



2011-12 ILLINOIS BASKETBALL

Game #23 // Illinois (16-6, 5-4) vs. Northwestern (13-8, 3-6)

Feb. 5, 2012 // 2 p.m. CT // Champaign, Ill. // Assembly Hall (16,618)

TV: BTN – Eric Collins (Play-By-Play), Shon Morris (Analyst)

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2011-12 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV/STREAK
NOVEMBER (7-0)			
11	LOYOLA CHICAGO	W, 67-49	W-1
14	SIU EDWARDSVILLE [1]	W, 66-46	W-2
17	LIPSCOMB [1]	W, 79-64	W-3
22	vs. Richmond [2]	W, 70-61	W-4
23	vs. Illinois State [2]	W, 63-59	W-5
27	CHICAGO STATE	W, 90-43	W-6
29	at Maryland [3]	W, 71-62	W-7
DECEMBER (5-3)			
3	#19/18 GONZAGA	W, 82-75	W-8
7	ST. BONAVENTURE	W, 48-43	W-9
11	COPPIN STATE	W, 80-63	W-10
17	vs. UNLV [4]	L, 48-64	L-1
19	CORNELL	W, 64-60	W-1
22	vs. #9/8 Missouri [5]	L, 74-78	L-1
27	MINNESOTA	W, 81-72 (20T)	W-1
31	at Purdue	L, 60-75	L-1
JANUARY (4-3)			
4	at Northwestern	W, 57-56	W-1
7	NEBRASKA	W, 59-54	W-2
10	#5/5 OHIO STATE	W, 79-74	W-3
19	at Penn State	L, 52-54	L-1
22	WISCONSIN	L, 63-67	L-2
28	at Minnesota	L, 72-77 (OT)	L-3
31	#9/10 MICHIGAN STATE	W, 42-41	W-1
FEBRUARY			
5	NORTHWESTERN	2 PM	BTN
9	at #20/20 Indiana	7 pm	BTN
12	at #23/22 Michigan	Noon	CBS
15	PURDUE	7:30 PM	BTN
18	at Nebraska	4 pm	BTN
21	at #3/3 Ohio State	6 pm	ESPN
26	IOWA	5 PM	BTN
MARCH			
1	#23/22 MICHIGAN	6 PM	ESPN/2
4	at #19/20 Wisconsin	TBA	TBA
8-11	at Big Ten Tournament [6]	TBA	TBA

Home Games in **BOLD** // All Times Listed are Central

[1] - Cancun Challenge

[2] - Cancun Challenge - Moon Palace Resort; Cancun, Mexico

[3] - Big Ten/ACC Challenge

[4] - United Center; Chicago, Ill.

[5] - Braggins' Rights - Scottrade Center; St. Louis, Mo.

[6] - Bankers Life Fieldhouse; Indianapolis, Ind.

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PROBABLE STARTERS (FROM THE PREVIOUS GAME)

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	APG	Other
G	13	Tracy Abrams	6-1	185	Fr.	2.8	2.5	1.6	19.2 mpg
G	1	D.J. Richardson	6-3	195	Jr.	12.3	2.9	2.0	37.9 3FG%
G	3	Brandon Paul	6-4	200	Jr.	14.8	5.1	3.0	1.6 spg
G	2	Joseph Bertrand	6-5	195	r-So.	6.7	2.6	1.2	58.2 FG%
C	12	Meyers Leonard	7-1	245	So.	13.0	8.0	1.3	2.1 bpg

OFF THE BENCH

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	APG	Other
G	0	Sam Maniscalco	6-0	180	Gr.	7.9	2.3	2.6	82.1 FT%
F	15	Mike Shaw	6-8	230	Fr.	1.1	2.3	0.1	8.3 mpg
G/F	20	Myke Henry	6-6	230	Fr.	3.2	1.4	0.1	45.9 FG%
G/F	21	Devin Langford	6-7	200	Fr.				
F/C	23	Ibby Djimde	6-8	250	Fr.	0.4	1.0	0.0	4.4 mpg
G	25	Jean Selus	6-2	195	Sr.	0.0	0.2	0.2	6 minutes
F/C	32	Nnanna Ekwu	6-11	245	Fr.	2.0	1.7	0.2	50.0 FG%
F	42	Tyler Griffey	6-8	230	Jr.	5.0	3.5	0.5	30 off. reb.
G	44	Kevin Berardini	6-0	175	r-So.	0.0	0.0	0.0	4 minutes

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach:	Bruce Weber
Career Record:	312-146/681 (14th year)
At Illinois:	209-92/694 (9th year)
Big Ten:	88-57/607
Associate Head Coach:	Wayne McClain (11th year)
Assistant Coaches:	Jay Price (9th year), Jerrance Howard (5th year)
Assistant to the Head Coach:	Gary Nottingham (9th year)
Director of Basketball Operations:	Sean Harrington (4th year)

SERIES NOTES VS. NORTHWESTERN

Series Record:	Illinois leads 129-36
Last Meeting:	Illinois 57, Northwestern 56 // Jan. 4, 2012 at Evanston <i>Box Score included on Page 4</i>
Series Streak:	Illinois W-1
Record at Champaign:	Illinois leads 64-13
Series Streak at Champaign:	Illinois W-9
Weber vs. Northwestern:	13-3

Opening Tip

Illinois will try to capitalize on the Assembly Hall homecourt advantage, as following Sunday's match-up with Northwestern, the Illini hit the road for four of the next five games.

Sunday's game will feature the Big Ten's top two scorers during league play. Illinois' Brandon Paul leads the conference, averaging 19.3 points. That ranks just ahead of Northwestern's John Shurna, who averages 19.3 points.

Illini-Northwestern Notes

Illinois has won nine straight home games over Northwestern, and dating back to 1980 has won 28 of the last 29 against NU at Assembly Hall. The Illini are 39-4 against the Wildcats at The Hall since its opening in 1963. Overall, Illinois has won 21 of the last 24 games against Northwestern.

2011-12 ILLINOIS NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	Notable
0	Sam Maniscalco	G	6-0	180	Gr.	Chicago, Ill.	Bradley transfer second-team All-Missouri Valley in 2010
1	D.J. Richardson **	G	6-3	195	Jr.	Peoria, Ill.	Career 39 percent shooter from 3-point range
2	Joseph Bertrand *	G	6-5	195	r-So.	Sterling, Ill.	Two-time IHSA slam-dunk champion
3	Brandon Paul **	G	6-4	200	Jr.	Gurnee, Ill.	Team's leading returning scorer averaged 9.0 points last season
12	Meyers Leonard *	C	7-1	245	So.	Robinson, Ill.	Member of USA U19 team that placed fifth at FIBA World Championships
13	Tracy Abrams	G	6-1	185	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.	Mt. Carmel star named Player of the Year by <i>Northwest Indiana Times</i>
15	Mike Shaw	F	6-8	230	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.	De La Salle's all-time leading scorer
20	Myke Henry	G/F	6-6	230	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.	Averaged 25 points as a senior at Orr
21	Devin Langford	G/F	6-7	200	Fr.	Huntsville, Ala.	Led Lee to Alabama state title as a junior and runner-up as a senior
23	Ibby Djimde	F/C	6-8	250	Fr.	Bamako, Mali	Spent senior year at Huntington Prep in West Virginia
25	Jean Selus *	G	6-2	195	Sr.	Montreal, Quebec	Walk-on in second year with Illini
32	Nnanna Ekwu	F/C	6-11	245	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.	Chicago Catholic League's North Division Co-Athlete of the Year
42	Tyler Griffey **	F	6-8	230	Jr.	Wildwood, Mo.	First St. Louis area recruit for Illini since Robert Archibald
44	Kevin Berardini *	G	6-0	175	r-So.	Lake Forest, Ill.	Walk-on in second year with Illini

Head Coach: Bruce Weber (9th year at Illinois, 14th year overall)

Associate Head Coach: Wayne McClain (11th year)

Assistant Coaches: Jay Price (9th year), Jerrance Howard (5th year)

Assistant to the Head Coach: Gary Nottingham (9th year)

Director of Basketball Operations: Sean Harrington (4th year)

Athletic Trainer: Al Martindale (9th year with basketball, 29th year at Illinois)

Strength and Conditioning Coach: Jimmy Price (9th year)

Pronunciation Guide

Kevin BERARDINI	bear-er-DEE-nee
Joseph BERTRAND	BER-trand
Ibby DJIMDE	JIM-day
NNANNA EGWU	NAH-nuh (like banana) EG-woo
Sam MANISCALCO	man-is-CAL-co
JEAN SELUS	JHON SELL-us

2011-12 BIG TEN STANDINGS

(THROUGH FEB. 2)

	<u>Big Ten</u>	<u>Overall</u>
1. Ohio State	7-2	19-3
2. Wisconsin	7-3	18-5
Michigan	7-3	17-6
4. Michigan State	6-3	17-5
5. ILLINOIS	5-4	16-6
Purdue	5-4	15-7
7. Indiana	5-6	17-6
8. Minnesota	4-6	16-7
Iowa	4-6	12-11
10. Northwestern	3-6	13-8
11. Nebraska	3-7	11-10
12. Penn State	2-8	10-13

THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN (ALL TIMES CT)

Tuesday, Jan. 31

Illinois 42, Michigan State 41

Wisconsin 52, Penn State 46

Wednesday, Feb. 1

Michigan 68, Indiana 56

Iowa 63, Minnesota 59

Thursday, Feb. 2

Northwestern 84, Nebraska 74

Saturday, Feb. 4

Ohio State at Wisconsin // 1 pm // ESPN

Penn State at Iowa // 2 pm // ESPN

Indiana at Purdue // 6 pm // BTN

Sunday, Feb. 5

Michigan at Michigan State // Noon // CBS

Minnesota at Nebraska // Noon // BTN

Northwestern at Illinois // 2 pm // BTN

Illinois Basketball Honored Coaches Program Concludes With Mills, Jones

The coaching legacies of the late Doug Mills and Ralph Jones will be honored in a pregame ceremony Sunday at the Assembly Hall. They join standouts Lou Henson and Harry Combes in being permanently recognized at the Assembly Hall through the creation of the Honored Coaches program. Their coaching banners will be displayed from the rafters, hanging alongside the Honored Jerseys that feature 30 all-time great Illini players.

Representing Doug Mills in the banner ceremony will be his daughter Molly Mills. Representing Ralph Jones will be David and John Woods, the son and grandson, respectively of Ray Woods, and Sheryl Oilar, the great granddaughter of Ralf Woods. The Woods brothers were Illini All-Americans who played for Ralph Jones.

Illinois won nearly 70 percent of its games in 11 seasons under the direction of Doug Mills, compiling a 151-66 record from 1937-47. During that time, the Illini won three Big Ten Championships in 1937, 1942 and 1943. Mills coached the famed Whiz Kids, who were 12-0 during conference play in 1943 and went 17-1 overall before all five starters entered the armed forces.

Ralph Jones served eight seasons at Illinois from 1913-20, leading the Illini to a 71.4 percent winning percentage during his tenure (85-34). Jones guided the Illini to an undefeated season in 1915, as Illinois went a perfect 16-0 and was named national champion by the Helms Foundation. In addition to the 1915 Big Ten title, the Illini also won the conference in 1917.

Basketball mentors selected as Honored Coaches must have achieved all of the following criteria: 1) minimum career winning percentage at Illinois of .650; 2) Big Ten championship or NCAA Final Four appearance; 3) minimum of eight years as head coach at Illinois, which covers two four-year class cycles of student-athletes; 4) non-active coach.

Super Bowl Prelude

Illinois is playing its eighth game on Super Bowl Sunday and has a home game for the seventh time. The Illini are 5-2 all-time when playing before the Super Bowl:

Date	Result	Site
Jan. 22, 1989	Illinois 103, Georgia Tech 92 (2OT)	Assembly Hall
Jan. 30, 1994	Illinois 88, Indiana 81	Assembly Hall
Jan. 25, 1998	Illinois 64, Michigan 53	Assembly Hall
Jan. 30, 2000	Michigan State 91, Illinois 66	East Lansing, Mich.
Feb. 3, 2002	Michigan State 67, Illinois 61	Assembly Hall
Feb. 6, 2005	Illinois 60, Indiana 47	Assembly Hall
Feb. 1, 2009	Illinois 62, Iowa 54	Assembly Hall

Last Time Out

Illinois was tough enough to defeat ninth-ranked Michigan State on Tuesday night, claiming a 42-41 victory in a physical game reminiscent of an early '80s Big Ten defensive battle.

Ticket Information

Illinois men's basketball tickets are available for all five remaining home games. Single-game tickets range from \$25-\$40. Tickets can be purchased online at www.fightingillini.com, by phone at 1-866-ILLINI-1, or in person at the Assembly Hall North Ticket Office.

Tickets also are available through Ticketmaster for the Big Ten Tournament in Indianapolis (March 8-11). Those tickets can be purchased online at www.ticketmaster.com or by phone at 1-800-745-3000.

ILLINI RECORD UNDER BRUCE WEBER

	All	11-12		All	11-12
Plays at home	116-24	12-1	Has 15+ assists	138-32	5-0
Plays on the road	43-39	2-3	Wears white uniforms	95-28	9-2
Plays at neutral site	50-28	2-2	Wears blue uniforms	25-29	3-2
Plays at United Center	11-5	0-1	Wears orange uniforms	89-35	4-2
Big Ten record	88-57	5-4	Plays in tournaments	50-18	4-0
Big Ten at home	54-19	4-1	NCAA Tournament	9-6	0-0
Big Ten on the road	34-38	1-3	In November	48-6	7-0
When Ranked (AP)	111-33	3-4	In December	53-15	5-3
As No. 1	31-2	0-0	In January	40-31	4-3
Plays a ranked (AP) opponent	31-42	3-1	In February	38-18	0-0
Plays a Top-10 (AP) opponent	8-22	2-1	In March	29-21	0-0
Vs. No. 1	1-1	0-0	In April	1-1	0-0
Wins the game before	146-61	11-4	Plays during the day	72-44	3-3
Loses the game before	55-29	4-2	Plays at night	137-48	13-3
Leading at the half	169-34	11-0	Margin is 5 points or less	38-36	7-4
Tied or trailing at the half	40-58	5-6	Margin is 6-10 points	49-31	4-0
Shoots 45% or better	139-20	8-1	Margin is 11-20 points	71-24	4-2
Shoots less than 45%	71-70	8-5	Margin is more than 20	51-1	1-0
Opp. shoots 45% or less	170-52	13-4	Has a 20+ point scorer	92-24	8-2
Opp. shoots better than 45% FG	39-40	3-2	Scores 59 points or less	30-42	4-2
Shoots same or better than opp.	182-24	14-1	Scores 60-69 points	46-31	4-2
Shoots worse than opp.	28-67	2-5	Scores 70-79 points	76-14	4-2
Shoots same or more FT than opp.	136-16	12-1	Scores 80-89 points	43-4	3-0
Shoots fewer FT than opp.	73-76	4-5	Scores 90-99 points	13-0	1-0
Makes same or more FT than opp.	128-16	11-2	Scores 100+ points	1-0	0-0
Makes fewer FT than opp.	81-76	5-4	Overtime	10-7	1-1
Scores 70 or more points	133-18	8-2	On BTN	42-21	5-3
Leads in rebounding	143-44	11-4	On ESPN	36-26	3-0
Trails or tied in rebounding	66-48	5-2	On ESPN2	22-11	2-3
Scores same or more bench points	134-52	8-0	On CBS	23-31	0-0
Scores fewer bench points	77-40	8-6	On FSN	6-0	0-0
Has fewer TOs than opp.	130-31	9-2	On TBS	1-0	0-0
Has equal or more TOs than opp.	74-61	7-4	On TNT	0-1	0-0

Michigan State entered the contest averaging nearly 74 points in league play and leading the conference in both field goal percentage and 3-point percentage. But the Illini defense held MSU to season lows in all three categories, as the Spartans managed just 24.1 percent from the field (14-58) and 21.4 percent from behind the arc (3-14) en route to its 41 points. MSU dominated the glass, grabbing 23 offensive rebounds and outrebounding Illinois 49-to-32. The Illini, however, matched the Spartans with 13 second-chance points.

The game was played within a one-possession margin the entire first half. The Illini jumped out to a six-point lead early in the second half and held a 35-29 advantage with 7:45 remaining. Michigan State then went on a 9-0 run to take a 38-35 lead with four minutes left. The Spartans still led by three when Tracy Abrams made the biggest shot of his young career, nailing a 3-pointer from the top of the key to tie it at 40 with 2:11 to go. Brandon Paul then hit two free throws with 45 seconds remaining for the eventual game winning points as the Illini defense stood strong in the closing seconds.

Paul was the only Illini to score in double figures, recording a game-high 18 points. Paul had a great all-around game, adding nine boards, five assists, two blocks and two steals.

Illinois' 42 points was its fewest in a win since defeating Notre Dame, 40-38, on Dec. 8, 1947, and fewest in a conference win since beating Wisconsin, 38-31, on Jan. 1, 1946.

The Illini improved to 5-5 in home games against Top-10 opponents under Coach Bruce Weber. Three of those wins have now been against Michigan State. The Illini previously defeated the No. 7-ranked Spartans at the Assembly Hall in 2006 and beat No. 5-ranked MSU at The Hall in 2010.

Taking Down Another Top-10 Foe

Illinois defeated No. 9 Michigan State on Tuesday night, earning its second Top-10 win of the season. The Illini previously knocked off No. 5 Ohio State on Jan. 10. Illinois sits in rare company with a pair of wins over Top-10 ranked opponents, one of eight programs to accomplish the feat this season. The Illini are one of just two teams to notch both Top-10 wins in conference play, along with Florida State:

Teams With Two Wins Over Top-10 Ranked Opponents

Florida State – def. No. 3 North Carolina, No. 4 Duke
 Georgetown – def. No. 4 Louisville, No. 8 Memphis
Illinois – def. No. 5 Ohio State, No. 9 Michigan State
 Indiana – def. No. 1 Kentucky, No. 2 Ohio State
 Kansas – def. No. 2 Ohio State, No. 3 Baylor

TOP 25 NATIONAL RANKINGS

ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL (JAN. 30)

Rk.	School	Record	Points	Previous
1	Kentucky (63)	21-1	1,623	1
2	Syracuse (2)	22-1	1,550	3
3	Ohio State	19-3	1,498	4
4	Missouri	19-2	1,363	2
5	North Carolina	18-3	1,331	7
6	Baylor	19-2	1,310	6
7	Duke	18-3	1,250	8
8	Kansas	17-4	1,178	5
9	Michigan State	17-4	1,098	10
10	Murray State	21-0	979	11
11	UNLV	20-3	936	12
12	Florida	17-4	861	14
13	Creighton	20-2	803	15
14	Georgetown	16-4	762	9
15	Marquette	18-4	682	17
16	Virginia	17-3	578	19
17	San Diego State	18-3	566	13
18	Saint Mary's	21-2	472	21
19	Wisconsin	17-5	415	25
20	Indiana	17-5	395	16
21	Florida State	14-6	375	23
22	Mississippi State	17-5	329	18
23	Michigan	16-6	305	20
24	Gonzaga	17-3	141	-
25	Vanderbilt	16-5	102	-

ESPN/USA TODAY COACHES POLL (JAN. 30)

Rk.	School	Record	Points	Previous
1	Kentucky (31)	21-1	775	1
2	Syracuse	22-1	730	4
3	Ohio State	19-3	726	3
4	Missouri	19-2	635	2
5	Duke	18-3	631	6
6	Baylor	19-2	622	7
6	North Carolina	18-3	622	8
8	Kansas	17-4	548	5
9	Murray State	21-0	511	9
10	Michigan State	17-4	456	11
11	Florida	17-4	445	13
12	Creighton	20-2	426	14
13	UNLV	20-3	399	15
14	Georgetown	16-4	355	10
15	Marquette	18-4	323	18
16	Saint Mary's	21-2	284	20
17	San Diego State	18-3	264	12
18	Virginia	17-3	253	21
19	Mississippi State	17-5	193	16
20	Indiana	17-5	142	17
20	Wisconsin	17-5	142	25
22	Michigan	16-6	120	22
23	Harvard	18-2	116	23
24	Florida State	14-6	85	-
25	Louisville	17-5	68	25

ILLINI WEEK-BY-WEEK RANKINGS

	AP	Coaches		AP	Coaches
Preseason	RV	-	Jan. 16	22	25
Nov. 14	RV	-	Jan. 22	RV	RV
Nov. 21	RV	RV	Jan. 30	RV	-
Nov. 28	RV	RV	Feb. 6		
Dec. 5	24	22	Feb. 13		
Dec. 12	19	19	Feb. 20		
Dec. 19	25	24	Feb. 27		
Dec. 26	RV	RV	March 5		
Jan. 2	-	RV	March 12		
Jan. 9	RV	RV	Final		

LAST ILLINOIS-NORTHWESTERN BOX SCORE

ILLINOIS 57, NORTHWESTERN 56

JAN. 4, 2012 // WELSH-RYAN ARENA, EVANSTON, ILL.

Illinois	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Leonard*	4-9	0-0	4-8	8	4	12	0	1	2	1	33
Richardson*	3-7	2-4	0-2	2	1	8	4	2	1	1	38
Abrams*	0-3	0-1	0-0	5	5	0	3	0	0	0	30
Bertrand*	4-8	0-0	2-2	8	3	10	1	0	1	0	32
Paul*	4-12	1-2	1-3	4	2	10	4	6	1	2	39
Henry	2-5	1-2	1-2	3	2	6	0	0	0	0	15
Egwu	3-3	0-0	3-3	0	1	9	0	0	1	0	8
Griffey	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	5
Totals	21-49	4-10	11-20	36	18	57	12	11	6	4	200

FG%	1st: 12-26/462	2nd: 9-23/391	Game: 429
3PT%	1st: 3-7/429	2nd: 1-3/333	Game: 400
FT%	1st: 4-7/571	2nd: 7-13/538	Game: 550

Northwestern	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Crawford*	3-12	0-1	2-4	6	4	8	0	1	0	1	38
Shurna*	8-17	3-6	1-1	7	2	20	2	2	4	1	40
Mirkovic*	2-6	0-0	0-0	4	2	4	3	0	0	3	22
Hearn*	3-5	1-2	1-1	2	0	8	0	1	0	0	11
Sobolewski*	0-5	0-4	2-2	4	4	2	2	2	1	3	39
Cobb	2-5	0-2	2-4	0	1	6	1	1	0	3	17
Curletti	1-3	0-1	2-4	3	3	4	1	0	0	0	16
Marcotullio	1-2	1-2	1-2	3	3	4	1	1	1	0	17
Totals	20-55	5-18	11-18	34	19	56	10	9	6	11	200

FG%	1st: 14-30/467	2nd: 6-25/240	Game: 364
3PT%	1st: 3-10/300	2nd: 2-8/250	Game: 278
FT%	1st: 5-7/714	2nd: 6-11/545	Game: 611

Score by Halves:	1st	2nd	Game
Illinois	31	26	57
Northwestern	36	20	56

A: 8,117

Current Illini vs. Northwestern

Brandon Paul (5 G): 11.0 ppg (55), 3.0 rpg (15)

Highlights: 10 points, four rebounds and game-high four assists last month in Evanston ... Team-high 21 points with five rebounds last year in Evanston ... Four points and five rebounds last year in Champaign ... 12 points in 2010 in Evanston ... Eight points in 2010 in Champaign.

D.J. Richardson (5 G): 10.8 ppg (54), 3.0 rpg (15)

Highlights: Eight points and game-high four assists last month in Evanston ... Seven points last year in Evanston ... 10 points last year in Champaign ... Team-high 17 points with five rebounds and four assists in 2010 in Evanston ... 12 points, five rebounds and career-high tying five assists in 2010 in Champaign.

Meyers Leonard (3 G): 8.7 ppg (26), 3.0 rpg (9)

Highlights: Team-high 12 points and game-high eight rebounds last month in Evanston ... 11 points last year in Champaign.

Joseph Bertrand (2 G): 6.0 ppg (12), 4.5 rpg (9)

Highlights: 10 points and game-high eight rebounds last month in Evanston.

Nnanna Ekwu (1 G): 9 pts, 0 reb

Highlights: Career-high nine points last month in Evanston.

Myke Henry (1 G): 6 pts, 3 reb

Highlights: Six points – including game-winning free throw with six seconds left – and three rebounds last month in Evanston.

Tyler Griffey (4 G): 3 pts, 3 reb

Tracy Abrams (1 G): 0 pts, 5 reb, 3 ast

Kevin Berardini (1 G): 0 pts, 1 reb

Jean Selus (1 G): 0 pts, 0 reb

Kentucky – def. No. 4 Louisville, No. 5 North Carolina
Michigan – def. No. 8 Memphis, No. 9 Michigan State
Ohio State – def. No. 4 Duke, No. 8 Florida, No. 8 Indiana

Two Top-10 Big Ten Wins

This is the third year in school history that Illinois has defeated more than one Top-10 opponent during league play. The last time was in 1989, when the Flyin' Illini took down three Top-10 conference foes. The first happened in 1952. In both of those previous seasons, the Illini advanced to the Final Four.

Year	Top 10 Wins	Season Result
2012	No. 5 Ohio State, No. 9 Michigan State	?
1989	No. 6 Michigan, No. 3 Indiana, No. 8 Michigan	Final Four
1952	No. 4 Indiana, No. 4 Iowa	Final Four

Paul Stepping Up After Half

In each of the last six games, Brandon Paul has scored more points in the second half compared to the first half. He has scored in double figures in the second half alone nine times this season, including four of the last five games. In Tuesday's win over Michigan State, Paul accounted for 13 of Illinois' 20 second-half points, including all but two of the UI's second-half baskets.

Close Games Becoming a Habit

It seems every time the Illini take the floor the outcome is decided in the final seconds. Illinois has been involved in 11 games decided by five points or less this season. That tally does not include the first Minnesota game, which was tied at the end of regulation (final margin in double overtime was nine points). Louisiana Tech is the only team in the nation that has played more games this season decided by five or less:

Louisiana Tech	12
Illinois	11
Delaware	11
Florida International	11
Tulsa	11

Each of Illinois' last seven games has been decided by five points or less. That is the UI's longest streak in conference play in the modern era and its longest in 83 years, since the Illini had eight straight games decided by five or less during league play in 1929. It also is the nation's longest streak this season:

Illinois	7 (active)
Louisiana Tech	6 (active)
San Diego State	6
Columbia	5 (active)
Cincinnati	5
Delaware	5
Quinnipiac	5
Southern Miss	5

Overall, the Illini are 11-4 in games decided by single digits and 7-4 in games decided by five or less. That is a welcome change from last year when Illinois could not get over the hump in a number of close contests, dropping eight games where the UI led, was tied, or trailed by one point in the final minute.

Illinois' seven victories by five points or less are the most in a season under Weber, and the most since the 1998-99 Illini won eight in that fashion. Following is a year-by-year look at the Illini in games decided by five points or less under Weber:

Season	Record
2011-12	7-4
2010-11	2-7
2009-10	5-6
2008-09	4-4
2007-08	4-6
2006-07	6-2
2005-06	4-4
2004-05	2-2
2003-04	4-1

Looking Back at the Last Northwestern Game:

• Illinois 57, Northwestern 56 // Jan. 4 // Evanston

The Illini came out on top in another wild game in Evanston, defeating Northwestern 57-56 on Jan. 4. It marked the third game in the last four years decided by one point between the Illini and Wildcats at Welsh-Ryan Arena. The Illini were victorious thanks to a pair of big plays by underclassmen. Myke Henry grabbed an offensive rebound and was fouled on a follow-up attempt with six seconds left. Henry made the first free throw to give the UI the lead. After missing the second, NU's Drew Crawford raced up court and shot the potential game-winner, which was swatted away by Meyers Leonard at the buzzer.

The victory completed an impressive comeback by the Illini, who trailed by 10 points with less than two minutes remaining in the first half. Illinois then went on a 16-2 run over the next five minutes to take a 42-38 lead. The Illini enjoyed its largest lead of the night at 55-47 with 1:43 remaining when the Wildcats made a late charge, outscoring the visitors 9-1 to tie the game at 56-all and set up the final plays by Henry and

Leonard.

Illinois had three players score in double figures, led by Leonard's team-high 12 points. Joseph Bertrand and Brandon Paul added 10 apiece, while Bertrand and Leonard each grabbed a game-high eight rebounds. The Illini also got a huge contribution from freshman Nnanna Ekwu, who scored nine points -- all in the first half.

Paul Tops Big Ten Scoring List

Brandon Paul is the Big Ten's leading scorer halfway through conference action, averaging 19.8 points in league play. He has scored in double figures in all nine league games, with four outings of 20 or more points.

The last Illini player to lead the conference in scoring was Brian Cook during his senior season in 2003. Cook averaged exactly 20.0 points during league play, which also is the last time an Illini player averaged at least 20 points.

Assembly Hall: The House of 'Paig

Illinois is 12-1 at home this season, suffering its lone loss Jan. 22 to Wisconsin.

Illinois went 14-2 at the Assembly Hall last year, recording the team's best homecourt record in five seasons. The last time the Illini had fewer than two home losses was in 2006, the last of a seven-year run when the Illini either went undefeated or lost just one home game per season.

The Illini have put together one of the best homecourt records in the nation over the last 13 seasons, owning a record of 167-26 at The Hall. The Illini also are 116-24 (.829) at The Hall during Bruce Weber's tenure. Below is a look at Illinois' record at the Assembly Hall since the beginning of the 1999-2000 season:

Year	Overall	Big Ten
2011-12	12-1	4-1
2010-11	14-2	7-2
2009-10	13-5	5-4
2008-09	14-3	7-2
2007-08	7-8	3-6
2006-07	14-3	6-2
2005-06	15-1	7-1
2004-05	15-0	8-0
2003-04	12-1	7-1
2002-03	14-0	7-0
2001-02	13-1	7-1
2000-01	12-0	8-0
1999-2000	12-1	7-1
Total	167-26 (.865)	83-21 (.798)

Five on the Starting Five

BRANDON PAUL

1. Leads Illini in scoring on the season (14.8 ppg) and leads Big Ten in scoring during league play (19.8 ppg).
2. Scored in double figures in 15 of the last 16 games, including each of the last 11. Averaging 19.3 points (212) and 6.3 rebounds (69) over the last 11 games.
3. Scored career-high 43 points Jan. 10 vs. Ohio State (see box on page 5 for more details).
4. Leads Illini in assists with 3.0 average.
5. Has made 121 trips to the free throw line this season, the second-highest total among Big Ten guards behind Penn State's Tim Frazier (162 FTA).

MEYERS LEONARD

1. Leads the Illini and ranks third in the Big Ten in rebounding (8.0 rpg), and is second on the team in scoring (13.0 ppg).
2. First in the conference in blocked shots, averaging 2.1 bpg (46).
3. Seven double-doubles on the season, ranking third among Big Ten players.
4. Seventh in the Big Ten in field goal shooting at 56.6 percent (111-196).
5. Increased his scoring average by 10.9 points (2.1 ppg last year), the second-best improvement in the Big Ten behind Penn State's Tim Frazier (+11.7 ppg).

D.J. RICHARDSON

1. Third on team in scoring with an average of 12.3 points.
2. Leads Illini in 3-point shooting at 37.9 percent (50-132).
3. Average of 2.3 threes per game ranks third in Big Ten.
4. Increased his scoring average by 3.9 points over last year (8.4 ppg), when he was Ul's fifth-leading scorer.
5. Despite playing nearly 84 percent of available minutes, has a turnover rate of only 12.3 percent.

JOSEPH BERTRAND

1. Averaging 11.0 points (110) on 63.3 percent shoot-

A LOOK BACK AT BRANDON PAUL'S 43-POINT PERFORMANCE vs. OHIO STATE

Brandon Paul was named Oscar Robertson National Player of the Week by the U.S. Basketball Writers Association and Big Ten Player of the Week by the conference office on Jan. 16 following his historic 43-point outing in Illinois' 79-74 win over No. 5 Ohio State on Jan. 10. Here are 10 notes about Paul's performance against the Buckeyes:

1. Paul scored a career-high 43 points, the third-most in a game in school history and the most since Andy Kaufmann scored 46 vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1990.
2. Paul's 43 points equaled the second-highest single-game total in the NCAA this season behind only Creighton's Doug McDermott, who scored 44 points vs. Bradley on Jan. 7.
3. Paul's 43 points were the most by a Big Ten player in a game since Glenn Robinson scored 44 vs. Kansas in the 1994 Sweet 16. They were the most in a Big Ten conference game since Robinson scored 49 vs. Illinois on March 13, 1994.
4. Paul made 8-of-10 from three-point range to match the Illinois record for most threes in a game. He shares the record with Dee Brown, Trent Meacham and Kevin Turner.
5. Paul was incredibly efficient in the game, hitting 11-of-15 (.733) field goals, 8-of-10 (.800) three-pointers and 13-of-15 (.867) from the line. With 43 points on just 15 field goal attempts, Paul is the first NCAA player in the past 16 seasons with 43+ points on 15 or fewer FGA.
6. Paul scored Illinois' final 15 points of the game over the last 2:40, outscoring OSU 15-8 down the stretch.
7. Paul also had a team-high eight rebounds and a career-high four blocks, including a key one late on Jared Sullinger with 30 seconds remaining. Over the past 10 seasons, the only other players with 40 points, eight rebounds and four blocks in a game are Al Thornton (2006-07) and Chris Kaman (2002-03).
8. The 43 points by Paul are the fourth-most ever scored against Ohio State and are the most against the Buckeyes since Central Michigan's Tommie Johnson had 45 on Jan. 2, 1987.
9. Paul's 43 points were more than the team total of five opponents Ohio State has defeated this season.
10. Paul scored 28 points in the second half, more than any UI player has scored in a full game this season.

