



Illinois State Basketball 2002-03

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2002-03 Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Sun.	Nov. 10	Ohio Premier All-Stars (exh.)	(L 51-78)
Sun.	Nov. 17	Chicago Challengers (exh.)	(W 55-51)
Sat.	Nov. 23	at Western Michigan	(L 79-100)
Mon.	Nov. 25	Butler	(L 57-59)
Fri.	Nov. 29	IUPUI	7:05 p.m.
Sun.	Dec. 1	Illinois	2:05 p.m.
Thurs.	Dec. 5	at Illinois-Chicago	7 p.m.
Sat.	Dec. 7	at Northern Illinois	4 p.m.
Fri.	Dec. 20	at Portland State	9 p.m.
Sun.	Dec. 22	at Portland	3 p.m.
Mon.	Dec. 30	Indiana	7:05 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 4	Indiana State	2:05 p.m.
Thurs.	Jan. 9	at Northern Iowa	7:05 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 11	at Bradley	5 p.m.
Thurs.	Jan. 16	SMS	7:05 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 18	Wichita State	7:05 p.m.
Thurs.	Jan. 23	at Southern Illinois	7 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 25	at Evansville	2 p.m.
Thurs.	Jan. 30	Creighton	7:05 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 1	Drake	7:30 p.m.
Fri.	Feb. 7	Northern Iowa	7:05 p.m.
Sun.	Feb. 9	Bradley	2:05 p.m.
Thurs.	Feb. 13	at SMS	7:05 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 15	at Wichita State	7:05 p.m.
Thurs.	Feb. 20	Evansville	7:05 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 22	Southern Illinois	2:05 p.m.
Thurs.	Feb. 27	at Drake	7:05 p.m.
Sat.	March 1	at Creighton	3:05 p.m.
Wed.	March 5	at Indiana State	6 p.m.
State Farm-Missouri Valley Tourney at Des Moines, Iowa			
Thurs.	March 13	Quarterfinals	
Fri.	March 14	Semifinals	6:30 p.m.
Sat.	March 15	Championship	3 p.m.

• Missouri Valley Conference games
home games in red/bold

The Coaches

• **Jenny Yopp, Illinois State.** She is 58-104 in her seventh season as a college head coach, 18-64 in her fourth season in Normal.

• **Kris Simpson, IUPUI.** She is 82-109 in her eighth season as a college head coach, all in Indianapolis.

• **Theresa Grentz, Illinois.** She is 131-86 in her eighth season in Champaign, 592-241 in her 29th season as a college head coach. Grentz is 4-1 vs. Illinois State.

Series Stuff

• **Redbirds vs. IUPUI.** The 'Birds and Jaguars have not met before, but the Redbirds have a 41-3 edge over three other members of the Mid-Continent Conference they have met.

• **Redbirds vs. Illinois.** The Redbirds lead the series with Illinois 17-15. The Illini have won the last three meetings, with Illinois State's last win coming 68-63 Dec. 3, 1997 in Redbird Arena.

• IUPUI (0-2) at Illinois State (0-2)

7:05 p.m., Friday, Nov. 29, 2002, Redbird Arena, Normal, Ill.
WJBC Radio: R.C. McBride & Jill Hutchison

• Illinois (1-0) at Illinois State

2:05 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 1, 2002, Redbird Arena, Normal, Ill.
WJBC Radio: R.C. McBride & Jill Hutchison

The Redbirds

"Pacesetters"

Pos.No.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	PPG	Reb.	Ast.
F 00	Michelle Harakas *	6-0	So.	Redford, MI	8.0	2.0	0.5
F 20	Stacey White **	5-11	Jr.	West Lebanon, IN	7.5	4.5	2.0
C 42	Zora Skrabalova	6-5	Jr.	Lednice, Czech Republic	13.0	8.5	0.5
G 4	Taren O'Brien **	5-7	So.	Savannah, MO	10.5	1.0	5.0
G 22	Steph Reichle ***	5-9	Sr.	Lincoln, IL	0.5	1.0	0.0

