



Illinois State Basketball 2001-02

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Results/Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
W	N 7	NWBL (Exhibition)	(W 74-63)
Su	N 11	Challengers (Exhibition)	(W 88-74)
M	N 19	at Wisconsin-Milwaukee	(L 63-69)
Su	N 25	Central Michigan	(L 62-72)
Tu	N 27	Louisville	(L 58-72)
<i>Hoosier Classic at Bloomington, Ind.</i>			
F	N 30	at Indiana	(L 53-101)
Sa	D 1	vs. Murray State	(L 55-65)
Tu	D 4	Ball State	(L 61-78)
Th	D 6	at Illinois	(L 57-75)
Th	D 20	Northern Illinois	(W 55-52)
Sa	D 22	Western Illinois	(W 53-50)
Sa	D 29	• at Indiana State	(L 51-57)
F	J 4	• at Northern Iowa	(L 44-53)
Su	J 6	• at Bradley (WTVP-TV)	(L 36-71)
Th	J 10	• Drake	(L 58-70)
Sa	J 12	• Creighton (Valley TV)	(W 64-57, ot)
Th	J 17	• at Evansville	(L 57-70)
Su	J 20	• at Southern Illinois	(W 69-67)
Th	J 24	• Wichita State	(W 68-64)
Sa	J 26	• SW Missouri State	(L 55-59)
Th	J 31	• Northern Iowa	(L 59-71)
Su	F 3	• Bradley (WTVP-TV)	(W 70-62)
Th	F 7	• at Creighton	(L 51-68)
Sa	F 9	• at Drake	(L 66-77)
F	F 15	• Evansville	(L 71-77, ot)
Su	F 17	• Southern Illinois	(L 51-64)
F	F 22	• at SW Missouri State	(L 63-76)
Su	F 24	• at Wichita State	(L 56-74)
Th	F 28	• Indiana State	8:05 p.m.

Th-Sa M7-9 State Farm-Missouri Valley Tournament at Springfield, Mo
• Missouri Valley Conference games

The Coaches

• **Jenny Yopp, Illinois State.** She is 57-101 in her sixth season as a college head coach, 17-62 in her third season at Illinois State.

• **Jim Wiedie, Indiana State.** Wiedie is 20-28 in his second season as Sycamore head coach. He was an assistant until taking over in December, 2000. He is 3-0 vs. Illinois State.

Series Stuff

• **Redbirds vs. Indiana State.** The 'Birds lead the Sycamores 30-27 in the series, but Indiana State has won the last 11 a row. ISU's last win was 78-59 March 1, 1997 in Terre Haute.

• Indiana State (11-15, 7-10) at Illinois State (6-20, 4-13)

8:05 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 28, 2002, Redbird Arena, Normal, Ill.

WJBC Radio: R.C. McBride and Jill Hutchison

The Redbirds

“Pacesetters”

Pos.No.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	PPG	Reb.	Ast.
F 10	Katie Donovan	6-0	Fr.	Kingston, Ontario	7.8	6.2	1.3
F 20	Stacey White *	5-11	So.	West Lebanon, IN	9.8	4.6	1.1
C 55	Kristi Larson ***	6-4	Sr.	Cashton, WI	8.6	4.6	1.5 blk
G 4	Taren O'Brien *	5-7	So.	Savannah, MO	10.6	2.1	3.0
G 22	Steph Reichle **	5-9	Jr.	Lincoln, IL	7.2	5.8	2.0

Off the Bench

F 00	Michelle Harakas	6-0	Fr.	Redford, MI	3.8	2.7	0.5
G 12	Beth Huston *	5-8	So.	Port Washington, WI	3.8	2.3	1.3
F 11	Heidi Harnisch	5-10	Fr.	Urbana, IL	1.0	0.5	0.1
F 21	Stacey Nickerson *	6-0	Jr.	Washington, IL	1.1	0.9	0.3
G 23	Jaci McCormack *	5-10	So.	Lake Oswego, OR	--	--	--
F 30	Sophie Tirtiaux	6-1	Fr.	Andenne, Belgium	2.0	1.0	0.0
C 31	Sharon Blade *	6-2	So.	Peoria, IL	5.9	4.8	0.5
G 33	Chris Kutschinski	5-10	Fr.	Ann Arbor, MI	1.2	1.1	0.4

