



ILLINOIS STATE

WOMENS BASKETBALL

GAME 2 NOTES

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THE MATCHUP



ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS
1-0 (0-0 MVC)

HEAD COACH: KRISTEN GILLESPIE
OVERALL RECORD: 263-160 (15th)
RECORD AT ILS: 158-95 (9th)



ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI
1-0 (0-0 B1G)

HEAD COACH: SHAUNA GREEN
OVERALL RECORD: 220-110 (12th)
RECORD AT ILL: 64-35 (4th)

THE SERIES

Illinois State and Illinois will meet for the 43rd in program history, with series tied at 21-21. The Redbirds have won the last two games against the Illini and four out of the last five games in the series overall. The two teams last played in 2019, a 74-58 win for the Redbirds over the Illini in Champaign. Overall, ISU is 8-9 on the road against the Illini, who had won eight straight games in the series before a Redbird win in 2010 in Normal.

THE FASTBREAK

- Illinois State will play its first road contest of the season against a familiar foe in Illinois.
- The Redbirds outscored Dayton by 11 points in the third quarter to pull away for an 87-76 win on Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena on Monday in the 2025-26 season opener. The Redbirds shot 51 percent from the field and had four players in doubles figures as ISU won its fourth-straight season opener and its sixth in the last seven seasons overall.
- For the third-straight season, Illinois State and crosstown foe Illinois Wesleyan met in exhibition action. Five Illinois State players scored in a double figures and two recorded double-doubles, as the Redbirds defeated the Titans by a final of 89-46 in their lone preseason test at CEFCU Arena. Transfer Bella Finnegan finished with a game-high 20 points, including a 5-for-11 effort from three-point range, while Trista Fata (17 points, 10 assists) and Nevaeh Thomas (12 points, 10 rebounds) recorded double-doubles for the Redbirds.

- Illinois State advanced to the WNIT Semifinal for the fourth time in program history and for the first time since 2011. The Redbirds made three consecutive WNIT semifinal runs from 2009 to 2011, earning six wins over Power 5 foes across the three runs. The Redbirds made their 16th appearance all-time in the WNIT and their fourth trip to the WNIT in Kristen Gillespie's tenure.
- The Redbirds were 24-13 overall last season, including a 14-6 mark in MVC play and a 14-4 record at home at CEFCU Arena. Illinois State secured a 20-win campaign for the third-straight season, a streak that leads all DI women's teams in the state of Illinois.
- Illinois State returns seven players from last season's squad that advanced to the WNIT Feb 4, including MVC All-Freshman team selection Doneelah Washington and All-MVC Newcomer team member Addison Martin.
- Martin and Nevaeh Thomas were listed among several Missouri Valley Conference women's basketball "Players to Watch" for the upcoming 2025-26 season.

TEAM COMPARISON

ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS

Record	1-0
Streak	W1
Scoring Offense	87.0
Scoring Defense	76.0
Steals per Game	10.0
Blocks per Game	2.0
Field Goal Percentage	.515
Free Throw Percentage	.750
Three Point Percentage	.192
Assists per Game	24.0
Turnovers per Game	12.0
Rebounds per game	40.0
Assist/Turnover Ratio	2.0

ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI

Record	1-0
Streak	W1
Scoring Offense	91.0
Scoring Defense	67.0
Steals per Game	6.0
Blocks per Game	3.0
Field Goal Percentage	.525
Free Throw Percentage	.781
Three Point Percentage	.364
Assists per Game	19.0
Turnovers per Game	16.0
Rebounds per game	39.0
Assist/Turnover Ratio	1.2

PROBABLE STARTERS



3 // TRISTA FATA
So., G, 5-8
Green Bay, Wis.

Pts.	Reb.	Ast.
19.0	4.0	10.0



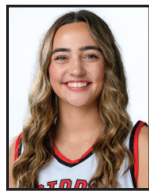
4 // JAELEN PRATT
Fr., G, 5-10
Ankeny, Iowa

Pts.	Reb.	Ast.
10.0	6.0	4.0



22 // DONEELAH WASHINGTON
So., F, 6-1
Lincoln, Neb.

Pts.	Reb.	Ast.
21.0	9.0	2.0



24 // ADDISON MARTIN
R-Sr., F, 6-1
Shreveport, La.

Pts.	Reb.	Ast.
20.0	5.0	3.0



33 // BELLA FINNEGAN
Sr., G, 6-0
Hometown, Ill.

Pts.	Reb.	Ast.
4.0	2.0	2.0

2025-26 SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER (0-0)

3	DAYTON	W, 87-76
9	at Illinois	12 p.m.
12	CHICAGO STATE	11 A.M.
18	at Loyola Chicago	6 p.m.
21	SAINT LOUIS	6:30 P.M.
26	vs. Rice#	11:30 a.m.
27	vs. East Carolina#	9 a.m.
28	vs. Wake Forest#	9 a.m.

DECEMBER (0-0)

3	at Northern Iowa*	6 p.m.
7	EASTERN ILLINOIS	2 P.M.
14	at Nebraska	TBD
19	OAKLAND	6:30 P.M.
29	INDIANA STATE*	6:30 P.M.

JANUARY (0-0)

2	at Murray State*	6 p.m.
4	at Belmont*	1 p.m.
8	UIC*	6:30 P.M.
11	EVANSVILLE*	2 P.M.
15	VALPARAISO*	6:30 P.M.
22	at UIC*	7 p.m.
25	at Indiana State*	1 p.m.
29	NORTHERN IOWA*	6 P.M.

FEBRUARY (0-0)

1	BRADLEY*	2 P.M.
7	DRAKE*	4 P.M.
13	at Sothern Illinois*	6 p.m.
15	at Evansville*	3 p.m.
20	BELMONT*	6:30 P.M.
22	MURRAY STATE*	2 P.M.
26	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*	6:30 P.M.
28	at Valparaiso*	1 p.m.

MARCH (0-0)

5	at Drake*	6 p.m.
8	at Bradley*	2 p.m.
12-15	MVC Women's Basketball Championship	TBD

* MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE GAME

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HOME GAMES IN **BOLD**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Institution Illinois State University
 Location Normal, Ill.
 Founded 1857
 Enrollment 21,994
 Nickname Redbirds
 Colors Red (PMS 186) & White
 Mascot Reggie Redbird
 Affiliations NCAA Division I
 Conference Missouri Valley
 Facility CEFCU Arena
 Capacity 10,000
 President Dr. Aondover Tarhule
 Director of Athletics Dr. Jeri Beggs
 Faculty Representative Dr. Maria Boerngen

PROGRAM HISTORY

First Year of Basketball 1971-72 (55th season)
 All-Time Overall Record 903-709
 All-Time DI Record 714-583
 All-Time MVC Record 461-434
 20-win seasons 18
 MVC Regular Season Titles 8
 (85, 88, 89, 90, 05, 08, 09, 10, 23)
 MVC Tournament Titles 5
 (83, 89, 05, 08, 22)
 NCAA Tournament Appearances 6
 (83, 85, 89, 05, 08, 22)
 WNIT Tournament Appearances 14
 (80, 82, 84, 88, 90, 96, 07, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 21, 23, 24, 25)
 All-Americans 8
 MVC Coach of the Year 6
 MVC Player of the Year 6
 MVC Newcomer of the Year 6
 WNBA Draft Selections 1
 Paige Robinson, '23

2024-25 SEASON

Overall Record 24-13
 Home 14-4
 Away 7-7
 Neutral 3-2
 MVC Record 14-6
 MVC Standings Fifth
 NET 121
 Mid-Major Ranking NR

PRONUNCIATIONS

#2 De'Shawnti Thomas - "de-SHAWN-tee"
 #3 Trysta Fayta - "FATE-uh"
 #4 Jaeden Pratt - "JAY-din"
 #5 Morgan Bruno - "BROO-no"
 #8 Kya Hurt - "KIE-uh"
 #12 Jordan Fenske - "FEN-skee"
 #21 Nevaeh Thomas - "nuh-VAY-uh"
 #22 Doneelah Washington - "duh-NEE-luh"
 #32 Zanyra Adams - "zuh-NIE-ruh"
 #33 Bella Finnegan - "FINN-uh-ghin"



2
DE'SHAWNTI THOMAS
 R-Sr., G/F, 5-10
 Tulsa, Okla.



3
TRISTA FAYTA
 So., G, 5-8
 Green Bay, Wis.



4
JAELEN PRATT
 Fr., G, 5-10
 Ankeny, Iowa



5
MORGAN BRUNO
 So., G, 5-11
 Chicago, Ill.



8
MADISON AUSTIN
 Fr., G, 6-3
 Sterling, Ill.



11
KYA HURT
 Fr., G, 5-8
 Indianapolis, Ind.



12
JORDAN FENSKE
 Fr., G, 5-11
 Waukesha, Wis.



15
TAYLOR VEACH
 Sr., G, 5-11
 Dewitt, Iowa



21
NEVAEH THOMAS
 Jr., F, 6-1
 Kenosha, Wis.



22
DONEELAH WASHINGTON
 So., F, 6-1
 Lincoln, Neb.



23
GRACE NELSON
 So., G, 5-10
 Altamont, Ill.



24
ADDISON MARTIN
 R-Sr., F, 6-1
 Shreveport, La.



32
ZANYRA ADAMS
 R-So., G, 5-9
 San Antonio, Texas



33
BELLA FINNEGAN
 Sr., G, 6-0
 Hometown, Ill.



KRISTIN GILLESPIE
 Head Coach
 9th Season



SCOTT GILLESPIE
 Assoc. Head Coach
 9th Season



DREW COLE
 Assistant Coach
 4th Season



KATRINA BECK
 Assistant Coach
 4th Season



JORDAN ALFORD
 Assistant Coach
 3rd Season



MANNIE ROBINSON
 Assistant Coach
 3rd Season

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
2	De'Shawnti Thomas	G/F	5-10	R-Sr.	Tulsa, Okla. / Sapulpa HS / Old Dominion
3	Trista Fayta	G	5-8	So.	Green Bay, Wis. / Notre Dame HS
4	Jaeden Pratt	G	5-10	Fr.	Ankeny, Iowa / Ankeny Centennial
5	Morgan Bruno	G	5-11	So.	Chicago, Ill. / Loyola Academy
8	Madison Austin	F	6-3	Fr.	Sterling, Ill. / Sterling HS
11	Kya Hurt	G	5-8	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Lawrence North HS
12	Jordan Fenske	G	5-11	Fr.	Waukesha, Wis. / Waukesha West HS
15	Taylor Veach	G	5-11	Sr.	Dewitt, Iowa / Central Dewitt HS
21	Nevaeh Thomas	F	6-1	Jr.	Kenosha, Wis. / Bradford HS / Evansville
22	Doneelah Washington	F	6-1	So.	Lincoln, Neb. / Lincoln Northeast HS
23	Grace Nelson	G	5-10	So.	Altamont, Ill. / Altamont HS
24	Addison Martin	F	6-1	R-Sr.	Shreveport, La. / Captain Shreve HS / Abilene Christian
32	Zanyra Adams	G	5-9	R-So.	San Antonio, Texas / Brennan HS / Cisco College
33	Bella Finnegan	G	6-0	Sr.	Hometown, Ill. / Mother McAuley HS / Indiana State

