

INDEPENDENT SPORTS CLUB HISTORY

In 1945, a group of Gipps Brewery softball players came up with an idea that has given central Illinois youth sports one of its greatest benefactors. With 14 charter members, the Independent Sports Club of Central Illinois has grown today into a hardworking team of over 800.

The ISC provides a variety of funding opportunities. Youth sports organizations can be awarded with an ISC Annual Grant up to \$600. ISC Capital Improvement Grants are given for facility upgrades. Tri-County area high school senior athletes are eligible to earn \$1,000 ISC scholarships.

Necessary funds are raised by the ISC to provide this support through annual membership dues, raffles and drawings, special events like The Smoker, advertising and sponsorships.

ISC stands behind its slogan:

'Organized to give central Illinois youth the "best sports programs in the nation."

NFL PLAYOFFS PARTY

Saturday, January 6th at Peacock's Pub in Bartonville.
\$30/person covers all you can eat/drink pizza, domestic drafts & soda for both games.

ISC PAST PRESIDENTS ANNUAL STEAK FRY

The ISC Past Presidents Annual Steak Fry at The Lariat is Thursday, November 16. This year's guest speaker is TBD. The \$40 steak fry ticket includes a ribeye dinner, soft drinks & draft beer.

VISIT THE ISC WEBSITE

Please visit and bookmark www.iscpeoria.com. Members and interested members can download applications for membership, grants, and scholarships. Use PayPal to pay for membership dues, event tickets, and more. Contact any ISC board member below to purchase any event tickets.

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FEATURING

BRADLEY COACH
BRIAN WARDLE

ILLINOIS COACH
BRAD UNDERWOOD



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

THE WAREHOUSE ON STATE

22nd ANNUAL SMOKER - AGENDA



5:30 P.M. DOORS OPEN

7:00 P.M. INTRODUCTION

Jeff Doeden, Smoker Chairman

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Sponsors Appreciation

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Bill King, Rich Moore & David Hunt,
Smoker Committee

LIVE AUCTION

Michigan St. at Illinois - Jan. 22, 2018
Two lower bowl tickets, parking pass,
& Traditions Club access

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Two Lower Bowl Season Tickets
for the 2017-2018
Bradley Men's Basketball Season

RAFFLE DRAWING

\$50 Raffle Winners

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Two Upper Bowl Season Tickets
for the 2017-18
Bradley Men's Basketball Season

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50/50 Winner

7:15 P.M. COACHES Q&A

Moderated by
Kirk Wessler & Dave Reynolds,
Peoria Journal Star

BRIAN WARDLE

One of the most accomplished young coaches in the country, Brian Wardle is in his third year at the helm of the Bradley men's basketball program. The 14th head coach in the Braves' history, Wardle enters the 2017-18 campaign ranked third among Division I coaches younger than 40 with 113 career victories.



In just two years on the Bradley sideline, Wardle has rebuilt the foundation for a Braves program looking to return to glory. One year after completely overhauling the roster and featuring the youngest team in the nation, Bradley ranked among the top 25 improved teams in the country by increasing its win total by eight victories, while posting its best finish in the Missouri Valley Conference in seven years.

Remaining committed to a youth movement as he establishes a culture for long-term success, the Braves also recorded their longest Valley winning streak since the 2008-09 campaign – all while starting four true freshmen. Bradley featured the MVC rookie leaders in points, rebounds and blocks with its overall 31.6 points per game from freshmen more than 15 points ahead of its closest conference competitor. Overall, four Braves have been selected to the MVC All-Freshman Team under Wardle's leadership – double the next-highest program during the two-year stretch.

The success showcased by Wardle in just his two seasons is nothing new for the head coach. Prior to taking over the Bradley program in 2015, Wardle compiled a 95-65 (.594) overall record at Green Bay, a five-year run that culminated with consecutive 24-win seasons and three-straight postseason appearances. The 2014 Horizon League Coach, Wardle led the Phoenix to a 24-7 mark in 2013-14, including a 14-2 league record to claim the regular-season conference title and an automatic bid to the NIT.

While building for success on the floor, Wardle has also made academic success and community involvement pillars of the Bradley program. The Braves recorded a program-record 3.29 cumulative grade point average at the conclusion of the 2017 Spring semester, with a conference-leading 10 student-athletes earning MVC Academic Honor Roll accolades. The Braves have also been very active within the Peoria community and consistently lead the athletic department in volunteer service, totaling more than 1,100 hours of community service in two years under Wardle's leadership.

Following the 2013-14 season, Wardle added Skip Prosser Man of the Year honors to his collection, recognizing the head coach for not only success on the basketball court but also for displaying moral integrity off it as well.

Wardle is married to the former Lecia Schuetz. The couple has three children Mya, Emery, and Davin.

- BradleyBraves.com

BRAD UNDERWOOD

Brad Underwood was hired as Fighting Illini men's basketball coach in March 2017. He is the 18th head coach in program history.

Underwood arrived at Illinois from Oklahoma State, where he led OSU to a 20-win season and NCAA Tournament appearance. The Cowboys had one of the most exciting and prolific offenses in the country, ranking eighth in the NCAA in scoring (85.7 points per game) and leading the nation in adjusted offensive efficiency (ken pom). The Cowboys ranked eighth nationally in 3-point field goal percentage (.402) and fourth in the country in offensive rebounding percentage (.383).

Oklahoma State finished fifth in the Big 12 with a 9-9 conference record in a season where the Big 12 was rated as the top conference in the nation. That was a dramatic improvement for the Cowboys, who went 3-15 in league play a year ago. Oklahoma State came on strong during the second half of the season, winning 10 of 11 games from Jan. 21-Feb. 25, which included a pair of five-game winning streaks.

Underwood arrived in Stillwater following a dominant run at Stephen F. Austin where he led the Lumberjacks to Southland Conference regular season and tournament titles in each of his three seasons. Underwood compiled an 89-14 record at SFA, tied with Brad Stevens (Butler, 2008-10) for the most wins by a head coach in his first three seasons at an NCAA school.

He led SFA to a 28-6 overall record and NCAA Round of 32 appearance in 2016. The Lumberjacks rolled past No. 3 West Virginia in the first round, 70-56, before narrowly missing a trip to the Sweet 16 with a 76-75 defeat to No. 6 Notre Dame in the second round. That Stephen F. Austin squad was efficient on both sides of the ball, ranking 57th nationally on offense and 38th on defense. The Lumberjacks averaged 80.2 points accompanied by high-pressure defense that forced the highest turnover rate in the country (.259).

Underwood's second SFA team went 29-5 in 2015, also advancing to the NCAA Tournament. The Lumberjacks ranked seventh in the nation in field goal percentage (.487) and led the NCAA in assists (18.7 apg). His debut season in Nacogdoches in 2014 included a 29-game winning streak and culminated in a 32-3 record and NCAA Round of 32 appearance after a victory over No. 5 seed VCU in the opening round. Underwood earned the Joe B. Hall award, given to the nation's top first-year coach.

Prior to taking over at Stephen F. Austin, Underwood served the 2013 season as associate head coach at South Carolina. He went to Columbia after serving on his bench for five seasons as an assistant at Kansas State.

Brad and his wife, Susan, have a son, Tyler, and two daughters, Katie and Ashley.



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