(* - denotes letters earned)

HEAD COACH: Jenny Yopp (North Carolina '89)

ASSISTANT COACHES: Christopher Mennig (Bryant '96), Cherie Swarouth (Michigan State '91), Christy Thomaskutty (Tulane '96)

ATHLETIC TRAINER: Yvonne Logan

MANAGERS: Vance Catlin, Andrew Knarr

Donovan's Rebounds Offensive

Katie Donovan's 72 offensive rebounds are an Illinois State freshman record. Previously, Tami Baalke had the freshman record with 57 offensive rebounds in 1989-90.

White Rolls

Stacey White's career-high 19 points against Evansville and 12 more against Southern Illinois to give the sophomore 94 points in her last seven games (13.2 ppg) to raise her scoring average from 8.7 to 9.8 for the season.

Donovan Among Best Frosh

The Missouri Valley Conference's leader among freshmen in both offensive rebounds and total rebounds, Katie Donovan also ranks among the league's top four true freshmen in defensive rebounds, assists, steals, scoring, minutes played and games started

Trey Bien

For just the sixth time in 16 seasons since the three-point field goal was introduced, Illinois State has surpassed the 100 mark for team three-pointers. ISU has made 106 with one game left (the record is 113, set in 32 games in 1996-97), has attempted a school-record 365 three-point shots and is averaging a school-record 4.08 treys per game.

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Redbird Basketball Access Guide

• **Interviews/Credentials.** Contact Tom Lamonica, sports information director, at (309) 438-5746/ talamon@ilstu.edu or Erica Fricke (309) 438-3802/ebfrick@ilstu.edu to make arrangements.

• **Weekly Media Conference.** Jenny Yopp follows Tom Richardson into the Redbird Arena press room weekly on the following dates, with all conferences beginning at 3 p.m.: Nov. 7, 14, 20, 27. Dec. 4, 11. Jan. 8, 14, 22. Feb. 4, 12, 19, 27.

• **The Jenny Yopp Show.** Jenny Yopp, R.C. McBride and Tim Fisher talk basketball with guests and callers at 7:06 p.m. Mondays on WJBC AM 1230 (except Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.)

• **Post-Game at Redbird Arena.** Head coaches and requested players will be brought to the interview room. Locker rooms are closed.

• **Redbird Radio.** Award-winning sportscaster R.C. McBride is joined by Redbird coaching legend Jill Hutchison for the play-by-play of Redbird basketball on WJBC AM 1230 and on the web at www.wjbc.com.

• **Web Birds.** The Redbird athletics home page is www.redbirds.org.

• **Missouri Valley Scoreboard Phone.** Scores and highlights at (314) 997-9877.

Missouri Valley Standings

(thru games of 2/24/02)

Rank, Team	Valley	All
1. Creighton	14-2	19-6
2. Drake	13-3	19-6
3. Southwest Missouri State	12-4	16-9
4. Evansville	9-7	13-12
5. Northern Iowa	7-9	12-14
Wichita State	7-9	12-13
7. Indiana State	7-10	11-14
8. Bradley	6-10	15-10
9. Illinois State	4-13	6-20
10. Southern Illinois	2-14	6-19

Coming Attractions

Point guard Desiree Gutierrez has joined high-scoring guard Sara Stevenson have signed national letters of intent for basketball at Illinois State. The 5-6 Gutierrez, from Thornton, Colo., led her 2001 Western Nebraska Community College team to the NJCAA finals last year. She was an honorable mention all-stater at Thornton High School, where she was a four-year starter before graduating in 2000. Entering her senior season at East Richland High School in Olney, Ill., the 5-8 Stevenson had scored 1,674 points and has 495 career steals. A long-range shooting threat, Stevenson had 156 three-pointers during her sophomore and junior seasons.