BY CLASS
 R-SENIOR: MARTIN, D. THOMAS
 SENIOR: VEACH, FINNEGAN
 JUNIOR: N. THOMAS
 R-SOPHOMORE: ADAMS
 SOPHOMORE: FAYTA, BRUNO, WASHINGTON, NELSON
 FRESHMAN: PRATT, AUSTIN, HURT, FENSKE

BY STATE
 IL (4) BRUNO, AUSTIN, NELSON, FINNEGAN
 WI (3) FAYTA, FENSKE, N. THOMAS
 IOWA (2) PRATT, VEACH
 IN (1) HURT
 LA (1) MARTIN
 NE (1) WASHINGTON
 OK (1) D. THOMAS
 TX (1) ADAMS

INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS (25-26)

Points	21
Doneelah Washington (11/3/25 vs Dayton)	
FG Made	10
Addison Martin (11/3/25 vs Dayton)	
3 PT FG Made	2
Doneelah Washington (11/3/25 vs Dayton)	
FT Made	4
Trista Fayta (11/3/25 vs Dayton)	
Rebounds	9
Doneelah Washington (11/3/25 vs Dayton)	
Assists	10
Trista Fayta (11/3/25 vs Dayton)	
Steals	4
Trista Fayta (11/3/25 vs Dayton)	
Blocked Shots	1
2 x (Last by Washington and Finnegan 11/3/25 vs Dayton)	

TEAM GAME HIGHS (25-26)

Points	87
11/3/25 vs Dayton	
FG Made	35
11/3/25 vs Dayton	
3 PT FG Made	5
11/3/25 vs Dayton	
FT Made	12
11/3/25 vs Dayton	
Rebounds	40
11/3/25 vs Dayton	
Assists	24
11/3/25 vs Dayton	
Steals	10
11/3/25 vs Dayton	
Blocked Shots	2
11/3/25 vs Dayton	
Fouls	14
11/3/25 vs Dayton	

20 POINT GAMES (25-26)

Doneelah Washington	21 (11/3/25 vs Dayton)
Addison Martin	20 (11/3/25 vs Dayton)

DOUBLE DOUBLES (25-26)

Trista Fayta	19 points, 10 assists (11/3/25 vs Dayton)
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SCOUTING THE ILLINI

- Illinois never trailed en route to a 91-67 season-opening victory over Southeast Missouri State on Tuesday night at State Farm Center. The Fighting Illini had three players score in double figures, led by Berry Wallace, who secured a double-double with 27 points and 11 rebounds, setting career-highs in both categories.

- Illinois took advantage of excellent ball movement against SEMO, piling up 19 assists on 31 made field goals. Gretchen Dolan's seven assists led the distribution list for the Fighting Illini, and Destiny Jackson also added six assists of her own.

- Illinois entered the season with eight newcomers and seven returners on its 15-player roster. However, the returning players only accounted for 24.4 percent of last year's scoring. In total, 75.6 percent of the offensive production from 2024-25 departed with five seniors: all of whom concluded decorated collegiate careers.

- The team's 63 wins through head coach Shauna Green's first three seasons match the program record in that span while also marking the most by a head coach in their first three years with the Orange and Blue. Across that period, Illinois is 38-11 at home under Green, and the program has secured double-digit wins in three straight seasons for the first time in program history.

THREEBAY UNLOCKED

- The first basket for Illinois State against Dayton was a three-pointer, but it came from an unexpected shooter in Doneelah Washington who made her first two career shots from beyond the arch against the Flyers.

- That performance sparked a big day for the sophomore from Nebraska, who became the first Redbird since the 2009-10 season with 20+ points in a game on a perfect night shooting from the field.
- She also added nine rebounds in the contest to just miss out on her first double-double of the season.

FAYTA TAKES OVER

- In her first career start, Trista Fayta tallied the first double-double of her career with 19 points and 10 assists against Dayton.
- Her complete performance turned out to be a unique one, as Fayta become just the second MVC player in the last 14 seasons to put up 19 points, 10 assists and 4 or more steals in a game.

- With her 10 assists, she became the first Redbirds to post double digit assists since JuJu Redmond in 2022.

10 ASSISTS IN A GAME (SINCE 2009-10)

Player (Opponent)	Year
Trista Fayta (vs. Dayton)	10 - 2025
JuJu Redmond (vs. Drake)	10 - 2022
Paige Saylor (vs. St. Xavier)	10 - 2020
Amanda Clifton (vs. Missouri State)	10 - 2011

MID-MAJOR LOVE

- Illinois State was ranked No. 12 in the preseason CollegeInsiders.com women's basketball Mid-Major Top 25 poll.
- The Redbirds were one of three Missouri Valley Conference teams listed, including Murray State (No. 8) and Belmont (No. 14).

BALANCED EFFORT

- The Redbirds finished with 4+ double-figure scorers in 25 games last season and did so again in the 2025-26 opener against Dayton. Illinois State is 33-9 when putting 4+ in double-figures since the start of the 2023-24 campaign.

- Over the last three seasons, Illinois State has finished with 4+ double-figure scorers in 42 games, and 5+ double-figure scorers in 13 games.

THE REDBIRD STATE

- Since 2020-2021 the Redbirds have been statistically been the most successful DI women's program in the state of Illinois.
- The Redbirds lead all DI women's basketball programs in the state of Illinois with 105 total wins and a 66.0 winning percentage over that stretch.
- Since the start of the 2019-2020 campaign, the Redbirds are 43-10 against in-state foes.
- That includes an 8-1 mark against in-state foes in 2024-25, which improved the Redbirds to 22-2 against in-state foes over the last three seasons.
- Illinois State has won 6-plus games over in-state foes in each of the last six seasons.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

- Illinois State returns seven players from last season's squad that advanced to the WNIT Feb 4, including MVC All-Freshman team selection Doneelah Washington and All-MVC Newcomer team member Addison Martin.

- Martin and Nevaeh Thomas were listed among several Missouri Valley Conference women's basketball "Players to Watch" for the upcoming 2025-26 season.

- Martin started all 37 games for Illinois State and was one of six Redbirds to break the program's single-season record for games played. The Shreveport, Louisiana, native reached double figures in 18 games, including two 20+ point performances, with a season-high of 23 points scored against SIU.

- Thomas averaged 12.1 points per game, a team-high 7.0 rebounds per game and 2.5 assists per game while ranking fifth in the MVC shooting 54.5 percent from the field. Thomas scored in double figures in 29 games, including the first 15 outings of the season, and tallied ten double-doubles, becoming just the sixth player in program history to tally 10+ double-doubles in a single season.

RECORD WHEN...

At home	1-0
On the road	0-0
At a neutral site	0-0
Day games	0-0
Night games	1-0
White uniforms	1-0
Red uniforms	0-0
Gray uniforms	0-0
Pink uniforms	0-0
Black uniforms	0-0
In November	1-0
In December	0-0
In January	0-0
In February	0-0
In March	0-0
In April	0-0
On a Monday	1-0
On a Tuesday	0-0
On a Wednesday	0-0
On a Thursday	0-0
On a Friday	0-0
On a Saturday	0-0
On a Sunday	0-0
Scoring first	1-0
Opponent scoring first	0-0
Scoring 60 or fewer points	0-0
Scoring 61-70 points	0-0
Scoring 71-80 points	0-0
Scoring 81 or more points	1-0
In overtime	0-0
Versus ranked teams	0-0
Game is decided by single-digits	0-0
Game is decided by 10 or more points	1-0
Leading at half	1-0
Trailing at half	0-0
Tied at half	0-0
Leading with five minutes left	1-0
Trailing with five minutes left	0-0
Tied with five minutes left	0-0
Leading with two minutes left	1-0
Trailing with two minutes left	0-0
Tied with two minutes left	0-0
Shooting less than 40 percent	0-0
Shooting 40-50 percent	0-0
Shooting over 50 percent	1-0
Opponent shoots less than 40 percent	0-0
Opponent shoots 40-50 percent	0-0
Opponent shoots over 50 percent	1-0
Making more three-pointers than opponent	0-0
Making equal three-pointers as opponent	0-0
Making fewer three-pointers than opponent	1-0
Making five or fewer three-point field goals	1-0
Making 10 or more three-point field goals	0-0
Making more free throws than opponent	1-0
Making equal free throws as the opponent	0-0
Making less free throws than opponent	0-0
Outrebounding opponent	1-0
Collecting equal rebounds	0-0
Being outrebounded	0-0
Committing more turnovers than opponent	0-0
Equal turnovers as opponent	0-0
Forcing more turnovers than committed	1-0
No Illinois State players foul out	1-0
One or more Illinois State players foul out	0-0

POSTSEASON STAPLE

- Illinois State earned its fifth-straight postseason bid under head coach Kristen Gillespie in 2024-25, which includes a trip to the 2022 NCAA Tournament.
- It marked just the second time in the NCAA era (1981-82 to pres.) that the program has earned a postseason bid in at least five consecutive seasons.
- In the longest consecutive postseason stretch in the program's NCAA history, Illinois State earned seven-straight bids from 2007 to 2013. That included a 2008 appearance in the NCAA Tournament, one of six in the history of the program.

WNIT HISTORY

- Illinois State made its 16th appearance all-time in the WNIT and its fourth trip to the WNIT in Kristen Gillespie's tenure last season. The Redbirds earned a WNIT bid for the third consecutive season.

20+ WIN SEASON

- Illinois State secured a 20-win campaign for the third consecutive season under head coach Kristen Gillespie in 2024-25, marking the first time since 2008-09 to 2010-11 that the program has earned three consecutive seasons with 20+ wins.
- Illinois State's 24 wins last season tie the 2022-23 squad for the most in a single season under head coach Kristen Gillespie.