CURRENT ILLINOIS STREAKS

All Games	1 W
At Assembly Hall	1 W
On the Road	2 L
Neutral Sites	2 L
vs. Ranked Opponents	2 W
Non-Conference (Home)	15 W
Non-Conference (Road)	5 W
Big Ten	3 W
Big Ten (Home)	1 W
Big Ten (Road)	2 L
Since Opponent Scored 100 Pts	606 Games

ILLINOIS CAREER TOTALS

	2011-12	Career
Double-Digit Scoring Games		
D.J. Richardson	15	52
Brandon Paul	15	41
Meyers Leonard	15	17
Sam Maniscalco	7	8
Joseph Bertrand	7	7
Tyler Griffey	3	6
Nnanna Egwu	1	1
Myke Henry	1	1
20+ Point Games		
Brandon Paul	4	10
Meyers Leonard	3	3
D.J. Richardson	2	3
Joseph Bertrand	1	1
Sam Maniscalco	1	1
10+ Rebound Games		
Meyers Leonard	8	8
Tyler Griffey	1	1
Brandon Paul	1	1
Double-Doubles		
Meyers Leonard	7	7
Tyler Griffey	1	1
Brandon Paul	1	1
5+ 3-Point FG Games		
D.J. Richardson	2	5
Brandon Paul	1	2
Sam Maniscalco	1	1
3+ Block Games		
Meyers Leonard	8	8
Nnanna Egwu	3	3
Brandon Paul	2	2
3+ Steal Games		
Brandon Paul	3	11
D.J. Richardson	1	6
Tyler Griffey	1	2
Tracy Abrams	1	1
Nnanna Egwu	1	1
Sam Maniscalco	1	1
Starts		
D.J. Richardson	21	86
Brandon Paul	22	47
Meyers Leonard	21	22
Tyler Griffey	15	19
Sam Maniscalco	13	13
Tracy Abrams	9	9
Joseph Bertrand	8	8
Nnanna Egwu	1	1
Leads Team in Scoring		
Brandon Paul	8	15
D.J. Richardson	4	11
Meyers Leonard	6	6
Joseph Bertrand	2	2
Sam Maniscalco	2	2
Myke Henry	1	1
Leads Team in Rebounding		
Meyers Leonard	12	12
Brandon Paul	5	5
D.J. Richardson	2	3
Tyler Griffey	1	3
Joseph Bertrand	3	3
Tracy Abrams	1	1
Mike Shaw	1	1

ing (50-79) over the last 10 games, scoring in double figures six times.

2. Third in the Big Ten in field goal shooting in conference play at 58.6 percent (41-70).

3. Averaging 10.1 points in Big Ten play, 3.4 points better than his all-games average of 6.7 points.

4. Scored career-high 25 points Jan. 7 vs. Nebraska.

5. Made 12 consecutive shots in two-game stretch the first week of January (last four at Northwestern, first eight vs. Nebraska) after making 13 consecutive shots over two-game stretch the last week of December (all nine vs. Missouri, first four vs. Minnesota).

TRACY ABRAMS

1. Started last seven games after starting first two games of his career.

2. Averaging 5.7 points (17) on 50 percent shooting (6-12) over the last four games.

3. Scored career-high nine points Jan. 22 vs. Wisconsin.

4. Averaging 3.0 rebounds over last nine games (27).

5. First Illini true-freshman point guard to start first career game since Dee Brown in 2002-03.

Leonard Improving at Historical Level

Meyers Leonard is quickly earning a reputation as one of the top centers in the country. His progression has been rapid when comparing the numbers from his freshman year to this season. Leonard has increased his scoring average by 10.9 points and his rebounding average by 6.8 boards. Those figures rank among the biggest improvements in school history from one season to the next:

Best UI Scoring Improvement (Avg.)

1. Rick Schmidt, 1974 +17.6 ppg (21.4-3.8)

2. Skip Thoren, 1964 +14.8 ppg (20.3-5.5)

3. Meyers Leonard, 2012 +10.9 ppg (13.0-2.1)

Best UI Rebounding Improvement (Avg.)

1. Skip Thoren, 1964 +8.0 rpg (13.8-5.8)

2. Meyers Leonard, 2012 +6.8 rpg (8.0-1.2)

3. Mike Davis, 2009 +6.3 rpg (8.1-1.8)

Weber Advances to Final Eight in Shots from the Heart

Bruce Weber is participating in Shots from the Heart, a free throw contest featuring college head coaches aimed to raise awareness for heart disease. Sponsored by collegeinsider.com, the shooting contest benefits the American Heart Association and pays tribute to the late Wake Forest coach Skip Prosser, who passed away from a heart attack in the summer of 2007.

A bracket featuring 64 head coaches was unveiled prior to the season. Coaches shoot 25 free throws each round on their respective campus, with the higher score moving on to the next round. Weber has advanced to the final eight after defeating Oakland's Greg Kampe, Middle Tennessee State's Kermit Davis and New Jersey Institute of Technology's Jim Engles. Weber next faces Oklahoma State's Travis Ford with a spot in the final four on the line.

Visit collegeinsider.com/shots to view the current bracket and learn more about Shots from the Heart.

Illini Drop OT Heartbreaker, Split Season Series With Minnesota

Illinois dropped a heartbreaker in Minneapolis on Jan. 28, falling to the Gophers in overtime by the score of 77-72. After trailing by nine points with 11 minutes remaining, the Illini went on a 15-2 run over the next four minutes to take the lead at 50-46. The Gophers fought back to tie the game with 1:06 left but D.J. Richardson scored on a breakaway to put the Illini up two. After a Minnesota turnover, Joseph Bertrand then made a driving layup to make it a 62-58 game with 32 seconds remaining. After a Gopher 3-pointer, Brandon Paul made a pair of free throws to put the Illini ahead 64-61 with 12 seconds left and seemingly put the game in hand. But on the ensuing possession, Minnesota's Austin Hollins drove to the basket and scored with four seconds left and Meyers Leonard was called for a foul, his fifth. Hollins then made the free throw, forcing overtime. The Gophers had momentum on their side in the extra session, jumping out to an eight-point lead. The Illini got within three near the end, but the Gophers hit two free throws with seven seconds left to close out the game.

Brandon Paul led the way for the Illini with 28 points and Meyers Leonard tallied his second straight double-double and seventh of the season with 17 points and 13 rebounds.

Wisconsin Ends Illini Homecourt Win Streak

Wisconsin came out on top of a back and forth battle, defeating the Illini 67-63 on Jan. 22 to snap the UI's 14-game home winning streak. It was a game that featured 11 lead changes and eight ties and was played within a 12-point margin the entire way. The Illini went on an 11-3 run late in the first half to take a 22-21 lead and the teams entered the locker room tied at 26. The Illini led by four midway through the second half when the Badgers went on a key 7-0 run to move ahead 53-50 with seven minutes remaining. The Illini later trailed by one when UW's Jared Berggren scored on an offensive rebound basket to put the visitors ahead 60-57 with 2:14 left. The Illini could get no closer as Jordan Taylor scored seven points in the final 32 seconds to close out the road win for the Badgers.

Meyers Leonard led the Illini, collecting his sixth double-double of the season with 16 points and a game-high 11 rebounds. Joseph Bertrand added 15 points, five rebounds and a career-high five assists. D.J. Richardson (13) and Brandon Paul (10) also scored in double figures while Tracy Abrams registered a career-high nine points.

Illini Fall in Familiar Fashion at Penn State

It was deja vu all over again for Illinois in Happy Valley, falling to Penn State 54-52 on Jan. 19. It marked the Illini's fourth loss in the last five years at University Park – all of which have gone down to the final possession and been decided by one or two points.

The Illini jumped out to a 17-9 lead but then went more than five-and-a-half minutes without a field goal as the Lions went on an 11-2 run to move ahead. PSU led by two at intermission and began the second half on a 10-3 spree to open up its largest lead of the night at 35-26 with 14 minutes remaining. The Illini then began to slowly chip away, drawing to within one point on three separate occasions before finally pulling even at 52-all on a 3-pointer by Brandon Paul with 40 seconds remaining. Tim Frazier scored on the Lions' ensuing possession, hitting a pull-up jumper with eight seconds left to put the hosts up two. The Illini's bid to force overtime was denied when a PSU defender blocked Sam Maniscalco's layup at the buzzer.

Paul led the Illini with a game-high 20 points and Meyers Leonard added 15. While those two accounted for 35 points on 11-of-23 shooting, the rest of the Illini managed just 17 points on 6-of-26 from the field.

Paul Earns Pair of Honors

Brandon Paul was an obvious choice for individual accolades following his historic performance in the win over No. 5 Ohio State. Paul was named Oscar Robertson National Player of the Week by the U.S. Basketball Writers Association and Big Ten Player of the Week by the conference office on Jan. 16. Here are 10 notes about Paul's 43-point outing against the Buckeyes on Jan. 10:

Paul's Scoring Spree Leads Illini Past Fifth-Ranked Ohio State

Illinois overcame its largest deficit of the season – 11 points – to defeat No. 5 Ohio State at the Assembly Hall on Jan. 10, earning its first victory over a top-five opponent since beating No. 5 Michigan State on Feb. 6, 2010.

The Illini trailed 48-37 early in the second half before going on a 9-0 run with baskets by four different players to cut the deficit to two. After the Buckeyes pushed the lead back to seven, Illinois then went on a 10-0 run to take a 57-54 lead with 10:49 remaining. Brandon Paul scored eight of 10 points during the UI surge. Ohio State would not go away, regaining a two-point lead with three minutes left. That's when Paul took over, scoring the final 15 points for the Illini on a pair of 3-pointers and nine free throws. After hitting two free throws to tie the game, Paul's first three during his run gave the Illini a 69-66 lead with 2:02 to go. Following two more free throws, his second trey – and school-record tying eighth of the game – came with the shot clock expiring and OSU defender Aaron Craft blanketing him, putting the Illini ahead 74-70 with just 43 seconds left. He then hit five-of-six from the line in the final 22 seconds to close out the win.

Paul scored a career-high 43 points on the night, the third-highest single-game total in school history and the most by a Big Ten player in a league game in 18 years. Paul did more than just score, however, adding a game-high eight rebounds and career-high four blocked shots to his totals. Joining Paul in double figures were Meyers Leonard (14 points) and D.J. Richardson and Joseph Bertrand (10 each).

Bertrand Does it Again

Joseph Bertrand made 13 consecutive shots from Dec. 22-27, hitting all nine of his attempts against Missouri and his first four attempts against Minnesota before finally missing. He then had a streak of 12 consecutive made shots from Jan. 4-7, connecting on all four of his second-half attempts at Northwestern and his first eight attempts vs. Nebraska before missing.

Bertrand's streaks were the Illini's best over the last 29 years, but did not set a school record. The Illinois mark still belongs to Derek Harper, who made 19 consecutive shots over a three-game stretch in 1983. Harper made his last seven shots vs. Michigan (Feb. 17), all 11 of his attempts vs. Michigan State (Feb. 19) and his first attempt vs. Purdue (Feb. 23).

Illini Come Up Big in Crunch Time in Win Over Nebraska

The game went down to the wire for the third straight time at Assembly Hall, and once again the Illini prevailed, posting a 59-54 victory over Nebraska on Jan. 7. Following a sloppy first half that saw the teams combine for 20 turnovers and a 25-22 score in favor of the Huskers, the offense heated up in the second half and the Illini did a better job taking care of the basketball. Illinois had just two turnovers after intermission and shot nearly 58 percent from the field. Nebraska, meanwhile, shot almost 53 percent in the second half but had eight more miscues to a record 20 turnovers.

The Illini trailed 48-45 with five minutes left but scored five straight points on a 3-point play by Joseph Bertrand and a jumper by Brandon Paul to take the lead. Nebraska would later tie the game on two occasions, but Bertrand put the Illini ahead for good, hitting another bucket with :54 seconds remaining to break a 54-all tie. The Illini added a trio of free throws in the final seconds to close it out.

Bertrand was unstoppable on the day, scoring a career-high 25 points. He made his first eight shots and finished 11-of-12 from the field. Paul also registered double figures with 11 while freshman Tracy Abrams added a career-high eight points.

ILLINI AT "THE HALL"

Illinois' Record at the Assembly Hall

All-Time:	539-142 (.791)
1963-69	49-13 (.790)
1970-79	76-46 (.623)
1980-89	134-23 (.854)
1990-99	114-34 (.770)
2000-09	128-18 (.877)
2010-	38-8 (.826)

Longest Winning Streak: 33 games

(1/17/04 - 1/28/06)

Current Winning Streak: 1 game

(1/31/12 -

Current Big Ten Winning Streak: 1 game

(1/31/12 -

Current Non-Conference Winning Streak: 15 games

(11/8/10 -

ILLINOIS IN THE BIG TEN RANKINGS

(ALL GAMES – THROUGH FEB. 2)

Scoring Offense	9th	66.7 ppg
Scoring Defense	4th	60.8 ppg
Scoring Margin	7th	+5.9 ppg
Free Throw Percentage	6th	.708
Field Goal Percentage	8th	.445
Field Goal Percentage Defense	4th	.402
3-Pt FG Percentage	11th	.313
3-Pt FG Percentage Defense	7th	.343
Rebounding Offense	7th	34.3 rpg
Rebounding Defense	7th	31.5 rpg
Rebounding Margin	6th	+2.8 rpg
Blocked Shots	3rd	4.6 bpg
Assists	9th	12.6 apg
Steals	10th	5.6 spg
Turnover Margin	9th	+0.4
Assist/Turnover Ratio	10th	0.9
Offensive Rebounds	8th	10.5 rpg
Defensive Rebounds	4th	23.7 rpg
Defensive Rebound Percentage	6th	.701
Offensive Rebound Percentage	7th	.330
3-Point Field Goals	8th	5.8 avg.

ILLINI PLAYERS IN THE BIG TEN RANKINGS

(ALL GAMES – THROUGH FEB. 2)

Scoring

11.	Brandon Paul	14.8 ppg
16.	Meyers Leonard	13.0 ppg
18.	D.J. Richardson	12.3 ppg

Rebounding

3.	Meyers Leonard	8.0 rpg
15.	Brandon Paul	5.1 rpg

Field Goal Percentage

7.	Meyers Leonard	.566 (109-189)
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Assists

15.	Brandon Paul	3.0 apg
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Free Throw Percentage

N/A

Steals

5.	Brandon Paul	1.6 spg
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3-Point Field Goal Percentage

N/A

3-Point Field Goals

3.	D.J. Richardson	2.3 avg.
12.	Brandon Paul	1.6 avg.

Blocked Shots

1.	Meyers Leonard	2.1 bpg
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Assist/Turnover Ratio

N/A

Offensive Rebounds

5.	Meyers Leonard	2.3 rpg
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Defensive Rebounds

3.	Meyers Leonard	5.6 rpg
9.	Brandon Paul	4.1 rpg

Minutes

7.	Richardson	34.0
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ILLINOIS IN THE BIG TEN RANKINGS (BIG TEN GAMES – THROUGH FEB. 2)

Scoring Offense	9th	62.8 ppg
Scoring Defense	5th	63.3 ppg
Scoring Margin	6th	-0.6 ppg
Free Throw Percentage	9th	.673
Field Goal Percentage	6th	.438
Field Goal Percentage Defense	4th	.419
3-Pt FG Percentage	10th	.301
3-Pt FG Percentage Defense	7th	.352
Rebounding Offense	7th	32.4 rpg
Rebounding Defense	8th	33.2 rpg
Rebounding Margin	6th	-0.8 rpg
Blocked Shots	3rd	4.2 bpg
Assists	10th	10.8 apg
Steals	10th	5.1 spg
Turnover Margin	10th	-1.4
Assist/Turnover Ratio	12th	0.7
Offensive Rebounds	9th	9.2 rpg
Defensive Rebounds	5th	23.2 rpg
Defensive Rebound Percentage	7th	.685
Offensive Rebound Percentage	9th	.290
3-Point Field Goals	11th	5.1 avg.

ILLINOIS PLAYERS IN THE BIG TEN RANKINGS (BIG TEN GAMES – THROUGH FEB. 2)

Scoring

1.	Brandon Paul	19.8 ppg
17.	Meyers Leonard	12.4 ppg
26.	Joseph Bertrand	10.1 ppg
30.	D.J. Richardson	9.4 ppg

Rebounding

3.	Meyers Leonard	7.6 rpg
6.	Brandon Paul	6.2 rpg

Field Goal Percentage

3.	Joseph Bertrand	.586 (41-70)
11.	Meyers Leonard	.500 (42-84)

Assists

12.	Brandon Paul	3.0 apg
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Free Throw Percentage

14.	Brandon Paul	.766 (49-64)
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Steals

2.	Brandon Paul	2.2 spg
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3-Point Field Goal Percentage

N/A

3-Point Field Goals

1.	Brandon Paul	2.3 avg.
12.	D.J. Richardson	1.6 avg.

Blocked Shots

2.	Meyers Leonard	1.7 bpg
5.	Brandon Paul	1.3 bpg

Assist/Turnover Ratio

14.	Brandon Paul	0.7 a/to
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Offensive Rebounds

4.	Meyers Leonard	2.3 rpg
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Defensive Rebounds

3.	Meyers Leonard	5.2 rpg
6.	Brandon Paul	4.9 rpg

Minutes

2.	Brandon Paul	39.0 mpg
7.	D.J. Richardson	37.0 mpg

Purdue Takes Down Illini in West Lafayette

Illinois dropped a 75-60 decision at Purdue on New Years Eve. The Illini led by eight points early on and only trailed 26-24 at halftime. But Purdue broke the game open in the second half. Leading 34-29 just over three minutes in, the Boilers went on a staggering 18-0 run, with 12 of the points during that stretch coming off Illini turnovers.

Guards Brandon Paul and D.J. Richardson carried the scoring load for the Orange and Blue, combining for 32 points as Paul registered a game-high 17 while Richardson added 15.

Illini Top Minnesota in 2OT in Big Ten Opener

It took 10 extra minutes but Illinois came out on top, defeating Minnesota 81-72 in double-overtime on Dec. 27. The Illini led by as many as 13 points early in the second half, but the Gophers went on a 19-6 run to pull even at 54 with six minutes remaining. Minnesota had a chance to win in regulation, owning a 64-62 lead and Julian Welch at the line with 15 seconds left. But Welch missed the front end of the 1-and-1, and the Illini forced overtime after Meyers Leonard was fouled and hit a pair of huge free throws with seven seconds remaining on the clock.

The first overtime played to a draw, but the Illini rolled in the second extra session, outscoring the Gophers 11-to-2. Brandon Paul and Leonard accounted for 10 of the UI's 11, Paul scoring six and Leonard adding four.

Five Illini players scored in double figures, led by Paul, who scored 21 points. Leonard registered his third straight double-double with 20 points and game-high 11 rebounds. D.J. Richardson and Joseph Bertrand added 13 points apiece, while Sam Maniscalco chipped in 10.

Leonard Earns Second Big Ten Player of the Week Award

Meyers Leonard earned Big Ten Player of the Week accolades on Dec. 26, receiving the honor after averaging 16.5 points, 14.5 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 2.5 blocks while shooting 62.5 percent from the field in a pair of games. Leonard recorded back-to-back double-doubles, tallying game highs of 19 points and a career-high 16 rebounds against Cornell followed by 14 points and a game-high 13 rebounds versus Missouri. Leonard received his second conference weekly award of the season, the first coming on Dec. 5.

Braggin' Rights Stay With Missouri

Illinois was unable to regain Braggin' Rights, falling to No. 9/8 Missouri 78-74 in a hard fought rivalry game in St. Louis on Dec. 22. The Illini roared back from a 14-point second-half deficit to grab a trio of 1-point leads, then a two-point advantage at 70-68 with 2:02 remaining. Mizzou, however, reeled off seven unanswered points while the UI committed back-to-back turnovers to move ahead 75-70 with 56 seconds remaining. The Illini twice pulled within three but could get no closer.

2011-12 FIGHTING ILLINI STARTING LINE-UPS

Game	G	G	G	F/G	C	Rec*
Loyola Chicago	Abrams	Richardson	Paul	Griffey	Egwu	1-0
SIU Edwardsville	Abrams	Richardson	Paul	Griffey	Leonard	1-0
Lipscomb	Maniscalco	Richardson	Paul	Griffey	Leonard	1-0
vs. Richmo nd	Maniscalco	Richardson	Paul	Griffey	Leonard	2-0
vs. Illinois State	Maniscalco	Richardson	Paul	Griffey	Leonard	3-0
Chicago State	Maniscalco	Richardson	Paul	Griffey	Leonard	4-0
at Maryland	Maniscalco	Richardson	Paul	Griffey	Leonard	5-0
Gonzaga	Maniscalco	Richardson	Paul	Griffey	Leonard	6-0
St. Bonaventure	Maniscalco	Richardson	Paul	Griffey	Leonard	7-0
Coppin State	Maniscalco	Richardson	Paul	Griffey	Leonard	8-0
vs. UNLV	Maniscalco	Richardson	Paul	Griffey	Leonard	8-1
Cornell	Maniscalco	Richardson	Paul	Griffey	Leonard	9-1
vs. Missouri	Maniscalco	Richardson	Paul	Griffey	Leonard	9-2
Minnesota	Maniscalco	Richardson	Paul	Griffey	Leonard	10-2
at Purdue	Maniscalco	Richardson	Paul	Bertrand	Leonard	0-1
at Northwestern	Abrams	Richardson	Paul	Bertrand	Leonard	1-0
Nebraska	Abrams	Paul	Bertrand	Griffey	Leonard	1-0
Ohio State	Abrams	Richardson	Paul	Bertrand	Leonard	2-0
at Penn State	Abrams	Richardson	Paul	Bertrand	Leonard	2-1
Wisconsin	Abrams	Richardson	Paul	Bertrand	Leonard	2-2
at Minnesota	Abrams	Richardson	Paul	Bertrand	Leonard	2-3
Michigan State	Abrams	Richardson	Paul	Bertrand	Leonard	3-3
Northwestern						
at Indiana						
at Michigan						
Purdue						
at Nebraska						
at Ohio State						
Iowa						
Michigan						
at Wisconsin						

Northwestern

at Indiana

at Michigan

Purdue

at Nebraska

at Ohio State

Iowa

Michigan

at Wisconsin

* - Running total of Illinois' overall record when this line-up is starting

WEBER MEDIA LUNCHEON / TELECONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Media luncheons are held on the 8th floor of the Illinois Football Press Box (enter through Gate 10 on the west side of Memorial Stadium and take the north service elevator). Contact the UI Sports Information Office for teleconference information.

Monday, Feb. 6, 9:20 am – Big Ten Teleconference
 Wednesday, Feb. 8, Noon – Teleconference
 Friday, Feb. 10, Noon – Teleconference
 Monday, Feb. 13, 9:20 am – Big Ten Teleconference
 Tuesday, Feb. 14, Noon – Luncheon/Teleconference
 Friday, Feb. 17, Noon – Teleconference
 Monday, Feb. 20, 9:20 am – Big Ten Teleconference
 Monday, Feb. 20, Noon – Teleconference
 Friday, Feb. 24, Noon – Luncheon/Teleconference
 Monday, Feb. 27, 9:20 am – Big Ten Teleconference
 Tuesday, Feb. 28, Noon – Luncheon/Teleconference
 Friday, March 2, Noon – Teleconference
 Monday, March 5, 9:20 am – Big Ten Teleconference
 Tuesday, March 6, Noon – Luncheon/Teleconference
 Sunday, March 11, 5 pm – Postseason
 Press Conference/Teleconference (Tentative)

KEEPING UP WITH THE OPPONENTS

Opponent	W-L	Rank	RPI	Pom	Sag
Loyola-Chicago	5-16		302	298	286
SIUE	6-14		315	305	308
Lipscomb	11-12		215	182	198
Richmond	12-11		114	113	115
Illinois State	14-9		118	87	90
Chicago State	2-19		321	338	340
Maryland	13-8		95	143	137
Gonzaga	17-4	24/rv	21	32	30
St. Bonaventure	12-8		88	84	88
Coppin State	11-11		250	222	219
UNLV	21-3	11/13	7	19	12
Cornell	7-11		210	191	200
Missouri	20-2	4/4	12	7	8
Minnesota	16-7		38	47	48
Purdue	15-7		51	36	34
Northwestern	13-8		45	69	67
Nebraska	11-10		93	123	114
Ohio State	19-3	3/3	6	1	1
Penn State	10-13		130	129	135
Wisconsin	18-5	19/20	25	4	5
Michigan State	17-5	9/10	4	5	7
Indiana	17-6	20/20	24	14	11
Michigan	17-6	23/22	19	29	29
Iowa	12-11		126	100	105

ILLINOIS **16-6** **RV/--** **37** **38** **40**

*Ranks are from AP and Coaches Polls as of 1/30

*RPI is from NCAA RPI Ratings through games of 1/30

*Pom - Pomeroy Ratings through games of 2/2

*Sag - Sagarin Ratings through games of 2/2

There were plenty of bright spots for the Illini despite the loss, none bigger than Joseph Bertrand's play off the bench. Bertrand erupted for a game-high 19 points in 28 minutes without missing a shot, hitting 9-of-9 from the field and adding one free throw. Bertrand scored all but two of his points in the second half, led by an incredible sequence where he accounted for 13 of the UI's 17 points over a six-minute stretch where the Illini cut the deficit from 12 points (55-43) to one (61-60).

Bertrand's 9-for-9 performance was the best by an Illini since Roger Powell made 10-of-10 shots at Penn State on Feb. 16, 2005. Bertrand was one of four Illini to score in double figures against Mizzou. Brandon Paul also had 19 points, Meyers Leonard tallied 14 and grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds for his fourth double-double of the season, and D.J. Richardson added 13.

Hot Start

Illinois' 10 straight wins to open the season marked its best start since 2005-06 when the UI went undefeated in non-conference play (14-0) and won its first 15 games. The 10-game winning streak was the fourth longest of the Weber era, and the longest since the 15 straight victories to open the 2005-06 season.

Leonard Big Ten Co-Player of the Week

Meyers Leonard was named Big Ten Co-Player of the Week on Dec. 5, earning the first conference weekly award of his career and becoming the first Illini to win the award since Demetri McCamey last season (Jan. 3).

Leonard received the honor after averaging 16.5 points, 6.0 rebounds and 2.0 blocks while shooting 75 percent from the floor in a pair of wins over Maryland and Gonzaga. Leonard recorded 12 points on 6-of-9 shooting with six boards and a game-high three blocks in the Illini's road win at Maryland in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge, then tallied a game-high 21 points on 9-of-11 shooting with six boards in the victory against No. 19/18 Gonzaga.

Leonard shared the award with Michigan State's Keith Appling.

Illini Defeat Gonzaga, Record Top-20 Win

The Illini beat No. 19 Gonzaga on Dec. 3 by the score of 82-75, defeating the highest ranked non-conference foe at home since topping No. 1 Wake Forest on Dec. 1, 2004. Illinois led nearly the entire way, trailing just twice early (2-0, 6-4). Each time Gonzaga made a run, the Illini answered. After the Bulldogs evened the contest early in the second half, the Orange and Blue reeled off seven straight points to open up 45-38 advantage with 15:54 remaining. Gonzaga later got to within two at 58-56, but the Illini outscored the Zags 11-4 over the next four minutes to make it a 69-60 game with 4:55 left. Illinois maintained at least a two-possession lead the rest of the way.

Meyers Leonard led the Illini with a game-high 21 points on 9-of-11 shooting and six rebounds. D.J. Richardson nailed four three-pointers on his way to 19 points. Brandon Paul added 13 points and Sam Maniscalco had 10 to go along with season highs of six assists and four steals, the most by an Illini this season.

Illini Take Down Terps; Win Third Straight Big Ten/ACC Challenge Contest

Illinois won its third straight game in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge, defeating Maryland, 71-62, on Nov. 29. Illinois trailed by as many as nine points and faced its first halftime deficit of the year. But the Illini outscored the Terps 40-27 in the second half to secure the victory. The second half surge was fueled by a 10-0 run that turned a 41-37 Maryland lead into a 47-41 Illini advantage with 12:35 remaining, and the Orange and Blue led the rest of the way.

Sam Maniscalco scored 24 points, setting his career high at Illinois, and made 5-of-8 from 3-point land. Brandon Paul had 17 points, 13 of which came in the first half. Meyers Leonard was in double figures again with 12 points on 6-of-9 shooting and added six rebounds and three blocks. The Illini shot 90 percent from the free throw line (18-20), including perfect 6-of-6 in the final minute to secure the win.

Weber Wins 200

Bruce Weber recorded his 200th win at Illinois during the victory at Maryland. In only his ninth season in Champaign, Weber already ranks third on the school's all-time coaching wins list behind Lou Henson (423 wins in 21 seasons) and Harry Combes (316 wins in 20 seasons).

Weber became the third active Big Ten coach to join the 200-win club, joining Michigan State's Tom Izzo and Wisconsin's Bo Ryan. Ohio State's Thad Matta has since reached 200 wins as well.

Big Ten Wins Conference Challenge over ACC for Third Straight Season

The Big Ten Conference owns bragging rights over the ACC for the third year in a row. The Big Ten won this year's Big Ten/ACC Challenge by a commanding 8-4 margin, which follows consecutive 6-5 victories in 2009 and 2010. Illinois, meanwhile, improved its all-time Challenge record to 6-7 with the win at Maryland. The Illini are tied with Ohio State and Wisconsin as the winningest Big Ten team over the 13-year history of the event.

Non-Conference Road Success

Illinois now has a five-game road non-conference winning streak that spans four seasons. It began with a 69-63 victory at Vanderbilt on Nov. 20, 2008, continued with a 76-74 win at Clemson on Dec. 2, 2009 and a 76-66 victory at Stony Brook on March 17, 2010, and then a 78-63 win at Western Michigan on Nov. 27, 2010. The 71-62 victory over the Maryland in College Park extended the streak to five straight.

Illini Win Cancun Challenge – Richardson MVP, Maniscalco All-Tourney

Illinois went 4-0 to win the Cancun Challenge, claiming its first tournament title since the 2008 South Padre Island Invitational. D.J. Richardson was chosen as Tournament MVP while Sam Maniscalco was voted to the All-Tournament team. Illinois defeated SIU Edwardsville and Lipscomb at the Assembly Hall before heading to Cancun, where it defeated Richmond in the semifinal and Illinois State in the championship.

THE LAST TIME

AN ILLINOIS PLAYER HAD

40+ points	Brandon Paul (43) vs. Ohio State, 1/10/12
35-39 points	Kevin Turner (35) vs. Indiana, 1/3/98
30-34 points	Demetri McCamey (30) vs. Oakland, 12/8/10
25-29 points	Brandon Paul (28) at Minnesota, 1/28/12
20-24 points	B. Paul (20) at Penn State, 1/19/12
2, 20+ pt. scorers	B. Paul (21) & M. Leonard (20) vs. Minnesota, 12/27/11
20+ rebounds	Nick Weatherspoon (22) vs. DePauw, 12/2/72
15-19 rebounds	Meyers Leonard (16) vs. Cornell, 12/19/11
10-14 rebounds	Meyers Leonard (13) at Minnesota, 1/28/12
15+ assists	Demetri McCamey (16) at Purdue, 2/20/10
10-14 assists	Demetri McCamey (11) vs. Michigan State, 1/18/11
6+ 3-pointers	Brandon Paul (8) vs. Ohio State, 1/10/12
7+ steals	Kendall Gill (7) vs. Iowa, 3/4/90
6 steals	Luther Head vs. Iowa, 1/20/05
5+ blocks	Meyers Leonard (5) vs. Minnesota, 12/27/11
Triple-Double	Sergio McClain (10p, 11r, 11a) vs. Michigan, 1/13/01

AN ILLINOIS TEAM HAD

100+ points	105 vs. Longwood, 12/27/04
under 50 points	42 vs. Michigan State, 1/31/12
50+ rebounds	50 at Michigan, 2/23/10
20+ off. reb.	20 vs. Dayton, 3/24/10
overtime	L, (72-77) at Minnesota, 10T, 1/28/12

AN OPPONENT PLAYER HAD

40+ points	Glenn Robinson (49) Purdue, 3/13/94
35-39 points	Daniel Horton (39) Michigan, 2/21/06
30-34 points	Jamar Butler (31) Ohio State, 3/13/10
25-29 points	Terrell Stoglin (25) Maryland, 11/29/11
20-24 points	D. Thomas (23) & J. Sullinger (21) Ohio State, 1/10/12
2, 20+ pt. scorers	D. Thomas (23) & J. Sullinger (21) Ohio State, 1/10/12
20+ rebounds	Joe Franklin (23) Wisconsin, 12/19/66
15-19 rebounds	Trevor Mbakwe (16) Minnesota, 2/10/11
10-14 rebounds	Branden Dawson (13) Michigan State, 1/31/12
15+ assists	never, Quinn Buckner (14) Indiana, 2/18/74
10-14 assists	Greivis Vasquez (10) Maryland, 11/28/07
7+ steals	Jamon Gordon (7) Virginia Tech, 3/16/07
5+ blocks	Darrius Garrett (7) Richmond, 11/22/11

AN OPPONENT TEAM HAD

100+ points	108, Missouri, 12/22/93
under 50 points	41, Michigan State, 1/31/12
under 40 points	38, Penn State, 2/18/09
50+ rebounds	50, Texas, 11/18/10
20+ off. reb.	23, Michigan Stte, 1/31/12

Illini in the NBA

Illinois currently has two alumni in the NBA in Deron Williams and Brian Cook. Williams, the highest drafted player in Illinois history at No. 3 in the 2005 Lottery, has played six seasons in the NBA and is currently with the New Jersey Nets. Cook, chosen as the 24th pick in the first round of the 2003 draft, is an eight-year NBA veteran and is currently with the Los Angeles Clippers.

Orris Signs with the Orange & Blue

Illinois signed high school senior Michael Orris to a national letter of intent on Nov. 9. Orris is a 6-2, 180-pound point guard from Crete, Ill. and attends Crete-Monee High School, under the direction of head coach Tom Cappel. Orris averaged 10.2 points, 6.2 assists and 3.0 rebounds last season, leading Crete-Monee to a 25-4 record and the school's first-ever sectional championship.

