



07-08 ILLINOIS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

PRE-SEASON QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location Urbana-Champaign, Ill.
 Enrollment 41,398
 Nickname Fighting Illini
 Founded 1867
 Colors Orange and Blue
 Affiliation NCAA Division I
 Conference Big Ten
 Home Court (capacity) Assembly Hall (16,618)
 President B. Joseph White
 Chancellor Richard Herman
 Athletic Director Ron Guenther
 Senior Woman Administrator (SWA) TBA
 Senior Assoc. AD (Women's BB) Terry Cole
 Ticket Office 217-333-3470

TEAM HISTORY

First Year 1974-75
 Overall Record 474-454 (33 years)
 Big Ten Record 187-237 (25 years)
 Assembly Hall Record 189-99 (21 years)
 Years in NCAA (8) '1982, '86, '87, '97, '98, '99, '00, '03
 Years in WNIT (5) 2001, '02, '05, '06, '07
 Big Ten Titles (1) 1997

2006-07 AT A GLANCE

2006-07 Overall Record 19-12
 2006-07 Big Ten Record/Place 8-8/4th
 2006-07 Postseason WNIT Third Round
 Starters Returning/Lost 5/0
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost 8/2
 Newcomers 2

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach Jollette Law
 Alma Mater, Year Iowa '90
 Record at Illinois 0-0 (1st Season)
 Career Record 0-0 (1st Season)
 Assistant Coaches Karen Middleton (South Carolina '91)
 Tamika Louis (Fresno State '97)
 Patrick Klein (Ohio State '05)
 Asst. to the Head Coach Diane Hobin (Hofstra '95)
 Athletic Trainer Paul Schmidt (2nd Season)
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 Play-By-Play Dave Loane
 Color (Home) Mike Koon
 Color (Road) Derek Neal

STARTERS RETURNING

No	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	GP-S	PPG	RPG	APG	Notes
20	Lori Bjork	G	5-11	Jr.	31-31	14.3	2.5	2.5	Second Team All-Big Ten; UI Record 84 threes in 06-07
33	Chelsea Gordon	G	6-0	Jr.	31-31	7.9	3.7	1.2	Named team's Best Defensive Player last year
22	Lacey Simpson	F	6-0	So.	31-30	7.1	6.6	3.2	Ranked fourth in the Big Ten in steals in 06-07
32	Danyel Crutcher	F	6-2	Sr.	31-30	8.9	7.1	1.2	Leads team with 11 career double-doubles
13	Jenna Smith	C	6-3	So.	30-22	11.1	7.8	1.8	Big Ten All-Frosh team; led BT in off. rebs. in 06-07

OTHER RETURNING LETTERWINNERS

00	Erin McCarthy	C	6-5	Jr.	26-0	0.9	1.2	0.5	Academic All-Big Ten selection last season
15	**Audrey Tabon	F/C	6-2	Sr.	31-26	7.4	7.2	0.8	Starter in 05-06 missed last season with knee injury
30	Rebecca Harris	G	5-8	Sr.	30-1	6.3	2.0	1.7	One of team's top threats off the bench in 06-07
50	Stephanie Chelleen	F	6-2	Sr.	14-0	2.6	1.5	0.4	Led the team in points per 40 minutes in 06-07 (16.8)

NEWCOMERS

No	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (High School)
25	Chelsea Buher	G	5-11	Fr.	Lawrenceville, Ill. (Lawrenceville)
12	Lydia McCully	G	5-9	Fr.	Bedford Heights, Ohio (Bedford)

LETTERWINNERS LOST

No	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	GP-S	PPG	RPG	APG	Notes
34	Erin Wigley	F	6-2	Sr.	31-10	6.6	4.4	1.0	Tied for 18th on UI career scoring list (1,023 pts.)
35	Danielle Gratton	F	6-0	So.	16-0	3.2	2.1	0.9	Transferred to Ball State University

