflin 1, Glosser 2, Ward 1, Team 2)

Steals: 3 (Bradford 2, Heflin 1)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Bojang, f	20	6-8	2-4	3-6	0	2	14
Strandmark, c	18	4-6	0-0	1-3	1	3	8
Alexander, g	26	3-6	0-0	0-3	2	0	8
Ford, g	21	2-8	0-0	1-6	5	0	4
Greene, g	27	10-14	0-1	1-1	4	0	26
Burras	20	4-10	4-6	0-1	2	2	12
Troc	20	2-3	0-0	0-2	3	3	5
Arnold	19	3-5	0-0	0-1	0	1	6
Hill	3	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Reid	21	2-3	2-3	1-3	3	1	6
Gillan	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Totals	200	36-64	8-14	9-30	21	12	89

Team Pct.: FG – .563; FT – .571

3-Pt.: 9-13, .692 (Alexander 2-3, Greene 6-7, Burras 0-2, Troc 1-1)

Blocks: 4 (Strandmark 2, Ford 1, Arnold 1)

Turnovers: 8 (Bojang 1, Strandmark 4, Burras 1, Troc 2)

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

Officials: Jerry Seibert, Frank Spencer, Mike Litzelfelner
Attendance: 4,049

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 45, SIU-Edwardsville 24

EXHIBITION 2

ISU Drops Second Exhibition to EA Sports

NORMAL, Ill. – Vince Greene led all scorers with 16 points, but Illinois State could not pick up the victory dropping its second and final exhibition game of the season, 66-65, to the EA Sports All-Stars Thursday night at Redbird Arena.

Illinois State also got 15 points and 10 rebounds from Baboucarr Bojang, while Andy Strandmark, Gregg Alexander and Trey Guidry each contributed seven points. The 'Birds shot 54 percent from the field in the first half, but managed only 41 percent in the second half on 10-for-24 shooting.

EA Sports, 1-9, only shot only 7-for-20 from the charity stripe, including 4-for-15 in the second half. EA Sports was led by former Fighting Illini player Sergio McClain with 13 points, while Doc Taylor, who played at Cleveland State chipped in 12.

Bojang showed his offensive skills early in the game by scoring nine of the Redbirds' first 11 points, but hot three-point shooting (3-for-3) from McClain kept the game tight midway through the first half. Back-to-back jumpers from Greene helped ignite a 13-5 run to take the lead at 24-20 with just over seven minutes remaining.

Marcus Arnold hit two low-post jumpers late in the first half and the Redbirds went into the half with a one-point lead, 36-35. Bojang and McClain led each of their respective teams in first-half scoring with 11 points.

EA Sports scored 14 points of its first 19 points in the second half off lay-ups or dunks and were able to take a 54-47 lead, the largest of the night for either team, with just under nine minutes left in the game. However, the 'Birds went on an 11-2 run over the next 3:37 led by four points from Gregg Alexander to take the lead at 58-56 with five minutes remaining.

EA Sports 66, ILLINOIS STATE 65

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EA Sports	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
McClain, f	30	5-12	0-2	0-2	4	2	13
Johnson, f	24	3-6	0-4	0-5	2	3	6
Turner, c	36	5-7	1-4	2-10	3	2	11
Dobbs, g	25	5-7	0-1	1-3	1	1	11
Taylor, g	32	5-6	2-3	0-1	4	3	12
Jones	20	1-6	0-2	2-2	0	1	3
Brownlee	13	2-7	0-0	0-0	1	0	6
Vaughn	20	1-1	2-2	0-1	2	2	4
Totals	200	27-52	5-18	6-27	17	14	66

Team Pct.: FG – .519; FT – .278

3-Pt.: 7-20, .350 (McClain 3-7, Johnson 0-3, Dobbs 1-1, Jones 1-4, Brownlee 2-5)

Blocks: 1 (Taylor 1)

Turnovers: 9 (Johnson 2, Taylor 4, Jones 2, Brownlee 1)

Steals: 8 (Johnson 1, Turner 1, Dobbs 1, Taylor 1, Jones 2, Vaughn 2)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Bojang, f	30	6-13	3-4	2-10	1	2	15
Reid, f	15	0-0	2-2	0-1	2	4	2
Strandmark, c	26	3-6	1-1	1-3	1	3	7
Alexander, g	27	2-6	2-3	0-3	2	1	7
Greene, g	33	6-8	1-2	0-3	4	1	16
Burras	8	2-3	1-2	0-5	0	0	5
Ford	8	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	2	0
Troc	19	1-4	0-0	0-2	4	1	2
Arnold	15	2-6	0-0	1-2	0	3	4
Guidry	19	3-6	0-0	0-2	0	2	7
Totals	200	25-52	10-14	7-35	15	19	65

Team Pct.: FG – .481; FT – .714

3-Pt.: 5-15, .333 (Alexander 1-4, Greene 3-4, Burras 0-1, Troc 0-2, Guidry 1-4)

Blocks: 3 (Bojang 1, Strandmark 2)

Turnovers: 12 (Bojang 1, Reid 1, Strandmark 3, Alexander 1, Ford 1, Troc 3, Guidry 2)

Steals: 2 (Ford 1, Arnold 1)

Officials: Ed Hightower, Rob Kruger, Mark Mayhough

Attendance: 4,656

Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 36, EA Sports 35

GAME 1

Redbirds Fall 68-53 to Utah State

NORMAL, Ill. – Trey Guidry led Illinois State with 20 points, including six three-pointers, but it wasn't enough as the Utah State Aggies spoiled the Redbirds' season opener, 68-53, Saturday night at Redbird Arena.

