



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	L, 69-74
11/30	ILLINOIS-CHICAGO	L, 65-78

12/2	CHATTANOOGA	L, 68-75
12/7	@ Kent State	L, 61-76
12/15	@ Western Kentucky	L, 43-63
12/18	JACKSONVILLE	W, 74-50
12/21	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	L, 65-72
12/29	SMS* (Valley-TV)	L, 48-76

1/4	@ Southern Illinois* (WMBD)	L, 65-74
1/7	@ Northern Iowa*	Tonight

Bird Bit: The Redbirds have won the last five meetings against Northern Iowa, including the last two contests at the UNI-Dome.

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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11 GAME



ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (1-9, 0-2)

AT



NORTHERN IOWA PANTHERS (3-7, 0-2)

Tuesday, January 7, 2003 • 7:05 p.m. CST
UNI-Dome (10,000) • Cedar Falls, Iowa

THE GAME

The Probable Starters:

ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (1-9, 0-2)

						ppg	rpg	apg	
F	2	Gregg Alexander	6-4	195	So.-1L	Lincoln, Ill.	10.6	1.8	0.9
F	21	Marcus Arnold	6-8	225	Fr.-HS	Chicago, Ill.	8.0	3.4	0.9*
C	23	Baboucarr Bojang	6-9	205	Sr.-1L	Greenville, S.C.	7.3	4.9	0.7*
G	3	Dana Ford	6-4	185	Fr.-HS	Tamms, Ill.	2.2	2.8	0.6
G	11	Vince Greene	5-9	160	So.1L	Chicago, Ill.	10.0	2.0	4.5

NORTHERN IOWA PANTHERS (3-7, 0-2)

F	12	Ben Jacobson	6-2	200	Fr.-HS	Sioux City, Iowa	8.5	3.0	1.9
F	43	Matt Scheiderman	6-7	241	Jr.-TR	Marshalltown, Iowa	15.3	7.0	1.1
C	42	David Gruber	6-6	223	Jr.-1L	Solon, Iowa	13.8	8.2	1.7
G	11	John Little	5-11	175	Fr.-HS	Peoria, Ill.	4.4	0.9	1.2
G	21	Chris Foster	5-10	195	So.-1L	Ironton, Mo.	7.5	1.9	4.7

NOTE - (*) indicates blocks per game.

About The Game: At the completion of tonight's game, one team will walk away with its first conference victory of the 2002-03 season. Illinois State has opened 0-2 with a home loss to SMS and on the road against Southern Illinois. Northern Iowa lost at the UNI-Dome against Creighton and most recently at Wichita State.

Series History: This is the 39th meeting between the two schools with Illinois State leading the series 29-9. The Redbirds have won the last five meetings in the series and seven of the last 10. In regular season Valley play, the 'Birds own a 14-7 edge and are 9-6 in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Last Meeting: Shawn Jeppson collected a game high 20 points and Shedrick Ford added 17 points and eight rebounds as Illinois State upended Northern Iowa, 71-66, in Cedar Falls, Iowa on February 23, 2002. The Redbirds rallied from a 37-34 halftime deficit. Clutch free throw shooting in the final 4:07 along with 15 second half points from Ford sealed the game for the Redbirds. Illinois State shot a blistering 12 of 13 from the charity stripe in the final four minutes, 7-of-8 from Ford, and 22-of-26 for the game.

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 49-52 in his fourth season at Illinois State. He is assisted by Chad Altadonna, Lance Irvin and Kirk Sarff. Richardson is 31-30 against Valley opponents, 18-22 vs. non-conference foes, 32-15 at home, 12-31 on the road and 5-6 on neutral floors.

Greg McDermott (Northern Iowa '88) is in his second season at Northern Iowa. He owns a 17-22 record with the Panthers and is 148-86 during his nine-year coaching career.



TALE OF THE TAPE



W-L Record	1-9	3-7
ESPN/USA Today	UR	UR
AP Poll	UR	UR
Points Scored	61.1	62.8
Points Allowed	70.6	66.7
Scoring Margin	-9.5	-3.9
FG Percentage	42.0	43.5
Def. FG Percentage	48.2	42.4
3-pt. Percentage	41.2	35.1
Def. 3-pt. Percentage	41.0	33.5
FT Percentage	69.2	70.5
Offensive Rebounds	9.2	7.2
Total Rebounds	28.5	32.5
Rebounding Margin	-6.1	-1.6
Assists	11.6	15.1
Turnover Average	14.7	14.9
Turnover Margin	+0.6	-3.0
Steal Average	5.9	4.9
Block Average	3.3	2.7
Fouls	19.5	16.3

WEEKLY MEDIA CONFERENCE

All start at 3 p.m. and are located in the temporary Redbird Arena press room off of the northwest ramp near the northeast loading dock.

- 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 Northern Iowa Panthers

- Northern Iowa is located in Cedar Falls, Iowa, and enrolls 13,800 students. The Panthers are members of the Missouri Valley Conference.
- The Panthers rode a five-game losing streak earlier in the season and have lost their last two.
- Juniors Matt Schneiderman and David Gruber provide some meat down at the post. Schneiderman sizes up at 6-7, while Gruber is 6-6 and they combine for 464 pounds.
- Eight Panther players have logged 100 minutes or more. Without Schneiderman and Gruber, the other six players are shooting 90-for-255 (.353) from the field. Schneiderman and Gruber have combined for 111-of-195 from the floor or 56.9 percent.
- Schneiderman and Gruber have also accounted for 46.8 percent of the Panthers rebounds with 152 combined caroms, including 61 percent off the offensive glass with 44 boards.
- Despite only shooting 28.2 percent from the floor, Chris Foster owns a 1.62 assist-to-turnover ratio with 47 dishes and 29 turnovers.
- UNI has its share of Jacobson's with players Ben Jacobson and Adam Jacobson and assistant coach (also) Ben Jacobson. There is no relation between the three of them.

Dome Sweet Dome

Despite Northern Iowa's 67 percent winning percentage at the UNI-Dome, the Redbirds have had their share of success in the spacious multi-purpose facility. The 'Birds own a 8-5 mark in the dome, which was built in 1976. ISU is one of only three teams in the league to have a winning record in the dome and is second behind SMS's 14 wins under the roof and Evansville being the other. With a win tonight, it would mark the first time ever that Illinois State swept the Panthers at the UNI-Dome in both football and men's basketball in the same academic year. The 'Birds have accomplished the feat twice in calendar years with sweeps in 1998 and 2002.

Hey Arnold!

Freshman **Marcus Arnold** can't be seen on cable's Nicklelodeon, but he has been putting on a show against Missouri Valley Conference opponents. In the first two league games of his career, Arnold scored 14 points against SMS at Redbird Arena and added a career-high 15 points at Southern Illinois. In addition to averaging 14.5 points in conference games, Arnold is shooting 11-for-17 (.647) against league foes.

Been There Done That

The last time Illinois State started off the conference season 0-2 wasn't that long ago – it was last season. The 'Birds opened the 2001-02 Valley campaign with a loss at home and a loss at Southern Illinois. With today's Redbirds faced with the same situation, last season's team went on to win 12 of their last 16 and finished third in the conference.

Built Ford Tough

When freshman **Dana Ford** pulled down a team-high and a career-best eight rebounds at Southern Illinois, he became the first Redbird guard to grab eight caroms since Tarise Bryson equalled the feat against Evansville on March 3, 2001 in the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament. Ford leads all guards and ranks fourth on the team in rebounding with 2.8 boards per game.

Watching Out For No. 1

The Redbirds are still looking for their first win on an opponents floor. Thus far, Illinois State is 0-4 in enemy arenas. The latest the 'Birds have gone in a season until recording their first road win is January 25. The 1979-80 edition of the Redbirds got their first road win of the season over Howard 72-61, on Jan. 25, 1980. That team finished 20-9 on the year and the Howard game was only the fifth road game of the season.