**2005-06 stats - sat out the entire 2006-07 season with a knee injury

NOTES

- Jollette Law was named Illinois' seventh women's basketball coach on May 11, 2007 after spending 12 years as an assistant at Rutgers. Law is the first African-American head coach in program history and the third in Illinois history.
- All five starters return from last year's squad that went 19-12 overall and finished fourth in the Big Ten.
- Illinois' selection to the 2007 WNIT marked its third consecutive postseason appearance and 10th in the last 11 years. The Illini have advanced to the NCAA Tournament five times during the streak and to the WNIT the other five.
- Lori Bjork, a second team All-Big Ten selection, is the team's leading returning scorer at 14.3 points per game.
- Bjork broke the UI single season three-point FG record last season with 84. She ranks third on Illinois' all-time three-point FG list heading into the season with 137, and needs 58 treys in 2007-08 to set the career mark.
- Bjork was selected to the *ESPN the Magazine* Academic All-America third team with a 3.94 GPA in political science. She was the first Illini to earn the honor in 25 years and was one of only two sophomores on the team.
- Jenna Smith, an honorable mention All-Big Ten and Big Ten All-Freshman team pick, finished her rookie campaign with 233 rebounds, breaking the UI freshman rebounding record, and led the Big Ten in offensive rebounds in conference play.
- Smith and Lacey Simpson both had 39 blocks in 2006-07 to break the UI freshman blocked shots record.

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr./Elig.	Hometown/High School/Prev. College
00	Erin McCarthy**	C	6-5	Jr./Jr.	Tulsa, Okla./Bishop Kelly H.S.
12	Lydia McCully	G	5-9	Fr./Fr.	Bedford Heights, Ohio/Bedford H.S.
13	Jenna Smith*	F/C	6-3	So./So.	Bloomington, Minn./Kennedy H.S.
15	Audrey Tabon***	F/C	6-2	5th/Sr.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Oakland Catholic H.S.
20	Lori Bjork**	G	5-11	Jr./Jr.	Johnston, Iowa/Johnston H.S.
22	Lacey Simpson*	F	6-0	Jr./So.	Zion, Ill./Zion-Benton H.S.
25	Chelsea Buher	G	5-11	Fr./Fr.	Lawrenceville, Ill./Lawrenceville H.S.
30	Rebecca Harris*	G	5-8	Sr./Sr.	Belleville, Ill./Mascoutah H.S./Rend Lake College
32	Danyel Crutcher***	F	6-2	Sr./Sr.	Orange, N.J./Orange H.S.
33	Chelsea Gordon**	F	6-0	Jr./Jr.	Erie, Pa./Mercyhurst Prep H.S.
50	Stephanie Chelleen***	F	6-2	Sr./Sr.	Des Moines, Iowa/Des Moines Lincoln H.S.

* Denotes letters earned

Head Coach: Jollette Law (first season)

Assistant Coaches: Karen Middleton (first season), Tamika Louis (first season), Patrick Klein (first season)

Assistant to the Head Coach: Diane Hobin (third season)

2006-07 Illinois Women's Basketball
Illinois Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 28, 2007)

All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(19-12)	(12-3)	(6-8)	(1-1)
CONFERENCE.....	(8-8)	(5-3)	(3-5)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(11-4)	(7-0)	(3-3)	(1-1)

## Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		---FT-FTA		---Pct		---REBOUNDS---				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
			FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg									
20 Bjork, Lori.....	31-31	1087 35.1	133-325	.409	84-218	.385	94-114	.825	7	71	78	2.5	58	2	79	91	6	14	444	14.3		
13 Smith, Jenna.....	30-22	800 26.7	130-253	.514	1-3	.333	71-92	.772	88	145	233	7.8	56	0	55	42	39	18	332	11.1		
32 Crutcher, Danyel...	31-30	847 27.3	113-222	.509	0-2	.000	49-63	.778	60	159	219	7.1	58	0	37	60	17	9	275	8.9		
33 Gordon, Chelsea....	31-31	897 28.9	90-250	.360	20-81	.247	45-65	.692	36	78	114	3.7	48	2	36	66	19	27	245	7.9		
22 Simpson, Lacey....	31-30	910 29.4	84-208	.404	23-68	.338	28-42	.667	62	143	205	6.6	68	1	100	94	39	71	219	7.1		
34 Wigley, Erin.....	31-10	697 22.5	83-208	.399	1-4	.250	37-55	.673	35	102	137	4.4	65	1	32	70	16	11	204	6.6		
30 Harris, Rebecca....	30-1	515 17.2	62-165	.376	24-66	.364	41-51	.804	8	53	61	2.0	35	0	51	54	1	12	189	6.3		
35 Gratton, Danielle..	16-0	200 12.5	17-49	.347	6-16	.375	11-13	.846	7	26	33	2.1	12	0	14	20	3	6	51	3.2		
50 Chelleen, Stephanie	14-0	88 6.3	14-28	.500	4-11	.364	5-8	.625	11	10	21	1.5	5	0	5	3	2	1	37	2.6		
00 McCarthy, Erin.....	26-0	188 7.2	9-25	.360	0-0	.000	6-12	.500	5	25	30	1.2	20	0	12	6	9	3	24	0.9		
TEAM.....									45	81	126	4.1	0		6							
Total.....	31	6229	735-1733	.424	163-469	.348	387-515	.751	364	893	1257	40.5	425	6	421	512	151	172	2020	65.2		
Opponents.....	31	6226	676-1867	.362	144-536	.269	340-477	.713	370	691	1061	34.2	518	-	322	418	88	280	1836	59.2		

