



2012 DRAKE UNIVERSITY VOLLEYBALL

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QUICK HITS

The Drake volleyball team (2-15, 1-6 MVC) will travel to Indiana State and Illinois State this weekend in search of their first MVC road win of 2012. Live stats for both matches will be available at www.godrakebulldogs.com.

INDIANA STATE

Indiana State (3-14, 1-6 MVC) goes into Friday night having lost four straight matches and sits tied with Drake in the ninth position of the MVC. Drake will try to attack Indiana State at the net as the Sycamores have allowed the highest opponent hitting percentage in the conference at .245. Middle blocker Shea Doran leads the Sycamores in both kills (258) and blocks (56). Drake leads the all-time series, 27-23.

ILLINOIS STATE

Illinois State (10-7, 4-3 MVC) has won three of their last four matches, including a five-set thriller at Missouri State. The Redbirds held a 2-0 lead and held off a late rally by the Bears. Illinois State boasts one of the best defenses in the Valley this fall, holding opponents to just a .156 hitting percentage and they have the second-best blocks per set average at 2.71. Ashley Rosch with 185 kills leads a balanced Redbirds offensive attack as six players have 75 or more kills. Illinois State leads the all-time series, 7-52.

REWIND

This past Friday night, Drake rallied from a 2-1 deficit against Bradley to earn their first Missouri Valley Conference win since defeating Southern Illinois, 3-2 on Oct. 22, 2011 at the Knapp Center. The Bulldogs beat the Braves, 3-2 (26-24, 24-26, 22-25, 25-22, and 15-10) behind season-highs in kills (75) and hitting percentage (.224). The following night against Northern Iowa the Bulldogs dropped a close match to the Panthers, 3-1 (28-26, 25-18, 23-25, 25-19).

BALANCED ATTACK

Drake had a season-best five players with double figures kills in the Bradley win led by senior **Bentley Mancini's** (Burnsville, Minn.) 18, which tied her career-high. Sophomore **Amanda Platte** (Mount Vernon, Iowa (14) and freshmen **Cassie Effken** (Lincoln, Neb.) (16) and **Katie Dulek** (Lenexa, Kan.) (11) all had their career-highs. Senior **Jadranka Tramosljanin** (Ruma, Serbia) added 12 kills and has tallied double figure kills in four straight matches. Mancini leads the team with 155 kills followed by Effken (129), Tramosljanin (126), Platte (122) and Dulek (72).

INSTANT IMPACT

Drake lost starting middle blockers, Emily Heffernan and Michelle Reidy to graduation from the 2011 team. Dulek and Effken were inserted into the middle positions at the start of the year and both have produced in their first collegiate seasons for the Bulldogs. Effken leads the team in points (176.0), block solos (16) and block assists (54) and is second in kills (129) and earned all-tournament honors at the first tournament of the season in Green Bay. Dulek is second in block assists (44) and fourth in kills (77) and points (104) on the team and earned all-tournament honors at the InnTowner tournament earlier this fall.

DIGGING DEEP

Sarah Madden (Van Meter, Iowa) and Tramosljanin have provided a strong defensive presence in the back row this year for the Bulldogs. Madden has 307 digs and a 5.03 digs per set average, which is tied for third best in the conference. Tramosljanin has 218 digs and is averaging 3.57 per set. Madden has started every match in the libero position for the Bulldogs and was named to the all-tournament team at the New Mexico State tournament. Defensive specialist **Scarlett Howerter** (Lincoln, Neb.) has appeared in every match for the Bulldogs to steadily improve in her first year.

ACES

The Bulldogs are one of the top serving teams in the Missouri Valley Conference as they average 1.11 service aces per set. Tramosljanin has 25 aces and a 0.41 service aces per set average, both rank first in the MVC and her average ranks 39th in the nation. Tramosljanin had a career-best six service aces against UNI. Madden has 15 service aces with a 0.25 per average, which ranks 10th in the Valley.