Northern Iowa Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
11/22	@ Montana	W, 77-71
11/25	WAYNE STATE	W, 71-40
11/30	@ Siena	L, 58-69
12/4	CREIGHTON*	L, 52-65
12/10	@ Iowa	L, 54-63
12/14	@ Utah	L, 53-75
12/21	@ Chicago State	L, 63-67
12/23	UW-GREEN BAY	W, 81-67
12/29	IOWA STATE	L, 64-71
1/4	@ Wichita State*	L, 55-79
1/7	ILLINOIS STATE*	TONIGHT
1/12	@ Drake*	2:05 p.m.
1/16	INDIANA STATE*	7:05 p.m.
1/18	@ Bradley*	2:05 p.m.
1/22	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*	7:05 p.m.
1/25	SMS*	7:05 p.m.
1/29	@ Illinois State*	7:05 p.m.
2/1	EVANSVILLE*	12:05 p.m.
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* Missouri Valley Conference Game



It's Easy Being Greene

Kermit the Frog might not agree, but for point guard Vince Greene it is easy when he gets his teammates involved. Greene ranks fourth in The Valley in assists with 4.5 dishes per game. In his last eight games, Greene has handed out 37 assists. In addition to distributing the ball, Greene has posted double-digit scoring efforts in three of his last four games.

Consistently Inconsistent

The Redbirds have six players that have started six or more games, but head coach Tom Richardson is still looking for a consistent scoring trend. Of the six players, each one has scored at least 11 points in a game, while also tossing in as few as three tallies in a game. The six have also combined for 13 games where they have scored three points or less.

It's a Small World

With 6-foot-9 Baboucarr Bojang being tabbed a preseason first team All-Missouri Valley Conference selection, head coach Tom Richardson is probably surprised that his top three scorers are 6-4 or smaller. Trey Guidry, a 6-2 guard, leads the team with 12.3 points per game, while Gregg Alexander, a 6-4 sophomore, ranks second on the squad with 10.6 tallies per game. Vince Greene, a 5-9 sophomore, is third with 10.0 points per contest.

Greenbirds

Prior to this season, the 13 players currently on the Illinois State roster had combined for a total of 240 game played, or just 18.5 games per player, or roughly half of one season. Moreover, of the 13 now playing, seven had never played in an ISU game prior to this season and six had never played in a college game.

On Guard

The Redbirds, offensively, have definitely been driven by guard play so far this season. Sophomores Trey Guidry, Gregg Alexander and Vince Greene have accounted for 53.8 percent of Illinois State's scoring this season. The threesome has also combined for 59 treys and is shooting 41.8 percent from behind the arc.

Feeling Charitable

The Redbirds have been in a giving mood at times this season. Both sophomores Trey Guidry and Vince Greene have dished out career-high 11 assists this season. Guidry passed out the gifts at Kent State, while Greene delivered his presents against Jacksonville. Both Greene and Guidry's 11 assists were the most by a Redbird since Randy Rice's 13 dishes against Evansville on Feb. 12, 2001.

Time and the Minutes Are On Their Side

Just slightly less than 75 percent of the minutes (73%) logged so far this season (1,459 of a possible 2,000) are by players that have at least two years of eligibility AFTER this season. The top three minute-getters are Gregg Alexander (295), Trey Guidry (290) and Vince Greene (287) – all sophomores.

If History Repeats Itself – Buy Season Tickets Now

In the 74-50 win over Jacksonville, the Redbird underclassmen accounted for 56 points of Illinois State's scoring total. The 56 tallies was the highest total by a group of Redbird sophomores and freshmen since Dec. 9, 1995, when underclassmen totaled 57 points in the Redbirds' 79-59 win over Fairleigh-Dickenson. That group included names like Rico Hill, Dan Muller, Jamar Smiley, LeRoy Watkins, Rob Gibbons, Kyle Cartmill and Kenneth Pierson. During the 1995-96 season this band of underclassmen didn't have a junior class, either, and eventually went on to participate in two NCAA Tournaments as upperclassmen.

Block Party

Opponents have experienced more rejection from the 'Birds this season than in recent years. Through 10 games, the 'Birds are averaging 3.3 blocked shots per game, which ranks No. 5 all-time in the Illinois State record book. Freshman Marcus Arnold leads the way with nine blocks, while Andy Strandmark and Baboucarr Bojang each have seven. The Redbirds' swat per game average is the highest by the Redbirds since the 1998-99 season, when Illinois State ended with 3.7 blocks per contest.

Second Half Resistance Has Been Futile

Illinois State's 2-3 zone limited Jacksonville to 31.6 percent shooting, but at Southern Illinois, the ISU defense was torched for a shooting percentage of 50% or better in the second half for the ninth time in 10 games. In the nine losses, ISU foes have shot 123-for-211 in the second half – for an insuperable 58.3%.

THE LAST TIME THEY MET

Jeppson, Ford Lead 'Birds Past Northern Iowa

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa – Shawn Jeppson collected a game high 20 points and Shedrick Ford added 17 points and eight rebounds as Illinois State upended Northern Iowa, 71-66, Saturday night in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Jeppson led the 'Birds through the first half, tallying 12 points as the 'Birds headed into halftime down 37-34. Clutch free throw shooting in the final 4:07 along with 15 second half points from Ford sealed the game for the Redbirds. Illinois State shot a blistering 12 of 13 from the charity stripe in the final four minutes, 7-of-8 from Ford, and 22-of-26 for the game.

Plagued by early foul trouble in the second half, the Redbirds managed to hold Northern Iowa to 10 of 34 shooting from the field (29 percent) after halftime. Illinois State hit on 22-of-47 shots (47 percent) for the game.

Northern Iowa had four players in double figures, led by Erik Smith and Aaron Middendorf with 15 each. Robbie Sieverding and Matt Bennett added 12 points apiece.

With the win, the 'Birds improve their overall mark to 15-13 overall and 11-6 in Missouri Valley Conference play. The Panthers drop to 13-13 and 8-9 in league play.

ILLINOIS STATE 71, Northern Iowa 66

February 23, 2002 • Cedar Falls, Iowa

Table with 8 columns: ILLINOIS ST., Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include Alexander (F), Ford (F), Strandmark (C), Rice (G), Jeppson (G), Greene, Bojang, Mazanowski, Reid, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG – .448; FT – .846

3-Pt.: 5-14, .357 (Alexander 1-3, Rice 0-2, Jeppson 2-7, Greene 2-2)

Blocks: 4 (Jeppson 3, Mazanowski 1)

Turnovers: 12 (Alexander 1, Rice 2, Jeppson 5, Ford 1, Greene 1, Reid 1, Team 1)

Steals: 6 (Rice 2, Jeppson 4)

Table with 8 columns: N. Iowa, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Rows include Smith (F), Middendorf (F), Gruber (C), Sieverding (G), Foster (G), Bennett, Austin, Woodley, Morariu, Anderson, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG – .361; FT – .800

3-Pt.: 10-30, .333 (Smith 4-11, Sieverding 0-4, Foster 2-6, Middendorf 1-4, Bennett 3-4, Woodley 0-1)

Blocks: None

Turnovers: 13 (Smith 1, Sieverding 3, Foster 1, Middendorf 2, Gruber 1, Woodley 3, Morariu 1, Team 1)

Steals: 2 (Foster 1, Woodley 1)

Officials: Terry Davis, Paul Kaster, Kip Kissinger

Attendance: 3,361

Halftime Score: N. Iowa 37, ILLINOIS STATE 34



CHART CLIMBERS

Career 3-Point FG Leaders

1. Tarise Bryson (1999-02)	214
10. Antonio Cooper (1992-96)	93
- Gregg Alexander (2001-)	78

Career Double-Digit Rebounding Games

1. Ron deVries	60
5. Joe Galvin	23
- Baboucarr Bojang	10

Career Blocked Shots Leaders

1. LeRoy Watkins (1996-99)	143
8. Dan Muller (1994-98)	57
Hank Comley (1980-84)	57
- Andy Strandmark (1999-)	48

Career Minutes Averaged Leader

1. Tarise Bryson (1998-02)	34.1
2. Dan Muller (1994-98)	32.6
3. Michael McKenny (1981-85)	31.8
4. Gregg Alexander (2001-)	31.7

CAREER STARTS/GAMES

No.	Player	Illinois St.	
		GP	GS
1	Chris Burras	9	0
2	Gregg Alexander	41	39
3	Dana Ford	10	5
5	Andy Strandmark	96	28
10	Kevin Troc	10	1
11	Vince Greene	41	10
12	Rebert Harris	3	0
21	Marcus Arnold	10	7
23	Baboucarr Bojang	41	36
24	Trey Guidry	10	7
34	Kenneth Hill	3	0
40	Casey Reid	39	3
44	Brett Gillan	34	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. S. Illinois	2	0	1.000	7	3	.700
SMS	2	0	1.000	5	5	.500
3. Creighton	1	0	1.000	10	1	.909
Wichita State	1	0	1.000	6	4	.600
Indiana State	1	0	1.000	5	7	.417
6. Drake	0	1	.000	5	7	.417
Evansville	0	1	.000	4	6	.400
Bradley	0	1	.000	4	8	.333
9. Northern Iowa	0	2	.000	3	7	.300
Illinois State	0	2	.000	1	9	.100

*Through games of Jan. 4

Rebound Revival Rooted

The Redbirds had won the rebound battle in back-to-back games after starting the campaign being out-rebounded by their foes in the first five games. That string has come to an end in the last three outings against Northern Illinois, SMS and Southern Illinois. The 'Birds are averaging 28.5 rebounds per game, which is the lowest total in ISU's Division I history, and have been out-rebounded 6.1 boards per contest.