SINGLE-SEASON WINS (PROGRAM HISTORY)

YEAR	RECORD
1. 2009-10	28-8
1980-81	28-8
2. 2008-09	27-8
3. 2007-08	26-7
4. 2024-25	24-13
2022-23	24-9
2012-13	24-11
2010-11	24-11

MONEY MARTIN

- Addi Martin led the MVC shooting 58.7% from the field in Valley play last season. She shot north of 50% in 16 MVC games this season, more than any player in the Valley.
- She had two 20+ outings in MVC play. That included a season-high performance of 23 points vs Southern Illinois Jan. 31, her first 20-point performance as a Redbird. She finished with 20 points and 8 rebounds at Drake Feb. 7.
- Martin was 9-for-11 from the field (81%) against the Salukis, and was one of seven MVC players to finish with 20+ points on better than 80% shooting from the field in an MVC game last year.

STACKING DOUBLE-DOUBLES

- Nevaeh Thomas tallied 10 double-doubles during the regular season, moving into rare company in Redbird history.
- She is just the sixth player in program history to total 10 double-doubles in a single season.

STARTING LINEUPS

	G	G	G	F	F
	FAYTA	PRATT	FINNEGAN	WASHINGTON	MARTIN
DAYTON					
AT ILLINOIS					
CHICAGO STATE					
AT LOYOLA CHICAGO					
SAINT LOUIS					
VS RICE					
VS EAST CAROLINA					
VS WAKE FOREST					
AT NORTHERN IOWA					
EASTERN ILLINOIS					
AT NEBRASKA					
OAKLAND					
INDIANA STATE					
AT MURRAY STATE					
AT BELMONT					
UIC					
EVANSVILLE					
VALPARAISO					
AT UIC					
AT INDIANA STATE					
NORTHERN IOWA					
BRADLEY					
DRAKE					
AT SOUTHERN ILLINOIS					
AT EVANSVILLE					
BELMONT					
MURRAY STATE					
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS					
AT VALPARAISO					
AT DRAKE					
AT BRADLEY					

MVC REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS

SCHOOL	CONF	OVERALL	STREAK
Bradley	0-0	1-0	W1
Drake	0-0	1-0	W1
Illinois State	0-0	1-0	W1
Southern Illinois	0-0	1-0	W1
Evansville	0-0	0-0	-
Murray State	0-0	0-0	-
Belmont	0-0	0-1	L1
Indiana State	0-0	0-1	L1
UIC	0-0	0-1	L1
UNI	0-0	0-1	L1
Valparaiso	0-0	0-1	L1

THIS WEEK IN THE VALLEY**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

Drake 83, Eastern Illinois 65
 Robert Morris 78, UIC 63
 Oklahoma 84, Belmont 67
 IU Indy 67, Indiana State 64
 North Dakota State 63, UNI 49
 Illinois State 87, Dayton 76
 Murray State 102, Trevecca 61

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Southern Illinois 69, Lewis 53
 DePaul 92, Valparaiso 54
 Bradley 94, Judson College 33

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Evansville at Southeast Missouri State 11:00 AM Cape Girardeau, Mo.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Murray State at Southern Indiana 5:00 PM Evansville, Ind.
 UIC at Indiana 6:00 PM Bloomington, Ind.
 Brown at Belmont 6:30 PM Nashville, Tenn.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Valparaiso at Detroit Mercy 12:00 PM Detroit, Mich.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Creighton at Drake TBA Des Moines, Iowa
 Illinois State at Illinois 12:00 PM Champaign, Ill.
 Evansville at Iowa 2:00 PM Iowa City, Iowa
 UNI at Saint Louis 4:00 PM Saint Louis, Mo.

MID-MAJOR TOP 25 (MARCH 18)

RANK	SCHOOL	RECORD	POINTS	PREVIOUS
1	South Dakota State (20)	0-0	746	-
2	Harvard (6)	0-0	730	-
3	James Madison (1)	0-0	615	-
4	Green Bay	0-0	601	-
5	Fairfield (3)	0-0	587	-
6	Princeton (1)	0-0	562	-
7	Gonzaga	0-0	537	-
8	Murray State	0-0	503	-
9	Middle Tennessee	0-0	445	-
10	Kent State	0-0	428	-
11	Ball State	0-0	384	-
12	Illinois State	0-0	377	-
13	Abilene Christian	0-0	364	-
14	Belmont	0-0	267	-
15	Montana State	0-0	260	-
16	Columbia	0-0	232	-
17	FGCU	0-0	195	-
18	Liberty	0-0	188	-
19	Arkansas State	0-0	184	-
20	Quinnipiac	0-0	178	-
21	Troy	0-0	152	-
22	Louisiana Tech	0-0	133	-
23	Charleston	0-0	116	-
24	Fairleigh Dickinson	0-0	105	-
25	Hawaii	0-0	96	-

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Maine 94, Chattanooga 93, High Point 88, Howard 86, Tennessee Tech 75, North Dakota State 72, Stephen F Austin 63, Portland 60, Cleveland State 58, Navy 53, Lindenwood 44, Toledo 44, Drake 32, Missouri State 29, Norfolk State 26, Santa Clara 22, Southern 20, Drexel 19, UT Arlington 18, Youngstown State 11, McNeese 10, Northern Arizona 10, UC Irvine 10, Buffalo 9, Montana 8, Incarnate Word 7, Vermont 7, Bowling Green 6, Army 5, UNCG 5, Purdue Fort Wayne 3, Miami (OH) 2, Robert Morris 1.

ISU IN THE MID-MAJOR TOP 25

WEEK	RANK	WEEK	RANK
Oct. 27	12	Jan. 12	-
Nov. 10	-	Jan. 19	-
Nov. 17	-	Jan. 26	-
Nov. 24	-	Feb. 2	-
Dec. 1	-	Feb. 9	-
Dec. 8	-	Feb. 16	-
Dec. 15	-	Feb. 23	-
Dec. 22	-	March 2	-
Dec. 29	-	March 9	-
Jan. 5	-	March 16	-

THE LAST TIME...**ILLINOIS STATE INDIVIDUAL**

Scored 40 points	Caryn Brune (43) vs Marquette (12/11/92)
Scored 30 points	Shannon Dowell (30) vs Drake (3/14/25)
Scored 25 points	Shannon Dowell (28) vs Abilene Christian (3/27/25)
Made 15 field goals	Caryn Brune (16) vs Marquette (12/11/92)
Made 10 field goals	Addison Martin (10) vs Dayton (11/3/25)
Made 5 three-point field goals	Elyce Knudsen (5) vs Louisiana Tech (3/31/25)
Made 10 free throws	Shannon Dowell (10) vs Drake (3/14/25)
Attempted 15 field goals	Addison Martin (16) vs Dayton (11/3/25)
Attempted 20 field goals	Shannon Dowell (20) vs Abilene Christian (3/27/25)
Attempted 10 three-point field goals	Shannon Dowell (10) vs Valparaiso (3/1/25)
Attempted 15 free throws	DeAnna Wilson (16) vs Missouri State (1/14/24)
Attempted 10 free throws	Shannon Dowell (11) vs Drake (3/14/25)
Had 20 rebounds	Candace Sykes (20) vs Arkansas State (12/2/11)
Had 15 rebounds	Kate Bullman (17) vs Chicago State (11/30/23)
Had 10 rebounds	Nevaeh Thomas (11) at Southern Illinois (3/8/25)
Posted a double-double	Trista Fayta vs Dayton (11/3/25)
.....	19 points, 10 assists
Posted a triple-double	Tami Baalke at Western Illinois (2/22/91)
.....	(15 points, 10 rebounds, 11 assists)
Had 10 assists	Trista Fayta (10) vs Dayton (11/3/25)
Had 5 steals	Terrian Moore (7) at Loyola Chicago (3/5/21)
Had 5 blocks	Kate Bullman (6) vs Evansville (2/25/24)

ILLINOIS STATE TEAM

Scored 100 points	110 vs St. Francis (IL) (12/5/24)
Scored 90 points	90 vs Western Illinois (3/23/25)
Scored 80 points	87 vs Dayton (11/3/25)
Scored less than 50 points	47 at UNI (2/8/24)
Scored less than 40 points	39 at Southern Illinois (2/9/18)
Scored more than 50 points in a half	52 (1st) at Southern Illinois (3/8/25)
Scored less than 20 points in a half	17 (2nd) at Missouri State (3/6/25)
Made 50 field goals	50 vs Loyola (2/2/78)
Made 40 field goals	41 at Omaha (11/6/23)
Made 30 field goals	30 vs Dayton (11/3/25)
Made 15 3-pt. field goals	15 vs Eastern Illinois (11/28/06)
Made 10 3-pt. field goals	12 vs Louisiana Tech (3/31/25)
Made 30 free throws	30 vs Valparaiso (2/17/24)
Made 20 free throws	22 at Valparaiso (1/17/25)
Made 15 free throws	18 vs Southern Illinois (3/13/25)
Had 60 rebounds	63 vs Chicago State (11/30/23)
Had 50 rebounds	55 vs Indiana State (1/2/25)
Had 40 rebounds	40 vs Dayton (11/3/25)
Had 30 assists	32 at Western Illinois (1/20/90)
Had 20 assists	21 vs Western Illinois (3/23/25)
Committed fewer than 10 turnovers	9 vs Western Illinois (3/23/25)
Committed more than 20 turnovers	12 vs Dayton (11/3/25)
Had 20 steals	20 vs Howard (12/2/94)
Had 10 steals	10 vs Dayton (11/3/25)
Had 10 blocks	10 vs Evansville (12/25/24)
Had 5 blocks	7 vs Belmont (3/9/24)
2 players scored 30 points	Never happened
3 players scored 20 points	at Bradley (2/7/98)
.....	Jenny Schmidt (28), Corrine Vossel (23), Valerie Trame (20)
2 players scored 20 points	vs Dayton (11/3/25)
.....	Doneelah Washington (21), Addison Martin (20)
7 players scored in double-figures	vs Chicago State (11/30/23)
.....	DeAnna Wilson (21), Daijah Smith (13), Maya Wong (12), Savannah McGowan (12)
6 players scored in double-figures	vs St. Francis (IL) (12/5/24)
.....	Waite (25), N. Thomas (13), Fayta (12), Martin (12), Washington (11), Dowell (10)
5 players scored in double-figures	vs Western Illinois (3/23/25)
.....	Dowell (28), Knudsen (23), Wong (15), N. Thomas (12), Martin (12)
4 players scored in double-figures	vs Dayton (11/3/25)
.....	Washington (21), Martin (20), Fayta (14), Pratt (10)