2012 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time (CT)
8/24	at Wisconsin-Green Bay^	L, 0-3
8/25	Auburn^	L, 0-3
8/25	Central Michigan^	L, 1-3
8/31	Northwestern%	L, 0-3
9/1	at New Mexico State%	L, 1-3
9/1	Cincinnati%	L, 0-3
9/7	at Wisconsin#	L, 0-3
9/8	Wisconsin Milwaukee#	L, 0-3
9/8	North Dakota State#	L, 1-3
9/14	Wichita State*	L, 0-3
9/15	Missouri State*	L, 0-3
9/21	at Nebraska Omaha	W, 3-2
9/22	at Creighton*	L, 0-3
9/28	at Evansville*	L, 1-3
9/29	at Southern Illinois*	L, 1-3
10/5	Bradley*	W, 3-2
10/6	Northern Iowa*	L, 1-3
10/12	at Indiana State*	6:00 p.m.
10/13	at Illinois State*	7:00 p.m.
10/15	at North Dakota State	6:00 p.m.
10/20	Creighton*	7:00 p.m.
10/26	Southern Illinois*	7:00 p.m.
10/27	Evansville*	7:00 p.m.
11/2	at Northern Iowa*	7:00 p.m.
11/3	at Bradley*	7:00 p.m.
11/9	Illinois State*	7:00 p.m.
11/10	Indiana State*	7:00 p.m.
11/16	at Missouri State*	7:00 p.m.
11/17	at Wichita State*	7:00 p.m.
11/22-24	MVC Championships@	TBA

^ Wisconsin-Green Bay (Green Bay, Wis.)
 % New Mexico St. Tourney (Las Cruces, N.M.)
 # Intntowner Inv. (Madison, Wis.)
 * Missouri Valley Conference Game
 @ Springfield, Mo.

ASSIST TIME

Sophomore setter **Halli Meyer** (Bettendorf, Iowa) dished out a career-high 40 assists in the win over the Bradley Braves. Meyer has recorded 20 or more assists in four straight matches and has started every match this fall. She has tallied 323 assists this season, which leads the team. Freshman **Rebecca Brown** (Bentonville, Ark.) tied her career-best with 24 assists in the win over the Braves and has seen action in every match in her first year. Brown has recorded double digit assists in 12 of the last 13 matches and has 249 assists overall.

LEFTY FIREPOWER

Senior outside hitter **Bentley Mancini** leads the Bulldogs with 147 kills, a 2.54 kills per set average and 172.5 points. Mancini, a left-handed hitter has started every match for the Blue and White this year. The Minnesota native is a senior captain and has 445 kills in her collegiate career.

STEPPING UP

Amanda Platte has 40 kills in the Bulldogs last three matches, including a career-best 16 against the Panthers. She has started the last seven matches at the other outside hitter position opposite Mancini. Shelby Daum (Battle Creek, Neb.) has recovered from an injury early in the season and has earned more playing time at the hitter position in her first year. Daum a left-hander came off the bench in the SIU match and had four kills in nine attempts with no errors.

ALL HANDS ON DECK

Eleven of the 12 student-athletes on this season's roster have seen match action. Drake has one of the youngest rosters in the nation with two seniors, one redshirt junior, three sophomores and six freshmen.

HITTING THE ROAD

Drake will have a quick turnaround for their next match. The Bulldogs will travel to Fargo, N.D. over the fall break for a rematch against North Dakota State on Monday, Oct. 15 at 6 p.m. The Bison knocked off the Bulldogs, 3-1, earlier this season at the InnTowner Invitational. NDSU leads the all-time series, 4-0-1.

DIG PINK

The Bulldogs next home contest will be against the Creighton Bluejays and will be the annual Dig Pink match. The student-athletes will wear special pink jerseys that will be auctioned off after the match. Limited edition pink t-shirts will be sold as well and the proceeds from the t-shirts and auction will go to the Side-Out Foundation. Fans will receive a Drake volleyball limited edition poster and there will be a postgame autograph session on the Knapp Center floor.

2012 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

This season the Bulldogs will have a leadership council with **Bentley Mancini** as the designated senior class member, **Sarah Madden** as the junior class member, **Halli Meyer** as the sophomore class member and **Cassie Effken** representing the freshman class.

COACHING STAFF

Drake head coach **Tony Sunga** is in his second season leading the program. Sunga is a 1988 Drake graduate, who previously served as a Drake assistant under former coach Amy Faber Knowles from 2005-07. Sunga was hired from Wyoming, where he was an assistant coach for three seasons and was responsible for recruiting, defensive scouting and match preparation for the Cowgirl program.