94 Straight Games With a Trey on the Board ...

Illinois State heads into tonight's game with at least one made 3-pointer in 94 straight games. In fact, in the Tom Richardson era the Redbirds have only gone one game without a made trey on an 82-43 loss at Creighton on December 12, 1999. Since Richardson took the helm, the 'Birds have made four or more treys in 74 of 101 games.

Who Ya Gonna Call?

Bracket Busters! In an effort to help "mid-major" programs bust into the NCAA Tournament field, conferences from around the country have joined forces with ESPN to form - Bracket Buster Saturday on Feb. 22, 2003. The event consists of 18 teams with one predetermined match-up with Gonzaga hosting Tulsa. The rest of the games will be announced on Feb. 1, 2003, with the intention of pitting the best-possible match-ups. By the end of the season, the 'Birds will have faced six opponents that are a part of Bracket Buster Saturday.

Home	Road
Creighton (10-1)	Illinois State (1-9)
Gonzaga (9-5)	Ball State (5-6)
Illinois-Chicago (7-4)	Bowling Green (6-4)
Kent State (8-1)	Detroit (6-5)
Louisiana Tech (4-4)	Fresno State (9-2)
Marshall (6-3)	Hawaii (8-2)
Southern Illinois (7-3)	Northern Iowa (3-7)
UC-Santa Barbara (4-8)	Tulsa (8-3)
Western Kentucky (7-6)	UW-Milwaukee (11-3)

*As of January 4, 2003

A SI of Relief

Whew! Apparently the Valley's success in the NCAA Tournament is starting to gain the league national recognition and the Redbirds are reaping benefits from it as well. Sports Illustrated's forecast of the 65-team NCAA Tournament field included ISU at No. 50, while SIU was No. 30 and Creighton was tabbed for No. 48.

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.

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.

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. This year the Redbirds are barely below the plateau with a 69.2 percentage through the first 10 games. 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.

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.

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 7-1 record when playing on January 4, one of Illinois State's seven wins happened in 2002 and it is today's Redbird Flashback: Jan. 7, 2002 • Normal, Ill. - Illinois State got 27 points from Shawn Jeppson to drop Wichita State 81-71 at Redbird Arena for the 'Birds first Valley win of the year. The victory was instrumental in turning around the season as Illinois State went on to win 13 of its next 17 games, after coming into the game with a 4-9 mark..



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. Vince Greene (17p, 11a) vs. Jacksonville, 12-18-02
Opponent Jermaine Dearman (13p, 10r) at S. Illinois, 1-4-03
A player made five 3-pointers ... ILLINOIS ST. Trey Guidry (5-9) vs. Northern Illinois, 12-21-02
Opponent Todd Peterson (6-10) vs. Northern Illinois, 12-21-02
A player made 10 free throws ... ILLINOIS ST. Shedrick Ford (11-13) vs. S. Illinois, 2-16-02
Opponent Jay Bates (10-12) vs. Northern Illinois, 12-21-02
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. Vince Greene (11) vs. Jacksonville, 12-18-02
Opponent Patrick Sparks (10) at Western Kentucky, 12-15-02
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 Caleb Halcomb (5) at Western Kentucky, 12-15-02

TEAM

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. Jacksonville (.500, 30-60), 12-18-02
Opponent vs. SMS (.596, 28-47), 12-29-02
A team made 10 3-point field goals ... ILLINOIS ST. vs. Illinois-Chicago (.435, 10-23), 11-30-02
Opponent vs. Northern Illinois (.550, 11-20), 12-21-02
A team had 25 3-point field goal attempts ... ILLINOIS ST. at Drake (8-27), 1-10-02
Opponent vs. Jacksonville (10-31), 12-18-02
A team shot 50 percent on 3-pointers ... ILLINOIS ST. at Kent State (.625, 5-8), 12-7-02
Opponent at Southern Illinois (.500, 4-8), 1-4-03
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)

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Score. Rows include Utah State (13-31), at Central Michigan (28-30), Illinois-Chicago (4-20), Chattanooga (26-8), at Kent State (7-15), at Western Kentucky (13-15), Jacksonville (27-13), Northern Illinois (34-31), SMS (8-24), at Southern Illinois (18-22), 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, Total (178-209).

2002-03 VALLEY RANKINGS

*As of December 29

Table with 2 columns: Statistic and Rank. Rows include Scoring Offense (9th, 60.7), Scoring Defense (5th, 70.2), Scoring Margin (10th, -9.6), Free Throw Pct (4th, .684), Field Goal Pct (9th, .418), FG Pct. Defense (10th, .485), 3-Point FG Pct. (3rd, .415), 3-Point FG Pct. Def. (7th, .405), Rebounding Offense (10th, 28.2), Rebounding Defense (8th, 34.4), Rebounding Margin (10th, -6.2), Blocked Shots (3rd, 3.44), Assists (9th, 11.56), Steals (7th, 6.11), Turnover Margin (5th, +0.89), Assist/Turnover Ratio (10th, 0.78), Offensive Rebounds (8th, 9.22), Defensive Rebounds (10th, 19.00), 3-Point Field Goals Made (5th, 6.22).

INDIVIDUAL

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Value. Rows include Vince Greene (4th, 4.56), Babouarr Bojang (10th, .742), Vince Greene (19th, 1.44), Gregg Alexander (17th, .429), Trey Guidry (10th, .418), Trey Guidry (4th, 2.56), Gregg Alexander (8th, 2.00), Marcus Arnold (7th, 0.89).

ILLINOIS STATE'S 2002-03 RECORD WHEN

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

Table with 2 columns: Record Type and Count. Rows include ISU Scores 60 or More (1-6), ISU Scores less than 60 (0-3), 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 (0-7), Opponent Scores 60 or More (0-8), Opponent Scores less than 60 (1-0), In Games Decided by 5 or less (0-1), In Games Decided by 6-10 Points (0-3), In Games Decided by 11-20 Points (0-4), In Games Decided by 21+ Points (1-1), Day Games (0-5), Night Games (1-4), Home Court (1-5), Away Games (0-4), Neutral Games (0-0), When ISU Scores First (0-2), When ISU Wins Tip (0-1), In November (0-2), In December (1-6), In January (0-1), In February (0-0), In March (0-0), On Sunday (0-2), On Monday (0-1), On Tuesday (0-1), On Wednesday (1-0), On Thursday (0-0), On Friday (0-0), On Saturday (0-5).