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL

Scored 40 points	Kendra Wecker (41), Kansas State (11/26/04)
Scored 30 points	Raegan McCowan (30) vs Western Illinois (3/23/25)
Scored 25 points	Payton Hull (25), Abilene Christian (3/27/25)
Made 15 field goals	Katie Yohn (22), Bradley (3/15/13)
Made 10 field goals	Raegan McCowan (10) vs Western Illinois (3/23/25)
Made 5 three-point field goals	Bella Finnegan (5), Indiana State (2/13/24)
Made 10 free throws	Haven Ford (12), Murray State (12/29/24)
Attempted 15 field goals	Nayo Lear (15), Dayton (11/3/25)
Attempted 20 field goals	Raegan McCowan (21) vs Western Illinois (3/23/25)
Attempted 10 three-point field goals	Katie Dinnebiec (10), Drake (3/14/25)
Attempted 15 free throws	Maddy Dean (15), Drake (2/8/15)
Attempted 10 free throws	Haven Ford (13), Murray State (12/29/24)
Had 20 rebounds	Never Happened
Had 15 rebounds	A'Jah Davis (15), Northern Illinois (11/9/21)
Had 10 rebounds	Anna Miller (10), Drake (3/14/25)
Posted a double-double	Anna Miller, Drake (3/14/25)
.....	21 pts, 10 reb
Posted a triple-double	Erica Brown, Eastern Illinois (12/1/16)
.....	(11 points, 10 rebounds, 10 blocks)
Had 10 assists	Deja Jones (11), Indiana State (2/13/24)
Had 5 steals	Kennedy Calhoun (5), Saint Louis (11/12/24)
Had 5 blocks	Brooke Flowers (7), Saint Louis (12/3/22)

OPPONENT TEAM

Scored 100 points	104, Drake (2/25/22)
Scored 90 points	91, Murray State (12/29/24)
Scored 80 points	80, Western Illinois (3/23/25)
Scored fewer than 50 points	43, Southern Illinois (1/10/24)
Scored more than 50 points in a half	54 (2nd), Southern Illinois (3/8/25)
Scored fewer than 20 points in a half	19 (1st), Southern Illinois (3/13/25)
Made 50 field goals	Never happened
Made 40 field goals	43, Northern Illinois (11/26/16)
Made 30 field goals	30, Dayton (11/3/25)
Made 15 3-pt. field goals	15, UAB (12/20/24)
Made 10 3-pt. field goals	13, Drake (3/14/25)
Made 30 free throws	31, UNI (1/2/20)
Made 20 free throws	20, Murray State (12/29/24)
Made 15 free throws	15, Western Illinois (3/13/25)
Had 60 rebounds	60, Rice (3/15/07)
Had 50 rebounds	50, Missouri State (1/5/23)
Had 40 rebounds	43, Drake (3/14/25)
Had 30 assists	31, Drake (2/10/17); first time allowing 30+ assists
Had 20 assists	26, Drake (1/12/25)
Committed less than 10 turnovers	9, Missouri State (2/2/25)
Committed more than 20 turnovers	22, Southern Illinois (1/31/25)
Had 20 steals	26, DePaul (12/5/15)
Had 10 steals	10, Valparaiso (1/17/25)
Had 10 blocks	10, Missouri State (2/19/17)
Had 5 blocks	6, Drake (2/7/25)
2 players scored 30 points	Northern Iowa (2/17/05)
.....	Jessie Biggs (34), Emily Berry (33)
3 players scored 20 points	Drake (3/5/95)
.....	Tricia Wakely (27), Kristi Kinne (21), Julie Rittgers (20)
2 players scored 20 points	Drake (3/14/25)
.....	Katie Dinnebiec (22), Anna Miller (21)
7 players scored in double-figures	Records Incomplete
6 players scored in double-figures	Drake (1/12/25)
.....	Katie Dinnebiec (18), Anna Miller (13), Abbie Aalsma (12)
.....	Ava Hawthorne (11), Courtney Becker (11), Shannon Fornshell (10)
5 players scored in double-figures	Southern Illinois (3/8/25)
.....	Kayla Cooper (23), Tkiyah Nelson (17), Gift Uchenna (12), Alice Curman (12), Isabella Palmqvist (10)
4 players scored in double-figures	Dayton (11/3/25)
.....	Nayo Lear (22), Fatima Ibrahim (14), Olivia Leung (11), Molly O'Riordan (10)

GAME-BY-GAME LEADERS

OPPONENT	RESULT	POINTS LEADER	REBOUNDS LEADER	ASSISTS LEADER
Dayton	W, 87-76	Doneelah Washington (21)	Doneelah Washington (9)	Trista Fayta (10)
at Illinois				
Chicago State				
at Loyola Chicago				
Saint Louis				
vs. Rice				
vs. East Carolina				
vs. Wake Forest				
at UNI*				
Eastern Illinois				
at Nebraska				
Oakland				
Indiana State*				
at Murray State*				
at Belmont*				
UIC*				
Evansville*				
Valparaiso*				
at UIC*				
at Indiana State*				
UNI*				
Bradley*				
Drake*				
at Southern Illinois*				
at Evansville*				
Belmont*				
Murray State*				
Southern Illinois				
at Valparaiso*				
at Drake*				
Bradley*				

HEAD COACH KRISTEN GILLESPIE



Kristen Gillespie was introduced as the eighth Illinois State women's head basketball coach in 2017 and enters her ninth year at the helm of the women's basketball program in 2025-2026.

Illinois State earned a fifth-straight postseason appearance and a third straight 20-win season under Gillespie in 2024-25, advancing to the WNIT Feb. 4. Illinois State posted a 24-13 record and a 14-6 mark in MVC play, earning the program's fourth WNIT bid over the last four seasons.

Gillespie reached a pair of career milestones during the 2024-25 campaign. She earned the 250th victory of her 14-year coaching career Jan. 26 at home against Bradley. The Redbirds win over Belmont Feb. 20 marked Gillespie's 150th at the helm of Illinois State, which ranks second in program history for wins by a Redbird head coach.

After a 14-win season in MVC play last year, Gillespie sits at 98 career MVC wins, which ranks tenth in Valley history. She is two MVC wins shy of becoming just the tenth coach in league history to win 100 Valley games.

The Redbirds posted an historic 2024-25 campaign on the offensive end of the floor. Illinois State ranked fourth in NCAA Division I and led the MVC with a 48.8 percent team field goal percentage, a mark that ranks third in program history. The Redbirds also ranked fourth in NCAA DI shooting 38.5 percent from behind the arc, leading the Valley and ranking third in program history. The Redbirds set a program record with 252 total three pointers. Illinois State ranked 32nd in NCAA DI averaging 76.0 points per game and scored a mark of 2,812 total points during the 2024-25 campaign that set a program record and ranks fourth in MVC history.

Four Redbirds earned MVC honors during the 2024-25 campaign, highlighted by Shannon Dowell's selection to the All-MVC Second team. Elyce Knudsen and Addison Martin landed on the All-MVC Newcomer team while Doneelah Washington earned All-MVC Freshman team honors. Knudsen and Martin combined for eight MVC Newcomer of the Week honors, including's Knudsen's league-leading five selections. Washington earned three MVC Freshman of the Week selections.

The Redbirds earned their fourth-straight postseason appearance and second-straight 20-win season in 2023-2024. Illinois State finished with a 22-12 overall record and 13-7 mark in MVC play while earning a WNIT bid for the third time in four seasons. The Redbirds advanced in the post season for the first time since 2013 with a Second-Round WNIT win over Charleston at CEFCU Arena, where the Redbirds hosted postseason basketball for the first time since 2013.

Illinois State went 14-2 inside CEFCU Arena in 2023-2024, winning 10 straight home games at one point during the 2023-2024 campaign. Illinois State finished tied for the second most home wins in a single season in program history, as the campaign marked the seventh time in program history that Illinois State has won 13-plus home games in a single season. DeAnna Wilson earned All-MVC Second Team honors for the Redbirds, while Kate Bullman took home All-MVC Defensive Team honors and Shannon Dowell earned All-MVC Freshman team honors, highlighting the individual honors for the Redbirds.

Her sixth season at Illinois State saw the program's first-ever Missouri Valley Conference regular season title since 2010, Illinois State finished the 2022-23 season with a 24-9 (17-3) record, winning the MVC regular season title and advancing to the WNIT for the second time in three years. Gillespie was named the 2022-23 MVC Coach of the Year, becoming the first MVC Coach of the Year in program history since Stephanie Glance was awarded the honor in 2012.

Gillespie led the Redbirds to 24 wins, including 17 in MVC play, which is the most wins in a season in her six years in Normal and the most MVC wins for the Redbirds in a season since 1984-85 under Jill Hutchinson & Melinda Fischer (17-1). As part of her 24 wins, Gillespie surpassed a pair of career milestones: capturing her 200th career victory as a college basketball coach on Jan. 5 at Missouri State before collecting win no. 100 at ISU on Jan. 22 inside CEFCU Arena. The 24 wins for ISU under Gillespie also stand as the most wins for any Redbird women's basketball program in a season since 2012-13 when the 'Birds finished 24-11 under then-head coach Stephanie Glance.