White Lights Up The Arc

Stacey White has lit up the three-point line over the past six games, hitting 19-36 (.528) compared to 16-69 (.231) in the first 20 games of the season. White is the fourth Redbird player to hit 30 treys in a season--the others were Jenny Schmidt (three times) Shandeem Hunt (twice) and Cindy Kaufmann (twice).

O'Brien, White Crash Three List

Just sophomores, Stacey White (45) and Taren O'Brien (42), both have over 40 career three-pointers. White is No. 8 (passing former teammate Kellie Johnson with 3 made at Wichita State) and O'Brien is No. 10 on the ISU career list (see list at right). They are just the third and fourth players in Redbird history to hit 40 threes in their first two seasons: the others are Cindy Kaufmann (1987-89) and Jenny Schmidt (1995-97).

Stealin' Steph Rides Again

With eight steals in two games over the Evansville-Southern Illinois weekend, Steph Reichle's thefts have climbed to 47 for the season, 31 over the last 12 games. Her 135 steals in 70 games (1.96 per game) are No. 7 on the Redbird list of career steals per game.

All-Time Conference Record

The Redbirds are 191-145 in 19 seasons of regular-season league play in the Valley (1993-present) and Gateway (1984-92), with winning records over five of their nine current league opponents.

Reichle On The 'Right Side'

Although not scoring as much as she did her first two years, junior Steph Reichle has been a big contributor on the 'right side' of the box score: she is No. 1 on the team in steals, No. 2 in assists, No. 2 in rebounding and No. 4 in blocked shots.

Overtime is Redbird Time

The Redbirds' 77-71 overtime loss to Evansville was rare. The Redbirds usually fare well in extra periods, with the all-time Redbird record for overtime games at 14-8, including 8-5 in regular-season league games. ISU is 6-3 in overtime games over the past seven years.

Getting Better

Opponents claim this is a much better Illinois State team than in recent years and individual stats bear this out. Five of the seven returning Redbirds have already eclipsed their 2000-01

ISU Career 3-Pt. Field Goals

Rank	Total	Name (Years)
1.	205	Jenny Schmidt (1995-99)
2.	129	Cindy Kaufmann (1987-91)
3.	91	Shandeem Hunt (1997-01)
4.	69	Mary Jane Owens (1992-97)
5.	63	Kristin Valdez (1994-98)
6.	56	LuAnn Robinson (1987-91)
7.	50	Stacy Griffin (1993-97)
8.	45	Stacey White (2000-)
9.	44	Kellie Johnson (1997-01)
10.	42	Taren O'Brien (2000-)

Birds vs. Indiana State

Stat	'Birds	Ind. St.
Points Per Game	57.8	67.4
Opp. Points Per Game	68.1	68.2
FG Percentage	39.1	39.6
3 Pt. FG Percentage	29.0	33.2
3 Pt. FG Made Per Game	4.1	6.7
FT Percentage	63.4	75.2
FT Att. Per Game	18.6	21.7
Rebound Differential	-3.3	-1.5
Turnover Margin	-4.1	-0.5

Birds vs. Conference

(all-time regular-season standings vs. league foes)

Opponent	W-L	Pct.
Bradley	27-11	.711
Creighton *	7-13	.350
Drake	15-23	.395
Evansville **	10-6	.625
Indiana State	21-16	.567
Northern Iowa	28-10	.737
Southern Illinois	12-26	.315
Southwest Missouri State	15-23	.395
Wichita State	26-12	.684
Eastern Illinois #	12-6	.667
Western Illinois #	18-0	1.000
Total	191-146	.567

* joined the Valley in 1992-93

** joined the Valley in 1994-95

Gateway members through 1991-92

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Redbird Review (6-20, 4-13)

• SMS 76, Illinois State 63

Friday, Feb. 22, 2002, Hammons Student Center, Springfield, Mo.