SUPERLATIVES

STARTING LINEUPS – F, F, C, G, G (9):

- Alexander, Bojang, Strandmark, Greene, Guidry (0-1)
(L) – Utah State
- Alexander, Arnold, Bojang, Troc, Greene (0-1)
(L) – at Central Michigan
- Alexander, Arnold, Strandmark, Greene, Guidry (0-2)
(L) – Illinois-Chicago, Chattanooga
- Alexander, Arnold, Bojang, Ford, Guidry (0-1)
(L) – at Kent State
- Alexander, Bojang, Strandmark, Ford, Guidry (0-1)
(L) – at Western Kentucky
- Alexander, Arnold, Strandmark, Ford, Greene (1-0)
(W) – Jacksonville
- Alexander, Bojang, Strandmark, Ford, Greene (0-1)
(L) – Northern Illinois
- Alexander, Arnold, Bojang, Greene, Guidry (0-1)
(L) – SMS
- Arnold, Bojang, Ford, Greene, Guidry (0-1)
(L) – at Southern Illinois

FIRST POINTS:

Greene 3, Strandmark 2, Arnold 2, Ford 1, Alexander 1, Bojang 1

DOUBLE-DIGIT SCORERS (27):

Greene 6, Alexander 6, Guidry 6, Strandmark 3, Bojang 3, Arnold 3

DOUBLE-DIGIT REBOUNDING (1):

Bojang 1

LEADING SCORER:

Guidry 5, Greene 3, Alexander 3, Arnold 1

LEADING REBOUNDER:

Bojang 4, Strandmark 4, Burras 2, Ford 1

DOUBLE-DOUBLES (3):

Bojang 1, Guidry 1, Greene 1

DUNKS (2):

Reid 1, Strandmark 1

FIRST SUBSTITUTION:

Bojang 3, Strandmark 3, Reid 1, Greene 1, Arnold 1, Alexander 1

CHARGES DRAWN (14):

Alexander 3, Arnold 3, Strandmark 2, Bojang 2, Burras 2, Troc 1, Ford

MOST MINUTES:

- 39, Baboucarr Bojang at Kent State, 12-7-02
- 39, Vince Greene at Southern Illinois, 1-4-03
- 38, Trey Guidry at Kent State, 12-7-02
- 36, Marcus Arnold at Southern Illinois, 1-4-03
- 35, Trey Guidry vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
- 35, Gregg Alexander vs. Northern Illinois 12-21-02
- 34, Vince Greene vs. Jacksonville, 12-18-02
- 34, Vince Greene vs. Northern Illinois, 12-21-02

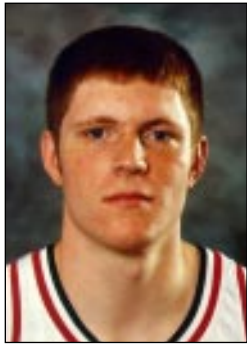
INDIVIDUAL GAME-BY-GAME (PTS-REB-ASTS)

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	18-2-0*	4-2-0*	4-0-2*	2-4-1	0-1-0	DNP
Illinois-Chicago	12-2-0*	11-6-2*	4-4-2	0-2-0	0-1-0	DNP
Chattanooga	2-2-2*	3-2-0*	15-10-1	2-3-0	6-2-1	DNP
at Kent State	13-1-0*	6-1-0*	14-6-0*	0-0-0	6-5-1*	DNP
at Western Kentucky	18-2-3*	4-5-0	3-3-0*	0-0-0	2-0-0*	0-0-0
Jacksonville	15-5-1*	5-2-0*	8-8-1	6-2-1	2-5-1*	0-0-0
Northern Illinois	4-0-2*	9-5-1	2-5-0*	2-6-0	4-2-0*	0-0-0
SMS	0-0-0*	14-3-0*	9-1-0*	2-4-1	0-3-1	0-0-0
at Southern Illinois	18-3-1	15-4-0*	12-7-1*	DNP	2-8-2*	DNP
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						

Opponent	Greene	Guidry	Harris	Hill	Reid	Strandmark	Troc
Utah State	10-3-3*	20-2-1*	DNP	DNP	2-1-1	2-2-1*	2-4-5
at Central Michigan	13-2-5*	7-2-0	DNP	DNP	8-0-0	11-7-1	2-4-1*
Illinois-Chicago	14-3-6*	14-0-3*	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	10-8-1*	0-1-0
Chattanooga	0-0-8*	26-1-0*	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	11-5-0*	3-0-2
at Kent State	3-1-3	15-4-11*	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	4-4-1	0-0-0
at Western Kentucky	6-4-3	5-4-1*	0-0-0	2-1-0	0-0-1	2-9-1*	1-2-0
Jacksonville	17-5-11*	3-2-2	0-0-0	0-1-0	2-3-0	8-2-1*	8-2-2
Northern Illinois	16-1-1*	19-2-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	5-6-0*	4-0-1
SMS	14-3-0*	3-1-0*	2-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	4-3-0	0-1-0
at Southern Illinois	7-1-4*	11-1-4*	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1-0	0-0-0
at Northern Iowa							
Creighton							
at SMS							
Wichita State							
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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.



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
Utah State	27	2-6	2-5	0-0	1	3	0	2	0	2	6
at Central Michigan	33	7-11	4-6	0-0	2	3	0	2	0	1	18
Illinois-Chicago	29	4-9	4-8	0-0	2	0	0	5	0	0	12
Chattanooga	27	1-7	0-2	0-0	2	3	2	0	0	0	2
at Kent State	31	4-7	3-4	2-2	1	1	0	4	0	1	13
at Western Kentucky	33	7-14	2-6	2-2	2	1	3	2	0	1	18
Jacksonville	32	5-7	3-4	2-2	5	0	1	0	0	2	15
Northern Illinois	35	1-10	0-6	2-2	0	5	2	1	1	0	4
SMS*	22	0-3	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
at Southern Illinois*	26	7-16	2-8	2-2	3	4	1	1	0	0	18
at Northern Iowa*											
Creighton*											
at SMS*											
Wichita State*											
at Creighton*											
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Drake*											
Evansville*											
at TBA											
at Drake*											
at Indiana State*											
Southern Illinois*											

* Missouri Valley Conference game

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- For the third time this season, scored 18 points at Southern Illinois after not getting the starting nod for the first time this season.
- Has scored double-figures in six of 10 games this season.
- Posted a game-high 18 points at Central Michigan on 4-for-6 shooting on treys. It marked the fifth time in his career that he made four or more threes in a game.
- 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.

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	1 vs. Northern Illinois, 12-21-02
Minutes	42 vs. Hofstra, 11-25-01

ALEXANDER'S SEASON HIGHS

Points	18, three times
Rebounds	5 vs. Jacksonville, 12-18-02
Assists	3 at Western Kentucky, 12-15-02
Steals	2, twice
Blocks	1 vs. Northern Illinois, 12-21-02
Minutes	35 vs. Northern Illinois, 12-21-02

ALEXANDER'S CAREER STATISTICS

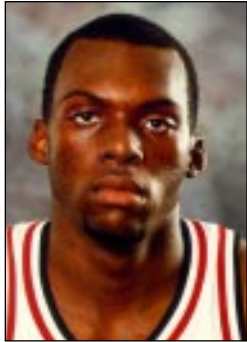
YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
01-02	31-30	1004	112-254	.441	58-148	.392	28-37	.757	22-78	100	3.2	64	37	0	40	310	10.0
02-03	10-9	295	38-90	.422	20-50	.400	10-10	1.000	5-13	18	1.8	9	18	1	7	106	10.6
Total	41-39	1299	150-344	.436	78-198	.394	38-47	.809	27-91	118	2.9	73	55	1	47	416	10.1

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
02-03	2-1	48	7-19	.368	2-9	.222	2-2	1.000	2-1	3	1.5	1	2	0	0	18	9.0
Total	20-18	650	75-171	.439	39-97	.402	16-20	.800	13-47	60	3.0	34	31	0	21	205	10.3

ALEXANDER vs. NORTHERN IOWA

G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	REB	AVG	AST	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
2-1	66	6-10	.600	4-6	.667	3-3	1.000	5	2.5	3	0	2	19	9.5



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	22	2-4	0-0	0-0	2	3	0	1	0	0	4
Illinois-Chicago	25	4-7	0-0	3-4	6	4	2	1	4	0	11
Chattanooga	11	1-1	0-0	1-2	2	3	0	1	1	0	3
at Kent State	22	3-5	0-0	0-0	1	3	0	1	0	0	6
at Western Kentucky	15	2-3	0-0	0-0	5	4	0	1	1	0	4
Jacksonville	18	2-8	0-0	1-1	2	3	0	0	1	0	5
Northern Illinois	22	4-7	0-0	1-3	5	3	1	2	1	0	9
SMS*	23	4-6	0-0	6-9	3	4	0	1	0	0	14
at Southern Illinois*	36	7-11	0-0	1-1	4	5	0	1	1	0	15

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Has had back-to-back career games with 14 points against SMS and 15 at Southern Illinois.
- 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.