Off the Bench

G 2	Desiree Gutierrez	5-6	Jr.	Thornton, CO	0.5	1.5	3.0
F 3	Sophie Tirtiaux	6-1	Fr.	Andenne, Belgium	2.0	3-0	1.0
F 10	Katie Donovan *	6-0	So.	Kingston, Ontario	5.0	5.0	2.0
G 12	Beth Huston **	5-8	Jr.	Port Washington, WI	--	--	--
F 21	Stacey Nickerson **	6-0	Sr.	Washington, IL	0.0	0.0	0.0
G 23	Jaci McCormack *	5-10	So.	Lapwai, ID	10.0	4.0	2.5
F 31	Sharon Blade **	6-2	Sr.	Peoria, IL	8.0	2.0	0.5
F 32	Erin Keeney	6-2	So.	Alva, OK	3.5	4.0	0.0
G 33	Chris Kutschinski *	5-10	So.	Ann Arbor, MI	--	--	--
G 34	Sara Stevenson	5-8	Fr.	Olney, IL	0.0	0.0	0.0

(* - denotes letters earned)

HEAD COACH: Jenny Yopp (North Carolina '89) **ASSISTANT COACHES:** Christopher Mennig (Bryant '96), Cherie Swarthout (Michigan State '91), Christy Thomaskutty (Tulane '96) **ATHLETIC TRAINER:** Yvonne Logan **HEAD MANAGER:** Andrew Knarr

A Defensive Stretch to Behold

After Butler took a 25-17 lead in the first 12 minutes of the game, the Redbird defense had one of its strongest stretches in years. Illinois State held the Bulldogs to just two points (two free throws) over a 14-minute stretch extending across halftime. During that Butler dry spell, the Redbirds held their opponents to 0-13 from the field and 11 turnovers.

Dealing With Rejection

Junior college transfer Zora Skrabalova blocked three shots in the Redbirds' game with Butler. That matched the fifth-best Redbird Arena game total for an Illinois State player. The last time a Redbird player had three or more blocks in Redbird Arena was when Kristi Larson had four blocks Feb. 17, 2002 vs. Southern Illinois.

Good News, Bad News

The good news is that the Redbirds scored 79 points at Western Michigan (11/23). Last year's team averaged just 58.3 and the last time an ISU team scored more than 79 was Jan. 16, 2000 at Bradley (ISU 80, BU 67). The bad news is that the Broncos became just the fourth Redbird opponent in 32 years of recorded basketball history to reach the century mark.

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Access Guide

- **Interviews/Credentials.** Contact Tom Lamonica, sports information director, at (309) 438-5746/ talamon@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. 13, 19. Dec. 3, 10, 17. Jan. 2, 8, 14, 21, 28. Feb. 5, 11, 18, 25. March 4.
- **The Jenny Yopp Show.** Jenny Yopp, R.C. McBride and Tim Fisher talk basketball with guests and callers on WJBC (AM 1230, Bloomington) at 7:06 p.m. on the following dates: Dec. 3, 10 & 17. Jan. 6, 13, 21 & 27. Feb. 3, 10, 17 & 24. March 4.
- **Post-Game at Redbird Arena.** Head coaches and requested players will be brought to the interview room. Locker rooms are closed.
- **Redbird Radio.** Illinois' No. 1 play-by-play 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.

Records When ...

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

O'Brien in the 20s

Taren O'Brien's 21 points at Western Michigan (11/23), eclipsing her previous career high 20 vs. Northern Iowa (1/31/02) last year. In fact, O'Brien was the only Redbird to score 20 points last year.

Zora Opens With Double-Double ...

Junior Zora Skrabalova's 14 points and 10 rebounds at Western Michigan (11/23) gave her a double-double in her first game as a Redbird player. Former USA Olympian, long-time professional and ISU All-American Cathy Boswell is the only other Redbird to have a double-double in her inaugural game.