Illinois State led by as many as eight points in the first half, but SMS went on an 11-2 run to start the second half to take a lead it never lost. With Taren O'Brien scoring 15 to lead ISU, and the Redbirds hitting a season-best nine three-point field goals. Illinois State got back within three points with 6:25 left, but SMS used a free throw and rebounding edge to put the game away.

• Wichita State 77, Illinois State 56

Sunday, Feb. 24, 2002, Levitt Arena, Wichita, Kan.

The Shockers made 28 of 33 free throws and had a 50-32 rebounding advantage for the game to avenge a 68-64 Redbird victory last month in Normal. Steph Reichle's 11 rebounds, 7 points, 7 assists and 3 steals made her Illinois State's best individual performer.

Records When ...

<i>When the Redbirds ...</i>	<i>... their record is:</i>
Play at Home	5-8
Play Away	1-11
Play Neutral	0-1
Play a Daytime Game	3-8
Play at Night	3-12
Play on Monday	0-0
Play on Tuesday	0-3
Play on Wednesday	0-0
Play on Thursday	2-5
Play on Friday	0-4
Play on Saturday	2-4
Play on Sunday	2-4
Lead at halftime	3-2
Trail at halftime	3-18
Shoot better FG Pct.	5-6
Shoot worse FG Pct.	1-14
Make more 3-pointers	1-8
Make the same No. of 3-pointers	1-2
Make fewer 3-pointers	4-10
Out-rebound opponent	3-8
Opponent out-rebounds 'Birds	3-12
Commit more turnovers	2-19
Commit same turnovers	3-0
Commit fewer turnovers	1-1
Shoot more free throws	5-2
Shoot same number of free throws	0-2
Shoot fewer free throws	1-16
Score 59 or less	2-14
Score in the 60s	3-5
Score in the 70s	1-1
Score in the 80s or more	0-0
Bench out-scores opponent subs	2-4
Game goes to overtime	1-1

season totals in at least three key categories:

- Kristi Larson (points, rebounds, blocks)
- Taren O'Brien (points, rebounds, assists)
- Stacey White (points, rebounds, steals)
- Beth Huston (points, rebounds, assists)
- Stacey Nickerson (points, rebounds, steals)

Larson For the Block

Senior Kristi Larson is one of only four players in Redbird history with 80 or more career blocked shots. Her 38 blocks this season are tied for No. 4 by a Redbird player in a single season (see box at right).

Injured List

Sophomore center Sharon Blade's missed eight games with a stress fracture in her foot. She played six minutes against Evansville, didn't play against Southern Illinois, then saw 32 minutes of action on the SMS/Wichita State trip. Blade was ISU's leading scorer as a freshman in 2000-01. Sophomore Jaci McCormack (ankle) and freshman Sophie Tirtiaux (leg) are on the sidelines for the remainder of the season.

Short of the Valley Tourney

The Redbirds' loss at Wichita State put the Redbirds out of contention for the eight-team State Farm-Missouri Valley Conference Tournament field. It's not a consolation prize, but Illinois State, with a win over Indiana State, can become just the second team in league history to win five league games and not finish in the top eight.

Larson Earns Hutchison Scholarship

The first Jill Hutchison Endowed Scholarship at Illinois State has been awarded to senior center Kristi Larson. She also is the only player left in the Redbird program to play for Hutchison, whose teams won 461 games in 28 seasons before the coach retired in 1999. Hutchison now does color on Redbird radio and Missouri Valley Conference television.

Long Shots Are Long Shot vs. Illinois State

Illinois State opponents are shooting just 30.2 percent (124-411) from three-point range. The lowest opposing three-point field goal percentage in Redbird history was 30.1 (133-442) in 1996-97, ISU's last post-season tournament team (NIT).

'Youngbirds'

One of the youngest Redbird teams in history with five freshmen, five sophomores, two juniors and one senior, Illinois State has had 72 percent of its minutes played this season by either freshmen or sophomores.