- 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

ARNOLD'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	15 at Southern Illinois, 1-4-03
Rebounds	6 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Assists	2 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Steals	0
Blocks	4 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Minutes	36 at Southern Illinois, 1-4-03

ARNOLD'S SEASON HIGHS

Points	15 at Southern Illinois, 1-4-03
Rebounds	6 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Assists	2 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Steals	0
Blocks	4 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Minutes	36 at Southern Illinois, 1-4-03

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	10-7	214	33-59	.559	0-0	.000	14-24	.583	15-19	34	3.4	3	10	9	0	80	8.0

ARNOLD'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
02-03	2-2	59	11-17	.647	0-0	.000	7-10	.700	3-4	7	3.5	0	2	1	0	29	14.5



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	21	2-5	0-0	0-0	0	5	2	1	0	0	4
Illinois-Chicago	27	0-6	0-0	4-5	4	3	2	3	1	1	4
Chattanooga	30	4-10	0-0	7-8	10	1	1	3	1	0	15
at Kent State	39	6-15	0-0	2-2	6	4	0	2	0	1	14
at Western Kentucky	17	1-4	0-0	1-2	3	2	0	0	1	1	3
Jacksonville	29	3-8	0-0	2-2	8	3	1	2	1	2	8
Northern Illinois	14	0-0	0-0	2-4	5	5	0	3	1	0	2
SMS*	25	2-4	0-0	5-6	1	0	0	3	2	2	9
at Southern Illinois*	32	3-6	0-0	6-8	7	4	1	2	0	0	12
at Northern Iowa*											
Creighton*											
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at Drake*											
at Indiana State*											
Southern Illinois*											

* Missouri Valley Conference game

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- At SIU, registered his first double-digit scoring game in the last five outings.
- Left the Western Kentucky game early in the second half with a mild concussion and didn't return after crashing to the floor going for an offensive rebound.
- Had his first double-double of the season with 15 points and 10 rebounds against Chattanooga.
- Has been battling tendonitis in his right hand that has limited his shooting touch.
- Posted his first career game without a rebound at Central Michigan and his first without a field goal against Illinois-Chicago.
- 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.

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, twice

BOJANG'S SEASON HIGHS

Points	15 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02
Rebounds	10 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02
Assists	2, twice
Steals	2, twice
Blocks	2 vs. SMS, 12-29-02
Minutes	39 at Kent State, 12-7-02

BOJANG'S CAREER STATISTICS

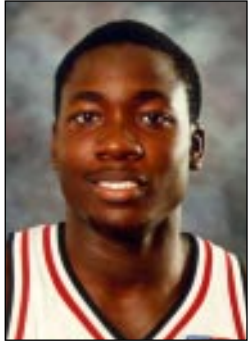
YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
01-02	31-29	971	158-339	.466	0-0	.000	93-128	.727	75-162	237	7.6	29	74	9	30	409	13.2
02-03	10-7	263	22-62	.355	0-0	.000	29-39	.744	17-32	49	4.9	8	21	7	7	73	7.3
Total	41-36	1234	180-401	.449	0-0	.000	122-167	.731	92-194	286	7.0	37	95	16	37	482	11.8

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
02-03	2-2	57	5-10	.500	0-0	.000	11-14	.786	4-4	8	4.0	1	5	2	2	21	10.5
Total	20-18	623	90-203	.443	0-0	.000	66-84	.786	44-105	149	7.5	22	51	10	17	246	12.3

BOJANG vs. NORTHERN IOWA

G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	REB	AVG	AST	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
2-1	65	13-22	.591	0-0	.000	5-7	.714	17	8.5	0	4	1	31	15.5



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	9	1-3	0-0	0-0	4	3	1	2	0	1	2
Illinois-Chicago	6	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Chattanooga	13	1-7	0-0	0-0	3	2	0	1	0	0	2
at Kent State	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Western Kentucky	13	0-4	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
Jacksonville	9	3-4	0-0	0-0	2	1	1	0	0	1	6
Northern Illinois	15	1-1	0-0	0-0	6	3	0	0	0	2	2
SMS*	21	0-1	0-0	2-6	4	2	1	1	0	0	2

Did Not Play

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Did not play at Southern Illinois - coach's decision.
- Opened the season with 2-for-16 shooting, but has shot 4-of-6 in the last three games.
- Posted a career-best six rebounds against Northern Illinois. Now has 19 boards on the season, including nine offensive rebounds.
- Collected two points and four boards at Central Michigan in nine minutes.
- 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.

- 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

BURRAS' CAREER HIGHS

Points	6 vs. Jacksonville, 12-18-02
Rebounds	6 vs. Northern Illinois, 12-21-02
Assists	1, three times
Steals	2 vs. Northern Illinois, 12-21-02
Blocks	None
Minutes	21 vs. SMS, 12-29-02

BURRAS' SEASON HIGHS

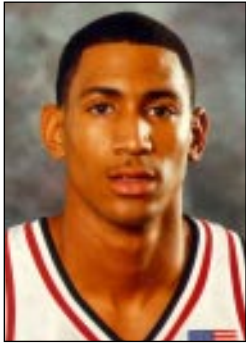
Points	6 vs. Jacksonville, 12-18-02
Rebounds	6 vs. Northern Illinois, 12-21-02
Assists	1, three times
Steals	2 vs. Northern Illinois, 12-21-02
Blocks	None
Minutes	21 vs. SMS, 12-29-02

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	9-0	93	6-22	.273	0-0	.000	2-6	.333	9-14	23	2.6	3	7	0	4	14	1.6

BURRAS' 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
02-03	1-0	21	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2-6	.333	0-4	4	4.0	1	1	0	0	2	2.0



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	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Illinois-Chicago	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Chattanooga	17	3-4	0-0	0-1	2	2	1	1	2	2	6
at Kent State	30	3-5	0-0	0-0	5	1	1	1	0	0	6
at Western Kentucky	22	1-3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Jacksonville	18	1-4	0-0	0-2	5	0	1	1	0	0	2
Northern Illinois	13	2-4	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	2	0	1	4
SMS*	19	0-5	0-0	0-0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
at Southern Illinois*	31	1-3	0-0	0-0	8	2	2	0	0	3	2
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

- Returned to the starting line-up at Southern Illinois and posted a career-best eight boards.
- 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	6, twice
Rebounds	8 at Southern Illinois, 1-4-03
Assists	2 at Southern Illinois, 1-4-03
Steals	3 at Southern Illinois, 1-4-03
Blocks	2 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02
Minutes	31 at Southern Illinois, 1-4-03

FORD'S SEASON HIGHS

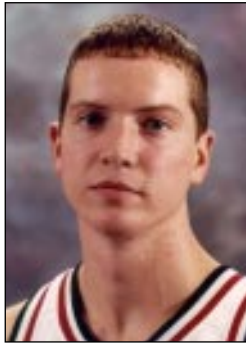
Points	6, twice
Rebounds	8 at Southern Illinois, 1-4-03
Assists	2 at Southern Illinois, 1-4-03
Steals	3 at Southern Illinois, 1-4-03
Blocks	2 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02
Minutes	31 at Southern Illinois, 1-4-03

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	10-5	163	11-29	.379	0-1	.000	0-3	.000	10-18	28	2.8	6	7	2	7	22	2.2

FORD'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
02-03	2-1	50	1-8	.125	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3-8	11	5.5	3	0	0	3	2	1.0



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											
at Central Michigan											
Illinois-Chicago											
Chattanooga											
at Kent State											
at Western Kentucky	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Jacksonville	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Illinois	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
SMS*	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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

GILLAN'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	2, three times
Rebounds	1, five times
Assists	1 vs. Creighton, 1-2-02
Steals	1 at Western Kentucky, 12-15-02
Blocks	None
Minutes	4, twice

GILLAN'S SEASON HIGHS

Points	0
Rebounds	0
Assists	0
Steals	1 at Western Kentucky, 12-15-02
Blocks	0
Minutes	3 vs. SMS, 12-29-02

GILLAN'S CAREER STATISTICS

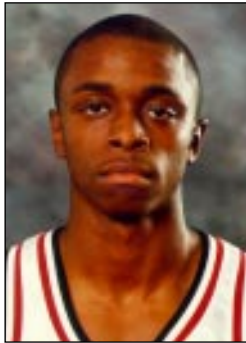
YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
99-00	8-0	9	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	1	0.1	0	0	0	0	2	0.3
00-01	14-0	20	2-4	.500	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-2	2	0.1	1	1	0	0	4	0.3
01-02	8-0	15	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-2	2	0.3	1	1	0	0	0	0.0
02-03	4-0	5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0	0.0	0	2	0	1	0	0.0
Total	34-0	49	3-5	.600	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-5	5	0.1	2	4	0	1	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
02-03	1-0	3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	16-0	25	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-3	3	0.2	1	1	0	0	2	0.1

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- After not seeing action in the first five games, has been called upon in the last four.
- 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.