... Other Dandy Debuts at ISU

Junior college point guard Desiree Gutierrez had 6 assists and just 1 turnover in 20 minutes in her first Redbird game. Sophomore Erin Keeney had 7 points and 7 rebounds in her Redbird debut in 24 minutes.

Bench Strength

True to Coach Jenny Yopp's preseason predictions, the Redbird bench played a big role in the season opener, out-scoring Western Michigan's bench 32-5 and collecting 19 of Illinois State's 36 individual rebounds. Yopp used 12 players in the game, with nine of them playing at least 12 minutes. Against Butler, the Redbirds had 10 different players with 12 or more minutes, none more than Taren O'Brien's 27 minutes.

Turned-Down Turnovers

The Redbirds took better care of the ball and had just 15 turnovers at Western Michigan (11/23). ISU averaged 18.2 miscues per game last year and had fewer than 15 in just two games.

O'Brien, White Move Up Three List

As juniors, Taren O'Brien (48) and Stacey White (46) both are listed in the top 10 three-point shooters in Redbird history. O'Brien is No. 8 and White is No. 9. The pair and sophomore Jaci McCormack all are among the Redbird career leaders in three-point field goal percentage. They were just the third and fourth players in Redbird history to hit 40 threes in their first two seasons: the others were Cindy Kaufmann (1987-89) and Jenny Schmidt (1995-97) (see list above).

Trey Bien

Last year, the Redbirds averaged a school-record 4.11 three-point field goals per game. They are off to another great start in 2002-03, hitting 10 of 28 in the first two games (5.00 pre game).

Better Shooting

Illinois State shot .451 from the field at Western Michigan (11/23), a good start for a team which shot just .395 last season. In fact, the Redbirds shot .450 or better in just six games last season.

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.	48	Taren O'Brien (2000-)
9.	46	Stacey White (2000-)
10.	44	Kellie Johnson (1997-01)

ISU Career 3-Pt. FG Pct.

Rank	Total	Name (Years)
1.	.437 (205-469)	Jenny Schmidt (1995-99)
2.	.423 (129-305)	Cindy Kaufmann (1987-91)
3.	.379 (31-82)	Tami Baalke (1989-93)
4.	.378 (17-45)	Pam Tanner (1985-89)
5.	.377 (20-53)	Jaci McCormack (2000-)
6.	.368 (14-37)	Ellen McGrew (1984-89)
7.	.345 (91-264)	Shandeem Hunt (1997-01)
8.	.344 (11-32)	Char Govan (1985-90)
9.	.319 (46-144)	Stacey White (2000-)
10.	.310 (48-155)	Taren O'Brien (2000-)

one team ... one goal ... every second



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Redbird Review (0-2)

• Western Michigan 100, Illinois State 79

Saturday, Nov. 23, 2002, University Arena, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Even though the Redbirds shot well and scored as many points as they have in a game since 1999-2000, they couldn't stop Western Michigan's sharpshooters from beyond the arc--particularly Curleta Harris (8-for-10 and 24 points). Taren O'Brien's 21 career-high points and Zora Skrabalova's 14-point, 10-rebound double-double in her debut led the Redbirds, who had a 39-37 rebounding edge and made just 15 turnovers.

• Butler 59, Illinois State 57

Monday, Nov. 25, 2002, Redbird Arena, Normal, Ill. Butler roared back from a 15-point second-half deficit to take the lead in the last 90 seconds and deny Sophie Tirtiaux's three-point attempt to win the game at the buzzer. The Redbirds held the Bulldogs without a field goal for nearly 14 minutes in the middle of the game, but still fell short despite 12 points by Zora Skrabalova and 11 by Jaci McCormack.