An honorable mention All-State selection by the *Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette*, Orris shot 50 percent from the field, 39 percent from 3-point range and 75 percent from the free throw line. He is a member of the Illinois Old School AAU program, coached by Scott Lidskin. Orris received the lone scholarship Illinois had available for this year's recruiting class.

Filling the Void

Illinois entered the 2011-12 campaign looking to replace 69 percent of its scoring production from last season (1,665 of 2,413 points scored by non-returners). That's the highest percentage in 13 years, since the 1998-99 Illini lost 87.6 percent of points from the previous season (2,016 of 2,301 points scored by non-returners).

Illinois also is looking to replace its top three leading scorers for the first time since entering the 1998-99 season when the Illini had lost its top five leading scorers from the previous year.

Preseason Headlines – New Roles, New Faces and New Outlook in 2011-12

Illinois has quite a different look this season. The Illini have replaced four starters and five of its top seven scorers from a year ago. In fact, Illinois has returned just 31 percent of its points, 21.3 percent of its rebounds and 33.5 percent of its minutes played from the 2010-11 campaign.

Illinois returns five scholarship players and seven letterwinners overall. Head Coach Bruce Weber also welcomes seven new players to the mix in what is one of the largest groups of newcomers he's had in his 33 years coaching.

Returning for the Illini

The most experienced Illini is junior D.J. Richardson, a two-year starter at shooting guard who averaged 8.4 points last season and is a career 39 percent 3-point shooter.

Like Richardson, fellow junior Brandon Paul also has been a regular in the UI rotation. Paul started 24 games on the wing over his first two seasons and is Illinois' leading returning scorer after averaging 9.0 points last year.

The remaining Illini returnees all have an opportunity to seize expanded roles this year. Junior Tyler Griffey is a skilled forward who has range behind the arc, and sophomore center Meyers Leonard has the natural athletic and physical talent to become a force in the paint.

Sophomore Joseph Bertrand gives the Illini a boost of athleticism on the perimeter as a combo guard who excels in the open court and has shown the ability to be a strong defender.

Walk-on guards Jean Selus and Kevin Berardini also return for their second season with the Orange & Blue.

Bradley Transfer Bolsters Point Guard Spot

Illinois must replace the offensive production of four-year starting point guard Demetri McCamey, who left Champaign as one of only two players in Big Ten history to record career totals of 1,700 points and 700 assists. Fifth-year senior Sam Maniscalco will be looked upon to step in and help provide experience and leadership from the point guard position.

Maniscalco graduated from Bradley University in May. He received a transfer year of residence waiver from the NCAA to compete immediately with the Illini this year. Maniscalco – who also was granted a medical hardship waiver following ankle surgery last season – was a second-team All-Missouri Valley selection as a junior in 2010 after averaging 13.1 points and 3.4 assists. He played in 111 career games at Bradley, totaling 1,210 points and 355 assists.

Illini Staff Stacking Classes

For the third straight season, Illinois adds a top-15 ranked recruiting class to the roster. Six true freshmen have joined the squad this season: guard Tracy Abrams, wings Myke Henry and Devin Langford, and frontcourt players Nnanna Egwu, Mike Shaw and Ibbi Djimde.

- Four of the freshmen – Chicagoans Abrams, Egwu, Henry and Shaw – were all Top 100 recruits according to various recruiting services. The 2011 recruiting class is ranked 11th nationally by both Rivals.com and ESPN and No. 13 by Scout.com.
- Abrams earned all-state accolades after averaging 17.7 points, 6.2 rebounds and 4.6 assists last season at Mount Carmel High School.
- Egwu also earned all-state honors after averaging 16 points, 10 rebounds and five blocks last year at St. Ignatius Prep.
- Henry is an explosive scorer who averaged 25 points and 11 rebounds last season at Orr Academy, earning all-state recognition.
- Shaw also was an all-state pick who averaged 13 points and 7.5 rebounds last year and finished his career as the all-time leading scorer at De La Salle Institute.

- Langford hails from Huntsville, Ala., and averaged 21 points, 14 rebounds and seven assists last season, leading Lee High School to a state runner-up finish after winning state during his junior season.
- Djimde attended high school for two years in the United States after arriving from Bamako, Mali. He spent his senior year at Huntington Prep in West Virginia, averaging 10 points and eight rebounds.

Italy Recap

Illinois got a head start on its preparations for the upcoming season by participating in an international tour of Italy. Overseas trips are allowed once every four years under NCAA rules, and with so many new players on the roster, the timing was perfect for the Illini to take advantage of the opportunity. The team held 10 days of practice during the summer, then toured Italy from Aug. 10-20 with stops in Rome, Florence, Venice and Como. While there the Orange and Blue played games against the New Zealand National Team, three Italian professional teams and also scrimmaged West Virginia University and select military personnel at the Aviano Air Base. In addition to the basketball competition, the Illini enjoyed the travel camaraderie and incredible sight-seeing and tourist opportunities.

ITALY TRIP RESULTS

Aug. 13 – Illinois 78, Roma Select 68
 Aug. 16 – New Zealand 85, Illinois 84 (OT)
 Aug. 17 – Illinois 47, West Virginia 26
 Aug. 17 – Illinois 26, Aviano Airmen 12
 Aug. 18 – Illinois 131, Castellanza Select 65
 Aug. 19 – Illinois 89, Fulgor Omegna 85 (OT)

ITALY TRIP STATISTICS

Pts-Avg	Reb-Avg	
Brandon Paul	66–13.9	13–2.7
Tyler Griffey	60–12.6	27–5.7
Joseph Bertrand	42–8.8	15–3.2
Sam Maniscalco	41–8.6	13–2.7
Nnanna Ekwu	35–7.4	15–3.2
Tracy Abrams	34–7.2	12–2.5
D.J. Richardson	33–6.9	6–1.3
Myke Henry	33–6.9	12–2.5
Meyers Leonard	31–6.9	14–3.1
Ibby Djimde	31–6.5	19–4.0
Crandall Head	29–6.1	14–2.9
Mike Shaw	19–4.0	25–5.3
Kevin Berardini	1–0.6	0–0.0
Jean Selus	0–0.0	3–1.1
TEAM	455–95.8	188–39.6

Another 20-Win Season for the Illini

Illinois tallied 20 victories last season, recording the program's 11th 20-win season in the last 12 years and 29th all-time, as well as the seventh 20-win season in eight years under Bruce Weber.

Lock Down "D"

Illinois has led the Big Ten in field goal percentage defense during conference play in each of the last three years. Illini league opponents shot 39.6 percent last season after shooting 39 percent in 2010 and 39.4 percent in 2009.

Illinois, meanwhile, has topped the Big Ten in 3-point field goal percentage defense during league play twice in the last three seasons. Illini conference opponents shot 29.9 percent from behind the arc last year. In 2009, UI league opponents also shot 29.9 percent from 3-point land.

Oh So Close

Illinois was agonizingly close to victory in the majority of its losses last season. The Illini either led or were tied during the second half in 11 of its 14 losses. And eight of those went down to the wire, as the Illini led or were tied during the final minute in three of the losses or trailed by one point during the final minute in five of the losses.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS UNDER WEBER

A total of 23 student-athletes have earned their University of Illinois degree during Bruce Weber's tenure, as all but three players who have completed their career under Weber have graduated:

Jerrance Howard - B.S., speech communication
 Calvin Brock - B.S., sport management
 Nick Smith - B.S. & M.S., finance
 Chris Hicks - B.S., kinesiology
 Luther Head - B.S., sport management
 Trent Meacham - B.S., sport management
 Jack Ingram - B.S., electrical engineering
 Shaun Pruitt - B.S., speech communication
 Fred Nkemdi - B.S., political science
 Chester Frazier - B.S., recreation management
 Roger Powell - B.S., speech communication
 C.J. Jackson - B.S., communication
 James Augustine - B.S., sport management
 Steve Holdren - B.S., sport management
 Dee Brown - B.S., sport management
 Bubba Chisholm - B.S., finance
 Marcus Arnold - B.S., speech communication
 Richard Semrau - B.S., communication
 Warren Carter - B.S., community health
 Bill Cole - B.S., agricultural and consumer economics
 Rich McBride - B.S., sport management
 Mike Tisdale - B.S., communication
 Brian Randle - B.S., agri-finance

ILLINI OVERSEAS

In addition to having former Illini Deron Williams (New Jersey Nets) and Brian Cook (Los Angeles Clippers) on NBA rosters, there are a number of Illinois alums currently playing professional basketball overseas:

Robert Archibald (Illinois 1999-02)
 Spain – CAI Zaragoza
 Marcus Arnold (Illinois 2006-07)
 Czech Republic – BK Pardubice
 James Augustine (Illinois 2003-06)
 Spain – UCAM Murcia
 Cory Bradford (Illinois 1999-02)
 United Arab Emirates – Shajah
 Cleotis Brown (Illinois 1999-00)
 Venezuela – Cocodrilos
 Dee Brown (Illinois 2003-06)
 Italy – Banca Tercas
 Warren Carter (Illinois 2004-07)
 Belgium – Mons-Hainaut
 Bill Cole (Illinois 2008-11)
 United Kingdom – Cheshire Jets
 Mike Davis (Illinois 2008-11)
 Ukraine – Ferro-ZNTU
 Chester Frazier (Illinois 2006-09)
 Germany – S.Oliver Baskets
 C.J. Jackson (Illinois 2006-09)
 Turkey – Balikesir
 Dominique Keller (Illinois 2009-10)
 Slovakia – Levice
 Damir Krupalija (Illinois 1999-02)
 Spain – Gescrap BB
 Demetri McCamey (Illinois 2008-11)
 Israel – Hapoel J-M
 Trent Meacham (Illinois 2007-09)
 France – Paris-Levallois
 Brian Randle (Illinois 2004, 2006-08)
 Israel – Hapoel J-M
 Jamar Smith (Illinois 2006-07)
 Czech Republic – BK Prostějov

ILLINOIS BASKETBALL QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Champaign-Urbana, Ill.
Founded: 1867
Enrollment: 43,862
Nickname: Fighting Illini
Colors: Orange and Blue
Arena: Assembly Hall
Opened: 1963
Capacity: 16,618
Conference: Big Ten
President: Michael J. Hogan
Chancellor: Phyllis Wise
Director of Athletics: Mike Thomas
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HISTORY

Seasons of Basketball: 107th
First Year of Basketball: 1906
All-Time Record: 1,666-888 (.652)
All-Time Big Ten Record: 885-639 (.581)
Big Ten Championships / Last: 17 / 2005
NCAA Tournament Appearances / Last: 29 / 2011
All-Time NCAA Tournament Record: 39-30 (.565)
NCAA Final Four Appearances / Last: 5 / 2005

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Bruce Weber, 9th year
Alma Mater, Year: Wisconsin-Milwaukee '78
Record at Illinois / Years: 209-92 (.694) / 9th
Career Record / Years: 312-146 (.681) / 14th
Basketball Office Phone: 217-333-3400
Associate Head Coach: Wayne McClain, 11th year
Assistant Coaches: Jay Price, 9th year;
 Jerrance Howard, 5th year
Assistant to the Head Coach: Gary Nottingham
Director of Basketball Operations: Sean Harrington
Coordinator of Special Projects: Rod Cardinal
Athletic Trainer: Al Martindale
Strength and Conditioning Coach: Jimmy Price
Administrative Secretary: Julie Pioletti

2010-11 TEAM INFORMATION

Big Ten Record / Finish: 9-9 / T-4th
Postseason: NCAA 3rd Round
Final Ranking: AP - NR / Coaches - NR
Starters Returning / Lost: 1 / 4
Lettermen Returning / Lost: 7 / 6
Newcomers: 7

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ILLINOIS VS. RANKED OPPONENTS UNDER WEBER

The Illini have played 73 games against opponents ranked by the Associated Press under Bruce Weber, winning 31 times (.425). Following is a complete list of the Illini vs. ranked opponents (AP) under Weber:

12/3/03	vs. #10 North Carolina	L, 81-88
12/23/03	vs. #11 Missouri	W, 71-70
1/10/04	#24 Purdue	L, 54-58
1/24/04	at #21 Wisconsin	L, 56-76
2/18/04	#12 Wisconsin	W, 65-57
3/14/04	vs. #10 Wisconsin	L, 53-70
3/21/04	vs. #11 Cincinnati	W, 92-68
3/26/04	vs. #6 Duke	L, 62-72
11/27/04	vs. #24 Gonzaga	W, 89-72
12/1/04	#1 Wake Forest	W, 91-73
12/31/04	#22 Cincinnati	W, 67-45
1/20/05	#23 Iowa	W, 73-68, ot
1/25/05	at #18 Wisconsin	W, 75-65
2/1/05	at #12 Michigan St.	W, 81-68
2/12/05	#20 Wisconsin	W, 70-59
3/13/05	vs. #23 Wisconsin	W, 54-43
3/26/05	vs. #9 Arizona	W, 90-89, ot
4/2/05	vs. #4 Louisville	W, 72-57
4/4/05	vs. #2 North Carolina	L, 70-75
1/5/06	#7 Michigan State	W, 60-50
1/17/06	at #13 Indiana	L, 60-62
2/12/06	at #19 Ohio State	L, 53-69
2/25/06	#20 Iowa	W, 71-59
3/4/06	at #25 Michigan St.	W, 75-68
3/18/06	vs. #17 Washington	L, 64-67
11/28/06	vs. #23 Maryland	L, 66-72
12/2/06	vs. #16 Arizona	L, 72-84
1/6/07	#6 Ohio State	L, 44-62
1/20/07	#2 Wisconsin	L, 64-71
1/23/07	#23 Indiana	W, 51-43
3/10/07	vs. #3 Wisconsin	L, 41-53
11/20/07	vs. #13 Duke	L, 66-79
12/8/07	vs. #22 Arizona	L, 72-78, ot
1/10/08	at #21 Wisconsin	L, 60-70
1/13/08	at #10 Indiana	L, 58-62
1/30/08	at #8 Michigan State	L, 41-51
2/7/08	#14 Indiana	L, 79-83, 2ot
2/20/08	#11 Wisconsin	L, 57-71
3/6/08	#17 Michigan State	L, 51-59
3/14/08	#17 Purdue	W, 74-67, ot
3/16/08	#8 Wisconsin	L, 48-61
12/23/08	vs. #25 Missouri	W, 75-59
12/30/08	at #9 Purdue	W, 71-67, ot
1/4/09	at #23 Michigan	L, 64-74
1/14/09	#25 Michigan	W, 66-51
1/17/09	at #7 Michigan State	L, 57-63
2/8/09	#13 Purdue	W, 66-48
3/1/09	#9 Michigan State	L, 66-74
3/14/09	vs. #24 Purdue	L, 56-66
12/2/09	at #18 Clemson	W, 76-74
12/30/09	vs. #25 Northwestern	W, 89-83, ot
1/16/10	at #7 Michigan State	L, 63-73
1/19/10	#13 Purdue	L, 78-84
2/6/10	#5 Michigan State	W, 78-73
2/9/10	at #11 Wisconsin	W, 63-56
2/14/10	#13 Ohio State	L, 53-72
2/20/10	at #4 Purdue	L, 65-75
3/2/10	at #6 Ohio State	L, 57-73
3/7/10	#15 Wisconsin	L, 57-72
3/12/10	vs. #13 Wisconsin	W, 58-54
3/13/10	vs. #5 Ohio State	L, 81-88, 2ot
12/22/10	vs. #9 Missouri	L, 64-75
1/15/11	at #20 Wisconsin	L, 66-76
1/18/11	#17 Michigan State	W, 71-62
1/22/11	#1 Ohio State	L, 68-73
2/13/11	#14 Purdue	L, 70-81
2/22/11	at #2 Ohio State	L, 70-89
3/1/11	at #6 Purdue	L, 67-75
3/20/11	vs. #2 Kansas	L, 59-73
12/3/11	#19 Gonzaga	W, 72-85
12/22/11	vs. #9 Missouri	L, 74-78
1/10/12	#5 Ohio State	W, 79-74
1/31/12	#9 Michigan State	W, 42-41

Illini Sports Network (40 stations)

Aledo, WRMJ-FM 102.3
 Alton, WBGZ-AM 1570
 Bloomington, WJBC-FM 93.7
 Bloomington, WGLO-FM 95.5
 Canton, WBYS-AM 1560
 Carlyle, WCXO-FM 96.7
 Champaign, WDWS-AM 1400
 Champaign, WHMS-FM 97.5
 Chicago, WIND-AM 560
 Danville, WDAN-AM 1490
 Danville, WDNL-FM, 102.1
 Davenport, IA, WFXN-AM 1230
 Decatur, WSOY-AM 1340
 DuQuoin, WQQN-AM 1580
 Dwight, WJEZ-FM 98.9
 Effingham, WCRC-FM 95.7
 Galesburg, WGIL-AM 1400
 Jacksonville, WJIL-AM 1550
 Jerseyville, WJBM-AM 1480
 Kankakee, WGFA-FM 94.1
 Kewanee, WKEL-AM 1450
 LaSalle-Peru, WLPO-AM 1220
 Litchfield, WSMI-FM 106.1
 Macomb, WKXQ-FM 92.5
 Mattoon, WCRC-FM 95.7
 Mt. Carmel, WSJD-FM 100.5
 Murphysboro, WINI-AM 1440
 Olney, WSEI-FM 92.9
 Paxton, WPNX-FM 104.9
 Peoria, WGLO-FM 95.5
 Pittsfield, WBBA-FM 97.5
 Pontiac, WJBC-FM 93.7
 Quincy, WTAD-AM 930
 Robinson, WTAY-AM 1570
 Robinson, WTYE-FM 101.7
 Rockford, WROK-AM 1440
 Salem, WJBD-AM 1350
 Salem, WJBD-FM 100.1
 Sparta, WHCO-AM 1230
 St. Louis, KFNS-AM 590
 Springfield, WTAX-AM 1240
 Taylorville, WTIM-FM 97.3
 Watseka, WGFA-FM 94.1

Bruce Weber Radio Show

Program airs Mondays from 7-8 pm on the Illini Sports Network and locally on WDWS-AM 1400, the flagship station for the network. In addition to Coach Weber and his staff, each show will feature selected Illini players. The host is Brian Barnhart.

Date	Location
Dec. 5	Gameday Spirit
Dec. 12	Illini Rebounders – Holiday Inn
Jan. 9	Illini Rebounders – Holiday Inn
Jan. 16	Buffalo Wild Wings (Savoy)
Jan. 23	Orange Krush – Bromley Hall
Jan. 30	Marching Illini – Harding Band Bldg.
Feb. 6	WDWS Studio
Feb. 13	TBA
Feb. 27	WDWS Studio
March 5	WDWS Studio

THE WEBER FILE

HOMETOWN

Milwaukee, Wis.

FAMILY

Wife: Megan
Daughters: Hannah, Christy and Emily

EDUCATION

Wisconsin-Milwaukee (B.S. '78)
Western Kentucky (M.S. '81)

EXPERIENCE

Head Coach, Illinois (2004-)
Head Coach, Southern Illinois (1999-2003)
Assistant Coach, Purdue (1981-98)
Assistant Coach, Western Kentucky (1980)

BEST WINNING PERCENTAGE IN BIG TEN HISTORY

MINIMUM NINE YEARS IN THE CONFERENCE

Rk.	Coach	Pct. (W-L)	Years
1.	Bob Knight (IND)	.734 (661-240)	29
2.	Bo Ryan (WIS)	.730 (260-96)	11th
3.	Walter Meanwell (WIS)	.713 (247-99)	20
4.	Ward Lambert (PUR)	.709 (371-152)	28.5
5.	Tom Izzo (MSU)	.707 (398-165)	17th
6.	Bruce Weber (ILL)	.694 (209-92)	9th

MOST WINS IN LAST NINE SEASONS IN NCAA

Rk.	Coach	Wins	Next
1.	John Calipari (Memphis/Kentucky)	267	Feb. 4
2.	Bill Self (Kansas)	255	Feb. 4
	Mike Krzyzewski (Duke)	255	Feb. 5
4.	Roy Williams (North Carolina)	244	Feb. 4
5.	Thad Matta (Xavier/Ohio State)	235	Feb. 4
6.	Jamie Dixon (Pittsburgh)	230	Feb. 5
7.	Billy Donovan (Florida)	229	Feb. 4
8.	Mark Few (Gonzaga)	227	Feb. 4
9.	Jim Boeheim (Syracuse)	225	Feb. 4
10.	Jim Calhoun (Connecticut)	221	Feb. 4
11.	Rick Barnes (Texas)	218	Feb. 4
12.	Rick Pitino (Louisville)	217	Feb. 4
13.	Bo Ryan (Wisconsin)	217	Feb. 4
14.	Stew Morrill (Utah State)	215	Feb. 4
15.	Tom Izzo (Michigan State)	212	Feb. 5
16.	Bruce Weber (Illinois)	209	Feb. 5

ILLINOIS CAREER WINS LIST

Rk.	Coach	Wins	Years
1.	Lou Henson	423	21
2.	Harry Combes	316	20
3.	Bruce Weber	209	9th
4.	Doug Mills	151	11
5.	J. Craig Ruby	148	14

MOST WINS IN FIRST EIGHT SEASONS IN BIG TEN HISTORY

Rk.	Coach	Wins
1.	Bruce Weber (ILL, 2004-11)	193
	Bo Ryan (WIS, 2002-09)	193
3.	Tom Izzo (MSU, 1996-2003)	189
4.	Bob Knight (IND, 1972-79)	184
5.	Gene Keady (PUR, 1981-88)	178
	Steve Fisher (MICH, 1990-97)	178

MOST WINS IN FIRST 13 SEASONS IN NCAA HISTORY

Rk.	Coach	Wins
1.	Roy Williams (Kansas, 1989-2001)	355
2.	Everett Case (N.C. State, 1947-59)	320
3.	Denny Crum (Louisville, 1972-84)	319
4.	Jim Boeheim (Syracuse, 1977-89)	317
4.	Tubby Smith (Tulsa/Ga/Ky, 1992-2004)	315
6.	Nolan Richardson (Tulsa/Ark, 1981-93)	308
7.	Tom Izzo (Michigan State, 1996-2008)	305
8.	John Calipari (Mass/Mem, 1989-96/2001-05)	304
9.	Jerry Tarkanian (Long Beach St/UNLV, 1969-81)	298
10.	John Thompson (Georgetown, 1973-85)	297
11.	Bruce Weber (SIU/Illinois, 1999-2011)	296



HEAD COACH BRUCE WEBER

9TH YEAR AT ILLINOIS

14TH YEAR OVERALL

33RD YEAR AS A COLLEGE COACH

- Consensus National Coach of the Year and Big Ten Coach of the Year in 2005
- NCAA Runner-Up in 2005
- Six NCAA Tournament Appearances at Illinois
- Back-to-Back Outright Big Ten Championships in 2004 and 2005
- Big Ten Tournament Championship in 2005
- Four NBA Draft Picks, including two first rounders
- Three Consensus All-Americans
- Graduated 88 percent of players that completed career at Illinois (23 of 26)
- USA Basketball Men's Junior National Committee
- Coaches vs. Cancer Champion Award in 2007
- Sixth-highest winning percentage of any coach in Big Ten history with at least nine seasons in the league at 69.4 percent
- 16th-winningest coach in the nation over last nine seasons with 209 victories
- 11th-most victories by a coach in NCAA history through first 13 seasons (296 from 1999-2011)
- Most wins in Big Ten history by a coach after first eight years (193 from 2004-11)
- Third on the Illinois career coaching wins list with 209 victories
- Directed 2004 Illini to its first outright Big Ten championship since 1952 and NCAA Sweet 16
- Third coach in Big Ten history to win outright conference title in first season
- Led Illini to best start in school history and third-best start in Big Ten history with 29-0 beginning to 2005 season
- First coach in Big Ten history to win consecutive outright titles in his first two seasons
- Led Illinois to 37 victories in 2005, tying NCAA record for single-season wins
- Directed Illinois to 26 wins, Big Ten runner-up finish and NCAA Second Round in 2006
- Led Illini to 23 wins and NCAA Tournament appearance in 2007
- Directed Illinois to 2008 Big Ten Tournament championship game
- Led Illinois back to Top 25 in 2009 with 24-win season, Big Ten runner-up finish and No. 5 seed in NCAA Tournament
- Led UI to 21 victories in 2010 and NIT Quarterfinal appearance
- Directed Illinois to seventh 20-win season in eight years and NCAA Tournament victory in 2011

WEBER'S CAREER HEAD COACHING RECORD

ILLINOIS

Year	Overall	Pct.	Big Ten	Pct.	Finish	Postseason
2003-04	26-7	.788	13-3	.813	1st	NCAA Sweet 16
2004-05	37-2	.949	15-1	.938	1st	NCAA Runner-Up
2005-06	26-7	.788	11-5	.688	T-2nd	NCAA 2nd Round
2006-07	23-12	.657	9-7	.563	T-4th	NCAA 1st Round
2007-08	16-19	.457	5-13	.278	T-9th	
2008-09	24-10	.706	11-7	.611	T-2nd	NCAA 1st Round
2009-10	21-15	.583	10-8	.556	5th	NIT Quarterfinal
2010-11	20-14	.606	9-9	.500	T-4th	NCAA 3rd Round
2011-12	16-6	.727	5-4	.556		
Illinois Totals	209-92	.694	88-57	.607	(Nine Years)	
Career Totals	312-146	.681			(14 Years)	

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Year	Overall	Pct.	MVC	Pct.	Finish	Postseason
1998-99	15-12	.556	10-8	.556	T-5th	
1999-2000	20-13	.606	12-6	.667	3rd	NIT 2nd Round
2000-01	16-14	.533	10-8	.556	T-4th	
2001-02	28-8	.778	14-4	.778	T-1st	NCAA Sweet 16
2002-03	24-7	.774	16-2	.889	1st	NCAA 1st Round
SIU Totals	103-54	.656			(Five Years)	



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CHICAGO, ILL. // MOUNT CARMEL H.S.

2011-12 Notes: Has played in all 22 games, starting eight times and averaging 2.8 ppg and 1.6 apg ... Scored eight points on 4-of-5 shooting and grabbed a career-high seven rebounds in opener vs. Loyola Chicago ... Had five points and three steals vs. SIU Edwardsville ... Tallied a career-high five assists vs. Chicago State ... Turned in five points and three assists at Northwestern ... Scored eight points vs. Nebraska ... Notched a career-high nine points on 4-of-6 shooting vs. Wisconsin ... Hit the game-tying three to even the contest at 40 apiece vs. Michigan State.

Career Notes: Enrolled in the Division of General Studies ... Averaged 17.7 points, 6.2 rebounds and 4.6 assists as a senior at Mount Carmel, earning first-team All-State honors by the *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette* and Illinois Basketball Coaches Association, second-team All-State by the *Associated Press* and third-team All-State by the *Chicago Tribune* ... Player of the Year by the *Northwest Indiana Times* ... Chicago Catholic League-South Division Athlete of the Year.

ABRAMS' CAREER HIGHS

MINUTES

Season: 34 vs. Nebraska (1/7/12)

POINTS

Season: 9 vs. Wisconsin (1/22/12)

FIELD GOALS

Season: 4, twice; last vs. Wisconsin (1/22/12)

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Season: 6 vs. Wisconsin (1/22/12)

3-POINT FIELD GOALS

Season: 1, five times; last vs. Michigan State (1/31/12)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Season: 2, five times; last vs. Michigan State (1/31/12)

FREE THROWS

Season: 2, five times; last vs. Michigan State (1/31/12)

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS

Season: 4, three times; last vs. Michigan State (1/31/12)

ABRAMS' 2011-12 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
11-11	Loyola Chicago	1-1	22	4-5	0-0	0-0	5-2-7	0	1	2	0	2	8
11-14	SIU Edwardsville	1-1	21	2-5	1-2	0-0	0-1-1	1	1	5	0	3	5
11-17	Lipscomb	1-0	10	1-3	0-1	2-2	1-2-3	2	0	1	0	0	4
11-22	vs. Richmond	1-0	13	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	4	0	0	0	1	0
11-23	vs. Illinois State	1-0	7	1-2	0-0	1-1	1-0-1	1	0	1	0	0	3
11-27	Chicago State	1-0	24	1-3	0-1	2-4	0-2-2	1	5	2	0	0	4
11-29	at Maryland	1-0	21	0-2	0-0	2-2	2-1-3	4	4	0	0	0	2
12-3	Gonzaga	1-0	12	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	1	3	2	0	0	2
12-7	St. Bonaventure	1-0	16	0-3	0-2	0-0	2-1-3	2	0	0	0	0	0
12-11	Coppin State	1-0	15	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-2-2	1	2	2	0	1	3
12-17	vs. UNLV	1-0	10	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-0-1	1	1	1	0	0	0
12-19	Cornell	1-0	14	0-2	0-0	0-1	1-0-1	2	1	0	0	0	0
12-22	vs. Missouri	1-0	12	0-3	0-1	0-0	0-2-2	1	0	0	0	0	0
12-27	Minnesota	1-0	23	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-3-3	1	0	5	0	0	2
12-31	at Purdue	1-0	24	0-1	0-1	2-2	1-2-3	1	4	2	0	0	2
1-4	at Northwestern	1-1	30	0-3	0-1	0-0	0-5-5	5-1	3	0	0	0	0
1-7	Nebraska	1-1	34	3-4	1-2	1-4	0-3-3	2	1	3	0	1	8
1-10	Ohio State	1-1	32	1-3	0-1	0-0	0-2-2	1	2	3	0	1	2
1-19	at Penn State	1-1	19	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-3-4	2	1	2	0	1	0
1-22	Wisconsin	1-1	27	4-6	1-2	0-1	0-2-2	2	2	0	0	0	9
1-28	at Minnesota	1-1	14	1-2	0-0	1-2	0-2-2	4	4	2	0	0	3
1-31	Michigan State	1-1	22	1-3	1-2	2-4	0-3-3	4	0	1	0	1	5
2-5	Northwestern												
2-9	at Indiana												
2-12	at Michigan												
2-15	Purdue												
2-18	at Nebraska												
2-21	at Ohio State												
2-26	Iowa												
3-1	Michigan												
3-4	at Wisconsin												

REBOUNDS

Season: 7 vs. Loyola Chicago (11/11/11)

ASSISTS

Season: 5 vs. Chicago State (11/27/11)

BLOCKS

Season: 0

STEALS

Season: 3 vs. SIU Edwardsville (11/14/11)

ABRAMS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2011-12	22-9	422-19.2	22-60/.367	5-19/.263	13-23/.565	16-38-54/2.5	43-1	35	34	0	11	62-2.8



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LAKE FOREST, ILL. // LAKE FOREST H.S. // LOYOLA MARYMOUNT

2011-12 Notes: Entered game vs. SIU Edwardsville, Lipscomb, Chicago State and Purdue.

Career Notes: Majoring in political science ... Appeared in nine games last season, scoring a career-high four points vs. Toledo (11/10/10) ... Walk-on at Loyola Marymount in 2010, sitting out the season as a redshirt ... Transferred to Illinois following the 2010 spring semester ... Two-time North Suburban All-Conference selection at Lake Forest High School ... Team captain as a senior, averaging 10 points and five assists ... Set school records for single-season and career assists.

BERARDINI'S CAREER/SEASON HIGHS

MINUTES

Career: 6 vs. Toledo (11/10/10)
Season: 1, four times; last at Purdue (12/31/11)

POINTS

Career: 4 vs. Toledo (11/10/10)
Season: 0

FIELD GOALS

Career: 1 vs. Toledo (11/10/10)
Season: 0

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Career: 1 vs. Toledo (11/10/10)
Season: 0

3-POINT FIELD GOALS

Career: 0
Season: 0

3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Career: 0
Season: 0

FREE THROWS

Career: 2, twice; last vs. Northern Colorado (12/12/10)
Season: 0

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS

Career: 2, three times; last vs. Northern Colorado (12/12/10)
Season: 0

REBOUNDS

Career: 1, three times; last vs. Indiana (3/5/11)
Season: 0

ASSISTS

Career: 1 vs. Yale (11/23/10)
Season: 0

BLOCKS

Career: 0
Season: 0

STEALS

Career: 1 vs. Toledo (11/10/10)
Season: 0

BERARDINI'S 2011-12 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
11-11	Loyola Chicago		DNP										
11-14	SIU Edwardsville	1-0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11-17	Lipscomb	1-0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11-22	vs. Richmond		DNP										
11-23	vs. Illinois State		DNP										
11-27	Chicago State	1-0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11-29	at Maryland		DNP										
12-3	Gonzaga		DNP										
12-7	St. Bonaventure		DNP										
12-11	Coppin State		DNP										
12-17	vs. UNLV		DNP										
12-19	Cornell		DNP										
12-22	vs. Missouri		DNP										
12-27	Minnesota		DNP										
12-31	at Purdue	1-0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
1-4	at Northwestern		DNP										
1-7	Nebraska		DNP										
1-10	Ohio State		DNP										
1-19	at Penn State		DNP										
1-22	Wisconsin		DNP										
1-28	at Minnesota		DNP										
1-31	Michigan State		DNP										
2-5	Northwestern												
2-9	at Indiana												
2-12	at Michigan												
2-15	Purdue												
2-18	at Nebraska												
2-21	at Ohio State												
2-26	Iowa												
3-1	Michigan												
3-4	at Wisconsin												

BERARDINI'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2010-11	9-0	14-1.6	1-1/1.000	0-0/0.000	4-6/.667	1-2-3/0.3	2-0	1	2	0	1	6-0.7
2011-12	4-0	4-1.0	0-0/0.000	0-0/0.000	0-0/0.000	0-0-0/0.0	1-0	0	0	0	0	0-0.0
Totals	13-0	18-1.4	1-1/1.000	0-0/0.000	4-6/.667	1-2-3/0.2	3-0	1	2	0	1	6-0.5



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STERLING, ILL. // STERLING H.S.