ISU Career Blocked Shots

Rank Total	Name (Years)
1. 177	Leslie Ferrell (1986-89)
2. 95	Cathy Boswell (1979-83)
3. 90	Caryn Brune (1989-93)
4. 80	Kristi Larson (1998-)
5. 68	Marla Maupin (1981-85)

ISU Season Blocked Shots

Rank Total	Name (Years)
1. 72	Leslie Ferrell (1987-88)
2. 57	Leslie Ferrell (1988-89)
3. 48	Leslie Ferrell (1986-87)
4. 38	Kristi Larson (2001-02)
38	Caryn Brune (1992-93)
6. 35	Marla Maupin (1984-85)

League Leaders

(Illinois State players ranked among Valley best)

Name (Category)	Rank	Avg.
Kristi Larson		
blocked shots	5	1.46
Katie Donovan		
offensive rebounds	7	2.81
total rebounds	13	6.2
Steph Reichle		
defensive rebounds	5	4.81
steals	10	1.81
Taren O'Brien		
assists	10	3.00
assist/turnover ratio	10	0.66

Illinois State Team (Category)	Rank	Avg.
3-Point FG Percentage Defense	1	.302
Field Goal Percentage Defense	2	.401
Team Defensive Rebounds	2	25.35



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00 Michelle Harakas **Last Game:** WSU 5 pts., 2 reb.

6-0 • Fr. • F • Redford, Mich. (Ladywood H.S.)

Led ISU with career-high 15 pts. in win over Bradley (2/3) with 13 pts., 9 reb. at Evansville (1/16) ... 22 minutes of defensive work vs. WSU (1/24), 4 reb., 3 blocks, 2 steals ... hit 27 of last 58 field goals after 6 of first 22 this season ... twin sister Melissa plays at Detroit-Mercy ... prep coach, Andrea Gorski, played at Bradley ... name pronounced HAIR-ah-kas.

Michelle's Career Bests

Points	15 vs. Bradley (2/3/02)
Rebounds	9 at Evansville (1/17/02)
Assists	2 (4 times)
Steals	2 vs. Wichita State (1/24/02)
Blocks	3 vs. Wichita State (1/24/02)
Minutes	27 (twice)

4 Taren O'Brien **Last Game:** WSU 13 pts., 2 asst., 2 steal

5-7 • So. • G • Savannah, Mo. (Savannah H.S.)

Team leader in points and assists ... double-figures scoring in 10 of last 14 games ... 56 of last 68 FT (82.4%) ... 2000-01 team leader in steals ... No. 10 in career 3-point field goals made at ISU ... knee surgery in Jan., 2001, but missed just 3 games ... 1999 National Finalist for Teen Magazine Athlete of the Year ... first name rhymes with "Karen."

Taren's Career Bests

Points	20 vs. Northern Iowa (1/31/02)
Rebounds	7 vs. Western Illinois (12/22/01)
Assists	8 vs. Indiana State (2/16/01)
Steals	4 (twice)
Blocks	1 at Indiana (11/30/01)
Minutes	38 at Drake (2/9/02)

10 Katie Donovan **Last Game:** WSU 4 pts., 2 reb.

6-0 • Fr. • G • Kingston, Ontario (St. Thomas Aquinas H.S.)

ISU's leading rebounder ... avg 11 pts., 7 reb. over last 5 games ... has five double-figure rebounding games ... her 2 double-doubles are the most by a Redbird freshman since 1986-87 ... in her first career start, had 15 points and 14 rebounds vs. Louisville ... bidding to join Steph Reichle and Cathy Boswell as the only freshmen to lead the Redbirds in rebounding for a season.

Katie's Career Bests

Points	15 vs. Louisville (11/27/01)
Rebounds	14 vs. Louisville (11/27/01)
Assists	4 (twice)
Steals	5 vs. SMS (1/26/02)
Blocks	1 vs. Louisville (11/27/01)
Minutes	38 (twice)

11 Heidi Harnisch **Last Game:** WSU 6 pts., 1 reb., 1 steal

5-10 • Fr. • F • Urbana, Ill. (Urbana H.S.)