TEAM STATISTICS	ILL	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING.....	2020	1836	11/12/06	BUTLER	W	65-47	1296
Points per game.....	65.2	59.2	11/14/06	at Illinois-Chicago	W	53-48	426
Scoring margin.....	+5.9	-	11/18/06	LOYOLA	W	87-59	894
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	735-1733	676-1867	11/20/06	at Northern Illinois	L	63-69	878
Field goal pct.....	.424	.362	11/22/06	NORTHERN COLORADO	W	76-39	856
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	163-469	144-536	11/25/06	SAINT JOSEPH'S	W	69-56	1001
3-point FG pct.....	.348	.269	11/29/06	at Saint Louis	W	84-75	772
3-pt FG made per game..	5.3	4.6	12/2/06	at Ole Miss	L	50-75	1522
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	387-515	340-477	12/5/06	FLORIDA	W	80-57	1403
Free throw pct.....	.751	.713	@12/9/06	vs Rhode Island	W	73-48	2133
REBOUNDS.....	1257	1061	12/17/06	IPFW	W	74-47	1147
Rebounds per game.....	40.5	34.2	12/21/06	at Bradley	W	57-41	1463
Rebounding margin.....	+6.3	-	*12/28/06	PENN STATE	W OT	74-65	1855
ASSISTS.....	421	322	*12/31/06	at Minnesota	L	61-70	5652
Assists per game.....	13.6	10.4	*1/4/07	at Michigan	W	70-51	886
TURNOVERS.....	512	418	*1/7/07	INDIANA	L	64-71	3102
Turnovers per game....	16.5	13.5	*1/14/07	at Wisconsin	W	70-62	8284
Turnover margin.....	-3.0	-	*1/18/07	MINNESOTA	W	64-54	1625
Assist/turnover ratio..	0.8	0.8	*1/21/07	at #5 Ohio State	L	52-62	7271
STEALS.....	172	280	*1/28/07	NORTHWESTERN	W	77-49	2087
Steals per game.....	5.5	9.0	*2/1/07	MICHIGAN	W	65-44	951
BLOCKS.....	151	88	*2/4/07	at Michigan State	L	70-80	8475
Blocks per game.....	4.9	2.8	*2/8/07	at #13 Purdue	L	57-69	7628
WINNING STREAK.....	0	-	*2/11/07	#4 OHIO STATE	L	60-69	6227
Home win streak.....	1	-	*2/15/07	at Iowa	W	74-69	13688
ATTENDANCE.....	27742	68961	*2/18/07	at Indiana	L	68-81	2748
Home games-Avg/Game....	15-1849	14-4389	*2/22/07	#20 MICHIGAN STATE	W	56-46	1550
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	2-3760	*2/25/07	#15 PURDUE	L	48-58	2765
			\$3/2/07	vs PENN STATE	L	49-61	5388
SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	Total			
Illinois.....	976	1026	18	- 2020			
Opponents.....	828	999	9	- 1836			
					@3/19/07	UTAH	W 59-48 983
					%03/22/07	at Kansas State	L 51-66 1747