2011-12 Notes: Has played in all 22 games this season, starting eight times and ranking fifth on the team in scoring at 6.7 ppg ... Ranks third in the Big Ten in field goal percentage during conference games at 58.6 percent (41-70) ... Posted 11 points and a career-high eight rebounds vs. Lipscomb ... Matched the best single-game shooting percentage in school history, hitting a perfect 9-of-9 from the field and scoring 19 points vs. Missouri ... Tallied 13 points and hit first four shots vs. Minnesota to finish with a streak of 13 consecutive field goals made ... Made first career start at Purdue and scored eight points ... Equaled a career best with eight rebounds and scored 10 points at Northwestern ... Notched a career-best 25 points on 11-of-12 shooting vs. Nebraska ... Posted his second double-digit made field goal streak with 12 after hitting final four shots at Northwestern and first eight baskets vs. Nebraska ... Played a career-high 38 minutes and dished out a career-best five assists while scoring 15 points vs. Wisconsin ... Has connected on 50-of-79 (63.3 percent) from the field and scored 110 points in past 10 games (11.0 ppg) after scoring 38 points in the first 12 games (3.2 ppg).

Career Notes: Majoring in recreation, sport and tourism ... Played in 15 games last year, averaging 1.1 points ... Scored a career-high five points vs. Toledo (11/10/10) ... Had knee surgery and redshirted in 2010 after being sidelined from practice until January ... Sterling High School's all-time leading scorer ... Averaged 15.5 points, 4.2 rebounds, 4.5 assists and 1.6 steals as a senior ... First-team All-State by Illinois Basketball Coaches Association, second-team All-State by *Associated Press* and *Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette* and special mention All-State by *Chicago Tribune* ... Two-time IHSA Class 3A slam dunk champion as a junior and senior.

BERTRAND'S 2011-12 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
11-11	Loyola Chicago	1-0	17	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-2-2	1	1	1	0	0	2
11-14	SIU Edwardsville	1-0	18	1-5	0-1	2-2	0-1-1	1	1	2	1	0	4
11-17	Lipscomb	1-0	20	3-5	0-0	5-6	3-5-8	3	1	0	0	1	11
11-22	vs. Richmond	1-0	21	2-4	0-0	2-2	0-2-2	1	1	0	0	0	6
11-23	vs. Illinois State	1-0	16	3-4	0-0	0-0	1-1-2	0	3	0	0	0	6
11-27	Chicago State	1-0	12	3-4	0-0	1-1	1-0-1	0	2	0	0	1	7
11-29	at Maryland	1-0	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	2	1	2	0	0	0
12-3	Gonzaga	1-0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0
12-7	St. Bonaventure	1-0	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	1	0	1	0
12-11	Coppin State	1-0	12	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	2	2	1	0	0	2
12-17	vs. UNLV	1-0	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2-2	1	1	1	0	0	0
12-19	Cornell	1-0	6	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
12-22	vs. Missouri	1-0	28	9-9	0-0	1-1	3-2-5	2	0	2	0	1	19
12-27	Minnesota	1-0	31	6-10	0-1	1-1	0-1-1	2	1	1	2	0	13
12-31	at Purdue	1-1	28	4-8	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	3	0	4	0	1	8
1-4	at Northwestern	1-1	32	4-8	0-0	2-2	2-6-8	3	1	0	1	0	10
1-7	Nebraska	1-1	35	11-12	0-0	3-5	0-2-2	3	2	2	0	1	25
1-10	Ohio State	1-1	35	5-7	0-0	0-0	0-7-7	3	3	4	0	1	10
1-19	at Penn State	1-1	27	2-6	0-0	0-0	2-4-6	2	1	0	0	1	4
1-22	Wisconsin	1-1	38	6-12	0-0	3-4	0-5-5	3	5	1	0	0	15
1-28	at Minnesota	1-1	20	3-4	0-0	0-2	0-0-0	5-1	0	0	0	1	6
1-31	Michigan State	1-1	19	0-3	0-0	0-0	1-4-5	1	0	1	0	0	0
2-5	Northwestern												
2-9	at Indiana												
2-12	at Michigan												
2-15	Purdue												
2-18	at Nebraska												
2-21	at Ohio State												
2-26	Iowa												
3-1	Michigan												
3-4	at Wisconsin												

BERTRAND'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2009-10		DNP - Redshirt										
2010-11	15-0	50-3.3	7-13/.538	0-1/.000	3-4/.750	1-5-6/0.4	6-0	4	3	2	1	17-1.1
2011-12	22-8	420-19.1	64-110/.582	0-2/.000	20-26/.769	13-44-57/2.6	39-1	26	24	4	9	148-6.7
Totals	37-8	470-12.7	71-123/.577	0-3/.000	23-30/.767	14-49-63/1.7	45-1	30	27	6	10	165-4.5

BERTRAND'S CAREER/SEASON HIGHS

MINUTES

Career: 38 vs. Wisconsin (1/22/12)

Season: 38 vs. Wisconsin (1/22/12)

POINTS

Career: 25 vs. Nebraska (1/7/12)

Season: 25 vs. Nebraska (1/7/12)

FIELD GOALS

Career: 11 vs. Nebraska (1/7/12)

Season: 11 vs. Nebraska (1/7/12)

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Career: 12, twice; last vs. Wisconsin (1/22/12)

Season: 12, twice; last vs. Wisconsin (1/22/12)

3-POINT FIELD GOALS

Career: 0

Season: 0

3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Career: 1, three times; last vs. Minnesota (12/27/11)

Season: 1, twice; last vs. Minnesota (12/27/11)

FREE THROWS

Career: 5 vs. Lipscomb (11/17/11)

Season: 5 vs. Lipscomb (11/17/11)

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS

Career: 6 vs. Lipscomb (11/17/11)

Season: 6 vs. Lipscomb (11/17/11)

REBOUNDS

Career: 8, twice; last at Northwestern (1/4/12)

Season: 8, twice; last at Northwestern (1/4/12)

ASSISTS

Career: 5 vs. Wisconsin (1/22/12)

Season: 5 vs. Wisconsin (1/22/12)

BLOCKS

Career: 2 vs. Minnesota (12/27/11)

Season: 2 vs. Minnesota (12/27/11)

STEALS

Career: 1, 10 times; last at Minnesota (1/28/12)

Season: 1, nine times; last at Minnesota (1/28/12)



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BAMAKO, MALI // HUNTINGTON (W.VA.) PREP

2011-12 Notes: Played in 12 games this season and scored five points ... Saw first career action in opener vs. Loyola Chicago ... Grabbed first career rebound vs. SIU Edwardsville ... Had two rebounds in five minutes vs. Lipscomb ... Scored first career points with three vs. Chicago State ... Hit a free throw and took a charge in 12 minutes vs. Gonzaga.

Career Notes: Enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, general curriculum ... Attended final two years of high school in the United States after arriving from Mali ... Spent his senior year at Huntington Prep in West Virginia, averaging 10 points, eight rebounds and three blocks ... Helped lead Huntington Prep to a 25-3 record against a national schedule ... Scored a season-high 25 points vs. Kestrel Heights (N.C.).

DJIMDE'S CAREER HIGHS

MINUTES

Season: 13 vs. Chicago State (11/27/11)

POINTS

Season: 3 vs. Chicago State (11/27/11)

FIELD GOALS

Season: 1 vs. Chicago State (11/27/11)

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Season: 2 vs. Chicago State (11/27/11)

3-POINT FIELD GOALS

Season: 0

3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Season: 0

FREE THROWS

Season: 1, three times; last vs. Coppin State (12/11/11)

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS

Season: 2, three times; last vs. Coppin State (12/11/11)

REBOUNDS

Season: 2, three times; last vs. Cornell (12/19/11)

ASSISTS

Season: 0

BLOCKS

Season: 0

STEALS

Season: 1 at Purdue (12/31/11)

DJIMDE'S 2011-12 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
11-11	Loyola Chicago	1-0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0
11-14	SIU Edwardsville	1-0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
11-17	Lipscomb	1-0	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2-2	1	0	0	0	0	0
11-22	vs. Richmond		DNP										
11-23	vs. Illinois State		DNP										
11-27	Chicago State	1-0	13	1-2	0-0	1-2	0-2-2	3	0	1	0	0	3
11-29	at Maryland	1-0	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
12-3	Gonzaga	1-0	12	0-1	0-0	1-2	0-1-1	0	0	1	0	0	1
12-7	St. Bonaventure	1-0	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
12-11	Coppin State	1-0	2	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-0-1	0	0	1	0	0	1
12-17	vs. UNLV		DNP										
12-19	Cornell	1-0	3	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-2-2	1	0	0	0	0	0
12-22	vs. Missouri		DNP										
12-27	Minnesota		DNP										
12-31	at Purdue	1-0	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	0	0	0	0	1	0
1-4	at Northwestern		DNP										
1-7	Nebraska	1-0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	2	0	1	0	0	0
1-10	Ohio State		DNP										
1-19	at Penn State		DNP										
1-22	Wisconsin		DNP										
1-28	at Minnesota		DNP										
1-31	Michigan State	1-0	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2-5	Northwestern												
2-9	at Indiana												
2-12	at Michigan												
2-15	Purdue												
2-18	at Nebraska												
2-21	at Ohio State												
2-26	Iowa												
3-1	Michigan												
3-4	at Wisconsin												

DJIMDE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2011-12	12-0	53-4.4	1-6/.167	0-0/.000	3-7/.429	2-10-12/1.0	9-0	0	5	0	1	5-0.4



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CHICAGO, ILL. // ST. IGNATIUS H.S.

2011-12 Notes: Played in all 22 games, averaging 2.0 ppg, 1.7 rpg and 0.8 bpg off the bench ... Earned first career start in opener vs. Loyola Chicago, totaling four points, six rebounds and three blocks ... Four points, three steals and two blocks vs. SIU Edwardsville ... Four points and four blocks vs. Lipscomb ... Reached double figures for the first time with 11 points on 5-of-7 shooting vs. Chicago State ... Grabbed five rebounds and had three blocks vs. Minnesota ... Scored nine points on 3-of-3 shooting from the field and free throw line in eight minutes at Northwestern.

Career Notes: Enrolled in the Division of General Studies ... Averaged 16 points, 10 rebounds and five blocks as a senior at St. Ignatius, earning first-team All-State honors by the *Associated Press, Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette* and Illinois Basketball Coaches Association, second-team All-State by the *Chicago Sun-Times* and third-team All-State by the *Chicago Tribune* ... Chicago Catholic League-North Division Co-Athlete of the Year, along with current Illini teammate Mike Shaw.

EGWU'S CAREER HIGHS

MINUTES
Season: 22 vs. Loyola Chicago (11/11/11)

POINTS
Season: 11 vs. Chicago State (11/27/11)

FIELD GOALS
Season: 5 vs. Chicago State (11/27/11)

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS
Season: 7 vs. Chicago State (11/27/11)

3-POINT FIELD GOALS
Season: 0

3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS
Season: 0

FREE THROWS
Season: 3 at Northwestern (1/4/12)

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS
Season: 3 at Northwestern (1/4/12)

REBOUNDS
Season: 6 vs. Loyola Chicago (11/11/11)

ASSISTS
Season: 1, three times; last vs. UNLV (12/17/11)

BLOCKS
Season: 4 vs. Lipscomb (11/17/11)

STEALS
Season: 3 vs. SIU Edwardsville (11/14/11)

EGWU'S 2011-12 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
11-11	Loyola Chicago	1-1	22	2-4	0-0	0-0	3-3-6	2	0	2	3	1	4
11-14	SIU Edwardsville	1-0	14	2-4	0-0	0-1	1-2-3	1	1	2	2	3	4
11-17	Lipscomb	1-0	19	2-3	0-0	0-0	1-3-4	3	1	3	4	0	4
11-22	vs. Richmond	1-0	5	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
11-23	vs. Illinois State	1-0	11	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	5-1	0	0	1	0	2
11-27	Chicago State	1-0	14	5-7	0-0	1-1	1-1-2	4	1	1	0	0	11
11-29	at Maryland	1-0	6	1-1	0-0	0-0	2-1-3	2	0	1	1	0	2
12-3	Gonzaga	1-0	6	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	4	0	0	0	0	2
12-7	St. Bonaventure	1-0	13	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	1	0
12-11	Coppin State	1-0	6	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0-0	1	1	1	1	1	0
12-17	vs. UNLV	1-0	7	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	1	1	1	0	0	0
12-19	Cornell	1-0	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	2-0-2	0	0	1	0	0	0
12-22	vs. Missouri	1-0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
12-27	Minnesota	1-0	20	1-2	0-0	0-0	3-2-5	2	0	1	3	0	2
12-31	at Purdue	1-0	12	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-1-2	2	0	0	0	0	0
1-4	at Northwestern	1-0	8	3-3	0-0	3-3	0-0-0	1	0	0	1	0	9
1-7	Nebraska	1-0	15	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2-2	3	0	2	0	0	0
1-10	Ohio State	1-0	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
1-19	at Penn State	1-0	6	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	2
1-22	Wisconsin	1-0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	3	0	2	0	0	0
1-28	at Minnesota	1-0	18	1-3	0-0	0-0	2-2-4	3	0	0	0	0	2
1-31	Michigan State	1-0	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	4	0	1	1	0	0
2-5	Northwestern												
2-9	at Indiana												
2-12	at Michigan												
2-15	Purdue												
2-18	at Nebraska												
2-21	at Ohio State												
2-26	Iowa												
3-1	Michigan												
3-4	at Wisconsin												

EGWU'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2011-12	22-1	230-10.5	20-40/50.0	0-0/0.00	4-9/44.4	17-20-37/1.7	45-1	5	18	17	6	44-2.0



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WILDWOOD, MO. // LAFAYETTE H.S.

2011-12 Notes: Has started 15 games and seen action in every contest this season, averaging 5.0 ppg ... Third on the team in rebounding at 3.5 rpg ... Scored 10 points in season opener vs. Loyola Chicago ... Recorded his first career double-double vs. SIU Edwardsville, pulling down a career-high 14 rebounds and scoring 10 points ... Played a career-high 36 minutes and scored eight points vs. Richmond in Cancun ... Matched his season high with 10 points vs. Chicago State ... Posted seven points, six rebounds, three assists and two blocks at Maryland ... Equaled career high with three steals vs. Gonzaga ... Notched eight points on 4-of-5 shooting vs. Coppin State ... Scored five points in five minutes at Penn State.

Career Notes: Majoring in kinesiology ... Played in 26 games last year, averaging 1.6 points and 1.2 rebounds ... Scored a season-high nine points vs. Maryland (11/19/10), hitting a career-best three 3-pointers ... Played in 32 games as a freshman, starting four times, and averaged 3.3 points and 1.8 rebounds ... Shot 52.5 percent from the field ... Scored career-high 13 points vs. Ohio State in Big Ten Tournament semifinal (3/13/10) ... Lafayette High School's all-time leading scorer and rebounder ... Averaged 20.1 points and 8.8 rebounds as a senior, earning Class 5 All-State selection by Missouri Basketball Coaches Association and first-team All-State honors by the Missouri Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association.

GRIFFEY'S CAREER/SEASON HIGHS

MINUTES

Career: 36 vs. Richmond (11/22/11)
Season: 36 vs. Richmond (11/22/11)

POINTS

Career: 13 vs. Ohio State (3/13/10)
Season: 10, three times; last vs. Chicago State (11/27/11)

FIELD GOALS

Career: 5, twice; last vs. Ohio State (3/13/10)
Season: 4, five times; last vs. Cornell (12/19/11)

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Career: 10 vs. Loyola Chicago (11/11/11)
Season: 10 vs. Loyola Chicago (11/11/11)

3-POINT FIELD GOALS

Career: 3 vs. Maryland (11/19/10)
Season: 2, twice; last vs. St. Bonaventure (12/7/11)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Career: 5, three times; last at Maryland (11/29/11)
Season: 5, twice; last at Maryland (11/29/11)

FREE THROWS

Career: 4, twice; last vs. SIU Edwardsville (11/14/11)
Season: 4 vs. SIU Edwardsville (11/14/11)

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS

Career: 5 vs. SIU Edwardsville (11/14/11)
Season: 5 vs. SIU Edwardsville (11/14/11)

REBOUNDS

Career: 14 vs. SIU Edwardsville (11/14/11)
Season: 14 vs. SIU Edwardsville (11/14/11)

ASSISTS

Career: 3 at Maryland (11/29/11)
Season: 3 at Maryland (11/29/11)

BLOCKS

Career: 2 at Maryland (11/29/11)
Season: 2 at Maryland (11/29/11)

STEALS

Career: 3, twice; last vs. Gonzaga (12/3/11)
Season: 3 vs. Gonzaga (12/3/11)

GRIFFEY'S 2011-12 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
11-11	Loyola Chicago	1-1	16	4-10	2-5	0-0	2-2-4	3	0	1	1	0	10
11-14	SIU Edwardsville	1-1	25	3-6	0-2	4-5	5-9-14	2	2	1	0	0	10
11-17	Lipscomb	1-1	22	2-6	0-1	1-2	1-5-6	2	0	0	0	1	5
11-22	vs. Richmond	1-1	36	3-9	0-1	2-2	2-3-5	2	0	2	0	1	8
11-23	vs. Illinois State	1-1	18	1-2	1-1	0-0	1-0-1	4	0	0	1	0	3
11-27	Chicago State	1-1	15	4-7	1-2	1-1	2-1-3	1	1	0	0	0	10
11-29	at Maryland	1-1	30	3-8	1-5	0-1	1-5-6	0	3	0	2	0	7
12-3	Gonzaga	1-1	24	4-7	0-3	0-0	1-2-3	4	0	2	1	3	8
12-7	St. Bonaventure	1-1	29	2-4	2-3	0-0	1-1-2	2	0	1	1	1	6
12-11	Coppin State	1-1	16	4-5	0-0	0-0	3-1-4	0	1	0	1	0	8
12-17	vs. UNLV	1-1	27	3-5	0-1	0-0	3-1-4	2	1	1	0	0	6
12-19	Cornell	1-1	26	4-8	0-1	0-0	1-6-7	4	0	4	1	0	8
12-22	vs. Missouri	1-1	12	1-3	0-0	0-0	2-1-3	1	0	3	0	0	2
12-27	Minnesota	1-1	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	2	1	1	0	1	0
12-31	at Purdue	1-0	12	1-3	1-3	0-0	0-0-0	2	1	1	0	0	3
1-4	at Northwestern	1-0	5	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	2	0	0	2
1-7	Nebraska	1-1	20	0-3	0-1	1-2	0-2-2	1	0	0	1	0	1
1-10	Ohio State	1-0	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	2	0
1-19	at Penn State	1-0	5	1-2	1-2	2-2	1-2-3	1	0	0	0	0	5
1-22	Wisconsin	1-0	10	0-1	0-1	0-0	2-0-2	1	0	1	0	0	0
1-28	at Minnesota	1-0	9	1-2	1-1	0-0	1-1-2	0	0	1	0	0	3
1-31	Michigan State		DNP										
2-5	Northwestern												
2-9	at Indiana												
2-12	at Michigan												
2-15	Purdue												
2-18	at Nebraska												
2-21	at Ohio State												
2-26	Iowa												
3-1	Michigan												
3-4	at Wisconsin												

GRIFFEY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2009-10	32-4	270-8.4	42-80/.525	7-20/.350	14-16/.875	22-34-56/1.8	38-0	11	13	4	10	105-3.3
2010-11	26-0	169-6.5	14-42/.333	4-11/.364	10-15/.667	11-19-30/1.2	21-0	1	12	3	5	42-1.6
2011-12	21-15	368-17.5	42-93/.452	10-34/.294	11-15/.733	30-43-73/3.5	34-0	10	21	9	9	105-5.0
Totals	79-19	807-10.2	98-215/.456	21-65/.323	35-46/.761	63-96-159/2.0	93-0	22	46	16	24	252-3.2



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CHICAGO, ILL. // ORR H.S.

2011-12 Notes: Has played in 13 games and is averaging 3.2 ppg off the bench ... Saw first career action and made first basket in opener vs. Loyola Chicago ... Missed four of first five games with sprained ankle ... Scored a career-best 14 points on 6-of-10 shooting vs. Chicago State ... Tallied seven points in seven minutes at Purdue ... Posted six points at Northwestern and vs. Michigan State.

Career Notes: Enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, general curriculum ... Averaged 25 points and 11 rebounds as a senior at Orr, earning first-team All-State honors by the *Associated Press*, *Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette* and Illinois Basketball Coaches Association, second-team All-State by the *Chicago Sun-Times* and special mention All-State by the *Chicago Tribune*.

HENRY'S CAREER HIGHS

MINUTES

Season: 21 vs. Chicago State (11/27/11)

POINTS

Season: 14 vs. Chicago State (11/27/11)

FIELD GOALS

Season: 6 vs. Chicago State (11/27/11)

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Season: 10 vs. Chicago State (11/27/11)

3-POINT FIELD GOALS

Season: 1, four times; last vs. Nebraska (1/7/12)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Season: 3, twice; last at Purdue (12/31/11)

FREE THROWS

Season: 2, twice; last vs. Michigan State (1/31/12)

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS

Season: 2, five times; last vs. Michigan State (1/31/12)

REBOUNDS

Season: 3, four times; last vs. Michigan State (1/31/12)

ASSISTS

Season: 1, twice; last vs. Cornell (12/19/11)

BLOCKS

Season: 1, twice; last at Penn State (1/19/12)

STEALS

Season: 2 vs. Chicago State (11/27/11)

HENRY'S 2011-12 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
11-11	Loyola Chicago	1-0	4	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	1	0	2
11-14	SIU Edwardsville		DNP-Inj.										
11-17	Lipscomb		DNP-Inj.										
11-22	vs. Richmond		DNP-Inj.										
11-23	vs. Illinois State		DNP-Inj.										
11-27	Chicago State	1-0	21	6-10	1-3	1-2	0-3-3	3	1	0	0	2	14
11-29	at Maryland	1-0	5	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
12-3	Gonzaga	1-0	4	1-3	0-1	0-0	1-1-2	0	0	0	0	0	2
12-7	St. Bonaventure		DNP										
12-11	Coppin State	1-0	8	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	1	0	0	0	0	2
12-17	vs. UNLV	1-0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	1	0	1	0	0	2
12-19	Cornell	1-0	5	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	0	1	0	0	1	0
12-22	vs. Missouri		DNP										
12-27	Minnesota		DNP										
12-31	at Purdue	1-0	7	3-7	1-3	0-0	2-1-3	2	0	0	0	0	7
1-4	at Northwestern	1-0	15	2-5	1-2	1-2	2-1-3	2	0	0	0	0	6
1-7	Nebraska	1-0	8	1-2	1-2	2-2	0-0-0	2	0	0	0	0	5
1-10	Ohio State	1-0	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	1	0	1	0
1-19	at Penn State	1-0	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	1	0	0
1-22	Wisconsin		DNP										
1-28	at Minnesota	1-0	11	0-2	0-1	1-2	2-0-2	1	0	1	0	1	1
1-31	Michigan State	1-0	17	2-3	0-1	2-2	2-1-3	0	0	1	0	0	6
2-5	Northwestern												
2-9	at Indiana												
2-12	at Michigan												
2-15	Purdue												
2-18	at Nebraska												
2-21	at Ohio State												
2-26	Iowa												
3-1	Michigan												
3-4	at Wisconsin												

HENRY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2011-12	14-0	121-8.6	17-37/.459	4-15/.267	7-10/.700	9-10-19/1.4	14-0	2	4	2	5	45-3.2



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LANGFORD'S CAREER HIGHS

MINUTES
 Season:

POINTS
 Season:

FIELD GOALS
 Season:

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS
 Season:

3-POINT FIELD GOALS
 Season:

3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS
 Season:

FREE THROWS
 Season:

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS
 Season:

REBOUNDS
 Season:

ASSISTS
 Season:

BLOCKS
 Season:

STEALS
 Season:

2011-12 Notes: Suffered broken ring finger on left hand in practice Oct. 24 and underwent surgery Oct. 26.

Career Notes: Enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, general curriculum ... Averaged 21 points, 14 rebounds and seven assists as a senior, earning first-team All-State honors by the Alabama Sports Writers Association and elite first-team by the *Huntsville Times* ... Led Lee High School to the Alabama state title in class 5A as a junior, and state runner-up finish as a senior.

LANGFORD'S 2011-12 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
11-11	Loyola Chicago		DNP-Inj.										
11-14	SIU Edwardsville		DNP-Inj.										
11-17	Lipscomb		DNP-Inj.										
11-22	vs. Richmond		DNP-Inj.										
11-23	vs. Illinois State		DNP-Inj.										
11-27	Chicago State		DNP-Inj.										
11-29	at Maryland		DNP-Inj.										
12-3	Gonzaga		DNP-Inj.										
12-7	St. Bonaventure		DNP-Inj.										
12-11	Coppin State		DNP-Inj.										
12-17	vs. UNLV		DNP-Inj.										
12-19	Cornell		DNP-Inj.										
12-22	vs. Missouri		DNP-Inj.										
12-27	Minnesota		DNP										
12-31	at Purdue		DNP										
1-4	at Northwestern		DNP										
1-7	Nebraska		DNP										
1-10	Ohio State		DNP										
1-19	at Penn State		DNP										
1-22	Wisconsin		DNP										
1-28	at Minnesota		DNP										
1-31	Michigan State		DNP										
2-5	Northwestern												
2-9	at Indiana												
2-12	at Michigan												
2-15	Purdue												
2-18	at Nebraska												
2-21	at Ohio State												
2-26	Iowa												
3-1	Michigan												
3-4	at Wisconsin												

LANGFORD'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2011-12												



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ROBINSON, ILL. // ROBINSON H.S.

2011-12 Notes: Leads team in rebounding (8.0 rpg) – which is third in the Big Ten; field goal percentage at 56.6 percent (111-of-196) – which is seventh in the Big Ten and 16th in the NCAA; and blocks (2.1 bpg) – which is first in the Big Ten ... Second on team in scoring (13.0 ppg) ... Tallied a career-high six blocks vs. the Ramblers, equaling the fifth-highest single-game total in school history ... Posted first double-double with career-high 22 points and career-best 12 rebounds while also blocking five shots vs. Richmond in Cancun ... Turned in a game-high 21 points on 9-of-11 shooting in 24 minutes vs. Gonzaga ... Named Big Ten Co-Player of the Week after leading Illini to wins over Maryland and Gonzaga while averaging 16.5 points, six rebounds and two blocks in the Illini victories ... Secured a double-double vs. Coppin State with 18 points and 11 rebounds ... Notched a double-double with 19 points on 9-of-11 shooting and a career-high 16 rebounds vs. Cornell ... Turned in another double-double with 14 points and 13 rebounds to go along with a career-high five assists vs. Missouri ... Earned second career Big Ten Player of the Week honor following games against Missouri and Cornell ... Finished with third-straight and fifth-career double-double with 20 points and 11 rebounds to go along with five blocks vs. Minnesota ... Turned in team-high 12 points and eight rebounds along with the game-saving block at Northwestern ... Had 14 points against Jared Sullinger in game vs. Ohio State ... Earned sixth double-double with 16 points and 11 rebounds vs. Wisconsin ... Notched seventh double-double of season with 17 points and 13 rebounds to go along with four blocks at Minnesota.

Career Notes: Majoring in recreation, sport and tourism ... Played in 33 games last season, averaging 2.1 points and 1.2 rebounds ... Scored career-high 11 points vs. Northwestern (1/6/11) ... Made first career start at Minnesota (2/10/11) ... Averaged 19 points, 11 rebounds and 4.5 blocks as a senior, leading Robinson High School to the 2010 IHSA Class 2A State Championship ... Consensus first-team All-State selection by the *Associated Press*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette* and Illinois Basketball Coaches Association.

LEONARD'S 2011-12 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
11-11	Loyola Chicago	1-0	25	7-10	1-1	0-2	0-2-2	1	0	1	6	2	15
11-14	SIU Edwardsville	1-1	24	2-5	0-0	4-4	3-8-11	1	1	4	5	0	8
11-17	Lipscomb	1-1	12	3-4	0-0	2-2	1-4-5	4	0	2	2	0	8
11-22	vs. Richmond	1-1	35	7-12	0-0	8-10	6-6-12	2	2	0	5	1	22
11-23	vs. Illinois State	1-1	38	3-9	0-1	4-4	0-8-8	4	0	1	0	0	10
11-27	Chicago State	1-1	14	4-7	0-0	3-3	0-3-3	0	1	0	1	1	11
11-29	at Maryland	1-1	34	6-9	0-1	0-0	1-5-6	3	1	2	3	1	12
12-3	Gonzaga	1-1	24	9-11	0-0	3-4	2-4-6	4	1	0	1	0	21
12-7	St. Bonaventure	1-1	29	3-3	0-0	3-5	4-4-8	2	1	5	1	0	9
12-11	Coppin State	1-1	32	7-10	0-0	4-4	3-8-11	3	4	1	2	0	18
12-17	vs. UNLV	1-1	33	3-8	0-0	1-6	1-5-6	3	3	2	0	0	7
12-19	Cornell	1-1	35	9-11	0-0	1-2	4-12-16	1	2	3	3	0	19
12-22	vs. Missouri	1-1	38	6-13	0-0	2-2	5-8-13	3	5	3	2	2	14
12-27	Minnesota	1-1	42	6-10	0-0	8-9	2-9-11	3	1	5	5	0	20
12-31	at Purdue	1-1	24	2-4	0-1	3-4	2-4-6	3	0	3	0	0	7
1-4	at Northwestern	1-1	33	4-9	0-0	4-8	2-6-8	4	0	1	2	1	12
1-7	Nebraska	1-1	24	3-5	0-0	1-2	1-3-4	4	2	3	0	0	7
1-10	Ohio State	1-1	38	7-12	0-0	0-0	2-3-5	3	1	1	0	2	14
1-19	at Penn State	1-1	34	6-12	0-1	3-5	2-2-4	5-1	1	3	1	0	15
1-22	Wisconsin	1-1	38	6-12	0-1	4-5	2-9-11	1	0	2	0	0	16
1-28	at Minnesota	1-1	35	6-13	0-2	5-7	6-7-13	5-2	2	3	4	1	17
1-31	Michigan State	1-1	29	2-7	0-1	0-2	2-4-6	4	0	2	3	0	4
2-5	Northwestern												
2-9	at Indiana												
2-12	at Michigan												
2-15	Purdue												
2-18	at Nebraska												
2-21	at Ohio State												
2-26	Iowa												
3-1	Michigan												
3-4	at Wisconsin												

LEONARD'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A%	3PM-A%	FTM-A%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2010-11	33-1	272-8.2	28-58/.483	0-1/.000	12-17/.706	10-31-41/1.2	50-0	5	26	13	5	68-2.1
2011-12	22-21	670-30.5	111-196/.566	1-9/.111	63-90/.700	51-124-175/8.0	63-2	28	47	46	11	286-13.0
Totals	55-22	942-17.1	139-254/.547	1-10/.100	75-107/.701	61-155-216/3.9	113-2	33	73	59	16	354-6.4

LEONARD'S CAREER/SEASON HIGHS

MINUTES

Career: 42 vs. Minnesota (12/27/11)
Season: 42 vs. Minnesota (12/27/11)

POINTS

Career: 22 vs. Richmond (11/22/11)
Season: 22 vs. Richmond (11/22/11)

FIELD GOALS

Career: 9, twice; last vs. Cornell (12/19/11)
Season: 9, twice; last vs. Cornell (12/19/11)

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Career: 13, twice; last at Minnesota (1/28/12)
Season: 13, twice; last at Minnesota (1/28/12)

3-POINT FIELD GOALS

Career: 1 vs. Loyola Chicago (11/11/11)
Season: 1 vs. Loyola Chicago (11/11/11)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Career: 2 at Minnesota (1/28/12)
Season: 2 at Minnesota (1/28/12)

FREE THROWS

Career: 8, twice; last vs. Minnesota (12/27/11)
Season: 8, twice; last vs. Minnesota (12/27/11)

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS

Career: 10 vs. Richmond (11/22/11)
Season: 10 vs. Richmond (11/22/11)

REBOUNDS

Career: 16 vs. Cornell (12/19/11)
Season: 16 vs. Cornell (12/19/11)

ASSISTS

Career: 5 vs. Missouri (12/22/11)
Season: 5 vs. Missouri (12/22/11)

BLOCKS

Career: 6 vs. Loyola Chicago (11/11/11)
Season: 6 vs. Loyola Chicago (11/11/11)

STEALS

Career: 2, three times; last vs. Missouri (12/22/11)
Season: 2, twice; last vs. Missouri (12/22/11)

DOUBLE-DOUBLES

Career: 7, last at Minnesota (1/28/12): 17 p, 13 r
Season: 7, last at Minnesota (1/28/12): 17 p, 13 r



O SAM MANISCALCO

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CHICAGO, ILL. // ST. PATRICK H.S. // BRADLEY UNIVERSITY

2011-12 Notes: Fourth on team in scoring (7.9 ppg), third in threes made (21) and second in assists (2.6 apg) ... Played 19 minutes in his Illini debut, totaling five points and three assists in the opener vs. Loyola Chicago ... Scored 15 points vs. Lipscomb ... Named to all-tournament team at the Cancun Challenge ... Totaled 19 points on 7-of-13 shooting vs. Richmond in Cancun ... Scored 14 points, including five in the final minute, vs. Illinois State in Cancun ... Notched high game by an Illini this season with 24 points, including 5-of-8 from three and 7-of-7 from the free throw line, at Maryland ... Posted season highs with six assists and four steals to go along with 10 points vs. Gonzaga ... Matched season high with six assists vs. Cornell ... Played a season-high 36 minutes and scored 10 points vs. Minnesota.

Career Notes: Enrolled in the master's program in recreation, sport and tourism ... Attended Bradley University from 2008-11, earning a bachelor's degree in sports communication in May 2011 ... Played in 111 career games at Bradley, posting totals of 1,210 points and 355 assists ... Three-year team co-captain ... Started the first six games last season before he was sidelined for the remainder of the season by an ankle injury and subsequent surgery ... Averaged 13.1 points and 3.4 assists as a junior, earning second-team All-Missouri Valley Conference honors and second-team NABC All-District 16 accolades ... 2010 MVC All-Tournament Team ... 2010 First-team MVC Scholar-Athlete and NABC Honors Court ... Scored a career-high 31 points vs. Creighton in the MVC Tournament quarterfinal (3/5/10) ... Averaged 12.6 points and 3.1 assists as a sophomore ... 2009 Second-team MVC Scholar Athelte ... Averaged 7.7 points and 3.0 assists as a freshman, earning a spot on the MVC All-Newcomer and All-Freshmen Teams.