THE GILLESPIE FILE

CAREER HISTORY

YEAR	SCHOOL	POSITION
1999-00	UCF	Assistant Coach
2000-02	UC Santa Barbara	Assistant Coach
2002-04	NC State	Graduate Assistant
2005-07	Maclay (HS)	Head Coach
2007-09	NC State	Assistant Coach
2009-11	UIC	Assistant Coach
2011-15	Benedictine (DIII)	Head Coach
2015-17	Lewis (DII)	Head Coach
2017-Pres.	Illinois State	Head Coach

YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORD

	SCHOOL	OVERALL	POSTSEASON
2011-12	Benedictine	10-16	
2012-13	Benedictine	14-13	
2013-14	Benedictine	12-14	
2014-15	Benedictine	18-10	
2015-16	Lewis	28-3	NCAA
2016-17	Lewis	23-9	NCAA
2017-18	Illinois State	14-16	
2018-19	Illinois State	19-12	
2019-20	Illinois State	19-10	
2020-21	Illinois State	16-9	WNIT
2021-22	Illinois State	19-14	NCAA
2022-23	Illinois State	24-9	WNIT
2023-24	Illinois State	22-12	WNIT
2024-25	Illinois State	24-13	WNIT
2025-26	Illinois State	1-0	

TOTAL AT ISU 158-95 OVERALL 263-160

First ISU Win.....	11/15/17 vs Northern Kentucky
.....	49-37
First ISU Loss	11/11/17 at Oakland
.....	43-64
First ISU Road Win	12/20/17 at Long Beach State
.....	59-51
First MVC Tournament win	3/15/19 vs Bradley
.....	61-55

HEAD COACH KRISTEN GILLESPIE

Graduate guard Paige Robinson made the most of her single season in Normal, finishing the year being named the 2022-23 MVC Jackie Stiles Player of the Year, MVC Newcomer of the Year, All-MVC Newcomer Team, and All-MVC First Team. Robinson would also become the first-ever WNBA draft pick for the Redbirds when she was selected in the third round of the 2023 WNBA Draft by the Dallas Wings. Mary Crompton concluded her illustrious ISU career by becoming the first player in program history to be awarded Academic All-American First Team honors, marking her second straight season as an Academic All-American, as well as repeated success as the back-to-back MVC Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Gillespie guided Illinois State to its sixth-ever appearance at the NCAA Tournament in 2022, as Illinois State won the MVC Tournament title as a four-seed to punch their ticket to the big dance for the first time in 14 years. Illinois State finished the 2021-22 season with a 19-14 (12-6 MVC) record. At the NCAA Tournament, #15 Illinois State took on No. 2 Iowa on their home court at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City, playing in front of a sold-out crowd of over 15,000 fans.

Fifth year JuJu Redmond was named the Most Outstanding Player at the Hoops in the Heartland MVC Tournament, capping off her illustrious career as a three-time All-MVC honoree. Mary Crompton became just the second Redbird in program history to earn the distinction of an Academic All-American, also being crowned the MVC Scholar-Athlete of the Year and winner of its Elite 17 Award. DeAnna Wilson continued to thrive in her second season at ISU, being selected with Redmond to the All-MVC First Team while also joining her on the MVC All-Tournament Team.

Gillespie guided Illinois State to its first postseason berth in eight years during the 2020-21 campaign, leading the Redbirds (16-9, 12-6 MVC) to an appearance in the WNIT. In the tournament, which was condensed from 64 to 32 teams and played at four regional sites due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Redbirds also earned their first postseason win since the 2012-13 season with a 68-62 victory over Samford to make it to the Memphis Region Consolation Final.

After being picked fifth in the MVC Preseason Poll, the 2020-21 Redbirds finished third overall in the conference

standings, ISU's highest finish in Coach Gillespie's tenure thus far and for the program since 2013. The 2020-21 squad ended the year with a NET ranking (replaced RPI) of 60 (ISU's highest ranking since 2010), with four players earning All-MVC honors: Mary Crompton (MVC's Most Improved Player, All-MVC Honorable Mention), JuJu Redmond (All-MVC First Team), Terrion Moore (All-MVC Defensive Team, All-MVC Newcomer Team) and DeAnna Wilson (All-MVC Newcomer Team).

The Redbirds were strong during the 2019-20 campaign, going 19-10 (11-7 MVC) and finishing with a RPI of 74. Illinois State earned its first Power Five win since 2013 in their 74-58 victory over Illinois at the State Farm Center on Nov. 16, as well as its first win over a ranked opponent in 28 years on Feb. 27 in the 78-66 defeat of No. 17/21 Missouri State at Redbird Arena. Gillespie coached four All-MVC honorees, including two All-MVC First Team members, an All-Defensive Team player and her third-straight MVC Newcomer of the Year in JuJu Redmond. Redmond also picked up All-MVC Honorable Mention and MVC Sixth Player of the Year recognitions.

Illinois State continued to improve in Gillespie's second season, finishing with a 19-12 (11-7 MVC) record, with one of those conference wins coming at Missouri State, who went on to appear in the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16 in the postseason. The Redbirds made it to the semifinals of the MVC Tournament for the first time in five years, garnered MVC Newcomer of the Year honors for the second consecutive season and had two 'Birds make the MVC First Team All-Conference list.

In her first year at the helm of the program Gillespie guided the Redbirds to the most successful season the program has seen in five years. The Redbirds finished with a 14-16 overall record and secured a No. 6 seed for the Hoops in the Heartland tournament as they finished with an 8-10 conference record. Gillespie coached three MVC All-Conference honorees and her 2018-19 recruiting class was named the strongest in the Valley and top 75 in the nation by PASS.

Gillespie came to Illinois State after leading Lewis University to a 51-12 record over the past two seasons, including a pair of trips to the NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Tournament and one appearance in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Championship game. In her first

season in Romeoville, Illinois, the Flyers won the GLVC East Division with a record of 18-0, which led Gillespie to be selected as the 2016 GLVC Coach of the Year, the WBCA Midwest Region Coach of the Year and the IBCA Division II Coach of the Year.

Prior to her time at Lewis, Gillespie coached four seasons at Benedictine University in Lisle, Illinois. In her final year in 2015, she guided the Eagles to an 18-10 record. Before coaching at Benedictine, Gillespie spent two seasons as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at UIC from 2009-11, but her formative basketball acumen was developed at North Carolina State under legendary head coach Kay Yow.

Gillespie was a four-year letterwinner and three-year captain for the Wolfpack from 1996-99. As a junior, she was NC State's starting point guard on the 1998 NCAA Final Four squad, and she was also selected as an Honorable Mention Academic All-American the following year as a senior.

Upon her graduation, Gillespie had brief stops as an assistant coach at both UCF (1999-2000) and UC Santa Barbara (2000-02), before returning to Raleigh, North Carolina, to pursue her master's degree at NC State as a graduate assistant under Yow. During her tenure, the Wolfpack not only advanced to the NCAA Tournament, but Gillespie played a key role in recruiting a Top-20 recruiting class in 2004.

Once she received her master's degree, Gillespie spent two years as a high school head coach at Maclay School (2005-07) in Tallahassee, Florida, before returning to Raleigh for a third time to join Yow's staff as an assistant coach and co-recruiting coordinator. In 2008, NC State went 21-13 and advanced to the WNIT Final Four. In that short span, Gillespie coached five players who played professionally, including a WNBA First Round draft pick, and she recruited the 2010 Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Rookie of the Year.

She and her wife, Brittany, were married in 2017 and are the parents of a son and a daughter, Beckett and Emerson.





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De'SHAWNTI THOMAS

R-Sr. • G/F • 5-10 • Tulsa, Okla. • Old Dominion

SEASON HIGHS

POINTS	-	-
REBOUNDS	-	-
ASSISTS	-	-
FIELD GOALS	-	-
3 PT FIELD GOALS	-	-
FT MADE	-	-
BLOCKS	-	-
STEALS	-	-

CAREER HIGHS (NCAA)

POINTS	4	3/1/25 vs Valparaiso
REBOUNDS	5	12/15/24 at Chicago State
ASSISTS	2	11/6/24 at Northwestern
FIELD GOALS	2	1/17/25 at Valparaiso
3 PT FIELD GOALS	1	2/9/25 at UNI
FT MADE	1	3/1/25 vs Valparaiso
BLOCKS	-	-
STEALS	1	11/29/24 vs Boise State

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

BIO

• Sat out the 2023-24 year due to injury at Old Dominion.

• Previously spent two seasons at Seward County CC, helping the Lady Saints reach the Region 6 Semifinals as a freshman in 2021-22.

• Appeared in 62 games across two seasons for Seward County, where she started 34 games.

• Thomas started 29 of 31 contests in her sophomore campaign, averaging 11.9 points and 7.8 rebounds per game for the Saints.

• Recorded six double-doubles and reached double-figure scoring 22 times, including a season-high 25 points vs Pratt CC, 95-86 Jan. 18 if 2023.

#2 THOMAS, De'Shawnti

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG							
Dayton	11/03/2025		02:17	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals		0	02:17	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

Player Averages

Games Played	Minutes/game	Points/game	FG Pct	3FG Pct	FT Pct	Rebounds/game	Assists/game	Turnovers/game	Assist/Turnover ratio	Steals/game	Blocks/game
1	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAREER STATISTICS

THOMAS, De'shawnti

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2024-25	ILS	23-0	165/7.2	9-36	.250	2-16	.125	3-4	.750	8	26	34	1.5	17-0	5	8	0	3	23	1.0
2025-26	ILS	1-0	2/2.3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.0	2-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL		24-0	167/7.0	9-36	.250	2-16	.125	3-4	.750	9	26	35	1.5	19-0	5	8	0	3	23	1.0



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TRISTA FAYTA

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SEASON HIGHS

POINTS	-	-
REBOUNDS	-	-
ASSISTS	-	-
FIELD GOALS	-	-
3 PT FIELD GOALS	-	-
FT MADE	-	-
BLOCKS	-	-
STEALS	-	-

CAREER HIGHS

POINTS	12	12/5/24 vs St. Francis (IL)
REBOUNDS	6	1/2/25 vs Indiana State
ASSISTS	7	1/2/25 vs Indiana State
FIELD GOALS	5	12/5/24 vs St. Francis (IL)
3 PT FIELD GOALS	2	12/5/24 vs St. Francis (IL)
FT MADE	5	3/1/25 vs Valparaiso
BLOCKS	1	2/7/25 at Drake
STEALS	4	12/5/24 vs St. Francis (IL)

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

BIO

- Two-time D2 WBCA All-State selection.
- Finalist for Wisconsin Miss Basketball in her senior campaign, leading Notre Dame to its fourth-straight State Championship appearance.
- Helped lead Notre Dame to state titles in each of her first three seasons.
- Averaged 17 points, 4.0 rebounds, 6.6 assists, and 4.0 steals per contest for coach Sara Rohde and the Tritons which finished the 2022-23 season with a 29-1 record.
- Also connected on 65 three-pointers during her junior campaign.
- Reached 1,000 career points in 2022-2023.
- Helped the Tritons to a 114-5 record during her career.