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	27	5-9	1-2	2-2	2	0	5	7	0	1	13
Illinois-Chicago	28	5-9	2-3	2-2	3	5	6	1	0	1	14
Chattanooga	33	0-8	0-4	0-0	0	1	8	1	0	1	0
at Kent State	17	1-2	1-1	0-0	1	0	3	2	0	2	3
at Western Kentucky	21	2-6	0-2	2-2	4	1	3	3	0	2	6
Jacksonville	34	6-11	3-6	2-2	5	2	11	2	0	1	17
Northern Illinois	34	5-9	2-6	4-4	1	3	1	3	0	4	16
SMS*	23	5-6	2-2	2-2	0	1	1	5	0	1	14
at Southern Illinois*	39	3-8	1-2	0-1	0-1	2	4	4	0	1	7
at Northern Iowa*											
Creighton*											
at SMS*											
Wichita State*											
at Creighton*											
at Evansville*											
Northern Iowa*											
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at Bradley*											
Drake*											
Evansville*											
at TBA											
at Drake*											
at Indiana State*											
Southern Illinois*											

* Missouri Valley Conference game

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Missed his first free throw of the season and only the seventh of his career at Southern Illinois.
- Logged 39 minutes in the loss at Southern Illinois.
- Has 12 double-figure games in his career.
- Against Jacksonville, had a career night with 17 points, 11 assists and five rebounds.
- Led the 'Birds in scoring with 16 points 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.

GREENE'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	17 vs. Jacksonville, 12-18-02
Rebounds	5 vs. Jacksonville, 12-18-02
Assists	11 vs. Jacksonville, 12-18-02
Steals	4, twice
Blocks	1 at SMS, 2-2-02
Minutes	39 at Southern Illinois, 1-4-03

GREENE'S SEASON HIGHS

Points	17 vs. Jacksonville, 12-18-02
Rebounds	5 vs. Jacksonville, 12-18-02
Assists	11 vs. Jacksonville, 12-18-02
Steals	4 vs. Northern Illinois, 12-21-02
Blocks	0
Minutes	39 at Southern Illinois, 1-4-03

GREENE'S CAREER STATISTICS

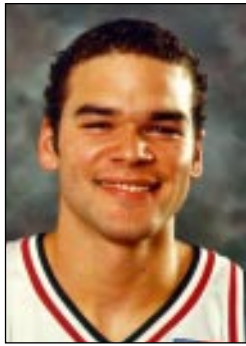
YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
01-02	31-2	472	43-123	.350	23-55	.418	36-42	.857	4-18	22	0.7	58	52	1	15	145	4.7
02-03	10-8	287	36-80	.450	14-34	.412	14-15	.933	2-18	20	2.0	45	32	0	14	100	10.0
Total	41-10	759	79-203	.389	37-89	.416	50-57	.877	6-36	42	1.0	103	84	1	29	245	6.0

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
02-03	2-2	62	8-14	.571	3-4	.750	2-3	.667	0-1	1	0.5	5	9	0	2	21	10.5
Total	20-2	286	28-66	.424	16-35	.457	7-9	.778	1-13	14	0.7	28	28	1	12	79	4.0

GREENE vs. NORTHERN IOWA

G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	REB	AVG	AST	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
2-0	26	4-8	.500	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	1	0.5	3	0	1	11	5.5



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	24	3-7	1-2	0-0	2	0	0	1	0	0	7
Illinois-Chicago	33	4-17	4-12	2-2	0	3	3	1	0	2	14
Chattanooga	32	11-15	4-5	0-0	1	4	0	2	0	1	26
at Kent State	38	7-14	1-3	0-0	4	4	11	3	0	1	15
at Western Kentucky	31	2-15	1-7	0-0	4	1	1	1	0	2	5
Jacksonville	20	1-5	0-3	1-2	2	2	2	4	0	1	3
Northern Illinois	25	7-15	5-9	0-0	2	2	1	1	1	0	19
SMS*	28	1-6	1-3	0-0	1	3	0	1	0	1	3
at Southern Illinois*	24	3-9	2-2	3-4	1	4	4	5	0	0	11
at Northern Iowa*											
Creighton*											
at SMS*											
Wichita State*											
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Drake*											
Evansville*											
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at Drake*											
at Indiana State*											
Southern Illinois*											

* Missouri Valley Conference game

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Matched his season-low point total with three against SMS.
- Dished out a career-best 11 assists and posted his first career double-double with 15 points at Kent State.
- Tossed in a career-high 26 points against Chattanooga with a 4-for-5 effort from behind the arc.
- 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, he did not play in the first exhibition.
- Scored a game-high 22 points in the Red-White game powered by six 3-pointers.

GUIDRY'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	26 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02
Rebounds	4, twice
Assists	11 at Kent State, 12-7-02
Steals	2, twice
Blocks	1, twice
Minutes	38 at Kent State, 12-7-02

GUIDRY'S SEASON HIGHS

Points	26 vs. Chattanooga, 12-2-02
Rebounds	4, twice
Assists	11 at Kent State, 12-7-02
Steals	2, twice
Blocks	1, twice
Minutes	38 at Kent State, 12-7-02

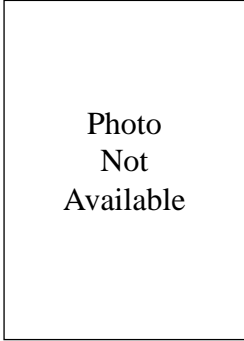
GUIDRY'S CAREER STATISTICS

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	10-7	290	46-120	.383	25-57	.439	6-8	.750	2-17	19	1.9	23	22	2	8	123	12.3
Total	35-13	531	73-189	.386	44-101	.436	11-17	.647	6-34	40	1.1	32	36	3	16	201	5.7

* At North Carolina State

GUIDRY'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
02-03	2-2	52	4-15	.267	3-5	.600	3-4	.750	0-2	2	1.0	4	6	0	1	14	7.0



12 • Rebert Harris



Junior • 6-0 • 177 • Guard • Chicago, Ill. (Providence St. Mel)

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	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jacksonville	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Northern Illinois											
SMS*	9	1-5	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	4	1	1	2
at Southern Illinois*											
at Northern Iowa*											
Creighton*											
at SMS*											
Wichita State*											
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Drake*											
Evansville*											
at TBA											
at Drake*											
at Indiana State*											
Southern Illinois*											

* Missouri Valley Conference game

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Played nine minutes against SMS and scored his first points of his career on a backdoor layup.
- Went to Hampton as a freshman and Malcolm X College as a sophomore, but didn't play basketball at either school.
- Joined the team prior to the game at Western Kentucky.
- A three-year starter for Providence St. Mel.

HARRIS' CAREER HIGHS

Points	2 vs. SMS, 12-29-02
Rebounds	0
Assists	0
Steals	1 vs. SMS, 12-29-02
Blocks	1, twice
Minutes	9 vs. SMS, 12-29-02

HARRIS' SEASON HIGHS

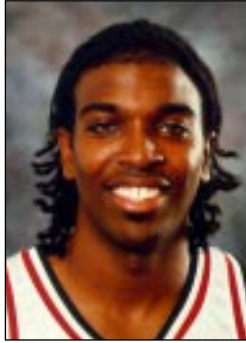
Points	2 vs. SMS, 12-29-02
Rebounds	0
Assists	0
Steals	1 vs. SMS, 12-29-02
Blocks	1, twice
Minutes	9 vs. SMS, 12-29-02

HARRIS' 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	3-0	13	1-6	.167	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0	0.0	0	4	2	1	2	0.7

HARRIS' 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
02-03	1-0	9	1-5	.200	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0	0.0	0	4	1	1	2	2.0



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	2	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Jacksonville	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Illinois											
SMS*	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
at Southern Illinois*											
at Northern Iowa*											
Creighton*											
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* Missouri Valley Conference game

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Has played seven minutes in the last five games.
- Played his first regular-season action at Western Kentucky. Finished with two points in two minutes.
- Saw three minutes of action against SIU-Edwardsville, but did not attempt a shot. Grabbed one board.
- Registered four points in the Red-White scrimmage.