MANISCALCO'S UI CAREER HIGHS

MINUTES

Season: 36 vs. Minnesota (12/27/11)

POINTS

Season: 24 at Maryland (11/29/11)

FIELD GOALS

Season: 7 vs. Richmond (11/22/11)

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Season: 13 vs. Richmond (11/22/11)

3-POINT FIELD GOALS

Season: 5 at Maryland (11/29/11)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Season: 8 at Maryland (11/29/11)

FREE THROWS

Season: 7 at Maryland (11/29/11)

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS

Season: 7 at Maryland (11/29/11)

REBOUNDS

Season: 4, twice; last vs. St. Bonaventure (12/7/11)

ASSISTS

Season: 6, twice; last vs. Cornell (12/19/11)

BLOCKS

Season: 0

STEALS

Season: 4 vs. Gonzaga (12/3/11)

MANISCALCO'S 2011-12 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
11-11	Loyola Chicago	1-0	19	2-4	1-3	0-0	1-1-2	2	3	0	0	0	5
11-14	SIU Edwardsville	1-0	24	2-4	2-4	2-3	0-3-3	1	2	3	0	0	8
11-17	Lipscomb	1-0	22	4-7	1-3	6-6	0-1-1	1	3	2	0	2	15
11-22	vs. Richmond	1-1	29	7-13	1-5	4-5	0-3-3	4	3	1	0	0	19
11-23	vs. Illinois State	1-1	34	5-10	1-5	3-4	0-1-1	1	2	3	0	0	14
11-27	Chicago State	1-1	13	3-4	2-3	0-0	1-2-3	0	2	1	0	1	8
11-29	at Maryland	1-1	34	6-11	5-8	7-7	1-1-2	1	0	2	0	0	24
12-3	Gonzaga	1-1	31	3-8	0-2	4-4	0-4-4	1	6	3	0	4	10
12-7	St. Bonaventure	1-1	32	2-10	1-5	0-0	0-4-4	1	2	1	0	1	5
12-11	Coppin State	1-1	29	5-9	2-6	0-0	0-2-2	1	5	0	0	2	12
12-17	vs. UNLV	1-1	35	1-10	1-7	3-4	2-1-3	1	2	1	0	0	6
12-19	Cornell	1-1	33	1-7	1-5	2-2	0-2-2	2	6	0	0	1	5
12-22	vs. Missouri	1-1	26	3-8	1-5	0-0	0-0-0	3	2	2	0	0	7
12-27	Minnesota	1-1	36	4-7	2-5	0-0	0-3-3	0	3	0	0	0	10
12-31	at Purdue	1-1	18	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-3-3	2	2	0	0	0	0
1-4	at Northwestern												
1-7	Nebraska												
1-10	Ohio State												
1-19	at Penn State	1-0	27	0-5	0-3	0-0	1-1-2	0	3	2	0	0	0
1-22	Wisconsin	1-0	13	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1-1	1	0	1	0	1	0
1-28	at Minnesota	1-0	34	1-4	0-3	1-2	0-3-3	3	2	1	0	1	3
1-31	Michigan State	1-0	18	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0
2-5	Northwestern												
2-9	at Indiana												
2-12	at Michigan												
2-15	Purdue												
2-18	at Nebraska												
2-21	at Ohio State												
2-26	Iowa												
3-1	Michigan												
3-4	at Wisconsin												

MANISCALCO'S CAREER UI STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2011-12	19-13	507-26.7	49-125/.392	21-76/.276	32-39/.821	6-36-42/2.2	26-0	49	23	0	13	151-7.9



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GURNEE, ILL. // WARREN H.S.

2011-12 Notes: First in the Big Ten in scoring in conference games only at 19.8 ppg and the team leader for all games at 14.8 ppg ... Also leads team in assists (3.0 apg) and double-digit scoring games (18) and ranks second in rebounding (5.1 rpg) ... Scored a game-high 17 points, which included 11 of the team's final 15 points, to lead the comeback vs. St. Bonaventure ... Scored 15 points, including two jumpers in the final two minutes to put the Illini ahead vs. Cornell ... Posted first career double-double with 19 points and 10 rebounds vs. Missouri ... Tallied 21 points and matched a career best with six assists while playing a career-high 48 minutes vs. Minnesota ... Scored a team-high 17 points and equaled a career high with five steals at Purdue ... Named Oscar Robertson National Player of the Week and Big Ten Player of the Week following his record-setting performance vs. Ohio State ... His 43 points against the Buckeyes are the third-most in a game in school history and equaled the second-highest single-game total in the NCAA this season, behind only Creighton's Doug McDermott (44) ... Made a career-best 8-of-10 from three-point range vs. OSU to match the Illinois record for most threes in a game along with Dee Brown, Trent Meacham and Kevin Turner ... Also scored Illinois' final 15 points of the game over the last 2:40, outscoring Ohio State 15-8 down the stretch ... Played all 40 minutes and scored 20 points at Penn State ... Turned in second-best scoring performance of career with 28 points and nine rebounds at Minnesota ... Tallied a game-high 18 points, including 13 of team's 20 second half points, vs. Michigan State.

Career Notes: Majoring in recreation, sport and tourism ... Fourth on the team in scoring last season, averaging 9.0 points ... Led team in steals (1.1 spg), was second in assists (2.1 apg) and also averaged 3.1 rebounds ... Had three 20-point games, highlighted by a career-high 23 vs. Purdue (2/13/11) ... Made career-high six 3-pointers vs. UC Irvine (11/8/10) ... Played in all 36 games as a freshman, starting 14 times ... Averaged 7.8 points and 3.1 rebounds and ranked third on team with 42 offensive boards ... Set Illini freshman scoring record in a debut with 22 points vs. SIU Edwardsville (11/13/10) ... Averaged 19.8 points, 7.3 rebounds and 3.0 steals as a senior at Warren High School ... 2009 Illinois Mr. Basketball, as selected by *Chicago Tribune* and Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) ... Consensus first-team All-State pick by the *Associated Press*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette* and IBCA.

PAUL'S 2011-12 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
11-11	Loyola Chicago	1-1	27	5-11	1-4	3-5	1-2-3	3	3	1	1	1	14
11-14	SIU Edwardsville	1-1	24	2-9	1-4	2-3	2-4-6	3	4	4	2	0	7
11-17	Lipscomb	1-1	32	6-12	0-3	0-3	1-2-3	3	3	3	0	2	12
11-22	vs. Richmond	1-1	19	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-0-0	3	2	2	0	1	0
11-23	vs. Illinois State	1-1	33	2-11	1-5	7-8	1-4-5	0	6	0	1	0	12
11-27	Chicago State	1-1	16	0-2	0-2	2-4	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	1	2
11-29	at Maryland	1-1	36	5-14	1-4	6-6	2-5-7	3	3	4	0	2	17
12-3	Gonzaga	1-1	32	5-11	1-3	2-2	1-3-4	3	5	3	0	0	13
12-7	St. Bonaventure	1-1	33	4-11	1-6	8-12	1-4-5	2	5	3	0	3	17
12-11	Coppin State	1-1	27	4-9	3-5	1-2	0-6-6	0	3	2	0	0	12
12-17	vs. UNLV	1-1	25	2-12	1-6	2-4	1-3-4	5	1	3	1	5	7
12-19	Cornell	1-1	28	4-8	1-3	6-7	0-4-4	2	3	4	1	1	15
12-22	vs. Missouri	1-1	35	8-16	3-7	0-0	1-9-10	3	2	6	0	0	19
12-27	Minnesota	1-1	48	5-16	3-8	8-10	1-6-7	3	6	5	0	2	21
12-31	at Purdue	1-1	33	7-15	2-7	1-1	1-1-2	3	2	3	0	5	17
1-4	at Northwestern	1-1	39	4-12	1-2	1-3	1-3-4	2	4	6	1	2	10
1-7	Nebraska	1-1	39	4-13	1-5	2-4	1-5-6	3	3	1	1	2	11
1-10	Ohio State	1-1	36	11-15	8-10	13-15	2-6-8	2	2	7	4	2	43
1-19	at Penn State	1-1	40	5-11	4-9	6-6	2-4-6	2	3	5	1	2	20
1-22	Wisconsin	1-1	33	3-11	0-2	4-4	0-5-5	4	0	1	0	1	10
1-28	at Minnesota	1-1	43	9-23	1-8	9-12	3-6-9	4	2	6	3	2	28
1-31	Michigan State	1-1	40	6-17	1-6	5-9	1-8-9	1	5	4	2	2	18
2-5	Northwestern												
2-9	at Indiana												
2-12	at Michigan												
2-15	Purdue												
2-18	at Nebraska												
2-21	at Ohio State												
2-26	Iowa												
3-1	Michigan												
3-4	at Wisconsin												

PAUL'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2009-10	36-14	682-18.9	93-279/.333	36-129/.279	58-90/.644	42-68-110/3.1	62-3	46	46	5	29	280-7.8
2010-11	34-10	760-22.4	99-248/.399	43-119/.361	66-86/.767	22-84-106/3.1	63-0	72	61	12	36	307-9.0
2011-12	22-22	718-32.6	101-261/.387	35-109/.321	88-121/.727	23-90-113/5.1	55-1	67	73	18	36	325-14.8
Totals	92-46	2160-23.5	293-788/.372	114-357/.319	212-297/.714	87-242-329/3.6	180-4	185	180	35	101	912-9.9

PAUL'S CAREER/SEASON HIGHS

MINUTES

Career: 48 vs. Minnesota (12/27/11)
Season: 48 vs. Minnesota (12/27/11)

POINTS

Career: 43 vs. Ohio State (1/10/12)
Season: 43 vs. Ohio State (1/10/12)

FIELD GOALS

Career: 11 vs. Ohio State (1/10/12)
Season: 11 vs. Ohio State (1/10/12)

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Career: 23 at Minnesota (1/28/12)
Season: 23 at Minnesota (1/28/12)

3-POINT FIELD GOALS

Career: 8 vs. Ohio State (1/10/12)
Season: 8 vs. Ohio State (1/10/12)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Career: 10 vs. Ohio State (1/10/12)
Season: 10 vs. Ohio State (1/10/12)

FREE THROWS

Career: 13 vs. Ohio State (1/10/12)
Season: 13 vs. Ohio State (1/10/12)

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS

Career: 15 vs. Ohio State (1/10/12)
Season: 15 vs. Ohio State (1/10/12)

REBOUNDS

Career: 10 vs. Missouri (12/22/11)
Season: 10 vs. Missouri (12/22/11)

ASSISTS

Career: 6, twice; last vs. Minnesota (12/27/11)
Season: 6, twice; last vs. Minnesota (12/27/11)

BLOCKS

Career: 4 vs. Ohio State (1/10/12)
Season: 4 vs. Ohio State (1/10/12)

STEALS

Career: 5, four times; last at Purdue (12/31/11)
Season: 5, twice; last at Purdue (12/31/11)



1 D.J. RICHARDSON

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PEORIA, ILL. // CENTRAL H.S. // FINDLAY (NEV.) PREP

2011-12 Notes: Third on team in scoring at 12.3 ppg, first in three-point shooting at 37.9 percent (50-of-132), and second in double-digit scoring games with 15 ... Ranks third in Big Ten with 50 three-pointers made ... Tied career high with three steals in season opener vs. Loyola Chicago ... Matched career high with 20 points on 7-of-12 shooting vs. SIU Edwardsville ... Named MVP of the Cancun Challenge, the first all-tournament honor of his career ... Scored 15 points and had five rebounds vs. Richmond in Cancun ... Matched career high with five assists in 18 minutes vs. Chicago State ... Grabbed a career-high six rebounds at Maryland ... Hit four three-pointers while scoring 19 points vs. Gonzaga ... Equaled a career high with 20 points on 7-of-13 shooting vs. Coppin State ... Scored a game-high 19 points, had a career-high eight rebounds and tied career high with five made threes against UNLV at the United Center ... Had 17 points and matched a career high with five threes vs. Cornell ... Limited to 21 minutes of action vs. Nebraska due to a wrist injury ... Played all 40 minutes and scored 10 points vs. Ohio State ... Equaled career high with five assists at Penn State.

Career Notes: Majoring in communication ... Started 30 games last season and ranked fifth on the team in scoring, averaging 8.4 points ... Second on the team with 55 three-pointers ... Scored season-high 17 points at Iowa (12/29/10) ... Big Ten Freshman of the Year by coaches and Big Ten All-Freshman Team ... Started 35 games and was team's fourth-leading scorer, averaging 10.5 points, along with 2.7 rebounds ... Eighth in Big Ten in 3-point field goal shooting at 39 percent ... Made 69 three-pointers, second-most ever by an Illini freshman ... Scored career-high 20 points at Penn State (1/27/10) ... Averaged 12 points, 4.1 rebounds, 2.8 assists and 1.6 steals as a senior at Findlay Prep in Henderson, Nev. ... Helped lead Findlay to a perfect 33-0 record and national championship after winning the 2009 ESPN Rise National High School Invitational ... Fourth-Team Parade Magazine All-American.

RICHARDSON'S 2011-12 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
11-11	Loyola Chicago	1-1	30	1-8	1-7	2-2	1-2-3	1	1	1	1	3	5
11-14	SIU Edwardsville	1-1	31	7-12	3-6	3-4	1-1-2	0	3	0	0	1	20
11-17	Lipscomb	1-1	24	7-12	3-5	0-0	1-1-2	2	1	2	0	2	17
11-22	vs. Richmond	1-1	38	3-8	2-4	7-8	1-4-5	0	0	2	0	1	15
11-23	vs. Illinois State	1-1	35	5-10	3-7	0-0	1-1-2	0	2	1	1	0	13
11-27	Chicago State	1-1	18	4-10	3-8	0-0	1-1-2	1	5	1	1	1	11
11-29	at Maryland	1-1	25	2-8	0-4	2-2	4-2-6	3	1	0	0	0	6
12-3	Gonzaga	1-1	36	6-11	4-7	3-5	0-2-2	1	1	0	0	1	19
12-7	St. Bonaventure	1-1	37	4-13	3-10	0-0	0-0-0	0	1	1	0	2	11
12-11	Coppin State	1-1	32	7-13	4-8	2-2	0-1-1	2	2	0	1	0	20
12-17	vs. UNLV	1-1	33	6-17	5-8	2-2	1-7-8	3	2	2	0	0	19
12-19	Cornell	1-1	37	6-13	5-10	0-0	3-0-3	1	3	1	0	0	17
12-22	vs. Missouri	1-1	39	4-9	0-3	5-7	0-1-1	2	1	0	0	1	13
12-27	Minnesota	1-1	42	5-13	2-6	1-2	1-4-5	2	2	3	0	0	13
12-31	at Purdue	1-1	36	7-13	1-3	0-0	3-3-6	1	1	4	0	0	15
1-4	at Northwestern	1-1	38	3-7	2-4	0-2	0-2-2	1	4	2	1	1	8
1-7	Nebraska	1-0	21	1-4	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	1	2
1-10	Ohio State	1-1	40	3-8	3-7	1-2	0-2-2	0	4	1	0	0	10
1-19	at Penn State	1-1	37	2-11	2-7	0-0	1-3-4	2	5	2	0	1	6
1-22	Wisconsin	1-1	39	5-12	2-5	1-1	0-3-3	2	1	1	0	0	13
1-28	at Minnesota	1-1	41	3-9	1-6	2-2	0-1-1	3	2	2	0	1	9
1-31	Michigan State	1-1	39	4-12	1-6	0-0	1-2-3	1	1	2	0	1	9
2-5	Northwestern												
2-9	at Indiana												
2-12	at Michigan												
2-15	Purdue												
2-18	at Nebraska												
2-21	at Ohio State												
2-26	Iowa												
3-1	Michigan												
3-4	at Wisconsin												

RICHARDSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A%	3PM-A%	FTM-A%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2009-10	36-35	1112-30.9	124-311/.399	69-177/.390	62-80/.775	18-79-97/2.7	74-1	75	60	6	24	379-10.5
2010-11	34-30	911-26.8	102-246/.415	55-143/.385	25-33/.758	11-50-61/1.8	65-1	63	39	7	23	284-8.4
2011-12	22-21	748-34.0	95-233/.408	50-132/.379	31-41/.756	20-43-63/2.9	28-0	43	28	5	17	271-12.3
Totals	92-86	2771-30.1	321-790/.406	174-452/.385	118-154/.766	49-172-221/2.4	167-2	181	127	18	64	934-10.2

RICHARDSON'S CAREER/SEASON HIGHS

MINUTES

Career: 45 vs. Ohio State (3/13/10)
Season: 42 vs. Minnesota (12/27/11)

POINTS

Career: 20, three times; last vs. Coppin State (12/11/11)
Season: 20, twice; last vs. Coppin State (12/11/11)

FIELD GOALS

Career: 7, six times; last at Purdue (12/31/11)
Season: 7, four times; last at Purdue (12/31/11)

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Career: 18 vs. Ohio State (3/13/10)
Season: 17 vs. UNLV (12/17/11)

3-POINT FIELD GOALS

Career: 5, five times; last vs. Cornell (12/19/11)
Season: 5 vs. Cornell (12/19/11)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Career: 10, four times; last vs. Cornell (12/19/11)
Season: 10, twice; last vs. Cornell (12/19/11)

FREE THROWS

Career: 8, twice; last at Penn State (1/27/10)
Season: 7 vs. Richmond (11/22/11)

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS

Career: 10 vs. SIU Edwardsville (11/13/09)
Season: 8 vs. Richmond (11/22/11)

REBOUNDS

Career: 8 vs. UNLV (12/17/11)
Season: 8 vs. UNLV (12/17/11)

ASSISTS

Career: 5, six times; last at Penn State (1/19/12)
Season: 5, twice; last at Penn State (1/19/12)

BLOCKS

Career: 1, 18 times; last at Northwestern (1/4/12)
Season: 1, five times; last at Northwestern (1/4/12)

STEALS

Career: 3, five times; last vs. Loyola Chicago (11/11/11)
Season: 3 vs. Loyola Chicago (11/11/11)



25 JEAN SELUS

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MONTREAL, QUEBEC // WEST ORANGE (FLA.) H.S. // PARKLAND (ILL.) COLLEGE

2011-12 Notes: Played in season opener vs. Loyola Chicago and entered contests vs. SIU Edwardsville, Lipscomb and Gonzaga ... Grabbed first career rebound and had second-ever assist vs. Chicago State ... Saw action at Purdue.

Career Notes: Majoring in African American Studies ... Walk-on joined the Illini program last season, appearing in six games and scoring first career point vs. Yale (11/23/10) ... Member of the basketball team at Parkland College – a junior college in Champaign – for two seasons in 2008 and 2009 ... Began high school career in Montreal but graduated from West Orange High School in Winter Garden, Fla.

SELUS' 2011-12 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
11-11	Loyola Chicago	1-0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11-14	SIU Edwardsville	1-0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11-17	Lipscomb	1-0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11-22	vs. Richmond		DNP										
11-23	vs. Illinois State		DNP										
11-27	Chicago State	1-0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	1	0	0	0	0
11-29	at Maryland		DNP										
12-3	Gonzaga	1-0	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12-7	St. Bonaventure		DNP										
12-11	Coppin State		DNP										
12-17	vs. UNLV		DNP										
12-19	Cornell		DNP										
12-22	vs. Missouri		DNP										
12-27	Minnesota		DNP										
12-31	at Purdue	1-0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-4	at Northwestern		DNP										
1-7	Nebraska		DNP										
1-10	Ohio State		DNP										
1-19	at Penn State		DNP										
1-22	Wisconsin		DNP										
1-28	at Minnesota		DNP										
1-31	Michigan State		DNP										
2-5	Northwestern												
2-9	at Indiana												
2-12	at Michigan												
2-15	Purdue												
2-18	at Nebraska												
2-21	at Ohio State												
2-26	Iowa												
3-1	Michigan												
3-4	at Wisconsin												

SELUS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2010-11	6-0	5-0.8	0-1/0.00	0-1/0.00	1-2/.500	0-0-0/0.0	1-0	1	0	0	1	1-0.2
2011-12	6-0	6-1.0	0-0/0.00	0-0/0.00	0-0/0.00	0-1-1/0.2	0-0	1	0	0	0	0-0.0
Totals	12-0	11-0.9	0-1/0.00	0-1/0.00	1-2/.500	0-1-1/0.1	1-0	2	0	0	1	1-0.1

SELUS' CAREER/SEASON HIGHS

MINUTES

Career: 2 vs. Chicago State (11/27/11)
Season: 2 vs. Chicago State (11/27/11)

POINTS

Career: 1 vs. Yale (11/23/10)
Season: 0

FIELD GOALS

Career: 0
Season: 0

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Career: 1 vs. Indiana (3/5/11)
Season: 0

3-POINT FIELD GOALS

Career: 0
Season: 0

3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Career: 1 vs. Indiana (3/5/11)
Season: 0

FREE THROWS

Career: 1 vs. Yale (11/23/10)
Season: 0

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS

Career: 2 vs. Yale (11/23/10)
Season: 0

REBOUNDS

Career: 1 vs. Chicago State (11/27/11)
Season: 1 vs. Chicago State (11/27/11)

ASSISTS

Career: 1, twice; last vs. Chicago State (11/27/11)
Season: 1 vs. Chicago State (11/27/11)

BLOCKS

Career: 0
Season: 0

STEALS

Career: 1 vs. Northwestern (1/6/11)
Season: 0



15 MIKE SHAW

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CHICAGO, ILL. // DE LA SALLE H.S.

2011-12 Notes: Has played in 15 of 17 games, averaging 1.1 ppg off the bench ... Saw first career action in opener vs. Loyola Chicago, totaling two points and two rebounds ... Had three rebounds and blocked first shot vs. SIU Edwardsville ... Grabbed career-best seven rebounds vs. Lipscomb ... Tallied first career assist vs. Richmond in Cancun ... Scored a season-high seven points, including first career three-pointer, and had six rebounds vs. Chicago State.

Career Notes: Majoring in recreation, sport and tourism ... De La Salle High School's all-time leading scorer ... Averaged 13 points and 7.5 rebounds as a senior, earning first-team All-State honors by the *Associated Press* and Illinois Basketball Coaches Association, second-team All-State by the *Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette* and special mention All-State by the *Chicago Tribune* ... Chicago Catholic League-North Division Co-Athlete of the Year.

SHAW'S CAREER HIGHS

MINUTES

Season: 21 vs. Lipscomb (11/17/11)

POINTS

Season: 7 vs. Chicago State (11/27/11)

FIELD GOALS

Season: 3 vs. Chicago State (11/27/11)

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Season: 3, three times; last vs. Cornell (12/19/11)

3-POINT FIELD GOALS

Season: 1 vs. Chicago State (11/27/11)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Season: 1, five times; last at Purdue (12/31/11)

FREE THROWS

Season: 1, three times, last at Purdue (12/31/11)

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS

Season: 2, four times, last at Purdue (12/31/11)

REBOUNDS

Season: 7 vs. Lipscomb (11/17/11)

ASSISTS

Season: 1, twice; last vs. Cornell (12/19/11)

BLOCKS

Season: 1 vs. SIU Edwardsville (11/14/11)

STEALS

Season: 1 vs. Loyola Chicago (11/11/11)

SHAW'S 2011-12 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
11-11	Loyola Chicago	1-0	14	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-2-2	2	0	2	0	1	2
11-14	SIU Edwardsville	1-0	15	0-1	0-0	0-2	1-2-3	0	0	1	1	0	0
11-17	Lipscomb	1-0	21	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-7-7	3	0	4	0	0	0
11-22	vs. Richmond	1-0	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2-2	3	1	1	0	0	0
11-23	vs. Illinois State	1-0	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1-3	0	0	0	0	0	0
11-27	Chicago State	1-0	17	3-3	1-1	0-0	2-4-6	0	0	3	0	0	7
11-29	at Maryland	1-0	3	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	1
12-3	Gonzaga	1-0	9	1-3	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	2	0	0	0	0	2
12-7	St. Bonaventure	1-0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
12-11	Coppin State	1-0	8	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-2-2	0	0	0	0	0	2
12-17	vs. UNLV	1-0	6	0-1	0-0	1-2	1-1-2	0	0	0	0	0	6
12-19	Cornell	1-0	5	0-3	0-1	0-0	2-0-2	0	1	1	0	0	0
12-22	vs. Missouri		DNP										
12-27	Minnesota	1-0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	2	0	0	0	0	0
12-31	at Purdue	1-0	8	0-2	0-1	1-2	1-1-2	1	0	0	0	0	1
1-4	at Northwestern		DNP										
1-7	Nebraska	1-0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0
1-10	Ohio State		DNP										
1-19	at Penn State		DNP										
1-22	Wisconsin		DNP										
1-28	at Minnesota		DNP										
1-31	Michigan State		DNP										
2-5	Northwestern												
2-9	at Indiana												
2-12	at Michigan												
2-15	Purdue												
2-18	at Nebraska												
2-21	at Ohio State												
2-26	Iowa												
3-1	Michigan												
3-4	at Wisconsin												

SHAW'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2011-12	15-0	125-8.3	6-18/.333	1-5/.200	3-8/.375	10-24-34/2.3	14-0	2	13	1	1	16-1.1

2011-12 OVERALL STATISTICS



2011-12 Illinois Men's Basketball Illinois Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 31, 2012) All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	16-6	12-1	2-3	2-2
CONFERENCE	5-4	4-1	1-3	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	11-2	8-0	1-0	2-2

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds					pts	avg					
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fga	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf			dq	a	to	blk	stl
03	Paul, Brandon	22-22	718	32.6	101-261	.387	35-109	.321	88-121	.727	23	90	113	5.1	55	1	67	73	18	36	325	14.8
12	Leonard, Meyers	22-21	670	30.5	111-196	.566	1-9	.111	63-90	.700	51	124	175	8.0	63	2	28	47	46	11	286	13.0
01	Richardson, D.J.	22-21	748	34.0	95-233	.408	50-132	.379	31-41	.756	20	43	63	2.9	28	0	43	28	5	17	271	12.3
00	Maniscalco, Sam	19-13	507	26.7	49-125	.392	21-76	.276	32-39	.821	6	36	42	2.2	26	0	49	23	0	13	151	7.9
02	Bertrand, Joseph	22-8	420	19.1	64-110	.582	0-2	.000	20-26	.769	13	44	57	2.6	39	1	26	24	4	9	148	6.7
42	Griffey, Tyler	21-15	368	17.5	42-93	.452	10-34	.294	11-15	.733	30	43	73	3.5	34	0	10	21	9	9	105	5.0
20	Henry, Myke	14-0	121	8.6	17-37	.459	4-15	.267	7-10	.700	9	10	19	1.4	14	0	2	4	2	5	45	3.2
13	Abrams, Tracy	22-9	422	19.2	22-60	.367	5-19	.263	13-23	.565	16	38	54	2.5	43	1	35	34	0	11	62	2.8
32	Egwu, Nnanna	22-1	230	10.5	20-40	.500	0-0	.000	4-9	.444	17	20	37	1.7	45	1	5	18	17	6	44	2.0
15	Shaw, Mike	15-0	125	8.3	6-18	.333	1-5	.200	3-8	.375	10	24	34	2.3	14	0	2	13	1	1	16	1.1
04	Head, Crandall	9-0	83	9.2	4-17	.235	0-5	.000	1-1	1.000	1	4	5	0.6	9	0	9	9	0	5	9	1.0
23	Djimde, Ibby	12-0	53	4.4	1-6	.167	0-0	.000	3-7	.429	2	10	12	1.0	9	0	0	5	0	1	5	0.4
44	Berardini, Kevin	4-0	4	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
25	Selus, Jean	6-0	6	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											34	35	69						7			
Total.....		22	4475		532-1196	.445	127-406	.313	276-390	.708	232	522	754	34.3	380	6	277	306	102	124	1467	66.7
Opponents.....		22	4476		467-1162	.402	134-378	.354	269-394	.683	223	470	693	31.5	390	9	240	315	62	134	1337	60.8

TEAM STATISTICS

	ILL	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	1467	1337	11/11/11	LOYOLA-CHICAGO	w 67-49	15937
Points per game	66.7	60.8	@ 11/14/11	SIU EDWARDSVILLE	w 66-46	13404
Scoring margin	+5.9	-	@ 11/17/11	LIPSCOMB	w 79-64	13503
FIELD GOALS-ATT	532-1196	467-1162	% 11/22/11	vs Richmond	w 70-61	980
Field goal pct	.445	.402	% 11/23/11	vs Illinois State	w 63-59	952
3 POINT FG-ATT	127-406	134-378	11/27/11	CHICAGO STATE	w 90-43	14065
3-point FG pct	.313	.354	# 11/29/11	at Maryland	w 71-62	13187
3-pt FG made per game	5.8	6.1	12/03/11	GONZAGA	w 82-75	15879
FREE THROWS-ATT	276-390	269-394	12/07/11	ST. BONAVENTURE	w 48-43	14711
Free throw pct	.708	.683	12/11/11	COPPIN STATE	w 80-63	14811
F-Throws made per game	12.5	12.2	^ 12/17/11	vs UNLV	L 48-64	15144
REBOUNDS	754	693	12/19/11	CORNELL	w 64-60	13578
Rebounds per game	34.3	31.5	+ 12/22/11	vs Missouri	L 74-78	22087
Rebounding margin	+2.8	-	* 12/27/11	MINNESOTA	Wo2 81-72	15549
ASSISTS	277	240	* 12/31/11	at Purdue	L 60-75	14041
Assists per game	12.6	10.9	* 01/04/12	at Northwestern	w 57-56	8117
TURNOVERS	306	315	* 01/07/12	NEBRASKA	w 59-54	14909
Turnovers per game	13.9	14.3	* 01/10/12	OHIO STATE	w 79-74	14636
Turnover margin	+0.4	-	* 1/19/12	at Penn State	L 52-54	6945
Assist/turnover ratio	0.9	0.8	* 01/22/12	WISCONSIN	L 63-67	16618
STEALS	124	134	* 01/28/12	at Minnesota	Lot 72-77	14625
Steals per game	5.6	6.1	* 01/31/12	MICHIGAN STATE	w 42-41	15629
BLOCKS	102	62				
Blocks per game	4.6	2.8				
ATTENDANCE	193229	96078				
Home games-Avg/Game	13-14864	5-11383				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	4-9791				

@ = Cancun Challenge
% = Cancun Challenge, Cancun, Mexico
= Big Ten/ACC Challenge
^ = United Center, Chicago, Ill.
+ = Braggin' Rights, St. Louis, Mo.
* = Big Ten Conference Game

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Totals
Illinois	672	770	14	11	1467
Opponents	619	697	19	2	1337

2011-12 BIG TEN STATISTICS



2011-12 Illinois Men's Basketball Illinois Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 31, 2012) Conference games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	5-4	4-1	1-3	0-0
CONFERENCE	5-4	4-1	1-3	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg		
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fga	ft%	off	def	tot	avg							pf	dq
03	Paul, Brandon	9-9	351	39.0	54-133	.406	21-57	.368	49-64	.766	12	44	56	6.2	24	0	27	38	12	20	178	19.8
12	Leonard, Meyers	9-9	297	33.0	42-84	.500	0-6	.000	28-42	.667	21	47	68	7.6	32	2	7	23	15	4	112	12.4
02	Bertrand, Joseph	9-8	257	28.6	41-70	.586	0-1	.000	9-14	.643	5	29	34	3.8	25	1	13	13	3	5	91	10.1
01	Richardson, D.J.	9-8	333	37.0	33-89	.371	14-45	.311	5-9	.556	6	20	26	2.9	12	0	20	17	1	5	85	9.4
20	Henry, Myke	7-0	72	10.3	8-19	.421	3-9	.333	6-8	.750	8	4	12	1.7	7	0	0	3	1	2	25	3.6
13	Abrams, Tracy	9-7	225	25.0	11-25	.440	3-10	.300	6-13	.462	2	25	27	3.0	22	1	17	18	0	4	31	3.4
00	Maniscalco, Sam	6-2	146	24.3	5-20	.250	2-15	.133	1-4	.250	1	11	12	2.0	7	0	11	4	0	2	13	2.2
42	Griffey, Tyler	8-2	72	9.0	4-13	.308	3-9	.333	3-4	.750	5	6	11	1.4	7	0	2	6	1	3	14	1.8
32	Egwu, Nnanna	9-0	99	11.0	6-10	.600	0-0	.000	3-5	.600	7	7	14	1.6	20	0	0	6	5	0	15	1.7
15	Shaw, Mike	3-0	12	4.0	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	1	2	3	1.0	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.3
23	Djimde, Ibby	3-0	9	3.0	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.3	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0.0
25	Selus, Jean	1-0	1	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
44	Berardini, Kevin	1-0	1	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											14	14	28				2					
Total.....		9	1875		204-466	.438	46-153	.301	111-165	.673	83	209	292	32.4	163	4	97	132	38	46	565	62.8
Opponents.....		9	1875		203-485	.419	50-142	.352	114-168	.679	96	203	299	33.2	159	3	106	119	24	63	570	63.3