#3 FAYTA, Trista

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG							
Dayton	11/03/2025	*	35:13	7-12	.583	1-5	.200	4-6	.667	1	3	4	4.0	1	10	2	0	4	19	19.0
Totals		1	35:13	7-12	.583	1-5	.200	4-6	.667	1	3	4	4.0	1	10	2	0	4	19	19.0

Player Averages

Games Played	Minutes/game	Points/game	FG Pct	3FG Pct	FT Pct	Rebounds/game	Assists/game	Turnovers/game	Assist/Turnover ratio	Steals/game	Blocks/game
1	35.2	19.0	58.3	20.0	66.7	4.0	10.0	2.0	5.0	4.0	0.0

CAREER STATISTICS

FAYTA, Trista

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2024-25	ILS	37-0	548/14.8	28-74	.378	9-35	.257	32-45	.711	12	61	73	2.0	42-0	66	51	2	24	97	2.6
2025-26	ILS	1-1	35/35.2	7-12	.583	1-5	.200	4-6	.667	1	3	4	4.0	1-0	10	2	0	4	19	19.0
TOTAL		38-1	583/15.3	35-86	.407	10-40	.250	36-51	.706	13	64	77	2.0	43-0	76	53	2	28	116	3.1

**4****JAEDEN PRATT**

Fr. • G • 5-10 • Ankeny, Iowa • Ankeny Centennial HS

SEASON HIGHS

POINTS	-	-
REBOUNDS	-	-
ASSISTS	-	-
FIELD GOALS	-	-
3 PT FIELD GOALS	-	-
FT MADE	-	-
BLOCKS	-	-
STEALS	-	-

CAREER HIGHS (NCAA)

POINTS	-	-
REBOUNDS	-	-
ASSISTS	-	-
FIELD GOALS	-	-
3 PT FIELD GOALS	-	-
FT MADE	-	-
BLOCKS	-	-
STEALS	-	-

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS**BIO**

• Helped lead team to an Iowa Class 5A - Region 4 Championship as a senior.

• Team advanced to the Iowa Class 5A State Tournament, where it picked up a win over Pleasant Valley before falling to Johnston.

• Averaged 14.4 points and 8.7 rebounds while also tallying 58 assists, 52 steals and 16 blocked shots in her final prep season.

• Named to the Iowa Girls' Coaches Association Class 5A All-State second team.

• Iowa Print Sports Writers Association All-State Class 5A Second Team selection last season.

• Was a Second team All-State and Second team All-conference selection as a junior for the Jaguars.

• On the volleyball court Pratt tallied 194 career blocks 862 career kills and 92 aces for Ankeny Centennial.

• A two-time first team All-State and two-time first team All-Conference selection in her career, helping the Jaguars to four state volleyball appearances.

• 2023 Iowa State champion in the long jump and set the school record with a jump of 18'8".

#4 PRATT, Jaeden

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG							
Dayton	11/03/2025	*	35:50	3-6	.500	1-3	.333	3-3	1.000	3	3	6	6.0	2	4	2	0	1	10	10.0
Totals		1	35:50	3-6	.500	1-3	.333	3-3	1.000	3	3	6	6.0	2	4	2	0	1	10	10.0

Player Averages

Games Played	Minutes/game	Points/game	FG Pct	3FG Pct	FT Pct	Rebounds/game	Assists/game	Turnovers/game	Assist/Turnover ratio	Steals/game	Blocks/game
1	35.8	10.0	50.0	33.3	100.0	6.0	4.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	0.0

CAREER STATISTICS**PRATT, Jaeden**

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2025-26	ILS	1-1	36/35.8	3-6	.500	1-3	.333	3-3	1.000	3	3	6	6.0	2-0	4	2	0	1	10	10.0
TOTAL		1-1	36/35.8	3-6	.500	1-3	.333	3-3	1.000	3	3	6	6.0	2-0	4	2	0	1	10	10.0



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MORGAN BRUNO

So. • 6 • 5-11 • Chicago, Ill. • Loyola Academy

SEASON HIGHS

POINTS	-	-
REBOUNDS	-	-
ASSISTS	-	-
FIELD GOALS	-	-
3 PT FIELD GOALS	-	-
FT MADE	-	-
BLOCKS	-	-
STEALS	-	-

CAREER HIGHS

POINTS	3	1/26/25 vs Bradley
REBOUNDS	1	3/13/25 vs Southern Illinois
ASSISTS	2	3/13/25 vs Southern Illinois
FIELD GOALS	1	1/26/25 vs Bradley
3 PT FIELD GOALS	1	1/26/25 vs Bradley
FT MADE	-	-
BLOCKS	1	12/5/24 vs St. Francis (IL)
STEALS	-	-

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TIDBITS

• Helped guide Loyola Academy to an undefeated record and IHSA Class 4A State championship at CEFCU Arena in her senior campaign.

• Loyola Academy became just the third girls' basketball team in state history to complete a 38-0 season, highlighted by their 44-40 win against Nazareth Academy in the Class 4A title game.

• Appeared in 34 games for the Ramblers, including the 4A State title game at CEFCU Arena.

• Granddaughter of Women's Basketball Hall of Famer and DePaul head coach Doug Bruno

#5 BRUNO, Morgan

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG							
Dayton	11/03/2025		01:05	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals		0	01:05	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

Player Averages

Games Played	Minutes/ game	Points/ game	FG Pct	3FG Pct	FT Pct	Rebounds/ game	Assists/ game	Turnovers/ game	Assist/Turnover ratio	Steals/ game	Blocks/ game
1	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAREER STATISTICS

BRUNO, Morgan

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS
2024-25	ILS	13-0	37/2.8	2-6	.333	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0	3	3	0.2	1-0	3	2	1	0	5	0.4
2025-26	ILS	1-0	1/1.1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL		14-0	38/2.7	2-6	.333	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0	3	3	0.2	2-0	3	2	1	0	5	0.4



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MADISON AUSTIN

Fr. • F • 6-3 • Sterling, Ill. • Sterling HS

SEASON HIGHS

POINTS	-	-
REBOUNDS	-	-
ASSISTS	-	-
FIELD GOALS	-	-
3 PT FIELD GOALS	-	-
FT MADE	-	-
BLOCKS	-	-
STEALS	-	-

CAREER HIGHS (NCAA)

POINTS	-	-
REBOUNDS	-	-
ASSISTS	-	-
FIELD GOALS	-	-
3 PT FIELD GOALS	-	-
FT MADE	-	-
BLOCKS	-	-
STEALS	-	-

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

BIO

• Helped lead Sterling to a program-record 30 wins, the first sectional title since 2007 and the first Western Big 6 Conference crown as a senior.

• Led Sterling in scoring 19 times and in rebounding 26 times as the Warriors finished 30-6 with regional and sectional titles.

• In final prep season, averaged 16.3 points and 8.8 rebounds per game while recording 61 blocked shots to earn Sauk Valley Media's 2025 Player of the Year award.

• Earned IHSA Class 3A All-State honors from the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (first team) and Illinois Media (second team) while also being named Western Big 6 co-MVP.

• Became the ninth member of Sterling's 1,000-point club, finishing her career tied for fifth on the Warriors' all-time scoring list with 1,089 points ... ranks fourth on the career rebounding list with 743 and second on the career blocked shots list with 113.

• Also an accomplished swimmer at the prep level as a four-time Sectional champion, six-time Western Big 6 Conference Champion and a four-time 1st Team All-Conference Western Big 6 Conference honoree.

#8 AUSTIN, Madison

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				Other						
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
Dayton	11/03/2025		02:24	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals		0	02:24	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

Player Averages

Games Played	Minutes/game	Points/game	FG Pct	3FG Pct	FT Pct	Rebounds/game	Assists/game	Turnovers/game	Assist/Turnover ratio	Steals/game	Blocks/game
1	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAREER STATISTICS

AUSTIN, Madison

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Other				Scoring			
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2025-26	ILS	1-0	2/2.4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL		1-0	2/2.4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0



11 KYA HURT Fr. • G • 5-8 • Indianapolis, Ind. • Lawrence North HS

SEASON HIGHS		
POINTS	-	-
REBOUNDS	-	-
ASSISTS	-	-
FIELD GOALS	-	-
3 PT FIELD GOALS	-	-
FT MADE	-	-
BLOCKS	-	-
STEALS	-	-

CAREER HIGHS (NCAA)		
POINTS	-	-
REBOUNDS	-	-
ASSISTS	-	-
FIELD GOALS	-	-
3 PT FIELD GOALS	-	-
FT MADE	-	-
BLOCKS	-	-
STEALS	-	-

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

BIO

- Averaged 12.3 points per game, 3.8 rebounds per game, 3.7 assists per game and 3.4 steals per game as a senior, helping the Wildcats to the 2025 IHSAA Class 4A State championship.
- Shot 46% from the field and converted 26-of-68 3-point tries (38%) in final prep season.
- Totaled 985 points, 311 assists and 250 steals for her career at Lawrence North.
- Indiana All-Star and Indiana Basketball Coaches Association Supreme 15 All-State selection.
- Averaged 11.3 points, 4.1 assists and 2.3 steals per game during her junior campaign.
- Helped lead the Wildcats to an 18-6 record following an appearance in the IHSAA Semi-state as a sophomore in 2022-23.

CAREER STATISTICS



12 **JORDAN FENSKE** Fr. • G • 5-11 • Waukesha, Wis • Waukesha West HS

SEASON HIGHS		
POINTS	-	-
REBOUNDS	-	-
ASSISTS	-	-
FIELD GOALS	-	-
3 PT FIELD GOALS	-	-
FT MADE	-	-
BLOCKS	-	-
STEALS	-	-

CAREER HIGHS (NCAA)		
POINTS	-	-
REBOUNDS	-	-
ASSISTS	-	-
FIELD GOALS	-	-
3 PT FIELD GOALS	-	-
FT MADE	-	-
BLOCKS	-	-
STEALS	-	-

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

BIO

- First team all-Conference selection and helped the Wolverines to a pair of regional championships during prep career.
- Averaged 18.9 points per game with 73 three-pointers, leading her team to a regional final appearance during her junior campaign.
- Program record-holder for rebounding and assists.