HILL'S CAREER HIGHS

Points	2 at Western Kentucky, 12-15-02
Rebounds	1, twice
Assists	0
Steals	0
Blocks	1 vs. SMS, 12-29-02
Minutes	3 vs. SMS, 12-29-02

HILL'S SEASON HIGHS

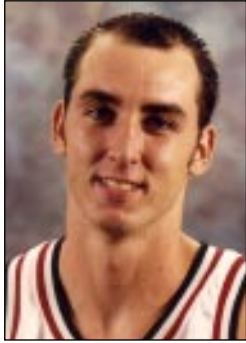
Points	2 at Western Kentucky, 12-15-02
Rebounds	1, twice
Assists	0
Steals	0
Blocks	1 vs. SMS, 12-29-02
Minutes	3 vs. SMS, 12-29-02

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	3-0	7	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-1	2	0.7	0	0	1	0	2	0.7

HILL'S MISSOURI VALLEY 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	3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0	0.0	0	0	1	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	14	4-5	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	1	0	1	8
Illinois-Chicago	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Chattanooga	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Kent State	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
at Western Kentucky	5	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Jacksonville	5	1-1	0-0	0-0	3	1	0	2	0	0	2
Northern Illinois											Did Not Play
SMS*	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
at Southern Illinois*											Did Not Play
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Southern Illinois*											

* Missouri Valley Conference game

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Has only logged 27 minutes in the last eight games.
- Matched his career-best with eight points at Central Michigan.
- 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, twice
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	8 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02
Rebounds	3 vs. Jacksonville, 12-18-02
Assists	1, twice
Steals	1 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02
Blocks	1 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Minutes	14 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02

REID'S CAREER STATISTICS

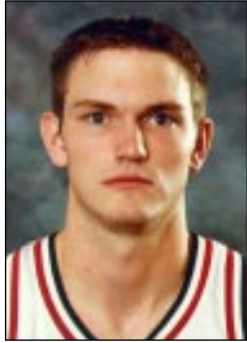
YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
01-02	31-3	391	31-62	.500	0-1	.000	13-21	.619	20-55	75	2.4	20	22	12	7	75	2.4
02-03	8-0	53	6-10	.600	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1-3	4	0.5	2	4	1	1	12	1.5
Total	39-3	444	37-72	.514	0-2	.000	13-21	.619	21-58	79	2.0	22	26	13	8	87	2.2

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
02-03	1-0	5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	19-1	235	17-36	.472	0-1	.000	7-13	.538	15-33	48	2.5	10	9	7	5	41	2.2

REID vs. NORTHERN IOWA

G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	REB	AVG	AST	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
2-1	31	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	7	3.5	2	1	1	4	2.0



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	25	3-6	0-0	5-6	7	2	1	0	0	1	11
Illinois-Chicago	24	4-6	0-0	2-4	8	3	1	3	0	0	10
Chattanooga	24	4-8	0-0	3-3	5	3	0	1	1	0	11
at Kent State	18	2-5	0-0	0-0	4	4	1	0	0	2	4
at Western Kentucky	27	0-4	0-0	2-4	9	1	1	1	1	0	2
Jacksonville	19	4-6	0-0	0-1	2	2	1	0	2	1	8
Northern Illinois	29	1-2	0-0	3-4	6	4	0	2	1	3	5
SMS*	10	2-4	0-0	0-0	3	2	0	2	0	0	4
at Southern Illinois*	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Logged a combined 20 minutes in the last two games with four points and four rebounds.
- His three-straight games of double-digit scoring was the longest string of his career.
- Against the Central Michigan, Strandmark got to the free throw line for a career-high six times and converted five of them.
- Against EA Sports, had seven points in 26 minutes with three boards and a pair of blocked shots.
- Played 18 minutes against SIU-Edwardsville and had eight points, three rebounds and two blocks.
- Led the white team with 13 points in the Red-White game.

- 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

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, twice
Blocks	3 vs. Southern Illinois, 2-16-02
Minutes	33, twice

STRANDMARK'S SEASON HIGHS

Points	11, twice
Rebounds	9 at Western Kentucky, 12-15-02
Assists	1, six times
Steals	3 vs. Northern Illinois, 12-21-02
Blocks	2 vs. Jacksonville, 12-18-02
Minutes	29 vs. Northern Illinois, 12-21-02

STRANDMARK'S CAREER STATISTICS

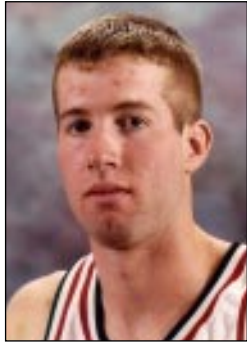
YEAR	G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	O-D	REB	AVG	AST	TO	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
99-00	29-8	511	36-78	.462	0-0	.000	22-30	.733	27-88	115	4.0	14	29	21	10	94	3.2
00-01	26-5	206	9-42	.214	0-0	.000	14-19	.737	10-41	51	2.0	5	15	5	3	32	1.2
01-02	31-9	369	40-83	.482	0-0	.000	11-21	.524	28-55	83	2.7	13	17	15	7	91	2.9
02-03	10-6	207	21-45	.467	0-0	.000	15-24	.625	12-35	47	4.7	6	9	7	7	57	5.7
Total	96-28	1293	106-248	.428	0-0	.000	62-94	.660	77-219	296	3.1	38	70	48	27	274	2.9

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
02-03	2-0	20	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	4	2.0	0	2	1	0	4	2.0
Total	53-18	716	62-135	.459	0-0	.000	26-40	.650	46-118	164	3.1	20	33	27	12	150	2.8

STRANDMARK vs. NORTHERN IOWA

G-GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	REB	AVG	AST	BLK	STL	TP	AVG
6-2	80	4-8	.500	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	21	3.5	2	3	1	10	1.7



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	24	1-3	0-0	0-0	4	3	1	2	0	0	2
Illinois-Chicago	13	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
Chattanooga	10	1-2	1-1	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	0	3
at Kent State	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
at Western Kentucky	12	0-1	0-0	1-2	2	2	0	2	0	0	1
Jacksonville	12	4-6	0-1	0-0	2	1	2	0	0	1	8
Northern Illinois	13	1-5	1-1	1-2	0	1	1	3	0	0	4
SMS*	9	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
at Southern Illinois*	2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
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at Indiana State*											
Southern Illinois*											

* Missouri Valley Conference game

UPDATED PLAYER NOTES

- Has only played 11 minutes in the last two games and has made one of his last seven field goal attempts.
- Posted a career-high eight points against Jacksonville on 4-for-6 shooting.
- Claimed first collegiate start at Central Michigan. Finished with two points, four boards and an assist.
- 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	8 vs. Jacksonville, 12-18-02
Rebounds	4, twice
Assists	5 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Steals	1, twice
Blocks	1 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Minutes	24 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02

TROC'S SEASON HIGHS

Points	8 vs. Jacksonville, 12-18-02
Rebounds	4, twice
Assists	5 vs. Utah State, 11-23-02
Steals	1, twice
Blocks	1 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 11-30-02
Minutes	24 at Central Michigan, 11-26-02

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	10-1	110	8-21	.381	2-4	.500	2-4	.500	4-10	14	1.4	11	10	1	2	20	2.0

TROC'S MISSOURI VALLEY 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	2-0	11	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1-0	1	0.5	0	0	0	1	0	0.0



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
November 4, 2002 • Redbird Arena

Table with 9 columns: Player, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for SIU-E players like Bauersachs, Mueller, Bradford, etc.

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)

Table with 9 columns: Player, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for ILLINOIS ST. players like Bojang, Strandmark, Alexander, etc.

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 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 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
November 14, 2002 • Redbird Arena

Table with 9 columns: Player, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for EA Sports and ILLINOIS STATE players like McClain, Johnson, Turner, etc.

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)

Table with 9 columns: Player, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for ILLINOIS ST. players like Bojang, Reid, Strandmark, etc.

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 Mayhood
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 drought, 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
November 23, 2002 • Redbird Arena

Table with 9 columns: Player, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for Utah State and ILLINOIS STATE players like Johnson, Nelson, Puzey, etc.

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)

Table with 9 columns: Player, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists stats for ILLINOIS ST. players like Alexander, Bojang, Strandmark, etc.