Sunga helped transform Wyoming into a contender in the Mountain West Conference. The Cowgirls improved from five wins during his first year to 22 wins - the most since the 1989 squad made a run to the NCAA Elite Eight. In addition, Sunga spearheaded the recruitment of Winterset, Iowa product Jodi Purdy, who earned 2010 MWC All-Conference honors and was named the 2009 MWC Freshman of the Year. In his first season at Drake his team was named a 2011-12 AVCA Team Academic Award recipient.

Sunga is assisted by **Erin Hirsch** and **Rob Batzler**. Hirsch is in her sixth season as a Drake assistant coach and played at the University of Northern Iowa. Batzler is in his first season as an assistant coach after serving as a volunteer coach in 2011.

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
1	Scarlett Howerter	OH/DS	5-11	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Pius X)
2	Halli Meyer	S	5-8	So.	Bettendorf, Iowa (Bettendorf)
6	Jadranka Tramosljanin	OH/DS	5-9	Sr.	Ruma, Serbia (Postal)
7	Cassie Effken	MB	6-2	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Pius X)
8	Shelby Daum	OH	6-1	Fr.	Battle Creek, Neb. (Battle Creek)
11	Katie Dulek	MB	6-0	Fr.	Lenexa, Kan. (St. James Academy)
12	Amanda Platte	OH	5-10	So.	Mount Vernon, Iowa (Mount Vernon)
14	Erin Roggenburg	OH	5-10	So.	Ankeny, Iowa (Ankeny)
17	Rebecca Brown	S	5-10	Fr.	Bentonville, Ark. (Bentonville)
21	Sarah Madden	DS/L	5-7	RJr.	Van Meter, Iowa (St. Cloud State)
22	Bentley Mancini	OH	6-1	Sr.	Burnsville, Minn. (Apple Valley)
23	Katie Allen	MB/OH	6-3	Fr.	Mokena, Ill. (Lincoln-Way East)

2012 Quick Facts

DRAKE QUICK FACTS

Location	Des Moines, Iowa
Founded	1881
Enrollment	5,348
President	Dr. David Maxwell
Athletics Director	Sandy Hatfield Clubb
SWA.....	Megan Franklin
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Missouri Valley
Nickname.....	Bulldogs
Colors	Blue & White
Facility	Knapp Center
Capacity.....	7,152

DRAKE VOLLEYBALL

2011 Record	9-23
Home	5-7
Away	3-10
Neutral	1-6
2011 MVC Record	5-13/8th
Postseason.....	None
Starters Returning/Lost.....	4/7
Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....	4/7
Newcomers.....	6

DRAKE VOLLEYBALL STAFF

Head Coach.....	Tony Sunga
Alma Mater	Drake (1988)
Drake Record/Years	11-38/2nd
Overall Record/Years	Same
Assistant Coaches	Erin Hirsch, Rob Batzler

2012 MVC PRESEASON POLL

Rank Team (1st-place votes) Points	
1. UNI (10)	100
2. Missouri State	86
3. Wichita State	84
4. Creighton	68
5. Illinois State	57
6. Southern Illinois	41
7. Bradley	35
8. Indiana State.....	34
9. Evansville	27
10. Drake	18

2012 MVC STANDINGS (Oct. 10)

School	Conf	Overall
Creighton	6-1	15-3
Northern Iowa	6-1	15-6
Wichita State	6-2	13-5
SIU	5-2	15-3
Missouri State	5-3	11-9
Illinois State	4-3	10-7
Evansville	2-5	7-13
Indiana State	1-6	3-14
Drake	1-6	2-15
Bradley	0-7	6-12

2012 PLAYER AWARDS

Wisconsin-Green Bay All-Tournament Team
-Cassie Effken
 La Quinta Invitational All-Tournament Team
-Sarah Madden
 InnTowner Invitational All-Tournament Team
-Katie Dulek

**2012 Season
Drake Combined Team Statistics (as of Oct 06, 2012)
All matches**

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	2-15	1-3	1-6	0-6
CONFERENCE	1-6	1-3	0-3	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-9	0-0	1-3	0-6