#12 FENSKE, Jordan

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG							
Dayton	11/03/2025		11:02	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0.0
Totals		0	11:02	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0.0

Player Averages

Games Played	Minutes/game	Points/game	FG Pct	3FG Pct	FT Pct	Rebounds/game	Assists/game	Turnovers/game	Assist/Turnover ratio	Steals/game	Blocks/game
1	11.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0

CAREER STATISTICS

FENSKE, Jordan

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS
2025-26	ILS	1-0	11/11.0	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	1-0	0	1	0	1	0	0.0
TOTAL		1-0	11/11.0	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	1-0	0	1	0	1	0	0.0



21 NEVAEH THOMAS Jr. • F • 6-1 • Kenosha, Wis. • Evansville

SEASON HIGHS		
POINTS	-	-
REBOUNDS	-	-
ASSISTS	-	-
FIELD GOALS	-	-
3 PT FIELD GOALS	-	-
FT MADE	-	-
BLOCKS	-	-
STEALS	-	-

CAREER HIGHS		
POINTS	25	1/2/25 vs Indiana State
REBOUNDS	14	2/11/24 at Valparaiso*
ASSISTS	8	3/8/25 vs Southern Illinois
FIELD GOALS	11	3/1/24 at Murray State*
3 PT FIELD GOALS	3	3/31/25 vs Louisiana Tech
FT MADE	10	11/15/23 vs Eastern Kentucky*
BLOCKS	4	3/9/24 vs UNI*
STEALS	4	1/4/25 vs Evansville

*Set while playing at Evansville

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TIDBITS

- All-MVC Freshman Team selection for the Purple Aces in 2023-2024.
- Averaged team-high 15.7 points, 7.1 rebounds and 1.1 assists per game, starting 17 of her 22 appearances and shooting a team-best 47.4 percent from the floor.
- Tallied six double-doubles on the season, including 23 points and a season-high 14 rebounds Feb. 11 at Valparaiso. Three 20-point, 10-rebound double-doubles during her freshman campaign.
- Reached double-figures in all but two of her appearances for Evansville, which included six performances of 20-plus points.
- Graduated as Bradford High School's all-time leading scorer with 1,758 career points and all-time leading rebounder with 1,031 career boards.
- In 2023 she was named a WBCA All-State honorable mention and Southeast Conference Player of the Year.

#21 THOMAS, Nevaeh

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				PF		A		TO		BLK		STL		PTS	
				FG	PCT	3FG	PCT	FT	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG					
Dayton	11/03/2025		19:40	3-5	.600	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	2	4	6	6.0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	8	8.0			
Totals		0	19:40	3-5	.600	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	2	4	6	6.0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	8	8.0			

Player Averages

Games Played	Minutes/ game	Points/ game	FG Pct	3FG Pct	FT Pct	Rebounds/ game	Assists/ game	Turnovers/ game	Assist/Turnover ratio	Steals/ game	Blocks/ game
1	19.7	8.0	60.0	0.0	100.0	6.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	0.0	0.0

CAREER STATISTICS

THOMAS, Nevaeh

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				PF-FO		A		TO		BLK		STL		Scoring	
				FG	PCT	3FG	PCT	FT	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG				
2023-24	Evans	22-17	605/27.5	129-272	.474	0-6	.000	88-120	.733	33	123	156	7.1	58-1	25	59	19	23	346	15.7					
2024-25	ILS	37-36	1005/27.2	170-312	.545	28-71	.394	80-119	.672	63	197	260	7.0	81-3	91	61	16	37	448	12.1					
2025-26	ILS	1-0	20/19.7	3-5	.600	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	2	4	6	6.0	1-0	2	1	0	0	8	8.0					
TOTAL FOR ILS	38-36	1025/27.0	173-317	.546	28-73	.384	82-121	.678	65	201	266	7.0	82-3	93	62	16	37	456	12.0						
TOTAL	60-53	1629/27.2	302-589	.513	28-79	.354	170-241	.705	98	324	422	7.0	140-4	118	121	35	60	802	13.4						



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DONEELAH WASHINGTON

So. • F • 6-1 • Lincoln, Neb. • Lincoln Northeast HS

SEASON HIGHS

POINTS	-	-
REBOUNDS	-	-
ASSISTS	-	-
FIELD GOALS	-	-
3 PT FIELD GOALS	-	-
FT MADE	-	-
BLOCKS	-	-
STEALS	-	-

CAREER HIGHS

POINTS	15	1/2/25 vs Indiana State
REBOUNDS	10	1/2/25 vs Indiana State
ASSISTS	6	1/19/25 at UIC
FIELD GOALS	6	1/2/25 vs Indiana State
3 PT FIELD GOALS	-	-
FT MADE	7	12/5/24 vs St. Francis (IL)
BLOCKS	4	1/4/25 vs Evansville
STEALS	2	1/31/25 vs Southern Illinois

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TIDBITS

• All-Nebraska First Team selection in 2023-2024.

• Averaged over 21.6 points and 13.3 rebounds, leading Class A in scoring and rebounding and blocks.

• Set new program marks for season and career rebounds and for double-doubles as well as career blocks and field goals made.

• Program-record with 43 points against Gretna.

• Guided the Rockets to an 18-7 record in her senior campaign.

• Averaged a double-double with 17 points and 11 rebounds during her junior campaign, earning a Second-team All-state selection in Class A.

#22 WASHINGTON, Doneelah

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
				FG	PCT	3FG	PCT	FT	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG							
Dayton	11/03/2025	*	21:17	8-8	1.000	2-2	1.000	3-4	.750	5	4	9	9.0	3	2	0	0	1	21	21.0
Totals		1	21:17	8-8	1.000	2-2	1.000	3-4	.750	5	4	9	9.0	3	2	0	0	1	21	21.0

Player Averages

Games Played	Minutes/game	Points/game	FG Pct	3FG Pct	FT Pct	Rebounds/game	Assists/game	Turnovers/game	Assist/Turnover ratio	Steals/game	Blocks/game
1	21.3	21.0	100.0	100.0	75.0	9.0	2.0	0.0	2.0	1.0	0.0

CAREER STATISTICS

WASHINGTON, Doneelah

SEASON TEAM	GP-GS	MIN	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring							
			FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG	
2024-25	ILS	37-0	551/14.9	71-145	.490	0-2	.000	39-82	.476	60	92	152	4.1	42-0	34	46	34	18	181	4.9
2025-26	ILS	1-1	21/21.3	8-8	1.000	2-2	1.000	3-4	.750	5	4	9	9.0	3-0	2	0	0	1	21	21.0
TOTAL	38-1	572/15.0	79-153	.516	2-4	.500	42-86	.488	65	96	161	4.2	45-0	36	46	34	19	202	5.3	



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GRACE NELSON

So. • G • 5-10 • Altamont, Ill. • Altamont HS

SEASON HIGHS

POINTS	-	-
REBOUNDS	-	-
ASSISTS	-	-
FIELD GOALS	-	-
3 PT FIELD GOALS	-	-
FT MADE	-	-
BLOCKS	-	-
STEALS	-	-

CAREER HIGHS

POINTS	-	-
REBOUNDS	-	-
ASSISTS	-	-
FIELD GOALS	-	-
3 PT FIELD GOALS	-	-
FT MADE	-	-
BLOCKS	-	-
STEALS	-	-

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TIDBITS

- Redshirted freshman season due to injury in 2024-25.
- Guided Altamont HS to an IHSA State Finals appearance at CEFCU Arena to cap off her high school career in 2023-2024.
- Finalist for Illinois Miss Basketball in 2024, finishing third in the vote.
- Averaged 30.3 points, 6.6 rebounds, 3.9 steals and 2.9 assists for the Indians, who finished with a 28-7 record and in third place in the 2024 Class 1A State Tournament.
- A three-time IBCA All-State First Team pick, scoring over 2,000 career points in four varsity seasons.
- Ranks 8th on the all-time state single-season scoring list with 1,066 points during her senior campaign.
- Finished with 2,862 points for her career, ranking 15th in state history.

#23 NELSON, Grace

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				PF			A			PTS	AVG
				FG	FGA	PCT	3FG	3FGA	PCT	FT	FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO		
Dayton	11/03/2025		06:54	1-4	.250	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	1	2	0	1	3	3.0	
Totals		0	06:54	1-4	.250	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	1	2	0	1	3	3.0	

Player Averages

Games Played	Minutes/game	Points/game	FG Pct	3FG Pct	FT Pct	Rebounds/game	Assists/game	Turnovers/game	Assist/Turnover ratio	Steals/game	Blocks/game
1	6.9	3.0	25.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	1.0	2.0	0.5	1.0	0.0

CAREER STATISTICS

NELSON, Grace

SEASON	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				PF			A			Scoring	
					FG	FGA	FG%	3FG	3FGA	3FG%	FT	FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	FO	A	TO	BLK
2025-26	ILS	1	0	7	1-4	.250	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	1	2	0	1	3	3.0	
TOTAL		1	0	7	1-4	.250	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	1	2	0	1	3	3.0	



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ADDISON MARTIN

R-Sr. • F • 6-1 • Shreveport, La. • Abilene Christian

SEASON HIGHS

POINTS	-	-
REBOUNDS	-	-
ASSISTS	-	-
FIELD GOALS	-	-
3 PT FIELD GOALS	-	-
FT MADE	-	-
BLOCKS	-	-
STEALS	-	-

CAREER HIGHS

POINTS	25	1/5/23 vs Sam Houston*
REBOUNDS	11	11/6/24 vs Northwestern
ASSISTS	6	1/19/25 at UIC
FIELD GOALS	12	1/5/23 vs Sam Houston*
3 PT FIELD GOALS	1	1/6/24 vs UTRGV*
FT MADE	9	2/20/25 vs Belmont
BLOCKS	3	2/17/24 vs SFA*
STEALS	3	5 times*

*Set while playing at Abilene Christian

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TIDBITS

• Started 51 of 52 games for the Abilene Christian over two seasons.

• Averaged 12.7 points per game and 6.2 rebounds per game and shot 53.6% from the floor last season during her redshirt-sophomore campaign at Abilene Christian.

• Tallied 15 double-figure performances, including a season-high of 26 points Feb. 15 vs UTRGV.

• The performance was three off her career-high of 29 that she set in vs Sam Houston Jan. of 2023 during her redshirt freshman season.

• Averaged 11.9 points and 5.6 rebounds per game for Abilene Christian.