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



GAME 5

Redbirds Let It Slip Away at Kent State, 76-61

KENT, Ohio - Despite a double-double by Trey Guidry, who led the Illinois State men's basketball team with 15 points and a career high 11 assists, Illinois State fell to Kent State, 76-61, in non-conference action, Saturday afternoon at the M.A.C. Center. Senior Baboucarr Bojang pitched in a total of 14 points and a team-high six rebounds, including a lay-up with 11:31 left to play in the second half to put the 'Birds up 53-52 over the Golden Flashes. This would be the last lead of the game for the Redbirds. Gregg Alexander, who contributed 13 points for the 'Birds, sank two free throws to tie the game at 55-55 with 10:47 left to play. However, Kent State hushed the Redbirds by going on an 11-0 run. The Flashes run was led by a DeAndre Haynes three-pointer. Then Kent State's center, Nate Gerwig, chipped in three free throws, while Haynes added another two points off a lay-up. Matt Jakeway finished off the Kent State run with a three-pointer. The bleeding was stopped by a Redbird jumper made by Guidry, but the damage had already been done as the 'Birds went 0-5 from the field during Kent State's run, which ultimately made the difference in a game where Illinois State trailed by one at the half, 36-35. Illinois State falls to 0-5, while Kent State improves its record to 4-0.

Kent State 76, ILLINOIS STATE 61
December 7, 2002 • M.A.C. Center

Table with 10 columns: ILLINOIS ST., Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists player stats for Alexander, Arnold, Bojang, Ford, Guidry, Burras, Strandmark, Troc, Greene, Reid, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .491; FT - 1.000
3-Pt.: 5-8, .625 (Alexander 3-4, Guidry 1-3, Greene 1-1)
Blocks: 0
Turnovers: 15 (Alexander 4, Arnold 1, Bojang 2, Ford 1, Guidry 3, Troc 2, Greene 2)
Steals: 7 (Alexander 1, Bojang 1, Guidry 1, Strandmark 2, Greene 2)

Table with 10 columns: Kent State, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists player stats for Wilkins, Gates, Gerwig, Haut, Haynes, Jakeway, Bedford, Edwards, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .509; FT - .737
3-Pt.: 8-18, .444 (Wilkins 1-4, Gates 0-1, Haut 3-6, Haynes 3-5, Jakeway 1-2)
Blocks: 3 (Edwards 3)
Turnovers: 12 (Wilkins 1, Gates 3, Gerwig 1, Haut 1, Haynes 3, Jakeway 2, Bedford 1)
Steals: 8 (Gates 2, Haut 1, Haynes 3, Edwards 2)

Officials: James Ferrari, Keith Herring, Mike Foote
Attendance: 3,716
Halftime Score: Kent State 36, ILLINOIS STATE 35

GAME 6

Shooting Woes Stifle 'Birds at Western Ky.

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. - Trailing by only five points at halftime, the Illinois State men's basketball team held strong with Western Kentucky until the second half before the Hilltoppers decided to dominate en route to a 63-43 win over the Redbirds Sunday afternoon in Bowling Green, Ky. With the loss, the Redbirds remain winless this season, falling to 0-6 while Western Kentucky improves to 3-3. ISU was led by Gregg Alexander who had 18 points, the only Redbird player to post double digits. Vince Greene chipped in six and Trey Guidry had five. WKU was led by Nate Williams, who led all scorers with 20 points, and Patrick Sparks added 10. The Redbirds scored 20 points in the first half and trailed 25-20 at halftime, but the Hilltoppers came out on fire in the second, taking a commanding 13-point lead before the 'Birds scored their first field goal of the half. The Redbirds came to within 10 with twelve minutes to play but Western Kentucky answered, going on a seven-point run, leading 44-27 with nine left in the game. ISU shot 27.6% from the field on the game, including 25% in the second half. They were 16-of-58 from the field.

Western Kentucky 63, ILLINOIS STATE 63
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Table with 10 columns: ILLINOIS ST., Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists player stats for Alexander, Bojang, Strandmark, Ford, Guidry, Burras, Troc, Greene, Harris, Arnold, Hill, Reid, Gillan, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .276; FT - .667
3-Pt.: 3-17, .176 (Alexander 2-6, Ford 0-1, Guidry 1-7, Greene 0-2, Reid 0-1)
Blocks: 3 (Bojang 1, Strandmark 1, Arnold 1)
Turnovers: 15 (Alexander 2, Strandmark 1, Ford 1, Guidry 1, Burras 2, Troc 2, Greene 3, Arnold 1, Reid 1, Gillan 1)
Steals: 8 (Alexander 1, Bojang 1, Ford 1, Guidry 2, Greene 2, Gillan 1)

Table with 10 columns: Western Ky., Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists player stats for Williams, Boyden, Videnov, Wells, Sparks, Halcomb, Winchester, Rumph, Brown, Massiah, Holland, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .511; FT - .786
3-Pt.: 4-10, .400 (Boyden 0-2, Videnov 1-3, Wells 1-2, Sparks 0-1, Rumph 2-2)
Blocks: 9 (Williams 2, Wells 2, Halcomb 5)
Turnovers: 16 (Williams 1, Boyden 1, Videnov 1, Wells 2, Sparks 5, Winchester 3, Rumph 2, Holland 1)
Steals: 9 (Williams 1, Boyden 1, Wells 3, Sparks 3, Halcomb 1)

Officials: Ron Zetcher, Eddie Jackson, Terry Davis
Attendance: 5,130
Halftime Score: Western Kentucky 25, ILLINOIS STATE 20

GAME 7

Redbirds Shut Down Jacksonville for First Win

NORMAL, Ill. - Vince Greene finished with 17 points and a career-high 11 assists as Illinois State got the monkey off its back and earned its first win of the season in convincing fashion 74-50 at Redbird Arena. Illinois State (1-6) also had Gregg Alexander in double figures with 15 points, including a 3-for-4 performance from beyond the arc. Baboucarr Bojang finished with a game-high eight rebounds, while the 'Birds had three other players score eight points apiece. The Redbirds were able to get their interior game on the right track outscoring the Dolphins 36-12 in the paint. The Illinois State defense also played exceptionally well keeping Jacksonville without a field goal for over seven minutes in the second half. Jacksonville (4-6) was led by James Daniels with a game-high 18 points, coming from a career-high tying six three-pointers. Daniels was the only Dolphin in double figures with Kevin Sheppard and Calvin Warner contributing nine points apiece. Things looked bleak early on as the Redbirds came out flat, connecting on only two of their first 10 shots from the field and falling behind 12-6. However, Greene sparked a 10-2 run with back-to-back jumpers that helped give the 'Birds their first lead of the game at 16-14 with 10:39 remaining before halftime. Illinois State shot 60 percent (12-for-20) for the remaining 13 minutes of the first half led by 10 points from Alexander, including two three pointers. Greene finished the first half with six assists and the Redbird defense was able to force 10 Jacksonville turnovers. The second half was all Illinois State as the Redbirds outscored the Dolphins 39-24, including a 26-6 run, and forced nine turnovers.

ILLINOIS STATE 74, Jacksonville 50
December 18, 2002 • Redbird Arena

Table with 10 columns: Jacksonville, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists player stats for Warner, Sheppard, Lewis, Daniels, Robertson, Copeland, Brown, White, Didion, Howard, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .316; FT - .500
3-Pt.: 10-31 (.323, Warner 0-2, Sheppard 1-7, Daniels 6-13, Robertson 0-1, Copeland 2-4, White 0-2, Didion 1-2)
Blocks: 0
Turnovers: 19 (Warner 4, Sheppard 4, Lewis 3, Daniels 1, Robertson 1, Copeland 1, Brown 2, White 1, Didion 1, Team 1)
Steals: 5 (Warner 1, Daniels 1, Robertson 2, Copeland 1)

Table with 10 columns: ILLINOIS STATE, Min., FG-A, FT-A, O-REB, A, PF, TP. Lists player stats for Alexander, Arnold, Strandmark, Ford, Greene, Burras, Troc, Harris, Bojang, Guidry, Hill, Reid, Gillan, and Totals.

Team Pct.: FG - .500; FT - .667
3-Pt.: 6-14, .429 (Alexander 3-4, Greene 3-6, Troc 0-1, Guidry 0-3)
Blocks: 5 (Arnold 1, Strandmark 2, Harris 1, Bojang 1)
Turnovers: 11 (Ford 1, Greene 2, Bojang 2, Guidry 4, Reid 2)
Steals: 9 (Alexander 2, Strandmark 1, Greene 1, Burras 1, Troc 1, Bojang 2, Guidry 1)

Officials: Gerry Pollard, Steven Skiles, Ron Berkholtz
Attendance: 5,121
Halftime Score: ILLINOIS STATE 35, Jacksonville 26