2000 Special Mention Illinois All-Stater by Illinois Basketball Coaches Association ... first 5 career pts. vs. Drake (1/10) ... made college debut in her hometown (at Illinois) ... drained both her 3-point attempts at WSU (2/24) ... prep classmate of Redbird freshman Sophie Tirtiaux ... name pronounced HAR-nish

Heidi's Career Bests

Points	6 at Wichita State (2/24/02)
Rebounds	1 (five times)
Assists	1 at Bradley (2/6/02)
Steals	1 (twice)
Blocks	none
Minutes	13 at Wichita State (2/24/02)

12 Beth Huston **Last Game:** WSU 0 pts., 1 asst.

5-8 • So. • G • Port Washington, Wis. (Port Washington H.S.)

Made 8 of 16 from 3-point range over last 5 games ... in last 13 games, had more assists (19) than turnovers (17) with 9 steals ... has 23 three-pointers and 14 two-point field goals in her career ... made college starting debut with 10 points at Wisconsin-Milwaukee, just minutes away from her hometown ... part of twins (brother, Brandon).

Beth's Career Bests

Points	12 vs. Louisville (11/27/01)
Rebounds	6 at Bradley (1/6/02), at Drake (2/9/02)
Assists	4 vs. Ball St. (12/4/01), at Ind. St. (12/30/01)
Steals	3 at Evansville (1/17/02)
Blocks	1 at Evansville (1/17/02), vs. Bradley (2/3/02)
Minutes	33 vs. Murray State (12/1/01)

20 Stacey White **Last Game:** WSU 13 pts., 6 reb.

5-11 • So. • F • West Lebanon, Ind. (Seeger Memorial H.S.)

Only Redbird to start every game this season ... only the fourth different Redbird player to make 30 or more 3-pointers in a season ... in last seven games, averaged 13.4 ppg and has hit 19 of 36 3-pointers in last 6 games (52.8) ... No. 9 in career 3-point field goals made (43) ... came within a rebound of a double-double twice, vs. Central Michigan (11 pts., 9 reb.) and at Indiana (12 pts., 9 reb.) ... older sister is ex-Purdue star Stephanie White-McCarty.

Stacey's Career Bests

Points	19 vs. Evansville (2/15/02)
Rebounds	9 (twice)
Assists	3 (twice)
Steals	3 vs. Murray State (12/1/01)
Blocks	2 at Drake (2/9/02)
Minutes	38 vs. Evansville (2/15/02)



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21 Stacey Nickerson **Last Game:** WSU

6-0 • **Jr.** • **F** • *Washington, Ill. (Washington H.S./Illinois Central CC)*
Has 8 assists and just 4 turnovers in 2 seasons at ISU ... averaging 12 minutes per game during last 4 games, most since arriving at ISU ... was offered a college scholarship for rowing out of high school ... played on Illinois Central College team which finished No. 3 at 2000 NJCAA Tournament ... junior college coach was Lorene Ramsey, an Illinois State alum and Hall of Famer.

Stacey's Career Bests

Points 5 at Louisville (12/2/00)
Rebounds . 3 at Indiana (11/30/01), at Drake (2/9/02)
Assists 1 (eight times)
Steals 2 at Drake (2/9/02)
Blocks none
Minutes 17 at Creighton (2/7/02)

22 Steph Reichle **Last Game:** WSU 7 pts., 11 reb., 7 asst., 3 stl.

5-9 • **Jr.** • **G** • *Lincoln, Ill. (Lincoln H.S.)*
2001 and 2002 2nd Team Missouri Valley Scholar-Athlete ... 2000 Missouri Valley All-Freshman Team ... 7 assists at WSU (2/24) are the most by a Redbird this season ... 29 steals in last 11 games (2.64 avg.) ... last 5 games: 40 pts., 32 reb., 22 asst., 15 steals, 15 turnovers ... 17 rebounds vs. Creighton (1/12) is No. 2 by an ISU player in Redbird Arena history ... 17 points in 13 minutes vs. Central Michigan (11/25) ... team leader in steals ... name pronounced RIKE-lee.