Birds vs. The State

(all-time standings vs. Illinois Division I foes)

Team	W-L	Pct.
Bradley	27-12	.692
DePaul	3-3	.500
Eastern Illinois	25-8	.758
Illinois	17-15	.531
Illinois-Chicago	11-1	.917
Loyola	1-0	1.000
Northern Illinois	8-4	.667
Northwestern	5-8	.385
Southern Illinois	35-32	.522
Western Illinois	39-2	.951
Total	171-85	.668

Missouri Valley Standings

(through 11/25/02)

Rank, Team	Valley	All
1. Bradley	0-0	1-0
Drake	0-0	1-0
Evansville	0-0	1-0
Indiana State	0-0	1-0
Northern Iowa	0-0	1-0
6. Wichita State	0-0	0-0
7. Creighton	0-0	0-1
8. Illinois State	0-0	0-2
Southern Illinois	0-0	0-2
Southwest Missouri State	0-0	0-2

Defense Never Rests

Illinois State's opponents made just 661 field goals, second-lowest season total against the Redbirds for a season. Opponents' field goal percentage dropped from 2000-01 to 2001-02 by .068--from .472 to .404--a school-record single-season turnaround. The drop from 74.6 points per game allowed in 2000-01 to 68.1 in 2001-02 was the biggest improvement in Redbird history.

Donovan's Second Chances

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

O'Brien Nets a Rare Feat

Last year, Taren O'Brien became just the third player in Redbird history to lead her team in scoring and assists in the same season. As a sophomore, she was the youngest to earn that honor; Jenny Schmidt was a junior and senior when she led her team in points and passes and Tammy Turner was a senior when she performed that dual feat.

Redbirds Lead State Foes

Over the past 31 years, the Redbirds have compiled a 171-85 record against their cohort Division I schools in Illinois. Only Northwestern (8-5) has an edge over the Redbirds in the series.

Review of the Injured List

Sophomore Chris Kutschinski has not played this season because of a recurring back problem.

Number Change

Freshman Sophie Tirtiaux has gone from No. 30 to No. 3 in deference to former Redbird, professional basketball and USA Olympic Star Charlotte Lewis, whose No. 30 was retired last season. Lewis and No. 44, Cathy Boswell, are the only Redbird players to have their numbers retired.

Donovan's Travels

Sophomore Katie Donovan spent the summer traveling with the Canadian 19-and-Under Women's team (equivalent to junior national team in most countries).

Across the Nation, Around the Globe

The Redbird roster demonstrates diversity. With players from eight states and three foreign countries, Illinois State also has a Native American (Jaci McCormack), a Mexican-American (Desiree Gutierrez) and an African-American (Sharon Blade).

International Birds

With Zora Skrabalova (Czech Republic) joining Sophie Tirtiaux (Belgium) and Katie Donovan (Canada), the Redbirds have three players from foreign countries. Previously, the Redbirds had just three players total from foreign countries: Nadia Peruch (France), Kate Gibney (Ireland) and Caroline Walsh (Ireland). The three Redbird international players are 75 percent of the international players in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Valley Preseason Picks

The Missouri Valley Conference coaches and media picked Illinois State 9th in the preseason poll.

Rank, Team	Pts.
1. Creighton (31)	390
2. Drake (9)	361
3. SMS	271
4. Wichita State	256
5. Northern Iowa	244
6. Bradley	216
7. Indiana State	170
8. Evansville	135
9. Illinois State	98
10. Southern Illinois	59

Missouri Valley Conference Preseason Team

Name, Yr., Pos.	Institution
Sara Bailey, Sr., G	Bradley
Carla Bennett, Sr., C	Drake
Angela Buckner, Jr., C	Wichita State
Jenni Lingor, So., G	SMS
Courtney Mennen, Sr., G	Indiana State
Christy Neneman, Jr., F	Creighton
Amy Swisher, Jr., F	Northern Iowa



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00 Michelle Harakas **Last Game:** 6 pts., 2 reb. vs. Butler (11/25/02)

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

Led ISU with career-high 15 pts. in win over Bradley (2/3/02) with 13 pts., 9 reb. at Evansville (1/16/02) ... 22 minutes of defensive work vs. WSU (1/24/02), 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 (3 times)
Blocks 3 vs. Wichita State (1/24/02)
Minutes 37 vs. Indiana State (2/28/02)

2 Desiree Gutierrez **Last Game:** 1 pts., 1 reb. vs. Butler (11/25/02)

5-6 • **Jr.** • **G** • Thornton, Colo. (Thornton/Western Nebraska C.C.)