TEAM STATISTICS	ILL	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	565	570	* 12/27/11	MINNESOTA	Wo2 81-72	15549
Points per game	62.8	63.3	* 12/31/11	at Purdue	L 60-75	14041
Scoring margin	-0.6	-	* 01/04/12	at Northwestern	W 57-56	8117
FIELD GOALS-ATT	204-466	203-485	* 01/07/12	NEBRASKA	W 59-54	14909
Field goal pct	.438	.419	* 01/10/12	OHIO STATE	W 79-74	14636
3 POINT FG-ATT	46-153	50-142	* 1/19/12	at Penn State	L 52-54	6945
3-point FG pct	.301	.352	* 01/22/12	WISCONSIN	L 63-67	16618
3-pt FG made per game	5.1	5.6	* 01/28/12	at Minnesota	Lot 72-77	14625
FREE THROWS-ATT	111-165	114-168	* 01/31/12	MICHIGAN STATE	W 42-41	15629
Free throw pct	.673	.679				
F-Throws made per game	12.3	12.7	@ = Cancun Challenge			
REBOUNDS	292	299	% = Cancun Challenge, Cancun, Mexico			
Rebounds per game	32.4	33.2	# = Big Ten/ACC Challenge			
Rebounding margin	-0.8	-	^ = United Center, Chicago, Ill.			
ASSISTS	97	106	+ = Braggin' Rights, St. Louis, Mo.			
Assists per game	10.8	11.8	* = Big Ten Conference Game			
TURNOVERS	132	119				
Turnovers per game	14.7	13.2				
Turnover margin	-1.4	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	0.7	0.9				
STEALS	46	63				
Steals per game	5.1	7.0				
BLOCKS	38	24				
Blocks per game	4.2	2.7				
ATTENDANCE	77341	43728				
Home games-Avg/Game	5-15468	4-10932				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Totals
Illinois	245	295	14	11	565
Opponents	254	295	19	2	570

2011-12 RESULTS / ATTENDANCE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>HIGH POINTS</u>	<u>HIGH REBOUNDS</u>
Nov. 11	Loyola Chicago	W, 67-49	15,937	15 - Leonard	7 - Abrams
Nov. 14	SIU Edwardsville	W, 66-46	13,404	20 - Richardson	14 - Griffey
Nov. 17	Lipscomb	W, 79-64	13,503	17 - Richardson	8 - Bertrand
Nov. 22	vs. Richmond	W, 70-61	980	22 - Leonard	12 - Leonard
Nov. 23	vs. Illinois State	W, 63-59	952	14 - Maniscalco	8 - Leonard
Nov. 27	Chicago State	W, 90-43	14,065	14 - Henry	6 - Shaw
Nov. 29	at Maryland	W, 71-62	13,187	24 - Maniscalco	7 - Paul
Dec. 3	#19/18 Gonzaga	W, 82-75	15,879	21 - Leonard	6 - Leonard
Dec. 7	St. Bonaventure	W, 48-43	14,711	17 - Paul	8 - Leonard
Dec. 11	Coppin State	W, 80-63	14,811	20 - Richardson	11 - Leonard
Dec. 17	vs. UNLV	L, 48-64	15,144	19 - Richardson	8 - Richardson
Dec. 19	Cornell	W, 64-60	13,578	19 - Leonard	16 - Leonard
Dec. 22	vs. #9/8 Missouri	L, 74-78	22,087	19 - Bertrand & Paul	13 - Leonard
Dec. 27	Minnesota	W, 81-71 (2OT)	15,549	21 - Paul	11 - Leonard
Dec. 31	at Purdue	L, 60-75	14,041	17 - Paul	6 - Leonard, Richardson
Jan. 4	at Northwestern	W, 57-56	8,117	12 - Leonard	8 - Leonard, Bertrand
Jan. 7	Nebraska	W, 59-54	14,909	25 - Bertrand	6 - Paul
Jan. 10	#5/5 Ohio State	W, 79-74	14,636	43 - Paul	8 - Paul
Jan. 19	at Penn State	L, 52-54	6,945	20 - Paul	6 - Bertrand, Paul
Jan. 22	Wisconsin	L, 63-67	16,618	16 - Leonard	11 - Leonard
Jan. 28	at Minnesota	L, 72-77 (OT)	14,625	28 - Paul	13 - Leonard
Jan. 31	#9/10 Michigan State	W, 42-41	15,629	18 - Paul	9 - Paul
Feb. 5	Northwestern				
Feb. 9	at Indiana				
Feb. 12	at Michigan				
Feb. 15	Purdue				
Feb. 18	at Nebraska				
Feb. 21	at Ohio State				
Feb. 26	Iowa				
March 1	Michigan				
March 4	at Wisconsin				

ATTENDANCE					
	Games	Totals	Average	High Game	Sellouts
HOME	13	193,229	14,864	16,618	1
AWAY	5	56,915	11,383	14,625	2
NEUTRAL	4	39,693	9,923	22,087	1
TOTALS	22	289,297	13,150	22,087	4

GAME-BY-GAME TEAM STATISTICS

	GAME	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR—TOT	PF	AS	TO	BK	ST	PTS (1st-2nd-OT)
Nov. 11	Illinois	28-59/.475	6-21/.286	5-9/.556	13-19-32	17	9	12	13	10	67 (28-39)
	Loyola Chicago	18-51/.353	4-14/.286	9-14/.643	15-16-31	14	11	22	0	1	49 (18-31)
Nov. 14	Illinois	21-51/.412	7-19/.368	17-24/.708	15-33-48	10	15	22	11	7	66 (36-30)
	SIU Edwardsville	17-57/.298	8-22/.364	4-6/.667	7-20-27	22	9	15	2	8	46 (23-23)
Nov. 17	Illinois	29-56/.518	4-14/.286	17-22/.773	10-33-43	26	11	21	6	9	79 (33-46)
	Lipscomb	19-60/.317	8-20/.400	18-26/.692	13-20-33	21	10	18	1	9	64 (26-38)
Nov. 22	Illinois	22-52/.423	3-10/.300	23-28/.821	13-25-38	19	9	9	5	5	70 (37-33)
	vs. Richmond	18-47/.383	8-22/.364	17-24/.708	6-19-25	24	11	11	10	5	61 (19-42)
Nov. 23	Illinois	21-51/.412	6-19/.316	15-17/.882	8-18-26	15	13	7	4	0	63 (34-29)
	vs. Illinois State	19-47/.404	9-18/.500	12-15/.800	8-21-29	17	16	10	3	3	59 (27-32)
Nov. 27	Illinois	35-62/.565	8-21/.381	12-18/.667	10-24-34	15	25	11	2	7	90 (44-46)
	Chicago State	16-47/.340	3-15/.200	8-15/.533	9-19-28	18	8	22	0	2	43 (19-24)
Nov. 29	Illinois	23-55/.418	7-23/.304	18-20/.900	14-23-37	21	13	11	6	3	71 (31-40)
	at Maryland	21-50/.420	5-19/.263	15-25/.600	12-19-31	16	5	11	3	2	62 (35-27)
Dec. 3	Illinois	32-60/.533	5-16/.313	13-17/.765	9-21-30	21	16	12	2	9	82 (38-44)
	Gonzaga	26-51/.510	5-13/.385	18-27/.667	9-18-27	17	10	16	1	9	75 (36-39)
Dec. 7	Illinois	15-47/.319	7-26/.269	11-17/.647	8-18-26	12	9	13	2	9	48 (24-24)
	St. Bonaventure	17-48/.354	4-15/.267	5-8/.625	10-26-36	17	8	18	2	5	43 (26-17)
Dec. 11	Illinois	31-55/.564	10-22/.455	8-12/.667	7-24-31	11	21	9	5	4	80 (38-42)
	Coppin State	23-54/.426	10-25/.400	7-12/.583	10-18-28	15	10	12	0	3	63 (30-33)
Dec. 17	Illinois	15-63/.254	7-25/.280	9-18/.500	17-23-40	19	12	15	1	7	48 (22-26)
	vs. UNLV	22-50/.440	3-11/.273	17-20/.850	8-36-44	21	11	18	9	10	64 (33-31)
Dec. 19	Illinois	24-57/.421	7-21/.333	9-13/.692	13-29-42	15	17	15	5	3	64 (32-32)
	Cornell	22-56/.393	10-23/.435	6-11/.545	9-16-25	16	12	10	3	7	60 (32-28)
Dec. 22	Illinois	31-62/.500	4-16/.250	8-10/.800	12-23-35	16	10	17	2	5	74 (30-44)
	vs. Missouri	26-59/.441	7-19/.368	19-23/.826	11-19-30	13	13	13	4	7	78 (41-37)
Dec. 27	Illinois	28-60/.467	7-21/.333	18-22/.818	10-32-42	17	14	21	10	3	81 (37-27-6-11)
	Minnesota	26-69/.377	4-14/.286	16-18/.889	11-24-35	19	15	14	4	8	72 (27-27-6-2)
Dec. 31	Illinois	24-56/.429	5-21/.238	7-13/.538	12-18-30	21	10	17	0	7	60 (24-36)
	at Purdue	25-44/.568	9-17/.529	16-28/.571	4-22-26	16	15	13	0	10	75 (26-49)
Jan. 4	Illinois	21-49/.429	4-10/.400	11-20/.550	10-26-36	18	12	11	6	4	57 (31-26)
	at Northwestern	20-55/.364	5-18/.278	11-18/.611	11-23-34	19	10	9	6	11	56 (36-20)
Jan. 7	Illinois	23-44/.523	3-11/.273	10-19/.526	3-17-20	20	8	14	2	5	59 (22-37)
	Nebraska	18-36/.500	5-14/.357	13-19/.684	3-21-24	18	8	20	3	5	54 (25-29)
Jan. 10	Illinois	27-45/.600	11-18/.611	14-17/.824	5-22-27	10	12	18	4	9	79 (34-45)
	Ohio State	31-66/.470	5-15/.333	7-9/.778	15-13-28	15	10	11	0	6	74 (39-35)
Jan. 19	Illinois	17-49/.347	7-22/.318	11-13/.846	12-20-32	15	14	14	3	5	52 (23-29)
	at Penn State	20-49/.408	4-10/.400	10-13/.769	11-20-31	16	14	12	5	6	54 (25-29)
Jan. 22	Illinois	24-55/.436	3-12/.250	12-15/.800	4-27-31	17	8	9	0	2	63 (26-37)
	Wisconsin	24-54/.444	9-22/.409	10-18/.556	7-26-33	14	12	10	1	4	67 (26-41)
Jan. 28	Illinois	25-62/.403	3-21/.143	19-29/.655	17-25-42	28	12	16	7	7	72 (26-38-8)
	at Minnesota	25-54/.463	6-18/.333	21-33/.636	11-28-39	24	18	14	2	10	77 (30-34-13)
Jan. 31	Illinois	15-46/.326	3-17/.176	9-17/.529	10-22-32	17	7	12	6	4	42 (22-20)
	Michigan State	14-58/.241	3-14/.214	10-12/.833	23-26-49	18	4	16	3	3	41 (20-21)
Feb. 5	Illinois										
	Northwestern										
Feb. 9	Illinois										
	at Indiana										
Feb. 12	Illinois										
	at Michigan										
Feb. 15	Illinois										
	Purdue										
Feb. 18	Illinois										
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	Iowa										
March 1	Illinois										
	Michigan										
March 4	Illinois										
	at Wisconsin										

INDIVIDUAL SUPERLATIVES

ILLINOIS HIGHS

POINTS	43, Brandon Paul vs. Ohio State (Jan. 10)
FIELD GOALS	11, Brandon Paul vs. Ohio State (Jan. 10)
	11, Joseph Bertrand vs. Nebraska (Jan. 7)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	23, Brandon Paul at Minnesota (Jan. 28)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE (MIN. 6 ATT.)	1.000 (9-9), Joseph Bertrand vs. Missouri (Dec. 22)
3-POINT FIELD GOALS	8, Brandon Paul vs. Ohio State (Jan. 10)
3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	10, Brandon Paul vs. Ohio State (Jan. 10)
	10, D.J. Richardson vs. Cornell (Dec. 19)
	10, D.J. Richardson vs. St. Bonaventure (Dec. 7)
3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE (MIN. 4 ATT.)	800 (8-10), Brandon Paul vs. Ohio State (Jan. 10)
FREE THROWS	13, Brandon Paul vs. Ohio State (Jan. 10)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	15, Brandon Paul vs. Ohio State (Jan. 10)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE (MIN. 6 ATT.)	1.000 (6-6), Brandon Paul at Penn State (Jan. 19)
	1.000 (7-7), Sam Maniscalco at Maryland (Nov. 29)
	1.000 (6-6), Brandon Paul at Maryland (Nov. 29)
	1.000 (6-6), Sam Maniscalco vs. Lipscomb (Nov. 17)
REBOUNDS	16, Meyers Leonard vs. Cornell (Dec. 19)
ASSISTS	6, Brandon Paul vs. Minnesota (Dec. 27)
	6, Sam Maniscalco vs. Cornell (Dec. 19)
	6, Sam Maniscalco vs. Gonzaga (Dec. 3)
	6, Brandon Paul vs. Illinois State (Nov. 23)
TURNOVERS	7, Brandon Paul vs. Ohio State (Jan. 10)
BLOCKED SHOTS	6, Meyers Leonard vs. Loyola Chicago (Nov. 11)
STEALS	5, Brandon Paul at Purdue (Dec. 31)
	5, Brandon Paul vs. UNLV (Dec. 17)
MINUTES	48, Brandon Paul vs. Minnesota (Dec. 27)

OPPONENT HIGHS

POINTS	25, Terrell Stoglin, Maryland (Nov. 29)
FIELD GOALS	9, Jared Sullinger, Ohio State (Jan. 10)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	19, Ralph Sampson III, Minnesota (Dec. 27)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE (MIN. 6 ATT.)	.833 (5-6), Quintrell Thomas, UNLV (Dec. 17)
3-POINT FIELD GOALS	6, Darien Brothers, Richmond (Nov. 22)
3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	9, Drew Ferry, Cornell (Dec. 19)
	9, Terrell Stoglin, Maryland (Nov. 29)
	9, Darien Brothers, Richmond (Nov. 22)
3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE (MIN. 4 ATT.)	1.000 (4-4), Jacob Arnett, Lipscomb (Nov. 17)
FREE THROWS	10, Michael Dixon, Missouri (Dec. 22)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	12, Michael Dixon, Missouri (Dec. 22)
	12, Elias Harris, Gonzaga (Dec. 3)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE (MIN. 6 ATT.)	1.000 (6-6), Ralph Sampson III, Minnesota (Dec. 27)
REBOUNDS	13, Branden Dawson, Michigan State (Jan. 31)
ASSISTS	9, Tim Frazier, Penn State (Jan. 19)
TURNOVERS	7, Zavion Williams, Lipscomb (Nov. 17)
BLOCKED SHOTS	7, Darrius Garrett, Richmond (Nov. 22)
STEALS	4, Francis Martel, Richmond (Nov. 22)
MINUTES	40, Aaron Craft, Ohio State (Jan. 10)
	40, John Shurna, Northwestern (Jan. 4)
	40, Julian Welch, Minnesota (Dec. 27)

ILLINOIS' TOP INDIVIDUAL GAMES

POINTS

- 43 Brandon Paul vs. Ohio State (Jan. 10)
- 28 Brandon Paul at Minnesota (Jan. 28)
- 25 Joseph Bertrand vs. Nebraska (Jan. 7)
- 24 Sam Maniscalco at Maryland (Nov. 29)
- 22 Meyers Leonard vs. Richmond (Nov. 22)

REBOUNDS

- 16 Meyers Leonard vs. Cornell (Dec. 19)
- 14 Tyler Griffey vs. SIU Edwardsville (Nov. 14)
- 13 Meyers Leonard at Minnesota (Jan. 28)
- 13 Meyers Leonard vs. Missouri (Dec. 22)
- 12 Meyers Leonard vs. Richmond (Nov. 22)

ASSISTS

- 6 Brandon Paul vs. Minnesota (Dec. 27)
- 6 Sam Maniscalco vs. Cornell (Dec. 19)
- 6 Sam Maniscalco vs. Gonzaga (Dec. 3)
- 6 Brandon Paul vs. Illinois State (Nov. 23)
- 6 Crandall Head vs. Chicago State (Nov. 27)

BLOCKED SHOTS

- 6 Meyers Leonard vs. Loyola Chicago (Nov. 11)
- 5 Meyers Leonard vs. Minnesota (Dec. 27)
- 5 Meyers Leonard vs. Richmond (Nov. 22)
- 5 Meyers Leonard vs. SIU Edwardsville (Nov. 14)
- 4 Meyers Leonard at Minnesota (Jan. 28)
- 4 Nnanna Egwu vs. Lipscomb (Nov. 17)

STEALS

- 5 Brandon Paul at Purdue (Dec. 31)
- 5 Brandon Paul vs. UNLV (Dec. 17)
- 4 Sam Maniscalco vs. Gonzaga (Dec. 3)
- 3 Brandon Paul vs. St. Bonaventure (Dec. 7)
- 3 Tyler Griffey vs. Gonzaga (Dec. 3)
- 3 Tracy Abrams vs. SIU Edwardsville (Nov. 14)
- 3 Nnanna Egwu vs. SIU Edwardsville (Nov. 14)
- 3 D.J. Richardson vs. Loyola Chicago (Nov. 11)

MINUTES

- 48 Brandon Paul vs. Minnesota (Dec. 27)
- 43 Brandon Paul at Minnesota (Jan. 28)
- 42 Meyers Leonard vs. Minnesota (Dec. 27)
- 42 D.J. Richardson vs. Minnesota (Dec. 27)
- 41 D.J. Richardson at Minnesota (Jan. 28)

TEAM SUPERLATIVES

ILLINOIS

POINTS	90 vs. Chicago State (Nov. 27)	42 vs. Michigan State (Jan. 31)
FIRST-HALF POINTS	44 vs. Chicago State (Nov. 27)	22, three times; last vs. Michigan State (Jan. 31)
SECOND-HALF POINTS	46, twice; last vs. Chicago State (Nov. 27)	20 vs. Michigan State (Jan. 31)
OVERTIME POINTS	11, 2OT vs. Minnesota (Dec. 27)	6, OT vs. Minnesota (Dec. 27)
WINNING MARGIN	47 vs. vs. Chicago State (Nov. 27)	1, twice; last vs. Michigan State (Jan. 31)
FIELD GOALS	35 vs. Chicago State (Nov. 27)	15, twice; last vs. Michigan State (Jan. 31)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	62, three times; last at Minnesota (Jan. 28)	44 vs. Nebraska (Jan. 7)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	.600 (27-45) vs. Ohio State (Jan. 10)	.254 (16-63) vs. UNLV (Dec. 17)
3-POINT FIELD GOALS	11 vs. Ohio State (Jan. 10)	3, five times; last vs. Michigan State (Jan. 31)
3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	26 vs. St. Bonaventure (Dec. 7)	10, twice; last at Northwestern (Jan. 4)
3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	.611 (11-18) vs. Ohio State (Jan. 10)	.143 (3-21) at Minnesota (Jan. 28)
FREE THROWS	23 vs. Richmond (Nov. 22)	5 vs. Loyola Chicago (Nov. 11)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	29 at Minnesota (Jan. 28)	9 vs. Loyola Chicago (Nov. 11)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	.900 (18-20) at Maryland (Nov. 29)	.500 (9-18) vs. UNLV (Dec. 17)
REBOUNDS	48 vs. SIU Edwardsville (Nov. 14)	20 vs. Nebraska (Jan. 7)
OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS	17, twice; last at Minnesota (Jan. 28)	3 vs. Nebraska (Jan. 7)
DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS	33, twice; last vs. Lipscomb (Nov. 17)	17 vs. Nebraska (Jan. 7)
PERSONAL FOULS	28 at Minnesota (Jan. 28)	10, twice; last vs. Ohio State (Jan. 10)
ASSISTS	25 vs. Chicago State (Nov. 27)	7 vs. Michigan State (Jan. 31)
TURNOVERS	22 vs. SIU Edwardsville (Nov. 14)	7 vs. Illinois State (Nov. 23)
BLOCKED SHOTS	13 vs. Loyola Chicago (Nov. 11)	0, twice; last vs. Wisconsin (Jan. 22)
STEALS	10 vs. Loyola Chicago (Nov. 11)	0 vs. Illinois State (Nov. 23)
LARGEST LEAD	47 (90-43) vs. Chicago State (Nov. 27)	
LARGEST DEFICIT	27 (31-58) at Purdue (Dec. 31)	
LARGEST DEFICIT OVERCOME IN A WIN	11 (37-48) vs. Ohio State (Jan. 10)	
LARGEST LEAD RELINQUISHED IN A LOSS	8, twice; (23-15) at Purdue (Dec. 31) & (17-9) at Penn State (Jan. 19)	
LARGEST HALFTIME DEFICIT OVERCOME IN A WIN	5, twice; (31-36) at Northwestern (Jan. 4) & (34-39) vs. Ohio State (Jan. 10)	
LARGEST HALFTIME LEAD RELINQUISHED IN A LOSS	—	

HIGHS

LOWS

OPPONENTS

POINTS	78, Missouri (Dec. 22)	41, Michigan State (Jan. 31)
FIRST-HALF POINTS	41, Missouri (Dec. 22)	18, Loyola Chicago (Nov. 11)
SECOND-HALF POINTS	49, Purdue (Dec. 31)	17, St. Bonaventure (Dec. 7)
OVERTIME POINTS	13, Minnesota (Jan. 28)	2, 2OT, Minnesota (Dec. 27)
WINNING MARGIN	16, UNLV (Dec. 17)	2, Penn State (Jan. 19)
FIELD GOALS	31, Ohio State (Jan. 10)	14, Michigan State (Jan. 31)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	69, Minnesota (Dec. 27)	36, Nebraska (Jan. 7)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	.568 (25-44), Purdue (Dec. 31)	.241 (14-58), Michigan State (Jan. 31)
3-POINT FIELD GOALS	10, twice; last, Cornell (Dec. 19)	3, twice; last vs. Michigan State (Jan. 31)
3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	25, Coppin State (Dec. 11)	10, Penn State (Jan. 19)
3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	.529 (9-17), Purdue (Dec. 31)	.200 (3-15), Chicago State (Nov. 27)
FREE THROWS	21, Minnesota (Jan. 28)	4, SIU Edwardsville (Nov. 14)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	33, Minnesota (Jan. 28)	6, SIU Edwardsville (Nov. 14)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	.889 (16-18), Minnesota (Dec. 27)	.533 (8-15), Chicago State (Nov. 27)
REBOUNDS	49, Michigan State (Jan. 31)	24, Nebraska (Jan. 7)
OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS	23, Michigan State (Jan. 31)	3, Nebraska (Jan. 7)
DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS	36, UNLV (Dec. 17)	16, twice; last, Cornell (Dec. 19)
PERSONAL FOULS	24, twice; last Minnesota (Jan. 28)	13, Missouri (Dec. 22)
ASSISTS	18, Minnesota (Jan. 28)	4, Michigan State (Jan. 31)
TURNOVERS	22, twice; last, Chicago State (Nov. 27)	9, Northwestern (Jan. 4)
BLOCKED SHOTS	10, Richmond (Nov. 22)	0, five times; last, Ohio State (Jan. 10)
STEALS	11, Northwestern (Jan. 4)	1, Loyola Chicago (Nov. 11)

HIGHS

LOWS

SPECIALTY STATISTICS

	OPPONENT	Pts in Paint (ILL-Opp.)	Pts off TO (ILL-Opp.)	2nd Chance Pts (ILL-Opp.)	Fast Break Pts (ILL-Opp.)	Bench Pts (ILL-Opp.)	Largest Lead	Largest Deficit	Lead Changes	Ties
Nov. 11	Loyola Chicago	28-22	31-15	16-11	4-0	26-6	22 (65-43)	-	0	1
Nov. 14	SIU Edwardsville	24-10	18-18	13-7	4-4	16-10	20 (66-46)	-	0	0
Nov. 17	Lipscomb	30-18	23-22	10-9	6-6	22-19	24 (63-39)	2 (0-2)	1	2
Nov. 22	vs. Richmond	24-12	15-12	21-2	4-4	6-11	18 (37-19)	1 (2-3)	2	0
Nov. 23	vs. Illinois State	20-16	11-6	13-5	4-0	11-7	10 (23-13)	7 (39-46)	3	5
Nov. 27	Chicago State	46-18	28-8	16-4	16-6	48-14	47 (90-43)	-	0	1
Nov. 29	at Maryland	28-22	13-11	8-17	4-2	5-9	9 (71-62)	9 (11-20)	2	3
Dec. 3	#19/18 Gonzaga	36-32	14-12	10-18	2-6	11-23	10 (52-42)	2 (4-6)	3	5
Dec. 7	St. Bonaventure	10-18	18-9	10-4	0-4	0-8	8 (17-9)	9 (30-39)	8	7
Dec. 11	Coppin State	36-18	21-9	7-6	2-4	10-18	17 (80-63)	3 (7-10)	2	5
Dec. 17	vs. UNLV	16-36	9-17	5-4	0-12	3-26	2 (13-11)	18 (46-64)	10	2
Dec. 19	Cornell	18-18	15-19	5-12	4-0	0-16	7 (10-3)	10 (14-24)	8	9
Dec. 22	vs. #9/8 Missouri	42-32	17-12	8-10	2-13	19-20	5 (7-2)	14 (30-44)	9	3
Dec. 27	Minnesota	28-36	19-16	11-12	12-12	17-15	13 (37-24)	2 (9-11)	8	9
Dec. 31	at Purdue	26-22	18-22	13-2	--	13-36	8 (23-15)	27 (31-58)	3	6
Jan. 4	at Northwestern	30-24	9-6	9-10	9-0	17-14	8 (55-47)	10 (26-36)	6	3
Jan. 7	Nebraska	34-12	17-12	4-2	2-0	7-15	5 (59-54)	6 (7-13)	6	8
Jan. 10	#5/5 Ohio State	14-38	16-26	6-15	0-6	0-0	6 (78-72)	11 (37-48)	8	8
Jan. 19	at Penn State	20-26	10-17	11-13	2-6	7-13	8 (17-9)	9 (26-35)	5	6
Jan. 22	Wisconsin	22-24	7-10	4-10	3-4	0-14	5 (7-2)	7 (11-18)	11	8
Jan. 28	at Minnesota	30-32	13-18	11-10	4-5	9-39	7 (15-8)	10 (29-39)	5	8
Jan. 31	#9/10 Michigan State	16-16	11-10	13-13	0-2	6-10	6 (26-20)	3 (37-40)	9	7
Feb. 5	Northwestern									
Feb. 9	at Indiana									
Feb. 12	at Michigan									
Feb. 15	Purdue									
Feb. 18	at Nebraska									
Feb. 21	at Ohio State									
Feb. 26	Iowa									
March 1	Michigan									
March 4	at Wisconsin									
Totals		578-502	353-307	224-196	84-96	253-343				
Average		26.3-22.8	16.0-14.0	10.2-8.9	4.0-4.6	11.5-15.6				
Margin		+2.5	+2.0	+1.3	-0.6	-4.1				

MATTO STATISTICS

	LOY	SIUE	LIP	RICH	ISU	CSU	MD	GONZ	SBU	COPP	UNLV	COR	MIZ	MINN	PUR	NU	NEB	OSU	PSU	WIS	MINN	MSU	NU	IND	MICH	PUR	NEB	OSU	IOWA	MICH	WIS	TOTAL	
Abrams	5	8	2	2	0	3	1	2	6	3	1	2	2	4	5	1	6	4	5	1	1	2										66	
Berardini	-	1	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-										1	
Bertrand	4	4	6	4	1	4	0	0	2	1	0	0	4	6	4	4	4	3	1	2	3	1										58	
Djimde	0	0	0	-	-	3	0	6	0	0	-	0	-	-	2	-	0	-	-	-	-	0										11	
Egwu	7	8	7	0	3	3	1	0	3	5	0	0	0	6	2	1	3	2	0	0	4	3										58	
Griffey	3	4	6	7	1	2	5	10	3	1	0	5	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	-										53	
Head	-	-	0	-	-	5	0	1	0	1	4	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-										12	
Henry	1	-	-	-	-	4	1	1	-	1	1	2	-	-	2	4	2	2	1	-	0	2										24	
Langford	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-											-
Leonard	9	6	2	7	2	5	4	4	3	3	8	7	8	5	2	6	3	9	5	3	10	5										116	
Maniscalco	1	0	8	5	0	4	4	6	5	5	3	3	1	5	1	-	-	-	3	5	6	1										66	
Paul	5	7	6	1	4	4	9	4	10	0	13	4	4	6	11	5	12	8	9	9	15	17										163	
Richardson	10	6	5	2	4	3	2	4	3	2	1	5	4	0	3	6	1	3	3	3	7	7										84	
Selus	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-											0
Shaw	3	2	3	0	-	2	1	1	0	2	1	2	-	0	0	-	0	-	-	-	-	-											17
Team	48	45	45	28	15	42	28	39	35	24	32	30	25	33	32	27	33	33	27	23	47	38										729	
Opponents	14	31	31	24	24	26	27	24	18	15	40	26	26	33	28	32	24	26	19	25	29	23											565

Illinois' Matto Record: 16-5-1

Illinois' Record When Winning Matto: 13-3

Illinois' Record When Losing/Tying Matto: 3-3

Individual Season Matto High: 17: Brandon Paul at Michigan State (Jan. 31)

Team Season Matto High: 48 vs. Loyola Chicago (Nov. 11)

Team Largest Matto Margin: +34 (48-14) vs. Loyola Chicago (Nov. 11)

The "Matto" chart is a statistical ranking that is very important to the Fighting Illini program. The name Matto is a tribute to former Illini Matt Heldman, the point guard on Illinois' 1998 Big Ten Championship team that was tragically killed in a car accident in 1999.

A team manager keeps the chart and Illini players are awarded points for making the following hustle plays: passes deflected (+1), blocked shots (+1), steals (+1), dives (+1), loose balls (+1), charges taken (+2) and 5-second violations drawn (+2).

The points are accumulated throughout the season, and the player with the highest total at the end of the year will be presented the Matto Award at the team banquet.

GAME 1

ILLINOIS 67, LOYOLA CHICAGO 49

NOV. 11, 2011 // ASSEMBLY HALL, CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Meyers Leonard scored 15 points and had six blocks and Brandon Paul added 14 points to lead Illinois to a 67-49 season-opening win over Loyola Chicago.

Leonard, a 7-foot-1 sophomore, had nine points by half-time and hit the first 3-pointer of his career for the Illini. Paul overcame a cold-shooting first half in which he scored two points to lead Illinois.

Paul's 3-pointer with just over nine minutes to play gave the Illini a 48-38 lead and the breathing room they needed to finish off the Ramblers.

Loyola had pulled to within 38-34 with 11:53 to play after an 11-2 run.

Walt Gibbler led Loyola with 19 points, 15 in the second half.

Loyola	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Averkamp*	4-17	1-2	0-1	5	1	9	2	1	0	1	38
Gibler*	7-11	0-0	5-5	6	4	19	0	4	0	0	26
Brito*	2-6	1-3	2-3	3	0	7	6	4	0	0	33
Crisman*	3-8	2-5	0-0	3	2	8	1	3	0	0	36
Thomas*	0-0	0-0	0-2	3	3	0	1	3	0	0	24
Dokubo	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Kadima	1-4	0-2	1-1	1	2	3	1	4	0	0	23
Boone	0-1	0-1	1-2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Gac	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Benkoske	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	14
Clark	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cooper	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Team				7				1			
Totals	18-51	4-14	9-14	31	14	49	11	22	0	1	200

FG%	1st: 7-23/.304	2nd: 11-28/.393	Game: .353
3PT%	1st: 1-5/.200	2nd: 3-9/.333	Game: .286
FT%	1st: 3-6/.500	2nd: 6-8/.750	Game: .643

Illinois	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Griffey*	4-10	2-5	0-0	4	3	10	0	1	1	0	16
Egwu*	2-4	0-0	0-0	6	2	4	0	2	3	1	22
Richardson*	1-8	1-7	2-2	3	1	5	1	1	1	3	30
Paul*	5-11	1-4	3-5	3	3	14	3	1	1	1	27
Abrams*	4-5	0-0	0-0	7	0	8	1	2	0	2	22
Maniscalco	2-4	1-3	0-0	2	2	5	3	0	0	0	19
Bertrand	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	17
Leonard	7-10	1-1	0-2	2	1	15	0	1	6	2	25
Shaw	1-2	0-1	0-0	2	2	2	0	2	0	1	14
Henry	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	4
Djimde	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3
Selus	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Team				1							
Totals	28-59	6-21	5-9	32	17	67	9	12	13	10	200

FG%	1st: 12-27/.444	2nd: 16-32/.500	Game: .475
3PT%	1st: 4-14/.286	2nd: 2-7/.286	Game: .286
FT%	1st: 0-0/0.000	2nd: 5-9/.556	Game: .556

Score by Halves:	1st	2nd	Game
Loyola Chicago	18	31	39
Illinois	28	39	67 A: 15,937

GAME 2

ILLINOIS 66, SIU EDWARDSVILLE 46

NOV. 14, 2011 // ASSEMBLY HALL, CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

D.J. Richardson scored 20 points and Tyler Griffey and Meyers Leonard had career nights in the paint to lead Illinois to a 66-46 victory over Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

The Illini totaled 48 rebounds, better than in any game last season, with Griffey and Leonard setting career highs with 14 and 11, respectively.

SIUE was led by 13 points from Mark Yelovich and 12 from Corey Wickware. The Cougars lost their season opener after winning their two exhibition games and fell to 0-11 all time against Big Ten opponents.

The game was the first of the Cancun Challenge, which includes eight Division I teams. Eight games are being played in the U.S. and then eight in Cancun, Mexico.