Steph's Career Bests

Points 24 vs. Western Illinois (11/30/99)
Rebounds 17 vs. Creighton (1/12/02)
Assists 8 vs. Wichita State (1/4/01)
Steals 6 (twice)
Blocks 2 (twice)
Minutes 38 vs. Creighton (1/12/02)

31 Sharon Blade **Last Game:** WSU 4 pts., 2 reb.

6-2 • **So.** • **C** • *Peoria, Ill. (Peoria Central H.S.)*
Played in both games on SMS/WSU road swing after missing 8 of 9 games out with foot injury ... matched career high with 9 rebounds at UNI (1/4) ... in 2001, she joined Steph Reichle and Cathy Boswell as the only three freshmen in ISU history to lead their teams in scoring ... led 2001 team in blocked shots with 17 ... redshirted in 1999-2000 ... her 22 points in her first collegiate game (at Northern Illinois, 11/17/00) are a Redbird freshman first-game record.

Sharon's Career Bests

Points 25 vs. Bradley (12/30/00)
Rebounds 9 at WIU (11/29/00), at UNI (1/2/02)
Assists 2 (twice)
Steals 2 (seven times)
Blocks 2 (four times)
Minutes 37 at Northern Illinois (11/17/00)

33 Chris Kutschinski **Last Game:** WSU 1 pt., 2 reb.

5-10 • **Fr.** • **G** • *Ann Arbor, Mich. (Pioneer H.S.)*
Her entry into game at SIU began a 7-minute stretch which produced a 20-3 Redbird run fueled by nine Saluki turnovers ... had 2 key second-half baskets in win over Western Illinois (12/22) ... also a member of the Redbird track team, she will run middle distances after the basketball season ends ... AAU teammate of Redbird Michelle Harakas ... name pronounced koo-SCHIN-skee.

Chris' Career Bests

Points 4 (four times)
Rebounds 3 vs. Central Michigan (11/25/01)
Assists 2 (three times)
Steals 1 (three times)
Blocks 1 (three times)
Minutes 19 vs. Western Illinois (12/22/01)

55 Kristi Larson **Last Game:** WSU 0 pts., 2 reb.

6-4 • **Sr.** • **C** • *Cashton, Wis. (Cashton H.S.)*
2001-02 Jill Hutchison Endowed Scholarship Winner ... averaging 10.8 ppg. during last 12 games ... announcers selected her 'Player of the Game' for her 14 pts., 6 reb. in ISU upset of previously undefeated conference leader Creighton (1/12) ... No. 5 in Valley in blocked shots ... ranks No. 4 in career blocked shots at Illinois State.

Kristi's Career Bests

Points 22 vs. Northern Illinois (11/23/99)
Rebounds 13 at Ball St. (12/4/01), at UNI (1/4/02)
Assists 2 (six times)
Steals 2 (three times)
Blocks 4 vs. Southern Illinois (2/17/02)
Minutes 37 at Southern Illinois (1/20/02)

30 Sophie Tirtiaux

6-1 • **Jr.** • **F** • *Andenne, Belgium (Urbana H.S.)*
Recovering from a stress fracture in her leg and likely won't play until at least January ... prep teammate of Heidi Harnisch ... part of Belgian Club Team Championship in 2000 and played for Belgian Junior National Team ... name pronounced TICT-tyew.

23 Jaci McCormack

5-10 • **So.** • **G** • *Lake Oswego, Ore. (Lake Oswego H.S.)*
Recovering ankle surgery in November; could miss the entire season ... Native American of Nez Perce Tribe was ISU's No. 2 scorer in 2001-02 ... 1997 & 1998 Idaho Prep Player of the Year at Lapwai H.S. ... first name pronounced JACK-ee.

Jaci's Career Bests

Points 18 vs. Bradley (12/30/00)
Rebounds 6 (three times)
Assists 5 vs. Drake (1/14/01)
Steals 3 at Valparaiso (12/22/00)
Blocks 1 vs. Bradley (12/30/00)
Minutes 33 vs. Missouri (12/17/00)