Vince Greene was the only other Illinois State player to score in double figures with 10, while freshman Marcus Arnold turned in nine points. The 'Birds shot only 39 percent from the field and made only one of their eight (125) free-throw attempts.

Desmond Penigar led Utah State with 22 points, going 4-for-4 from three-point range. Point guard Mark Brown scored 19 points for the Aggies. Utah State shot 50 percent from the field in the game, including 50 percent from beyond the arc on 6-for-12 shooting.

Illinois State (0-1) got off to a slow start offensively scoring only four points in the game's first nine minutes and dug itself into a 11-4 deficit. However, Guidry hit a three-pointer with 10:35 left in the first half that sparked a 13-5 Redbird run that gave Illinois State its only lead of the first half at 17-16. Guidry scored 11 of the 'Birds 13 points during the run, including three shots from beyond the arc.

Utah State (1-0) went on a 16-5 run over the final six minutes of the half, including holding the Redbirds scoreless for nearly three minutes, to take a 10-point lead into the locker room, 32-22. Brown ignited the Utah State run with nine points, including three lay-ups.

The Redbirds came out firing in the second half, scoring 15 of their first 17 second-half points from beyond the arc. Guidry helped lead the charge with three three-pointers, while Gregg Alexander contributed two. Illinois State used the offensive surge to shred the Aggies' halftime lead and close to within two points, 43-41, with just over 12 minutes remaining in the game.

Illinois State went into a scoring draught, however, over the game's next six minutes, which allowed the Aggies to build a 10-point lead at 51-41. Penigar led Utah State during the 8-0 run with seven points.

Greene scored the Redbirds' next seven points, but Utah State was able to keep Illinois State from getting any closer than eight in the game's closing minutes.

Utah State 68, ILLINOIS STATE 53

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Utah State	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Johnson, f	19	0-2	0-0	0-3	0	0	0
Nelson, f	17	2-3	3-4	1-3	1	3	7
Puzey, c	32	3-4	3-3	3-11	0	4	9
M. Brown, g	32	7-12	4-6	0-2	3	2	19
Patton, g	30	1-6	0-0	1-3	4	0	2
Penigar	29	8-12	2-3	3-6	0	2	22
Harris	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Stowell	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Butler	28	3-8	2-2	0-4	3	0	9
C. Brown	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Totals	200	24-48	14-18	8-35	12	13	68

Team Pct.: FG – .500; FT – .778

3-Pt.: 6-12, .500 (M. Brown 1-3, Patton 0-2, Penigar 4-4, Butler 1-3)

Blocks: 3 (Johnson 2, Penigar 1)

Turnovers: 12 (Johnson 3, Nelson 1, M. Brown 2, Patton 2, Penigar 1, Stowell 1, Butler 2)

Steals: 10 (Puzey 1, M. Brown 4, Patton 2, Penigar 1, Butler 2)

ILLINOIS ST.	Min.	FG-A	FT-A	O-REB	A	PF	TP
Alexander, f	27	2-6	0-0	0-1	0	3	6
Bojang, f	29	1-4	0-2	1-5	1	3	2
Strandmark, c	21	1-4	0-2	1-2	1	2	2
Greene, g	33	4-12	0-0	1-3	3	2	10
Guidry, g	35	7-17	0-0	0-2	1	2	20
Burras	6	0-1	0-0	0-2	0	1	0
Ford	4	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Troc	13	1-1	0-0	2-4	5	1	2
Arnold	20	4-7	1-4	3-4	0	1	9
Reid	12	1-2	0-0	0-1	1	0	2
Totals	200	21-54	1-8	10-28	12	15	53

Team Pct.: FG – .389; FT – .125

3-Pt.: 10-22, .455 (Alexander 2-5, Greene 2-6, Guidry 6-11)

Blocks: 3 (Strandmark 1, Guidry 1, Reid 1)

Turnovers: 13 (Alexander 2, Bojang 2, Greene 4, Guidry 3, Ford 1, Arnold 1)

Steals: 2 (Alexander 2)

Officials: Eddie Jackson, Steve Morris, Tim Hutchinson

Attendance: 7,948

Halftime Score: Utah State 32, ILLINOIS STATE 22