SIUE	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Shaffer*	1-10	0-0	0-0	2	3	2	0	2	1	2	29
Yelovich*	5-13	2-6	1-2	2	3	13	2	4	1	1	29
Jones*	3-12	0-3	2-2	8	2	8	1	2	0	0	27
Wickware*	4-8	4-6	0-0	2	1	12	2	1	0	0	30
Stineiman*	0-0	0-0	1-2	4	3	1	1	1	0	1	14
Davis	3-8	2-3	0-0	3	1	8	1	1	0	1	27
Reed	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	9
Birts	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Joy	0-3	0-3	0-0	1	4	0	1	1	0	0	14
Boarden	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	7
Heck	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Schneider	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	3	2	0	0	0	2	8
Team				2							
Totals	17-57	8-22	4-6	27	22	46	9	15	2	8	200

FG%	1st: 9-31/.290	2nd: 8-26/.308	Game: .298
3PT%	1st: 4-9/.444	2nd: 4-13/.308	Game: .364
FT%	1st: 1-2/.500	2nd: 3-4/.750	Game: .667

Illinois	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Griffey*	3-6	0-2	4-5	14	2	10	2	1	0	0	25
Leonard*	2-5	0-0	4-4	11	1	8	1	4	5	0	24
Richardson*	7-12	3-6	3-4	2	0	20	3	0	0	1	31
Paul*	2-9	1-4	2-3	6	3	7	4	4	2	0	24
Abrams*	2-5	1-2	0-0	1	1	5	1	5	0	3	21
Maniscalco	2-4	2-4	2-3	3	1	8	2	3	0	0	24
Bertrand	1-5	0-1	2-2	1	1	4	1	2	1	0	18
Shaw	0-1	0-0	0-2	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	15
Djimde	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Selus	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Egwu	2-4	0-0	0-1	3	1	4	1	2	2	3	14
Berardini	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Team				3							
Totals	21-51	7-19	17-24	48	10	66	15	22	11	7	200

FG%	1st: 11-27/.407	2nd: 10-24/.417	Game: .412
3PT%	1st: 5-11/.455	2nd: 2-8/.250	Game: .368
FT%	1st: 9-14/.643	2nd: 8-10/.800	Game: .708

Score by Halves:	1st	2nd	Game
SIU Edwardsville	23	23	46
Illinois	36	30	66 A: 13,404

GAME 3

ILLINOIS 79, LIPSCOMB 64

NOV. 17, 2011 // ASSEMBLY HALL, CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

D.J. Richardson scored 17 points, and Illinois used a 14-0 second-half run to put away Lipscomb 79-64 in the second round of the Cancun Challenge.

Illinois survived the first half mostly without their 7-foot-1-inch big man, Meyers Leonard. The sophomore sat after picking up his second foul less than two minutes into the game and didn't return until the second half.

Illinois struggled without him; Lipscomb tied the game 19-19 on a Zavion Williams jumper midway through the second half and trailed 33-26 at halftime.

With Leonard back, Illinois put together its run. Baskets by Brandon Paul and Nnanna Egwu finished it off and made the score 50-33 with 12:13 left.

Sam Maniscalco added 15 for Illinois. Jacob Arnett led Lipscomb with 17.

Lipscomb	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Smith., Mar.*	0-3	0-3	0-0	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	19
Glenn*	2-5	0-0	0-0	2	2	4	2	2	0	0	21
Williams, Z.*	2-8	0-3	4-6	4	5	8	4	7	0	2	24
Arnett*	5-7	4-4	3-6	3	2	17	0	1	0	2	31
Boyd*	6-11	4-6	0-2	7	2	16	1	3	0	1	29
Sanderson	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
Alexander	0-5	0-4	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	14
Smith, D	2-6	0-0	1-1	2	1	5	1	3	1	2	19
Smith, Mal.	2-10	0-0	6-7	8	4	10	0	2	0	0	21
Williams, M.	0-5	0-0	2-2	3	1	2	1	0	0	0	19
Team				3							
Totals	19-60	8-20	18-26	33	21	64	10	18	1	9	200

FG%	1st: 8-31/.258	2nd: 11-29/.379	Game: .317
3PT%	1st: 3-9/.333	2nd: 5-11/.455	Game: .400
FT%	1st: 7-9/.778	2nd: 11-17/.647	Game: .692

Illinois	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Griffey*	2-6	0-1	1-2	6	2	5	0	0	0	1	22
Leonard*	3-4	0-0	2-2	5	4	8	0	2	2	0	12
Maniscalco*	4-7	1-3	6-6	1	1	15	3	2	0	2	22
Richardson*	7-12	3-5	0-0	2	2	17	1	2	0	2	24
Paul*	6-12	0-3	0-3	3	3	12	3	3	0	2	32
Bertrand	3-5	0-0	5-6	8	3	11	1	0	0	1	20
Head	1-3	0-1	1-1	0	2	3	2	4	0	1	11
Abrams	1-3	0-1	2-2	3	2	4	0	1	0	0	10
Shaw	0-1	0-0	0-0	7	3	0	0	4	0	0	21
Djimde	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
Selus	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Egwu	2-3	0-0	0-0	4	3	4	1	3	4	0	19
Berardini	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Team				2							
Totals	29-56	4-14	17-22	43	26	79	11	21	6	9	200

FG%	1st: 14-29/.483	2nd: 15-27/.556	Game: .518
3PT%	1st: 2-9/.222	2nd: 2-5/.400	Game: .286
FT%	1st: 3-6/.500	2nd: 14-16/.875	Game: .773

Score by Halves:	1st	2nd	Game
Lipscomb	26		

GAME 4

ILLINOIS 70, RICHMOND 61

NOV. 22, 2011 // MOON PALACE RESORT, CANCUN, MEXICO

Meyers Leonard had a double-double with 22 points and 12 rebounds as Illinois defeated Richmond 70-61 in the Cancun Challenge.

Sam Maniscalco added 19 points and D.J. Richardson 15 for the Fighting Illini.

Darien Brothers matched Leonard with 22 points for the Spiders, including six 3-pointers. He was backed by 11 apiece from Kendall Anthony and Cedrick Lindsay.

Only five players scored for Illinois and just six for Richmond.

Illinois shot 42.3 percent (22 of 52), only slightly better than the 38.3 percent (18 of 47) by Richmond.

Illinois	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Griffey*	3-9	0-1	2-2	5	2	8	0	2	0	1	36
Leonard*	7-12	0-0	8-10	12	2	22	2	0	5	1	35
Maniscalco*	7-13	1-5	4-5	3	4	19	3	1	0	0	29
Richardson*	3-8	2-4	7-8	5	0	15	0	2	0	1	38
Paul*	0-2	0-0	0-1	0	3	0	2	2	0	1	19
Bertrand	2-4	0-0	2-2	2	1	6	1	0	0	0	21
Abrams	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	13
Shaw	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	3	0	1	1	0	0	4
Egwu	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Totals	22-52	3-10	23-28	38	19	70	9	9	5	5	200

FG%	1st: 11-29/.379	2nd: 11-23/.478	Game: .423
3PT%	1st: 3-8/.375	2nd: 0-2/.000	Game: .300
FT%	1st: 12-13/.923	2nd: 11-15/.733	Game: .821

Richmond	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Garrett*	2-5	0-2	0-0	1	4	4	1	2	7	0	28
Martel*	0-5	0-3	4-6	3	5	4	1	4	0	4	33
Williams*	3-3	1-1	2-2	4	3	9	0	1	2	0	21
Lindsay*	3-7	0-2	5-9	6	1	11	4	0	1	0	38
Brothers*	7-12	6-9	2-2	2	5	22	1	2	0	1	29
Anthony	3-12	1-4	4-5	1	4	11	3	2	0	0	30
Sparrow	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
Duinker	0-3	0-1	0-0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	10
Robbins	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Totals	18-47	8-22	17-24	25	24	61	11	11	10	5	200

FG%	1st: 5-21/.238	2nd: 13-26/.500	Game: .383
3PT%	1st: 2-7/.286	2nd: 6-15/.400	Game: .364
FT%	1st: 7-11/.636	2nd: 10-13/.769	Game: .708

Score by Halves:	1st	2nd	Game
Illinois	37	33	70
Richmond	19	42	61
			A: 980

GAME 5

ILLINOIS 63, ILLINOIS STATE 59

NOV. 23, 2011 // MOON PALACE RESORT, CANCUN, MEXICO

Sam Maniscalco scored 14 points, including five in the final minute, and Illinois hung on to beat Illinois State 63-59 in the championship game of the Cancun Challenge's Riviera Division.

Richardson scored 13 points and Brandon Paul added 12 for the Illini. Maniscalco's basket gave Illinois a 59-54 lead and his layup restored a five-point lead after a pair of Illinois State free throws.

Jackie Carmichael had 17 points and Jon Ekey scored 14 for the Redbirds, who had a chance to win at the end, but Tyler Brown missed a long 3-pointer with a second remaining and the Redbirds trailing 61-59. Paul made two free throws for the final margin.

Illinois improved to 8-0 all-time against Illinois State. The schools, whose campuses are only 50 miles apart, went nearly 3,000 miles to meet in Cancun.

Illinois	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Griffey*	1-2	1-1	0-0	1	4	3	0	0	1	0	18
Leonard*	3-9	0-1	4-4	8	4	10	0	1	0	0	38
Maniscalco*	5-10	1-5	3-4	1	1	14	2	3	0	0	34
Richardson*	5-10	3-7	0-0	2	0	13	2	1	1	0	35
Paul*	2-11	1-5	7-8	5	0	12	6	0	1	0	33
Bertrand	3-4	0-0	0-0	2	0	6	3	0	0	0	16
Abrams	1-2	0-0	1-1	1	1	3	0	1	0	0	7
Shaw	0-0	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Egwu	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	5	2	0	0	1	0	11
Totals	21-51	6-19	15-17	26	15	63	13	7	4	0	200

FG%	1st: 12-28/.429	2nd: 9-23/.391	Game: .412
3PT%	1st: 4-12/.333	2nd: 2-7/.286	Game: .316
FT%	1st: 6-7/.857	2nd: 9-10/.900	Game: .882

Illinois State	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Ekey*	5-9	3-6	1-1	6	2	14	0	1	3	0	36
Carmichael*	5-8	0-0	7-10	3	4	17	1	2	0	0	19
Brown*	3-10	2-5	0-0	3	0	8	4	2	0	2	36
Cousin*	1-4	1-1	0-0	2	1	3	8	0	0	1	31
Wilkins*	3-6	2-3	2-2	7	0	10	1	0	0	0	33
Blue	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	14
Clark	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
Moore	0-4	0-1	0-0	1	5	0	0	2	0	0	16
Upshaw	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0+
Threlloff	1-2	0-0	2-2	2	1	4	0	2	0	0	11
Hill	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
Totals	19-47	9-18	12-15	29	17	59	16	10	3	3	200

FG%	1st: 8-25/.320	2nd: 11-22/.500	Game: .404
3PT%	1st: 5-12/.417	2nd: 4-6/.667	Game: .500
FT%	1st: 6-7/.857	2nd: 6-8/.750	Game: .800

Score by Halves:	1st	2nd	Game
Illinois	34	29	63
Illinois State	27	32	59
			A: 952

GAME 6

ILLINOIS 90, CHICAGO STATE 43

NOV. 27, 2011 // ASSEMBLY HALL, CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Myke Henry scored 14 points and Illinois easily defeated Chicago State 90-43.

Illinois jumped to a 13-3 lead, and a 17-4 run at the end of the first half pushed the Illini's advantage to 44-19 at the break.

Henry, a freshman forward, returned from an ankle injury and came off the bench. After close wins against Richmond and Illinois State in which coach Bruce Weber had to rely on a small rotation of veteran players, the large leads throughout Sunday's game allowed Weber to dip deep into his bench.

Five Illini players finished in double figures, with the bench contributing 48 points.

Chicago State was led by forward Jeremy Robinson's 14 points and six rebounds in its lowest scoring effort of the season.

Chicago State	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Nelson*	1-3	0-1	0-0	4	2	2	0	3	0	1	29
Fisher*	2-8	0-1	2-2	3	3	6	2	3	0	0	31
Robinson*	4-13	1-4	5-9	6	3	14	2	4	0	0	26
Simmons*	3-7	1-2	0-0	1	1	7	2	1	0	0	29
Samuels*	0-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	17
Henry	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Anderson	0-2	0-2	0-0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	8
Williams	1-2	1-2	0-0	1	4	3	0	5	0	0	15
Ukaigwe	1-1	0-0	0-2	5	4	2	0	1	0	1	10
Rosenberg	4-8	0-1	1-2	1	0	9	1	1	0	0	32
Totals	16-47	3-15	8-15	28	18	43	8	22	0	2	200

FG%	1st: 8-23/.348	2nd: 8-24/.333	Game: .340
3PT%	1st: 3-8/.375	2nd: 0-7/.000	Game: .200
FT%	1st: 0-2/.000	2nd: 8-13/.615	Game: .533

Illinois	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Griffey*	4-7	1-2	1-1	3	1	10	1	0	0	0	15
Leonard*	4-7	0-0	3-3	3	0	11	1	0	1	1	14
Maniscalco*	3-4	2-3	0-0	3	0	8	2	1	0	1	13
Richardson*	4-10	3-8	0-0	2	1	11	5	1	1	1	18
Paul*	0-2	0-2	2-4	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	16
Bertrand	3-4	0-0	1-1	1	0	7	2	0	0	1	12
Head	1-3	0-1	0-0	2	1	2	6	2	0	0	20
Abrams	1-3	0-1	2-2	2	1	4	5	2	0	0	24
Shaw	3-3	1-1	0-0	6	0	7	0	3	0	0	17
Henry	6-10	1-3	1-2	3	3	14	1	0	0	2	21
Djimde	1-2	0-0	1-2	2	3	3	0	1	0	0	13
Selus	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Egwu	5-7	0-0	1-1	2	4	11	1	1	0	0	14
Berardini	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	35-62	8-21	12-18	34	15	90	25	11	2	7	200

FG%	1st: 15-29/.517	2nd: 20-33/.606	Game: .565
3PT%	1st: 5-14/.357	2nd: 3-7/.429	Game: .381
FT%	1st: 9-10/.900	2nd: 3-8/.375	Game: .667

Score by Halves:	1st	2nd	Game
Chicago State	19	24	43
Illinois	44	46	90
			A: 14,065

GAME 7

ILLINOIS 71, MARYLAND 62

NOV. 29, 2011 // COMCAST CENTER, COLLEGE PARK, MD.

Sam Maniscalco scored 24 points, Brandon Paul had 17 and undefeated Illinois pulled away to a 71-62 victory over Maryland in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge.

The Fighting Illini trailed at halftime and led by only one point with 8 minutes left before Maniscalco knocked down a pair of 3-pointers in a 10-2 run that proved too difficult for the feisty Terrapins to overcome.

Terrell Stoglin scored 25 for Maryland and James Padgett had 16. The Terrapins had won six straight in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge and were riding a 13-game home winning streak against nonconference opponents.

But Maryland, playing its first season under coach Mark Turgeon, gave the Illini all they could handle before fading down the stretch.

Illinois trailed 41-37 before Paul scored on a drive and Maniscalco hit a 3-pointer to give the Illini their first lead since 2-0. Nnanna Ekwu followed with a layup and Tyler Griffey popped a jumper from deep in the corner to make it 47-41 and seal the 10-point run.

After the lead dwindled to 51-50, Maniscalco scored from beyond the arc with 7:45 left. The 6-foot guard popped another 3 with 5:28 remaining to make it 59-52, and although the Terrapins closed to five points in the final minute, they couldn't complete the comeback.

The win was the Bruce Weber's 200th at Illinois. He is now 200-86 (.699) in his ninth season with the Fighting Illini.

Illinois	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Griffey*	3-8	1-5	0-1	6	0	7	3	0	2	0	30
Leonard*	6-9	0-1	0-0	6	3	12	1	2	3	1	34
Maniscalco*	6-11	5-8	7-7	2	1	24	0	2	0	0	34
Richardson*	2-8	0-4	2-2	6	3	6	1	0	0	0	25
Paul*	5-14	1-4	6-6	7	3	17	3	4	0	2	36
Bertrand	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	3
Head	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Abrams	0-2	0-0	2-2	3	4	2	4	0	0	0	21
Shaw	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
Henry	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
Djimde	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
Ekwu	1-1	0-0	0-0	3	2	2	0	1	1	0	6
Totals	23-55	7-23	18-20	37	21	71	13	11	6	3	200

FG%	1st: 10-25/.400	2nd: 13-30/.433	Game: .418
3PT%	1st: 3-9/.333	2nd: 4-14/.286	Game: .304
FT%	1st: 8-10/.800	2nd: 10-10/1.000	Game: .900

Maryland	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Mosley*	2-4	1-3	0-0	4	3	5	2	2	0	0	34
Padgett*	5-9	0-0	6-9	5	3	16	0	2	1	0	28
Weijs*	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	3	2	0	0	1	1	19
Faust*	2-11	0-6	1-3	3	0	5	2	3	0	0	31
Stoglin*	8-17	4-9	5-8	3	2	25	1	3	0	1	32
Parker	1-4	0-0	0-0	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	19
Auslander	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Thomas	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
Pankey	2-3	0-0	3-5	4	1	7	0	1	1	0	26
Totals	21-50	5-19	15-25	31	16	62	5	11	3	2	200

FG%	1st: 12-23/.522	2nd: 9-27/.333	Game: .420
3PT%	1st: 3-8/.375	2nd: 2-11/.182	Game: .263
FT%	1st: 8-15/.533	2nd: 7-10/.700	Game: .600

Score by Halves:	1st	2nd	Game
Illinois	31	40	71
Maryland	35	27	62
			A: 13,187

GAME 8

ILLINOIS 82, #19/18 GONZAGA 75

DEC. 3, 2011 // ASSEMBLY HALL, CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Meiers Leonard scored 21 points and helped Illinois hold No. 19 Gonzaga's Robert Sacre to two second-half points in an 82-75 upset.

D.J. Richardson added 19 points for undefeated Illinois. He hit two free throws and a three-pointer that with 5:35 to play put Illinois up 67-60.

Sacre fouled out two minutes later. He finished with 16 points. But he went scoreless for more than 20 minutes. Elias Harris led Gonzaga with 19 points.

Brandon Paul scored 13 for Illinois. Illinois rotated its big men--the 7-1 Leonard, 6-8 Tyler Griffey and freshmen 6-8 Ibby Djimde and 6-11 Nnanna Ekwu--on Sacre.

Early on the 7-foot Gonzaga center had his way, scoring 14 first-half points and keeping the Bulldogs close through the first half.

But after a basket with 4:22 to play in the first half, Sacre went cold, frustrated by the rotating cast of Illini around him.

With Sacre invisible, the Illini went on a 7-0 run early in the second half.

Sacre finally found his touch again, hitting a short jumper and pumping his fist in relief as Gonzaga closed to seven at 69-62, but that relief was short lived.

On the next possession Leonard quickly hit a jump shot that erased Sacre's two points and kept the lead at 71-62.

Leonard, with 3:38 left in the game, then drew a charge from Sacre and the packed Assembly Hall erupted as Sacre walked to the bench.

Gonzaga	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Harris*	5-10	1-1	8-12	8	0	19	0	2	1	3	32
Sacre*	5-11	0-0	6-8	2	5	16	2	2	0	1	29
Carter*	2-3	0-1	0-2	1	3	4	1	3	0	0	14
Pangos*	5-10	1-5	0-1	4	2	11	3	1	0	1	36
Hart*	1-1	0-0	0-0	4	4	2	1	0	0	0	19
Bell, Jr.	3-4	1-2	2-2	3	0	9	1	2	0	1	23
Stockton	3-6	2-4	1-1	0	2	9	2	4	0	3	30
Moeninghoff	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
Keita	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dower	2-6	0-0	1-1	2	1	5	0	2	0	0	17
Totals	26-51	5-13	18-27	27	17	75	10	16	1	9	200

FG%	1st: 13-26/.500	2nd: 13-25/.520	Game: .510
3PT%	1st: 1-4/.250	2nd: 4-9/.444	Game: .385
FT%	1st: 9-14/.643	2nd: 9-13/.692	Game: .667

Illinois	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Griffey*	4-7	0-3	0-0	3	4	8	0	2	1	3	24
Leonard*	9-11	0-0	3-4	6	4	21	1	0	1	0	24
Maniscalco*	3-8	0-2	4-4	4	1	10	6	3	0	4	31
Richardson*	6-11	4-7	3-5	2	1	19	1	0	0	1	36
Paul*	5-11	1-3	2-2	4	3	13	5	3	0	0	32
Bertrand	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Head	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	8
Abrams	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	3	2	0	0	12
Shaw	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	4
Henry	1-3	0-1	0-0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	4
Djimde	0-1	0-0	1-2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	12
Selus	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
Ekwu	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	6
Totals	32-60	5-16	13-17	30	21	82	16	12	2	9	200

FG%	1st: 16-29/.552	2nd: 16-31/.516	Game: .533
3PT%	1st: 3-7/.429	2nd: 2-9/.222	Game: .313
FT%	1st: 3-6/.500	2nd: 10-11/.909	Game: .765

Score by Halves:	1st	2nd	Game
Gonzaga	36	39	75
Illinois	38	44	82
			A: 15,879

GAME 9

#24/22 ILLINOIS 48, ST. BONAVENTURE 43

DEC. 7, 2011 // ASSEMBLY HALL, CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

On a night when nothing worked quite right for the Illini, Brandon Paul scored 11 points in the final four minutes and single-handedly drove a comeback that delivered a 48-43 comeback win over St. Bonaventure to keep Illinois unbeaten.

Like his teammates, Paul struggled much of the night. Then, as Illinois waited for somebody to provide a spark, he came to life.

Paul finished with 17 points. D.J. Richardson added 11 and Leonard had nine points and eight rebounds.

Andrew Nicholson led St. Bonaventure with 17 points and eight rebounds.

Both teams played sloppy on offense and struggled to get good shots for much of the night. The Illini hit just 31.9 percent of their shots and the Bonnies 35.4.

St. Bonaventure went up 38-30 with 6:18 to play on a long jump shot by Nicholson.

Then, after a 3-pointer by Richardson cut the lead to 39-33, Paul took over.

First he hammered home a dunk with 3:58 to play that cut the Bonnies' edge to 39-35 and revved up what had been a quiet crowd.

After a bucket by Demetrius Conger, Paul turned a steal into a layup and, after he was fouled, a three-point play that made the score 41-38.

His second three-point play tied the game and Leonard's free throws gave Illinois its first lead since late in the first half.

Down 48-43, St. Bonaventure's had one last gasp. Nicholson tried a three and missed, and the rebound fell, fittingly, to Paul.

SBU	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Conger*	3-6	0-1	0-0	2	3	6	1	3	0	0	31
Nicholson*	7-18	0-1	3-6	8	3	17	0	6	1	3	38
Ndoye*	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	2	1	1	1	0	11
Kloof*	2-5	0-0	0-0	4	2	4	1	1	0	1	27
Wright*	2-5	2-4	0-0	5	2	6	2	3	0	1	24
Mosley	1-6	1-5	0-0	2	1	3	1	0	0	0	12
Gathers	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Johnson	1-1	1-1	0-0	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	4
Davenport	0-2	0-1	2-2	2	3	2	1	0	0	0	20
Cook	0-4	0-0	0-0	7	2	0	1	3	0	0	29
Totals	17-48	4-15	5-8	36	17	43	8	18	2	5	200

FG%	1st: 10-28/.357	2nd: 7-20/.350	Game: .354
3PT%	1st: 3-8/.375	2nd: 1-7/.143	Game: .267
FT%	1st: 3-4/.750	2nd: 2-4/.500	Game: .625

Illinois	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Griffey*	2-4	2-3	0-0	2	2	6	0	1	1	1	29
Leonard*	3-3	0-0	3-5	8	2	9	1	5	1	0	29
Maniscalco*	2-10	1-5	0-0	4	1	5	2	1	0	1	32
Richardson*	4-13	3-10	0-0	0	0	11	1	1	0	2	37
Paul*	4-11	1-6	8-12	5	2	17	5	3	0	3	33
Bertrand	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Head	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3
Abrams	0-3	0-2	0-0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	16
Shaw	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Djimde	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Ekwu	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	13
Totals	15-47	7-26	11-17	26	12	48	9	13	2	9	200

FG%	1st: 8-22/.364	2nd: 7-25/.280	Game: .319
3PT%	1st: 5-14/.357	2nd: 2-12/.167	Game: .269
FT%	1st: 3-4/.750	2nd: 8-13/.615	Game: .647

GAME 10

#24/22 ILLINOIS 80, COPPIN STATE 63

DEC. 11, 2011 // ASSEMBLY HALL, CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

D.J. Richardson scored 20 points to lead four players in double figures and the No. 24 Illini beat Coppin State 80-63.

After failing to get any sort of offensive rhythm in a narrow win against St. Bonaventure, Illinois shot 56 percent from the floor against Coppin State's zone defense, including a season-best 10 three-pointers.

Illinois hung on to remain one of nine undefeated teams in the nation despite a second-half surge from the Eagles.

After Illinois jumped out to a 17-point lead in the opening minutes of the second half, Coppin State went on a 20-5 run to cut the lead to 59-57. Illinois responded with a 13-3 burst after Illinois center Meyers Leonard and Coppin State guard Taariq Cephas both received technical fouls when the two got tangled up and had to be separated.

Following the pair of technicals, Illinois head coach Bruce Weber switched to a four-guard rotation alongside Leonard, and the group turned to Leonard to provide enough offense down the stretch.

Tony Gallo scored 21 points for Coppin State, which also made 10 3-pointers.

Leonard had 18 points and 11 rebounds for his second career double-double, while guards Sam Maniscalco and Brandon Paul each scored 12 points.

The starting backcourt trio of Maniscalco, Paul and Richardson combined for nine of Illinois' 10 3-pointers, most of which came against Coppin State's zone defense.

Maniscalco had five assists and no turnovers, while the rest of the team had 21 assists and nine turnovers.

The 10 victories to start the season marks the best opening for an Illini team since 2005, and it is the fourth-longest winning streak for Illinois under Weber.

Coppin St.	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Murray*	2-7	1-3	0-0	5	2	5	0	2	0	0	19
Ellis*	2-6	1-3	1-2	5	2	6	5	1	0	0	26
St. Louis*	1-2	0-0	2-2	3	4	4	0	1	0	0	20
Cephas*	4-8	1-3	0-0	3	2	9	2	2	0	0	36
Gallo*	7-14	4-8	3-6	3	1	21	3	2	0	1	39
Harper	5-9	2-3	1-2	3	1	13	0	2	0	2	28
Simpson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Johnson	0-2	0-2	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Wiens	2-5	1-3	0-0	1	1	5	0	1	0	0	16
Williams	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	9
Totals	23-54	10-25	7-12	28	15	63	10	12	0	3	200

FG%	1st: 11-26/.423	2nd: 12-28/.429	Game: .426
3PT%	1st: 6-12/.500	2nd: 4-13/.308	Game: .400
FT%	1st: 2-4/.500	2nd: 5-8/.625	Game: .583

Illinois	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Griffey*	4-5	0-0	0-0	4	0	8	1	0	1	0	16
Leonard*	7-10	0-0	4-4	11	3	18	4	1	2	0	32
Maniscalco*	5-9	2-6	0-0	2	1	12	5	0	0	2	29
Richardson*	7-13	4-8	2-2	1	2	20	2	0	1	0	32
Paul*	4-9	3-5	1-2	6	0	12	3	2	0	0	27
Bertrand	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	2	1	0	0	12
Head	0-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	13
Abrams	1-1	1-1	0-0	2	1	3	2	2	0	1	15
Shaw	1-2	0-1	0-0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	8
Henry	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	8
Djimde	0-0	0-0	1-2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Egwu	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	6
Totals	31-55	10-22	8-12	31	11	80	21	9	5	4	200

FG%	1st: 16-29/.552	2nd: 15-26/.577	Game: .564
3PT%	1st: 5-13/.385	2nd: 5-9/.556	Game: .455
FT%	1st: 1-4/.250	2nd: 7-8/.875	Game: .667

Score by Halves:

	1st	2nd	Game
Coppin State	30	33	63
Illinois	38	42	80

A: 14,811

GAME 11

UNLV 64, #19/19 ILLINOIS 48

DEC. 17, 2011 // UNITED CENTER, CHICAGO, ILL.

The cold-shooting Illini were led by 19 points from D.J. Richardson. Illinois shot 25.4 percent (16 for 63) and had 15 turnovers. The Illini went only 7 of 25 from 3-point range as they suffered their first loss to UNLV, 64-48, on Dec. 11 at the United Center in Chicago.

UNLV went on a 14-2 run to close the first half to hand No. 19 Illinois its first loss of the season.

In the opening 20 minutes, Illinois had nine turnovers and made just eight of 28 field goal attempts, including 3 of 11 on 3-pointers as it disappointed a large, orange-clad throng of fans.

The Illini then missed eight of their first nine attempts to start the second half, but a Richardson 3-pointer helped the Illini get within eight.

Then the Runnin' Rebels took off. Carlos Lopez had a nice follow shot, Kendall Wallace sank a long 3-pointer and Moser drove for a basket after another Illini turnover as the Rebels ran out to a 15-point lead with 11:15 to go.

Richardson hit his fourth 3-pointer of the second half to get the Illini within 11 with 6:14 remaining. Illinois whittled it to eight with 4:24 to go on a basket by Meyers Leonard.

But Thomas had a dunk with 2:25 remaining to end a 7-minute field goal drought for UNLV and the Runnin' Rebels regained control.

Illinois, which is 32-11 at the United Center, has lost three straight and five of six on the Chicago Bulls' home floor.

UNLV	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Bellfield*	1-6	0-2	4-4	6	2	6	6	5	2	1	33
Massamba*	3-3	0-0	2-3	2	2	8	0	0	0	0	9
Stanback*	0-4	0-1	2-2	3	2	2	1	2	0	0	25
Marshall*	1-5	1-2	2-3	4	5	5	3	3	2	1	27
Moser*	6-11	1-4	4-5	11	3	17	1	6	0	2	32
Thomas	5-6	0-0	3-3	7	1	13	0	1	1	2	19
Lopez	3-5	0-0	0-0	4	2	6	0	0	1	2	13
Wallace	1-3	1-1	0-0	1	0	3	0	0	1	1	10
Mashour	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hawkins	2-7	0-1	0-0	1	4	4	0	0	1	1	31
Totals	22-50	3-11	17-20	44	21	64	11	18	9	10	200

Illinois	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Griffey*	3-5	0-1	0-0	4	2	6	1	1	0	0	27
Leonard*	3-8	0-0	1-6	6	3	7	3	2	0	0	33
Maniscalco*	1-10	1-7	3-4	3	1	6	2	1	0	0	35
Richardson*	6-17	5-8	2-2	8	3	19	2	2	0	0	33
Paul*	2-12	1-6	2-4	4	5	7	1	3	1	5	25
Abrams	0-2	0-1	0-0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	10
Shaw	0-1	0-0	1-2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Bertrand	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	7
Henry	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Egwu	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	7
Head	1-6	0-2	0-0	1	1	2	0	1	0	2	15
Totals	16-63	7-25	9-18	40	19	48	12	15	1	7	200

FG%	1st: 8-28/.286	2nd: 8-35/.229	Game: .254
3PT%	1st: 3-11/.273	2nd: 4-14/.286	Game: .280
FT%	1st: 3-6/.500	2nd: 6-12/.500	Game: .500

Score by Halves:

	1st	2nd	Game
UNLV	33	31	64
Illinois	22	26	48

A: 15,144

GAME 12

#25/24 ILLINOIS 64, CORNELL 60

DEC. 19, 2011 // ASSEMBLY HALL, CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

The 64-60 victory was anything but easy for No. 25 Illinois against Cornell.

Meyers Leonard had 19 points and a career-high 16 rebounds, overcoming a back injury to lead the Illini.

After trailing for the most of the game, Illinois was sparked by D.J. Richardson's nine points in the second half and narrowly avoided its second consecutive loss.

Josh Figini scored all 14 of his points in the first half to lead Cornell. The forward sat out the last 7 minutes of the half after picking up two fouls and was limited the rest of the game.

Illinois opened the second half 1 for 13 from the field and fell behind 42-36, then put together a 14-6 run to regain the lead. The teams exchanged leads until the final minute, when Richardson hit a pull-up jumper with 17 seconds left to put Illinois ahead 62-58.

Cornell hit six 3-pointers, including three by Figini, to jump out to a 24-14 lead. Led by several baskets from Leonard, Illinois tied the score 32-all by halftime.

Leonard's big first half - 15 points and nine rebounds - allowed Illinois to stay in the game as it struggled with its outside shooting against Cornell's zone defense.

Richardson, the team's leading scorer, scored 17 points, 11 in the second half.

Brandon Paul broke out of a scoring slump with 15 points on 4-of-8 shooting for Illinois. Sam Maniscalco continued to struggle, however, going 1 for 7 and finishing with five points.

Illinois outrebounded Cornell 42-25 and had 13 offensive rebounds. There were eight lead changes and the score was tied nine times.

Cornell	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Miller*	3-4	0-0	0-0	3	4	6	1	3	2	0	16
Figini*	4-11	3-3	3-3	2	3	14	1	0	0	2	29
Cancer*	2-7	0-0	1-2	2	2	5	4	0	0	3	27
Wroblewski*	4-13	2-7	0-2	6	1	10	4	3	0	1	38
Ferry*	3-10	3-9	0-0	3	1	9	0	0	0	1	34
Groebe	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	8
Gray	3-5	1-2	0-1	2	1	7	0	1	0	0	17
Cherry	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Tarwater	0-0	0-0	2-3	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	17
Chemeriniski	2-3	0-0	0-0	4	3	4	2	2	1	0	11
Totals	22-56	10-23	6-11	25	16	60	12	10	3	7	200

FG%	1st: 11-25/.440	2nd: 11-31/.355	Game: .393
3PT%	1st: 6-12/.500	2nd: 4-11/.364	Game: .435
FT%	1st: 4-8/.500	2nd: 2-3/.667	Game: .545

Illinois	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Griffey*	4-8	0-1	0-0	7	4	8	0	4	1	0	26
Leonard*	9-11	0-0	1-2	16	1	19	2	3	3	0	35
Maniscalco*	1-7	1-5	2-2	2	2	5	6	0	0	1	33
Richardson*	6-13	5-10	0-0	3	1	17	3	1	0	0	37
Paul*	4-8	1-3	6-7	4	2	15	3	4	1	1	28
Bertrand	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Head	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Abrams	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	14
Shaw	0-3	0-1	0-0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	5
Henry	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	5
Djimde	0-1	0-0	0-1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Egwu	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	5
Totals	24-57	7-21	9-13	42	15	64	17	15	5	3	200

FG%	1st: 13-30/.433	2nd: 11-27/.407	Game: .421
3PT%	1st: 3-11/.273	2nd: 4-10/.400	Game: .333
FT%	1st: 3-5/.600	2nd: 6-8/.750	Game: .692

Score by Halves:

	1st	2nd	Game
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GAME 13

#9/8 MISSOURI 78, #25/24 ILLINOIS 74

DEC. 22, 2011 // SCOTTRADE CENTER, ST. LOUIS, MO.