Led Western Nebraska to the 2001 National Junior College Athletics Association national tournament. leading her team in assists while averaging 10 points per game ... name pronounced DEZ-uh-ray goo-TARE-ez.

Des' **Career Bests**

Points 1 vs. Butler (11/25/02)
Rebounds 2 at Western Michigan (11/23/02)
Assists 6 at Western Michigan (11/23/02)
Steals 1 at Western Michigan (11/23/02)
Blocks
Minutes 20 at Western Michigan (11/23/02)

3 Sophie Tirtiaux **Last Game:** 6 pts., 5 reb. vs. Butler (11/25/02)

6-1 • **Fr.** • **F** • Andenne, Belgium (Urbana, Ill., H.S.)

Started first college game at Western Michigan (11/23) ... missed 2001-02 season while recovering from a stress fracture in her leg ... part of Belgian Club Team Championship in 2000 and played for Belgian Junior National Team ... name pronounced TICT-tyew.

Sophie's **Career Bests**

Points 2 at Western Michigan (11/23/02)
Rebounds 3 at Western Michigan (11/23/02)
Assists 1 at Western Michigan (11/23/02)
Steals
Blocks
Minutes 12 at Western Michigan (11/23/02)

4 Taren O'Brien **Last Game:** 0 pts., 5 ast. vs. Butler (11/25/02)

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

Career-high 21 pts. in season opener at Western Michigan (11/23) included four three-point field goals ... 2001-02 team leader in points and assists ... double-figures scoring in 11 of last 15 games in 2001-02 ... 59 of last 74 FT (79.7%) ... 2000-01 team leader in steals ... No. 8 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 21 at Western Michigan (11/23/02)
Rebounds 7 vs. Western Illinois (12/22/01)
Assists 8 vs. Indiana State (2/16/01)
Steals 4 (twice)
Blocks 1 vs. Murray State (12/1/01)
Minutes 38 at Drake (2/9/02)

10 Katie Donovan **Last Game:** 5 pts., 5 reb. vs. Butler (11/25/02)

6-0 • **So.** • **F** • Kingston, Ontario (St. Thomas Aquinas H.S.)

Missed season-opener at Western Michigan because of stomach ailment ... ISU's leading rebounder in 2001-02 ... had 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 ... joined 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)



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12 Beth Huston **Last Game:** 0 pts., 1 ast. vs. WSU (2/24/02)

5-8 • **Jr.** • **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 (twice)
Steals 3 at Evansville (1/17/02)
Blocks 2 (twice)
Minutes 33 vs. Murray State (12/1/01)

20 Stacey White **Last Game:** 6 pts., 6 reb. vs. Butler (11/25/02)

5-11 • **Jr.** • **F** • West Lebanon, Ind. (Seeger Memorial H.S.)
Scored 9 points and had career-high 4 assists coming off the bench at Western Michigan (11/22) ... only Redbird to start every game in 2001-02 ... only the fourth different Redbird player to make 30 or more 3-pointers in a season ... in last 8 games, averaged 12.5 ppg and has hit 20 of last 39 3-pointers (51.2) ... No. 9 in career 3-point field goals made (46) ... older sister is ex-Purdue star Stephanie White.

