



Illinois State Game Notes

FINAL – Illinois State 100, UC Santa Barbara 72
Nov. 12, 2012 • Redbird Arena • Normal, Ill.

ILLINOIS STATE PLAYER NOTES:

- Jackie Carmichael led the Redbirds in the first half with 17 points on 8-of-11 shooting from the field. He finished the game with 27 points on 13-for-20 shooting and a 1-for-1 effort from the charity stripe.
- Carmichael also added 10 rebounds to record his 22nd double-double of his career at ISU.
- Carmichael has now scored in double figures in seven-straight games dating back to last season and has scored in double figures 47 times in his career at Illinois State.
- Tyler Brown had 12 points in the first half and finished the game with 22 on 7-for-10 shooting from the field. Brown scored 12 of those points from three-point land with a 4-for-7 effort from beyond the arch.
- The 20-plus point effort was Brown's eighth of his career at Illinois State.
- Brown has now scored in double figures in five-straight games dating back to last season.
- True freshman Kaza Keane, redshirt freshman Nick Zeisloft and sophomore transfer Geoffrey Allen each scored their first points for the Redbirds.
- Keane finished with five points, all in the second half, and added five assists while Zeisloft added nine points in the Redbird victory.
- Allen added six points, all in the second half, in his first game with the Redbirds after transferring from Eastern Washington.
- Jon Ekey also scored in double figures with 11 points, thanks to a perfect night from the field. Ekey finished the game 4-for-4 from the field and 2-for-2 from the free throw line.
- Bryant Allen was the fourth Redbird in double figures with 10 points, marking his eighth game with 10 or more points in his Redbird career.

ILLINOIS STATE TEAM NOTES:

- Starters: Kaza Keane (G), Tyler Brown (G), Bryant Allen (G), Jon Ekey (F), Jackie Carmichael (F).
- The two teams were tied at 6-6, before the Redbirds went on a 21-0 run over five-plus minutes to take a 27-6 lead after Carmichael dunk at the 8:33 mark.
- Tyler Brown scored 12 of those 21 points during the stretch for the Redbirds.
- UCSB cut the lead back to 20 points at 33-13, but the Redbirds once again answered with a 9-0 run thanks to back-to-back-to-back three pointers from Nick Zeisloft, Allen and Ekey.
- ISU held UCSB to just four points in the first four minutes of the second half and used a 9-0 run over two-plus minutes to take a 65-33 lead after a three-pointer by Keane at the 14:42 mark, which marked the team's largest lead of the game.
- The Redbirds ended the game on an 8-2 run over the final two minutes to come away with the 28-point victory.

UCSB PLAYER NOTES:

- Taran Brown led the Gauchos in scoring with 22 points on 7-for-13 shooting from the field. He also added five assists and three rebounds in the loss.
- Alan Williams recorded a double-double with 15 points and 13 rebounds for the Gauchos and recorded a game-high four blocked shots. His 13 rebounds tied a career-best effort.
- T.J. Taylor was the third UCSB player in double figures, and finished the game with 10 points on a 4-for-6 effort from the field.

UCSB TEAM NOTES:

- Starters: Nate Garth (G), Kyle Boswell (G), Lewis Thomas (F), Alan Williams (F), Taran Brown (F).
- After tying the game at 6-6, UCSB was held scoreless for over seven minutes until Lewis Thomas sank a three-pointer at the 8:14 mark to end the scoring drought.
- The Gauchos scored just four points over the first four minutes of the second half.
- UCSB used a 17-5 run to cut the Redbird lead to 72-53 at the 10:37 mark of the second half, thanks to five-straight points from Garth.
- The Gauchos later cut the deficit to its lowest point in the second half at 74-57, at the 9:38 after a layup by Brown.

GAME NOTES:

- Illinois State head coach Dan Muller made his collegiate head coaching debut and became the sixth ISU head coach to win his first game on the sideline in the Division I era (1970-present).
- ISU has won eight of its last 10 season openers and 20 of its last 31 lid lifters since the 1981-82 season.
- With the victory, Illinois State improved to 77-38 all-time in season opening games.
- Illinois State scored 100 points for the first time since Nov. 22, 2008, when the Redbirds scored 107 in a victory over Houston Baptist.