Phil Pressey had 18 points, five assists and two steals, and the ninth-ranked Tigers held off a second-half charge by No. 25 Illinois for a 78-74 victory in the annual Braggin' Rights game.

Reserve Michael Dixon added 18 points and Ricardo Ratliffe had 14 in 19 minutes for Missouri, which squandered a 13-point cushion with 13 minutes left before recovering late. The Tigers have won three straight in the series and they're 12-0 for the first time since opening the 1981-82 season 19-0.

Reserve Joseph Bertrand had a career-high 19 points on 9-for-9 shooting, and Meyers Leonard had 14 points and 13 rebounds for Illinois in its second loss in three games.

Brandon Paul added 19 points and nine rebounds for Illinois.

Illinois led 70-68 after three free throws by D.J. Richardson with 2:01 to go, but Missouri answered with seven straight points. Ratliffe scored twice inside, recovering an errant pass on one and putting back his own miss, and also forced a turnover. Illinois got no closer than three points the rest of the way, with Paul committing two turnovers.

Phil Pressey's layup was the clincher with 12 seconds to go for a five-point lead after Missouri worked the clock.

Bertrand, a sophomore, totaled two points in the previous six games and came in averaging 3.2 per game. He scored nine points in a 17-3 surge for a 62-61 lead with 7:01 to go. The Fighting Illini were 14 for 23 to start the second half.

Missouri helped with undisciplined play, throwing up several ill-advised 3-point attempts, but regained the lead on a driving shot by Phil Pressey with 6:45 to go.

Both schools were ranked for the second straight year and eighth time in 31 all-time meetings. Illinois leads the series 20-11.

Illinois	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Griffey*	1-3	0-0	0-0	3	1	2	0	3	0	0	12
Leonard*	6-13	0-0	2-2	13	3	14	5	3	2	2	38
Maniscalco*	3-8	1-5	0-0	0	3	7	2	2	0	0	26
Richardson*	4-9	0-3	5-7	1	2	13	1	0	0	1	39
Paul*	8-16	3-7	0-0	10	3	19	2	6	0	0	35
Bertrand	9-9	0-0	1-1	5	2	19	0	2	0	1	28
Head	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	7
Abrams	0-3	0-1	0-0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	12
Egwu	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Totals	31-62	4-16	8-10	35	16	74	10	17	2	5	200

FG%	1st: 13-30/433	2nd: 18-32/563	Game: .500
3PT%	1st: 2-9/222	2nd: 2-7/286	Game: .250
FT%	1st: 2-4/500	2nd: 6-6/1000	Game: .800

Missouri	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Ratliffe*	7-10	0-0	0-1	4	2	14	0	3	0	1	19
P. Pressey*	7-15	1-4	3-4	2	2	18	5	3	0	2	36
M. Pressey*	3-8	1-4	3-3	6	2	10	0	2	0	2	29
Denmon*	2-9	2-6	2-2	1	3	8	3	3	0	1	31
English*	3-7	1-2	1-1	8	2	8	1	2	1	0	36
Dixon	3-8	2-3	10-12	2	1	18	4	0	0	1	28
Moore	1-2	0-0	0-0	5	1	2	0	0	3	0	21
Totals	26-59	7-19	19-23	30	13	78	13	13	4	7	200

FG%	1st: 14-29/483	2nd: 12-30/400	Game: .441
3PT%	1st: 5-10/500	2nd: 2-9/222	Game: .368
FT%	1st: 8-8/1000	2nd: 11-15/733	Game: .826

Score by Halves:	1st	2nd	Game
Illinois	30	44	74
Missouri	41	37	78 A: 22,087

GAME 14

ILLINOIS 81, MINNESOTA 72 (2OT)

DEC. 27, 2011 // ASSEMBLY HALL, CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Brandon Paul scored a breakaway dunk that put Illinois ahead in double overtime and Meyers Leonard hit the layup that sealed the 81-72 victory over Minnesota.

Paul swiped the ball from Ralph Sampson III for the dunk that gave the Illini a three-point cushion at 73-70. Leonard's layup with 1:11 left made it 78-72 and finished the Golden Gophers.

Paul finished with 21 points. Leonard had 20 and a game-high 11 rebounds for his third straight double-double.

Sampson led Minnesota with a game-high 22 points plus nine rebounds. Julian Welch added 15 points.

The Illini led by 13 midway through the second half before the Gophers stormed back to tie it with just over 6 minutes to play on a 3-pointer by Welch. A pair of Leonard free throws with 7 seconds left sent the game to overtime.

Minnesota	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Williams*	3-6	1-1	1-1	7	5	8	1	4	1	2	34
Sampson*	8-19	0-0	6-6	9	4	22	3	3	2	0	39
Welch*	4-13	2-5	5-7	1	2	15	3	0	0	1	40
Ahanmisi*	2-7	0-2	0-0	6	1	4	5	3	0	0	37
Hollins, Aus.*	3-6	0-1	2-2	4	2	8	0	0	1	2	38
Hollins, Andre	3-7	1-2	2-2	0	2	9	1	3	0	1	16
Osenieks	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
Coleman	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	14
Armelin	1-5	0-3	0-0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	8
Ingram	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Eliason	1-4	0-0	0-0	5	1	2	0	0	0	1	18
Totals	26-69	4-14	16-18	35	19	72	15	14	4	8	250

FG%	1st: 8-32/250	2nd: 15-24/625	OT: 3-13/231	Game: .377
3PT%	1st: 2-9/222	2nd: 2-2/1000	OT: 0-3/000	Game: .286
FT%	1st: 9-9/1000	2nd: 5-7/714	OT: 2-2/1000	Game: .889

Illinois	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Griffey*	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	7
Leonard*	6-10	0-0	8-9	11	3	20	1	5	5	0	42
Maniscalco*	4-7	2-5	0-0	3	0	10	3	0	0	0	36
Richardson*	5-13	2-6	1-2	5	2	13	2	3	0	0	42
Paul*	5-16	3-8	8-10	7	3	21	6	5	0	2	48
Bertrand	6-10	0-1	1-1	1	2	13	1	1	2	0	31
Abrams	1-2	0-1	0-0	3	1	2	0	5	0	0	23
Shaw	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
Egwu	1-2	0-0	0-0	5	2	2	0	1	3	0	20
Totals	28-60	7-21	18-22	42	17	81	14	21	10	3	250

FG%	1st: 14-25/560	2nd: 10-25/400	OT: 4-10/400	Game: .467
3PT%	1st: 2-7/286	2nd: 3-9/333	OT: 2-5/400	Game: .333
FT%	1st: 7-8/875	2nd: 4-4/1000	OT: 7-10/700	Game: .818

Score by Halves:	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Game
Minnesota	27	37	6	2	72
Illinois	37	27	6	11	81 A: 15,549

GAME 15

PURDUE 75, ILLINOIS 60

DEC. 31, 2011 // MACKEY ARENA, WEST LAFAYETTE, IND.

Kelsey Barlow scored 14 points, including 11 in the second half, to lead Purdue over Illinois 75-60.

Ryne Smith scored 12 points, all from 3-point range, and Terone Johnson and D.J. Byrd had nine each for the Boilermakers, who have won three straight.

Brandon Paul scored 17 points and D.J. Richardson had 15 points and six rebounds for the Fighting Illini, who have lost three of their last five games.

Purdue led at halftime 26-24, then started the second half on a 26-5 run. The spurt was capped with a 3-pointer by Byrd with 12:08 left.

The Boilermakers pushed the lead as high as 27 points in the second half.

Illinois	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Leonard*	2-4	0-1	3-4	6	3	7	0	3	0	0	24
Maniscalco*	0-2	0-2	0-2	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	18
Richardson*	7-13	1-3	0-0	6	1	15	1	4	0	0	36
Bertrand*	4-8	0-0	0-0	0	3	8	0	4	0	1	20
Paul*	7-15	2-7	1-1	2	3	17	2	3	0	5	33
Abrams	0-1	0-1	2-2	3	1	2	4	2	0	0	24
Shaw	0-2	0-1	1-2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	8
Henry	3-7	1-3	0-0	3	2	7	0	0	0	0	7
Djimde	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Selus	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Egwu	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	12
Griffey	1-3	1-3	0-0	0	2	3	1	1	0	0	12
Berardini	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	24-56	5-21	7-13	30	21	60	10	17	0	7	200

FG%	1st: 10-23/435	2nd: 14-33/424	Game: .429
3PT%	1st: 2-8/250	2nd: 3-13/231	Game: .238
FT%	1st: 2-7/286	2nd: 5-6/833	Game: .538

Purdue	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Hummel*	2-6	0-1	1-2	5	3	5	3	0	0	0	22
Barlow*	4-8	1-2	5-7	1	2	14	2	2	0	2	27
Jackson*	2-3	0-1	4-5	6	1	8	2	2	0	0	19
Smith*	4-6	4-5	0-0	4	2	12	1	0	0	2	25
Lawson*	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	18
Johnson	4-7	1-3	0-2	2	1	9	3	0	0	3	21
Johnson	2-3	0-0	3-6	2	2	7	0	2	0	1	18
Anthrop	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Byrd	3-4	2-3	1-2	0	0	9	3	1	0	0	18
Beshears	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Hart	1-2	1-1	1-2	2	2	4	0	1	0	0	9
Carroll	3-4	0-1	1-2	2	1	7	0	2	0	2	21
Totals	25-44	9-17	16-28	26	16	75	15	13	0	10	200

FG%	1st: 10-23/435	2nd: 15-21/714	Game: .568
3PT%	1st: 5-11/455	2nd: 4-6/667	Game: .529
FT%	1st: 1-4/250	2nd: 15-24/625	Game: .571

Score by Halves:	1st	2nd	Game
Illinois	24	36	60
Purdue	26	49	75 A: 14,041

GAME 16

ILLINOIS 57, NORTHWESTERN 56

JAN. 4, 2012 // WELSH-RYAN ARENA, EVANSTON, ILL.

Myke Henry made one of two free throws with 6 seconds left and Meyers Leonard blocked a shot just before the buzzer as Illinois pulled out a 57-56 victory over Northwestern.

Leonard hit a free throw with 29 seconds left to put the Illini up 56-54, but Northwestern's Drew Crawford tied it on a tip with 17 seconds remaining.

After Brandon Paul drove but couldn't connect, Henry was fouled on a rebound follow-up. He made one free throw but missed the second.

Crawford rebounded and tried to drive the length of the floor, but the 7-foot-1 Leonard swatted the shot away.

Leonard led the Illini with 12 points. Paul and Joseph Bertrand added 10 each.

Shurna, the Big Ten's leading scorer at 18.6 for Northwestern, had 17 first-half points but just the three in the second under tough defense from Paul.

Illinois	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Leonard*	4-9	0-0	4-8	8	4	12	0	1	2	1	38
Richardson*	3-7	2-4	0-2	2	1	8	4	2	1	1	33
Abrams*	0-3	0-1	0-0	5	5	0	3	0	0	0	30
Bertrand*	4-8	0-0	2-2	8	3	10	1	0	1	0	32
Paul*	4-12	1-2	1-3	4	2	10	4	6	1	2	39
Henry	2-5	1-2	1-2	3	2	6	0	0	0	0	15
Egwu	3-3	0-0	3-3	0	1	9	0	0	1	0	8
Griffey	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	5
Totals	21-49	4-10	11-20	36	18	57	12	11	6	4	200

FG%	1st: 12-26/.462	2nd: 9-23/.391	Game: .429
3PT%	1st: 3-7/.429	2nd: 1-3/.333	Game: .400
FT%	1st: 4-7/.571	2nd: 7-13/.538	Game: .550

Northwestern	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Crawford*	3-12	0-1	2-4	6	4	8	0	1	0	1	38
Shurna*	8-17	3-6	1-1	7	2	20	2	2	4	1	40
Mirkovic*	2-6	0-0	0-0	4	2	4	3	0	0	3	22
Hearn*	3-5	1-2	1-1	2	0	8	0	1	0	0	11
Sobolewski*	0-5	0-4	2-2	4	4	2	2	2	1	3	39
Cobb	2-5	0-2	2-4	0	1	6	1	1	0	3	17
Curletti	1-3	0-1	2-4	3	3	4	1	0	0	0	16
Marcotullio	1-2	1-2	1-2	3	3	4	1	1	1	0	17
Totals	20-55	5-18	11-18	34	19	56	10	9	6	11	200

FG%	1st: 14-30/.467	2nd: 6-25/.240	Game: .364
3PT%	1st: 3-10/.300	2nd: 2-8/.250	Game: .278
FT%	1st: 5-7/.714	2nd: 6-11/.545	Game: .611

Score by Halves:	1st	2nd	Game
Illinois	31	26	57
Northwestern	36	20	56 A: 8,117

GAME 17

ILLINOIS 59, NEBRASKA 54

JAN. 7, 2012 // ASSEMBLY HALL, CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Joseph Bertrand scored a career- and game-high 25 points to save Illinois in a 59-54 comeback victory over the Cornhuskers.

In a sloppy game that that included 34 turnovers -- 20 by the Cornhuskers -- Bertrand went 11 for 12 and hit the game-winning shot with less than a minute to play on a smooth floater after gliding through the Cornhuskers and into the lane.

The Cornhuskers were tied 54-54 and had the ball with 1:21 to play.

But Toney McCray turned the ball over, setting up Bertrand, who hit his short floater and gave Illinois a 56-54 lead.

The Cornhuskers had a chance at the other end, but Bo Spencer settled for a long jumper on the run that missed.

Paul came up with the ball and, on the break, drew an intentional foul going to the basket. As Sadler argued the call, the junior hit two free throws to put the game all but out of reach at 58-54 with 21 seconds to play.

Spencer led Nebraska with 13 points. McCray added 12, and Brandon Richardson scored 10.

Both teams were sloppy. Nebraska finished with 20 turnovers, and Illinois had 14.

One big difference, Weber said, was that Illinois cleaned up its turnover problem in the second half. Both teams had a dozen in the first 20 minutes, but Illinois had just two in the second half.

Nebraska didn't score in the game's first 4-plus minutes, giving Illinois a chance to race ahead, but the Illini muffed the opportunity. Illinois put up just five points in those first 4 minutes.

Nebraska	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Ubel*	1-3	0-1	1-2	3	3	3	3	2	0	1	25
McCray*	5-9	1-2	1-4	6	1	12	0	3	1	0	34
Richardson*	3-5	1-2	3-4	3	2	10	1	1	0	3	35
Spencer*	5-10	3-7	0-0	1	4	13	1	4	0	0	26
Walker*	0-2	0-2	1-2	7	0	1	1	4	0	0	25
Hilliard	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Niemann	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Diaz	3-4	0-0	3-3	3	2	9	1	3	1	0	22
Talley	1-3	0-0	4-4	1	5	6	1	3	1	1	28
Fox	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	18-36	5-14	13-19	24	18	54	8	20	3	5	200

FG%	1st: 8-17/.471	2nd: 10-19/.526	Game: .500
3PT%	1st: 3-9/.333	2nd: 2-5/.400	Game: .357
FT%	1st: 6-9/.667	2nd: 7-10/.700	Game: .684

Illinois	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Griffey*	0-3	0-1	1-2	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	20
Leonard*	3-5	0-0	1-2	4	4	7	2	3	0	0	24
Bertrand*	11-12	0-0	3-5	2	3	25	2	2	0	1	35
Paul*	4-13	1-5	2-4	6	3	11	3	1	1	2	39
Abrams*	3-4	1-2	1-4	3	2	8	1	3	0	1	34
Richardson	1-4	0-1	0-0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	21
Shaw	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Henry	1-2	1-2	2-2	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	8
Djimde	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1
Egwu	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	3	0	0	2	0	0	15
Totals	23-44	3-11	10-19	20	20	59	8	14	2	5	200

FG%	1st: 8-18/.444	2nd: 15-26/.577	Game: .523
3PT%	1st: 2-7/.286	2nd: 1-4/.250	Game: .273
FT%	1st: 4-6/.667	2nd: 6-13/.462	Game: .526

Score by Halves:	1st	2nd	Game
Nebraska	25	29	54
Illinois	22	37	59 A: 14,909

GAME 18

ILLINOIS 79, #5/5 OHIO STATE 74

JAN. 10, 2012 // ASSEMBLY HALL, CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Brandon Paul scored a career-high 43 - the third best scoring performance in Illinois basketball history - to lead the Illini past the No. 5 Buckeyes 79-74.

The most important of Paul's shots was an off-balance 3-pointer that, with 43 seconds left, gave Illinois a 74-70 lead that all but finished the Buckeyes.

Paul scored the final 15 points for the Illini.

Ohio State led 39-34 at halftime, and was up 64-61 with just over five minutes to play.

But with the game tied at 66 with just over two minutes to play, Joseph Bertrand swiped the ball from William Buford, putting the ball in Paul's hands for a baseline 3-pointer that put the Illini up 69-66.

Paul's 43 points was the third-highest scoring performance in Illini history and he tied a school record with eight 3-pointers. He also had a team-high eight rebounds.

Leonard added 14 for Illinois and Bertrand and D.J. Richardson scored 10 each.

Deshaun Thomas scored 23 points and Jared Sullinger added 21 for Ohio State. William Buford had 15 points for the Buckeyes and Aaron Craft added 12.

Ohio State looked ready to put the Illini away early in the second half, stretching its lead to 48-37 in the opening two minutes on an efficient run that yielded nine points over four possessions. Illinois ran off its own 7-0 run, pulling to within two at 48-46 on a 3-pointer by Richardson.

Ohio State did pull away yet again, going up 52-46 on a short turnaround jumper by Sullinger over Leonard with 14:25 left in the game.

The Illini then scored eight straight, taking the lead 55-54 with a baseline jumper by Leonard with 11:18 to play.

On Illinois' next possession, Paul drew what the officials judged to be an intentional foul by Craft, sinking two of his three shots and giving the Illini a 57-54 edge with just under 11 minutes left. Buford answered a long miss by Paul with two points on outside jumper that tied the game again at 61.

Then, after a Leonard turnover, he drained a 3-pointer for a 64-61 Ohio State lead with 6:18 to play.

Ohio State	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Sullinger*	9-16	2-2	1-2	5	4	21	0	2	0	3	38
Thomas*	8-12	1-2	6-7	6	3	23	0	0	0	0	34
Craft*	6-11	0-3	0-0	4	4	12	7	2	0	1	40
Smith Jr.*	1-4	1-4	0-0	4	2	3	2	1	0	0	25
Buford*	7-18	1-3	0-0	3	1	15	0	4	0	2	37
Thompson	0-2	0-1	0-0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	18
Weatherspoon	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	6
Ravenel	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Totals	31-66	5-15	7-9	28	15	74	10	11	0	6	200

FG%	1st: 16-34/.471	2nd: 15-32/.469	Game: .470
3PT%	1st: 4-9/.444	2nd: 1-6/.167	Game: .333
FT%	1st: 3-3/1.000	2nd: 4-6/.667	Game: .778

Illinois	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Leonard*	7-12	0-0	0-0	5	3	14	1	1	0	2	38
Richardson*	3-8	3-7	1-2	2	0	10	4	1	0	0	40
Bertrand*	5-7	0-0	0-0	7	3	10	3	4	0	1	35
Paul*	11-15	8-10	13-15	8	2	43	2	7	4	2	36
Abrams*	1-3	0-1	0-0	2	1	2	2	3	0	1	32
Henry	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	9
Egwu	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Griffey	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
Totals	27-45	11-18	14-17	27	10	79	12	18	4	9	200

FG%	1st: 15-26/.577	2nd: 12-19/.632	Game: .600
3PT%	1st: 4-9/.444	2nd: 7-9/.778	Game: .611
FT%	1st: 0-0/.000	2nd: 14-17/.824	Game: .824

Score by Halves:	1st	2nd	Game
Ohio State	39	35	74
Illinois	34	45	79 A: 14,636

GAME 19

PENN STATE 54, #22/25 ILLINOIS 52

JAN. 19, 2012 // BRYCE JORDAN CENTER, STATE COLLEGE, PA.

Tim Frazier hit a floater in the lane with 8 seconds left and Jermaine Marshall blocked Sam Maniscalco's layup at the buzzer to give Penn State a 54-52 upset of No. 22 Illinois.

Frazier finished with 12 points and nine assists for the Nittany Lions, who ended a three-game losing skid.

Off a timeout, Frazier drove at the top of the key before Jon Graham's pick freed him from hounding defender Brandon Paul.

The Illini lost for the first time since re-entering the AP Top 25 this week. They had a short stay atop the Big Ten as the league's lone one-loss team in conference play.

Paul had 20 points to pace the Illini, while Meyers Leonard added 15.

The Illini chipped away at a nine-point deficit several times in the second half thanks in part to better ball movement. Paul's 3 from the left wing with 39 seconds left tied the game at 52.

But Illinois couldn't break through after shooting 33 percent in the first half and going scoreless for an 8-minute stretch spanning both periods. Illinois shot 34 percent (17 of 49) for the game.

Cammeron Woodyard finished with 17 points for Penn State, while Marshall finished with seven points and five rebounds.

But the highlight of Marshall's night was his lunging tip to deflect Maniscalco's shot at the end of the game.

Illinois' poor start from the field warmed Nittany Lions fans hoping to witness another tight game with the Illini on a chilly, snowy night in Happy Valley. Five of the last eight games in the series have been decided by two points or less. Penn State won 57-55 at home last season, over then-No. 16 Illinois.

They pulled out another close one, this time to get first-year coach Patrick Chambers his first victory over a ranked opponent in Happy Valley.

Illinois	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Leonard*	6-12	0-1	3-5	4	5	15	1	3	1	0	34
Richardson*	2-11	2-7	0-0	4	2	6	5	2	0	1	37
Bertrand*	2-6	0-0	0-0	6	2	4	1	0	0	1	27
Paul*	5-11	4-9	6-6	6	2	20	3	5	1	2	40
Abrams*	0-1	0-0	0-0	4	2	0	1	2	0	1	19
Maniscalco	0-5	0-3	0-0	2	0	3	2	0	0	0	27
Henry	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
Egwu	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	6
Griffey	1-2	1-2	2-2	3	1	5	0	0	0	0	5
Totals	17-49	7-22	11-13	32	15	52	14	14	3	5	200

FG%	1st: 8-24/.333	2nd: 9-25/.360	Game: .347
3PT%	1st: 3-12/.250	2nd: 4-10/.400	Game: .318
FT%	1st: 4-5/.800	2nd: 7-8/.875	Game: .846

Penn State	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Graham*	0-3	0-0	1-3	7	4	1	1	3	2	0	21
Travis*	2-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	11
Glover*	3-7	0-1	1-2	7	3	7	1	0	0	1	36
Frazier*	4-11	0-1	4-4	4	4	12	9	4	0	1	38
Woodyard*	6-10	3-4	2-2	4	2	17	1	1	0	1	35
Marshall	2-8	1-3	2-2	5	1	7	2	2	3	2	33
Colella	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Borovnjak	3-5	0-0	0-0	1	2	6	0	2	0	0	19
Totals	20-49	4-10	10-13	31	16	54	14	12	5	6	200

FG%	1st: 9-26/.346	2nd: 11-23/.478	Game: .408
3PT%	1st: 3-6/.500	2nd: 1-4/.250	Game: .400
FT%	1st: 4-6/.667	2nd: 6-7/.857	Game: .769

Score by Halves:	1st	2nd	Game
Illinois	23	29	52
Penn State	25	29	54 A: 6,945

GAME 20

WISCONSIN 67, #22/25 ILLINOIS 63

JAN. 22, 2012 // ASSEMBLY HALL, CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Jordan Taylor struggled with his offense and headed to the locker room at halftime with five points on 2-of-6 shooting in the face of some tough defense by Illinois.

But when it mattered most, Taylor found himself with the ball, driving across the lane as the shot clock wound down with under a minute to play. The senior hit a midrange jumper that gave the Badgers a five-point lead and that bit of breathing room was enough for Wisconsin to hold on for a 67-63 victory over the Illini.

Joseph Bertrand added 15 points for Illinois.

Jared Berggren had 18 points for the Badgers and it was his defense that limited Leonard's opportunities.

Illinois took a 50-46 lead with just over 9 minutes to play on a jumper by Leonard, but the Badgers went on a 7-0 run to retake the lead.

Taylor hit a short jump shot, Mike Bruesewitz made a 3-pointer and Ben Brust added a fastbreak layup that put the Badgers up 53-50.

The Badgers finished with 10 second-chance points.

The Illini tied the game at 53-53 with 5:16 to play on a basket by Bertrand, but a jumper by Brust put the Badgers up for good, 55-53, with just over 5 minutes left.

D.J. Richardson added 13 points for the Illini and Paul, two games removed from a 43-point night against the Buckeyes, had 10.

While Taylor struggled early for the Badgers, Bertrand found his shooting stroke midway through the first half, and finished with 12 points over the first 20 minutes. They included two on a drive and short jumper just before the buzzer that tied the game at 26-26.

Wisconsin	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Evans*	2-5	0-0	1-2	4	3	5	3	4	0	0	31
Bruesewitz*	2-4	1-2	0-2	5	4	5	1	1	0	1	21
Berggren*	7-14	3-6	1-2	5	3	18	1	2	1	1	33
Taylor*	5-15	2-7	7-11	9	0	19	5	0	0	1	39
Gasser*	2-4	2-3	0-0	5	2	6	2	1	0	1	37
Brust	4-9	0-2	1-1	4	1	9	0	0	0	0	28
Wilson	2-3	1-2	0-0	1	0	5	0	2	0	0	6
Kaminsky	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
Totals	24-54	9-22	10-18	33	14	67	12	10	1	4	200

FG%	1st: 10-24/.417	2nd: 14-30/.467	Game: .444
3PT%	1st: 4-8/.500	2nd: 5-14/.357	Game: .409
FT%	1st: 2-8/.250	2nd: 8-10/.800	Game: .556

Illinois	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Leonard*	6-12	0-1	4-5	11	1	16	0	2	0	0	38
Richardson*	5-12	2-5	1-1	3	2	13	1	1	0	0	39
Bertrand*	6-12	0-0	3-4	5	3	15	5	1	0	0	38
Paul*	3-11	0-2	4-4	5	4	10	0	1	0	1	33
Abrams*	4-6	1-2	0-1	2	2	9	2	0	0	0	27
Maniscalco	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	13
Egwu	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	2
Griffey	0-1	0-1	0-0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	10
Totals	24-55	3-12	12-15	31	17	63	8	9	0	2	200

FG%	1st: 10-29/.345	2nd: 14-26/.538	Game: .436
3PT%	1st: 2-9/.222	2nd: 1-3/.333	Game: .250
FT%	1st: 4-5/.800	2nd: 8-10/.800	Game: .800

Score by Halves:	1st	2nd	Game
Wisconsin	26	41	67
Illinois	26	37	63 A: 16,618

GAME 21

MINNESOTA 77, ILLINOIS 72 (OT)

JAN. 28, 2012 // WILLIAMS ARENA, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Chip Armelin scored a season-high 14 points, and Austin Hollins highlighted a whirlwind comeback in the final minutes to finish with 14 points as Minnesota defeated Illinois 77-72 in overtime.

Andre Hollins had 14 points to help the Gophers prevail despite shooting only 18 for 29 from the free-throw line after halftime.

Brandon Paul had 22 of his 28 points after the break for the Illini, who surged ahead on a series of slick layups by Paul. But Meyers Leonard, who finished with 17 points and 13 rebounds, committed a costly fifth foul with 4 seconds left to give Austin Hollins a three-point play that tied the game.

Illinois	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Leonard*	6-13	0-2	5-7	13	5	17	2	3	4	1	35
Richardson*	3-9	1-6	2-2	1	3	9	2	2	0	1	41
Bertrand*	3-4	0-0	0-2	0	5	6	0	0	0	1	20
Paul*	9-23	1-8	9-12	9	4	28	2	6	3	2	43
Abrams*	1-2	0-0	1-2	2	4	3	4	2	0	0	14
Maniscalco	1-4	0-3	1-2	3	3	3	2	1	0	1	34
Henry	0-2	0-1	1-2	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	11
Egwu	1-3	0-0	0-0	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	18
Griffey	1-2	1-1	0-0	2	0	3	0	1	0	0	9
Totals	25-62	3-21	19-29	42	28	72	12	16	7	7	225

FG%	1st: 10-27/.370	2nd: 12-25/.480	OT: 3-10/.300	Game: .403
3PT%	1st: 2-7/.286	2nd: 0-8/.000	OT: 1-6/.167	Game: .143
FT%	1st: 4-8/.500	2nd: 14-20/.700	OT: 1-1/.1000	Game: .655

Minnesota	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Williams*	3-6	0-1	0-2	2	1	6	0	0	1	1	28
Sampson*	2-8	0-0	1-2	3	5	5	3	2	0	1	20
Welch*	0-2	0-2	2-2	2	1	2	1	2	0	1	20
Coleman*	3-7	0-1	5-8	4	3	11	1	1	0	2	28
Hollins, Austin*	4-6	1-2	5-5	4	4	14	2	3	0	1	24
Hollins, Andre	4-8	1-3	3-3	2	2	12	3	2	0	3	24
Osenieks	3-6	1-3	1-3	3	2	8	2	1	0	0	17
Ahanmisi	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	3	1	0	0	15
Armelin	4-8	3-6	3-5	7	1	14	3	2	0	1	24
Eliason	2-3	0-0	1-3	5	3	5	0	0	1	0	25
Totals	25-54	6-18	21-33	39	24	77	18	14	2	10	225

FG%	1st: 12-25/.480	2nd: 11-23/.478	OT: 2-6/.333	Game: .463
3PT%	1st: 3-9/.333	2nd: 3-7/.429	OT: 0-2/.000	Game: .333
FT%	1st: 3-4/.750	2nd: 9-18/.500	OT: 9-11/.818	Game: .636

Score by Halves:	1st	2nd	OT	Game
Illinois	26	38	8	72
Minnesota	30	34	13	77 A: 14,625

GAME 22

ILLINOIS 42, #9/10 MICHIGAN STATE 41

JAN. 31, 2012 // ASSEMBLY HALL, CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Brandon Paul made two foul shots that gave Illinois the lead with 45 seconds to play, then missed the front end of two 1-and-1s in the Illini's 42-41 win over No. 9 Michigan State.

The shooting - 32.6 percent for Illinois and 24.1 percent for Michigan State - was so bad that players suggested the ball may have had too much air in it.

The win ended a three-game losing streak for the Illini. The loss cost the Spartans a chance to move into first place in the Big Ten with No. 3 Ohio State.

Spartans forward Draymond Green spent much of the game on the bench with foul trouble, then was helped from the court with what appeared to be an injury to his left knee with just under 4 minutes to play. He didn't return.

Green finished with five points and eight rebounds in 16 minutes. Keith Appling, the other half of the two Izzo singled out, had four points and four rebounds to go with five turn-overs.

Paul led Illinois with 18 points.

He scored 13 of Illinois' 20 second-half points, but was 6 of 17 from the field. He was 5 of 9 from the free throw line and the Illini finished 9 of 17.

After burying those two late free throws, his misses on the 1-and-1s that followed gave the Spartans - with Green on the end of the bench wincing in pain - a chance to steal the game with 11 seconds to play.

But down 42-40, Michigan State's Derrick Nix missed the first of his two free throws. Appling then missed a driving shot with 2 seconds left, the final chance for the Spartans.

With 2:09 left and Michigan State up 40-37, Illinois freshman Tracy Abrams hit a 3-pointer to tie the game.

Michigan St.	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Green*	1-6	0-1	3-4	8	4	5	0	5	0	0	16
Payne*	3-10	1-1	0-0	5	1	7	0	0	0	0	16
Appling*	1-11	0-3	2-2	4	3	4	2	5	1	1	34
Dawson*	4-11	0-1	4-4	13	3	12	0	1	1	0	28
Wood*	1-5	1-3	0-0	4	1	3	0	1	0	1	25
Gauna	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kearney	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6
Thornton	1-3	0-2	0-0	6	3	2	0	0	0	0	28
Trice	2-6	1-3	0-0	0	0	5	1	2	0	0	22
Nix	1-6	0-0	1-2	3	3	3	1	1	0	1	24
Totals	14-58	3-14	10-12	49	18	41	4	16	3	3	200

FG%	1st: 7-30/.233	2nd: 7-28/.250	Game: .241
3PT%	1st: 2-7/.286	2nd: 1-7/.143	Game: .214
FT%	1st: 4-4/1.000	2nd: 6-8/.750	Game: .833

Illinois	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	A	TO	B	S	M
Leonard*	2-7	0-1	0-2	6	4	4	0	2	3	0	29
Richardson*	4-12	1-6	0-0	3	1	9	1	2	0	1	39
Bertrand*	0-3	0-0	0-0	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	19
Paul*	6-17	1-6	5-9	9	1	18	5	4	2	2	40
Abrams*	1-3	1-2	2-4	3	4	5	0	1	0	1	22
Maniscalco	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	18
Henry	2-3	0-1	2-2	3	0	6	0	1	0	0	17
Djimde	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Egwu	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	4	0	0	1	1	0	12
Totals	15-46	3-17	9-17	32	17	42	7	12	6	4	200

FG%	1st: 9-25/.360	2nd: 6-21/.286	Game: .326
3PT%	1st: 1-8/.125	2nd: 2-9/.222	Game: .176
FT%	1st: 3-7/.429	2nd: 6-10/.600	Game: .529

Score by Halves:	1st	2nd	Game
Michigan State	20	21	41
Illinois	22	20	42
			A: 15,629