Stacey's Career Bests

Points 19 vs. Evansville (2/15/02)
Rebounds 9 (twice)
Assists 4 at WesternMichigan (11/23/02)
Steals 3 vs. Murray State (12/1/01)
Blocks 2 at Drake (2/9/02)
Minutes 38 vs. Evansville (2/15/02)

21 Stacey Nickerson **Last Game:** 0 pts., 0 reb. at WMU (11/23/02)

6-0 • **Jr.** • **F** • Washington, Ill. (Washington H.S./Illinois Central CC)
Has 8 assists and just 4 turnovers in 3 seasons at ISU ... averaged 8 minutes per game during last 6 games of 2001-02, 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 (twice)
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:** 1 pts., 1 reb. vs. Butler (11/25/02)

5-9 • **Sr.** • **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 (2/24/02) were the most by a Redbird last season ... 17 rebounds vs. Creighton (1/12/02) was 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)

23 Jaci McCormack **Last Game:** 11 pts., 2 reb. vs. Butler (11/25/02)

5-10 • **So.** • **G** • Lapwai, Idaho (Lake Oswego, Ore., H.S.)
Matched her career-high with 6 rebounds at Western Michigan (11/23) in her first game back after missing 2001-02 recovering from ankle surgery ... 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 (four 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)



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31 Sharon Blade

Last Game: 9 pts., 3 reb. vs. Butler (11/25/02)

6-2 • **□**Sr. • **□**F • Peoria, Ill. (Peoria Central H.S.)

Scored 16 points in 33 minutes in last two games of 2002-03 ... missed 8 games and was limited in others by a 2001-02 foot injury ... matched career high with 9 rebounds at UNI (1/4/02) ... 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 (twice)
Assists 2 (twice)
Steals 2 (seven times)
Blocks 2 (four times)
Minutes 37 at Northern Illinois (11/17/00)

32 Erin Keeney

Last Game: 7 pts., 7 reb. at WMU (11/23)

6-2 • **□**So. • **□**F • Alva, Okla. (Alva/Northern Oklahoma JC)

Originally signed National Letter of Intent with New Mexico State, but opted for year of junior college instead ... area prep player of the year in 2001 as high schooler, where she led her four prep varsity teams to an 89-10 record ... averaged 12 points and 8 rebounds per game at Northern Oklahoma JC ...

Erin's Career Bests

Points 7 at Western Michigan (11/23/02)
Rebounds 7 at Western Michigan (11/23/02)
Assists
Steals 1 at Western Michigan (11/23/02)
Blocks 1 at Western Michigan (11/23/02)
Minutes 24 at Western Michigan (11/23/02)

33 Chris Kutschinski

Last Game: did not play, injured

5-10 • **□**So. • **□**G • Ann Arbor, Mich. (Pioneer H.S.)

Has yet to play in a game because of a chronic back problem ... her entry into last year's game at SIU (1/20/02) 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 (12/22/01) ... 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)

34 Sara Stevenson

Last Game: 0 pts., 0 reb. at WMU (11/23)

5-8 • **□**Fr. • **□**G • Olney, Ill. (East Richland H.S.)

No. 4 in Illinois prep history with 274 career three-point field goals ... one of 20 players in Illinois prep history to score 2,500 career points (2,504) ... 2002 Illinois Miss Basketball finalist ... led team to IHSA Class AA Semifinals at Redbird Arena in 2002 ... also a prep track star.

Sara's Career Bests

Points
Rebounds
Assists
Steals
Blocks
Minutes 1 at Western Michigan (11/23/02)

42 Zora Skrabalova

Last Game: 12 pts., 7 reb. vs. Butler (11/25/02)

6-5 • **□**Jr. • **□**C • Lednice, Czech Republic (Slovanske/NE Colorado JC)

Collected a double-double with 14 pts., 10 reb. in her first Division I game at Western Michigan (11/23) ... followed with 12 pts., 7 reb., 3 blocks vs. Butler (11/25) ... the tallest Redbird player recruited after she led her junior college team to a 53-18 record over two seasons ... led Czech women's league team to a division championship in 2000 with a 24-8 record ... name pronounced ZOHR-ah SKRAH-buh-LO-vuh.

Zora's Career Bests

Points 14 at Western Michigan (11/23/02)
Rebounds 10 at Western Michigan (11/23/02)
Assists 1 vs. Butler (11/25/02)
Steals
Blocks 3 vs. Butler (11/25/02)
Minutes 24 at Western Michigan (11/23/02)