

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 5th 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 is Thursday, November 15 at the Lariat Steakhouse. The \$35 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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23RD ANNUAL
SMOKER

FEATURING

BRADLEY COACH ILLINOIS COACH
BRIAN WARDLE BRAD UNDERWOOD



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17
THE WAREHOUSE ON STATE

23rd 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 & David Hunt,
Smoker Committee

LIVE AUCTION

Michigan at Illinois - Jan. 10, 2018
Two lower bowl tickets, parking pass,
& Traditions Club access

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Two Lower Bowl Season Tickets
for the 2018-2019
Bradley Men's Basketball Season

RAFFLE DRAWING

\$50 Raffle Winners

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Two Upper Bowl Season Tickets
for the 2018-19
Bradley Men's Basketball Season

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50/50 Winner

7:15 P.M. COACHES Q&A

Moderated by

Dave Reynolds, Peoria Journal Star
Jim Mattson, WEEK 25 Sports Director

BRIAN WARDLE

One of the most accomplished young coaches in the country, Brian Wardle is in his fourth year at the helm of the Bradley men's basketball program. The 14th head coach in the Braves' history, Wardle enters the 2018-19 campaign ranked second among Division I coaches younger than 40 with 133 career victories.

In just three years on the Bradley sideline, Wardle has rebuilt the foundation for a Braves program looking to return to glory. Bradley is one of just four schools in the country to improve its win total by at least five games in each of the last two seasons. Most recently, Wardle led the Braves to their first 20-win campaign in nine years, while completing its highest finish in the Missouri Valley Conference standings and making its first semifinal appearance in the conference tournament since 2010.

Remaining committed to a youth movement as he establishes a culture for long-term success, Bradley has laid the groundwork for a resurgence, while owning the conference's youngest team in each of his three years on campus. In 2018, the Braves landed two players on the All-Missouri Valley Conference Team for the first time since 2010 and their four total conference honorees mark the program's most since 2008.

Prior to taking over the Braves 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.

Highlighted by a 68-55 win at then No. 15 Miami, Wardle's final Green Bay squad followed with a 24-9 record in 2014-15 and earned an at-large selection to the NIT after finishing as runner-up in the Horizon League regular season and postseason tournament. The youngest head coach in Division I when he took over with the Phoenix, Wardle's Green Bay teams averaged 19 wins per season.

The Braves recorded a program-record 3.31 cumulative grade point average at the conclusion of the 2017 Fall semester, while matching a school record with three selections to the MVC Scholar-Athlete Teams following the 2018 season.

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.



BRAD UNDERWOOD

Brad Underwood is entering his second season at Illinois after being hired as the 18th Fighting Illini men's basketball coach in school history in March 2017. Underwood has won more than 73 percent of his games through his first five years as a Division I head coach, recording four 20-win seasons while making four NCAA Tournament appearances.



Year one saw Underwood lay the foundation for the Illini program. Playing at the second-fastest tempo in the Big Ten, Illinois topped 80 points in 12 games and averaged 75.8 points on the season. That marked the UI's highest scoring average in 13 years, since the 2005 national runner-up season. The offense was aggressive in all phases, recording the team's best offensive rebounding rate (.340) in the last 10 years while also posting the squad's highest free throw rate (.331) since 2008 and making the most free throws (478) since 2002.

Defensively, Illinois ranked fourth nationally in turnover rate, forcing turnovers on 23.2 percent of opponent possessions. The UI defense created its most turnovers (543) in the last 18 years while collecting its most steals (240) since 2005.

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).

Underwood had 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.

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.

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

- BradleyBraves.com

- FightingIllini.com