#24 MARTIN, Addison

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG							
Dayton	11/03/2025	*	33:34	10-16	.625	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	2	3	5	5.0	1	3	1	1	0	20	20.0
Totals		1	33:34	10-16	.625	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	2	3	5	5.0	1	3	1	1	0	20	20.0

Player Averages

Games Played	Minutes/game	Points/game	FG Pct	3FG Pct	FT Pct	Rebounds/game	Assists/game	Turnovers/game	Assist/Turnover ratio	Steals/game	Blocks/game
1	33.6	20.0	62.5	0.0	0.0	5.0	3.0	1.0	3.0	0.0	1.0

CAREER STATISTICS

MARTIN, Addison

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2022-23	ACU	30-30	903/30.1	144-274	.526	1-14	.071	73-112	.652	82	97	179	6.0	81-1	28	40	25	27	362	12.1
2023-24	ACU	25-24	731/29.2	111-248	.448	1-5	.200	53-82	.646	58	64	122	4.9	53-1	43	37	10	21	276	11.0
2024-25	ILS	37-37	1131/30.6	172-295	.583	0-2	.000	73-107	.682	72	135	207	5.6	67-0	71	52	9	27	417	11.3
2025-26	ILS	1-1	34/33.6	10-16	.625	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	2	3	5	5.0	1-0	3	1	1	0	20	20.0
TOTAL FOR ILS	38-38	1164/30.6	182-311	.585	0-3	.000	73-108	.676	74	138	212	5.6	68-0	74	53	10	27	437	11.5	
TOTAL	93-92	2798/30.1	437-833	.525	2-22	.091	199-302	.659	214	299	513	5.5	202-2	145	130	45	75	1075	11.6	



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ZANYRA ADAMS

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SEASON HIGHS

POINTS	-	-
REBOUNDS	-	-
ASSISTS	-	-
FIELD GOALS	-	-
3 PT FIELD GOALS	-	-
FT MADE	-	-
BLOCKS	-	-
STEALS	-	-

CAREER HIGHS

POINTS	-	-
REBOUNDS	-	-
ASSISTS	-	-
FIELD GOALS	-	-
3 PT FIELD GOALS	-	-
FT MADE	-	-
BLOCKS	-	-
STEALS	-	-

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TIDBITS

- Spent the last two seasons at Cisco College in Texas.
- Sat out the 2024-25 campaign due to injury.
- Earned Northern Texas Junior College Athletic Conference Freshman of the Year in 2023-24.
- Averaged 18.2 points, 9.0 rebounds and 2.6 assists per game for the Wranglers during the 2023-24 campaign.
- Reached double figures in 27 games as a freshman, posting 13 games with 20+ points and two games with 30+ points.
- Put up 32 points along with 18 rebounds and six steals in a January 2024 win over Temple College. The performance was one of Adams' 11 double-doubles on the season.
- Had seven games with 20+ points and 10+ rebounds and two games with 30+ points and 10+ rebounds.
- Totaled 76 assists in 29 games, including a season-high nine assists in a Nov. 2023 performance at Howard College.

#32 ADAMS, Zanyra

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG							
Dayton	11/03/2025		05:26	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.0
Totals		0	05:26	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.0

Player Averages

Games Played	Minutes/ game	Points/ game	FG Pct	3FG Pct	FT Pct	Rebounds/ game	Assists/ game	Turnovers/ game	Assist/Turnover ratio	Steals/ game	Blocks/ game
1	5.4	2.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAREER STATISTICS

ADAMS, Zanyra

SEASON TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring							
			FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG	
2025-26 ILS	1-0	5/5.4	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.0
TOTAL	1-0	5/5.4	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.0



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BELLA FINNEGAN

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SEASON HIGHS

POINTS	-	-
REBOUNDS	-	-
ASSISTS	-	-
FIELD GOALS	-	-
3 PT FIELD GOALS	-	-
FT MADE	-	-
BLOCKS	-	-
STEALS	-	-

CAREER HIGHS

POINTS	30	2/9/25 at Southern Illinois*
REBOUNDS	10	3/8/25 vs Murray State*
ASSISTS	6	12/17/23 at Ohio*
FIELD GOALS	11	2/10/23 at Murray State*
3 PT FIELD GOALS	8	2/9/25 at Southern Illinois*
FT MADE	9	12/18/22 vs Purdue Fort Wayne*
BLOCKS	2	11 Times*
STEALS	4	4 Times*

*Set while playing at Indiana State

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TIDBITS

- Spent the last three seasons playing at Indiana State.
- Averaged 12.8 points per game, tallying a team-high 55 three-pointers in 2024-25. Posted 16 double-figure scoring performances and five outings with 20+ points.
- Scored a career-high 30 points on Feb. 9 at Southern Illinois, becoming one of seven Valley players to score 30+ points in MVC play last season.
- Knocked down eight triples in that game and was one of just two MVC players to tally 8+ threes in a Valley game during the 2024-25 campaign.
- One of eight MVC players to knock down 50+ triples in each of the last two seasons, after marks of 51 three pointers and 55 three pointers the last two seasons.
- 2022-23 All-MVC Freshman Team selection for Indiana State, averaging 8.2 points, 2.8 rebounds and 1.3 assists per game with 20 appearances in the starting five.
- Averaged 9.6 points per game, leading the team in three pointers and making 31 starts as a sophomore with the Sycamores.
- A 1,000-point scorer at Mother McAuley HS and was a part of McAuley's state runner-up team in 2018-19.
- Averaged 18.4 points, 7.1 rebounds and 3.1 assists her senior season, while earning Conference Player of the Year honors in her senior campaign.

#33 FINNEGAN, Bella

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				PF						
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG	
Dayton	11/03/2025	*	25:18	2-12	.167	0-7	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	1	2	2	1	2	4	4.0
Totals		1	25:18	2-12	.167	0-7	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	1	2	2	1	2	4	4.0

Player Averages

Games Played	Minutes/ game	Points/ game	FG Pct	3FG Pct	FT Pct	Rebounds/ game	Assists/ game	Turnovers/ game	Assist/Turnover ratio	Steals/ game	Blocks/ game
1	25.3	4.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.0

CAREER STATISTICS

FINNEGAN, Bella

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2022-23	INS	30-20	681/22.7	83-240	.346	28-94	.298	52-60	.867	18	67	85	2.8	33-0	36	28	17	20	246	8.2
2023-24	INS	32-31	849/26.5	109-324	.336	51-165	.309	37-43	.860	3	65	68	2.1	45-0	40	45	13	35	306	9.6
2024-25	INS	24-20	737/30.7	108-327	.330	55-166	.331	37-44	.841	13	59	72	3.0	34-0	24	38	12	27	308	12.8
2025-26	ILS	1-1	25/25.3	2-12	.167	0-7	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	1-0	2	2	1	2	4	4.0
TOTAL FOR ILS	1-1	25/25.3	2-12	.167	0-7	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	1-0	2	2	1	2	4	4.0	
TOTAL	87-72	2292/26.3	302-903	.334	134-432	.310	126-147	.857	34	193	227	2.6	113-0	102	113	43	84	864	9.9	



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Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Illinois St.	18	23	26	20	0	87
Opponents	15	23	15	23	0	76

Team Box Score

No.	Player	Total					3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				PF DQ A TO BLK STL PTS AVG							
		GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	DQ	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
22	WASHINGTON, Doneelah	1-1	21:17	21.3	8-8	1.000	2-2	1.000	3-4	.750	5	4	9	9.0	3	0	2	0	0	1	21	21.0
24	MARTIN, Addison	1-1	33:34	33.6	10-16	.625	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	2	3	5	5.0	1	0	3	1	1	0	20	20.0
3	FAYTA, Trista	1-1	35:13	35.2	7-12	.583	1-5	.200	4-6	.667	1	3	4	4.0	1	0	10	2	0	4	19	19.0
4	PRATT, Jaeden	1-1	35:50	35.8	3-6	.500	1-3	.333	3-3	1.000	3	3	6	6.0	2	0	4	2	0	1	10	10.0
21	THOMAS, Nevaeh	1-0	19:40	19.7	3-5	.600	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	2	4	6	6.0	1	0	2	1	0	0	8	8.0
33	FINNEGAN, Bella	1-1	25:18	25.3	2-12	.167	0-7	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	1	0	2	2	1	2	4	4.0
23	NELSON, Grace	1-0	06:54	6.9	1-4	.250	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	1	2	0	1	3	3.0
32	ADAMS, Zanyra	1-0	05:26	5.4	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.0
2	THOMAS, De'Shawnti	1-0	02:17	2.3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
5	BRUNO, Morgan	1-0	01:05	1.1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
12	FENSKE, Jordan	1-0	11:02	11.0	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0.0
8	AUSTIN, Madison	1-0	02:24	2.4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											4	1	5					1				
Total		1	200		35-68	.515	5-26	.192	12-16	.750	18	22	40	40.0	14	0	24	12	2	10	87	87.0
Opponents		1	200		30-57	.526	7-17	.412	9-15	.600	10	17	27	27.0	19	1	14	15	4	5	76	76.0

Team Statistics

	ILS	OPP
Scoring	87	76
Points per game	87.0	76.0
Scoring margin	+11.0	-
Field goals-att	35-68	30-57
Field goal pct	.515	.526
3 point fg-att	5-26	7-17
3-point FG pct	.192	.412
3-pt FG made per game	5.0	7.0
Free throws-att	12-16	9-15
Free throw pct	.750	.600
F-Throws made per game	12.0	9.0
Rebounds	40	27
Rebounds per game	40.0	27.0
Rebounding margin	+13.0	-
Assists	24	14
Assists per game	24.0	14.0
Turnovers	12	15
Turnovers per game	12.0	15.0
Turnover margin	+3.0	-
Assist/turnover ratio	2.0	0.9
Steals	10	5
Steals per game	10.0	5.0
Blocks	2	4
Blocks per game	2.0	4.0
Winning streak	1	-
Home win streak	1	-
Attendance	0	0
Home games-Avg/Game	1-0	0-0
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

Team Results

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
11/03/2025	Dayton W	87-76	0





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Opponent	Date	Score	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
			FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
Dayton	11/03/2025	87-76 W	35-68	.515	5-26	.192	12-16	.750	18	22	40	40.0	14	24	12	2	10	87	87.0
Total		87	35-68	.515	5-26	.192	12-16	.750	18	22	40	40.0	14	24	12	2	10	87	87.0
Opponents		76	30-57	.526	7-17	.412	9-15	.600	10	17	27	27.0	19	14	15	4	5	76	76.0

Illinois St. Averages

Games Played	Points/game	FG Pct	3FG Pct	FT Pct	Rebounds/game	Assists/game	Turnovers/game	Assist/Turnover ratio	Steals/game	Blocks/game
1	87.0	51.5	19.2	75.0	40.0	24.0	12.0	2.0	10.0	2.0

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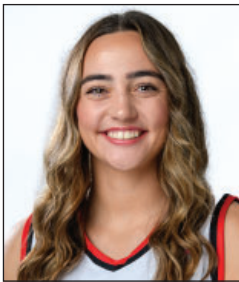
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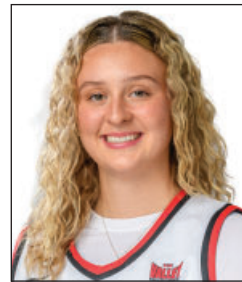
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