@ = Lexus December to Remember Classic, United Center, Chicago, Ill.
 * = Big Ten Conference game
 \$ = Big Ten Tournament Quarterfinal, Conseco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, Ind.
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20 Bjork, Lori.....	16-16	575 35.9	71-168	.423	48-115	.417	49-56	.875	2	34	36	2.3	29	2	32	43	5	12	239	14.9
13 Smith, Jenna.....	15-15	425 28.3	67-137	.489	1-2	.500	44-56	.786	54	73	127	8.5	40	0	23	23	19	9	179	11.9
32 Crutcher, Danyel...	16-15	448 28.0	61-125	.488	0-1	.000	22-28	.786	34	83	117	7.3	35	0	21	27	8	5	144	9.0
33 Gordon, Chelsea....	16-16	461 28.8	41-126	.325	6-42	.143	23-32	.719	16	41	57	3.6	21	1	13	33	13	13	111	6.9
22 Simpson, Lacey....	16-16	473 29.6	40-105	.381	13-39	.333	15-21	.714	28	63	91	5.7	33	0	59	52	17	32	108	6.8
30 Harris, Rebecca....	16-0	257 16.1	36-84	.429	12-30	.400	22-28	.786	2	28	30	1.9	19	0	26	26	0	5	106	6.6
34 Wigley, Erin.....	16-2	352 22.0	38-102	.373	1-2	.500	20-30	.667	16	50	66	4.1	36	1	14	35	6	4	97	6.1
35 Grattoon, Danielle..	11-0	122 11.1	11-35	.314	4-10	.400	6-7	.857	5	15	20	1.8	7	0	9	11	2	3	32	2.9
50 Chelleen, Stephanie	3-0	11 3.7	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	0	2	2	0.7	3	0	0	0	1	0	4	1.3
00 McCarthy, Erin.....	15-0	103 6.9	4-10	.400	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	4	15	19	1.3	10	0	8	5	6	2	10	0.7
TEAM.....										24	38	62	3.9	0		4				

Total.....	16	3227	370-895	.413	85-242	.351	205-264	.777	185	442	627	39.2	233	4	205	259	77	85	1030	64.4
Opponents.....	16	3226	364-947	.384	66-238	.277	206-281	.733	181	361	542	33.9	274	-	174	208	52	138	1000	62.5

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Points per game.....	64.4	62.5	*12/31/06	at Minnesota	L	61-70	5652
Scoring margin.....	+1.9	-	*1/4/07	at Michigan	W	70-51	886
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	370-895	364-947	*1/7/07	INDIANA	L	64-71	3102
Field goal pct.....	.413	.384	*1/14/07	at Wisconsin	W	70-62	8284
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	85-242	66-238	*1/18/07	MINNESOTA	W	64-54	1625
3-point FG pct.....	.351	.277	*1/21/07	at #5 Ohio State	L	52-62	7271
3-pt FG made per game..	5.3	4.1	*1/28/07	NORTHWESTERN	W	77-49	2087
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	205-264	206-281	*2/1/07	MICHIGAN	W	65-44	951
Free throw pct.....	.777	.733	*2/4/07	at Michigan State	L	70-80	8475
REBOUNDS.....	627	542	*2/8/07	at #13 Purdue	L	57-69	7628
Rebounds per game.....	39.2	33.9	*2/11/07	#4 OHIO STATE	L	60-69	6227
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Assists per game.....	12.8	10.9	*2/22/07	#20 MICHIGAN STATE	W	56-46	1550
TURNOVERS.....	259	208	*2/25/07	#15 PURDUE	L	48-58	2765
Turnovers per game.....	16.2	13.0					
Turnover margin.....	-3.2	-					
Assist/turnover ratio..	0.8	0.8					
STEALS.....	85	138					
Steals per game.....	5.3	8.6					
BLOCKS.....	77	52					
Blocks per game.....	4.8	3.3					
WINNING STREAK.....	0	-					
Home win streak.....	0	-					
ATTENDANCE.....	20162	54632					
Home games-Avg/Game....	8-2520	8-6829					
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	0-0					

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SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Illinois.....	490	522	18	- 1030
Opponents.....	424	567	9	- 1000