#	Player	sp	Attack				pct	Set		Serve			Dig		Blocking					points		
			k	k/s	e	ta		a	a/s	sa	se	sa/s	re	dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total	blk/s		be	bhe
22	Mancini, Bentley	61	155	2.54	88	490	.137	2	0.03	1	3	0.02	-	25	0.41	2	29	31	0.51	5	1	172.5
7	Effken, Cassie	61	129	2.11	59	345	.203	7	0.11	4	13	0.07	-	34	0.56	16	54	70	1.15	2	2	176.0
6	Tramosljanin, J.	61	126	2.07	85	482	.085	6	0.10	25	19	0.41	-	218	3.57	1	16	17	0.28	4	1	160.0
12	Platte, Amanda	61	122	2.00	64	407	.143	5	0.08	0	0	0.00	-	50	0.82	1	30	31	0.51	2	1	138.0
11	Dulek, Katie	61	77	1.26	35	245	.171	3	0.05	4	6	0.07	-	14	0.23	1	44	45	0.74	7	2	104.0
14	Roggenburg, Erin	31	33	1.06	33	164	.000	3	0.10	1	2	0.03	-	25	0.81	0	8	8	0.26	2	0	38.0
8	Daum, Shelby	39	26	0.67	13	105	.124	2	0.05	0	0	0.00	-	18	0.46	1	15	16	0.41	1	0	34.5
17	Brown, Rebecca	61	7	0.11	4	26	.115	249	4.08	9	15	0.15	-	70	1.15	0	0	0	0.00	0	7	16.0
2	Meyer, Halli	61	4	0.07	1	18	.167	323	5.30	6	12	0.10	-	93	1.52	0	1	1	0.02	0	14	10.5
1	Howerter, Scarlett	60	2	0.03	1	20	.050	6	0.10	7	16	0.12	-	95	1.58	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	9.0
21	Madden, Sarah	61	1	0.02	3	15	-.133	27	0.44	15	18	0.25	-	307	5.03	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	16.0
TEAM		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DRAKE		61	682	11.18	386	2317	.128	633	10.38	72	104	1.18	84	949	15.56	22	197	120.5	1.98	23	28	874.5
Opponents		61	845	13.85	316	2249	.235	797	13.07	84	103	1.38	72	1077	17.66	29	238	148.0	2.43	32	16	1077.0

Team Statistics	DU	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	682	845
Errors	386	316
Total Attacks	2317	2249
Attack Pct	.128	.235
Kills/Set	11.2	13.9
SET		
Assists	633	797
Attempts	2236	2172
Assist Pct	.283	.367
Assists/Set	10.4	13.1
SERVE		
Aces	72	84
Errors	104	103
Attempts	1232	1463
Serve Pct	.916	.930
Aces/Set	1.2	1.4
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	84	72
Errors/Set	1.4	1.2
DEFENSE		
Digs	949	1077
Digs/Set	15.6	17.7
BLOCKING		
Block Solo	22	29
Block Assist	197	238
Total Blocks	120.5	148.0
Blocks/Set	2.0	2.4
Block Errors	23	32
Ball handling errors	28	16
ATTENDANCE		
Total	1172	5881
Dates/Avg Per Date	4/293	7/840
Neutral site #/Avg	6/31	
Current win streak	0	-

Date	Opponent	Score	Score by set	Att.
Aug 24	at Green Bay	L 0-3	19-25,13-25,20-25	221
Aug 25	vs Auburn	L 0-3	16-25,21-25,19-25	72
Aug 25	vs Central Michigan	L 1-3	14-25,25-19,21-25,28-30	112
Aug 31	vs NU	L 0-3	25-27,16-25,16-25	0
Sep 01	at NMSU	L 1-3	22-25,25-21,22-25,18-25	0
Sep 01	vs CIN	L 0-3	26-28,15-25,20-25	0
Sep 07	at Wisconsin	L 0-3	17-25,17-25,19-25	3295
Sep 08	vs Milwaukee	L 0-3	20-25,19-25,22-25	0
Sep 08	vs North Dakota State	L 1-3	11-25,30-28,19-25,20-25	0
*Sep 14	WICHITA STATE	L 0-3	20-25,16-25,17-25	434
*Sep 15	MISSOURI STATE	L 0-3	16-25,23-25,15-25	134
Sep 21	at Omaha	w 3-2	18-25,25-20,25-15,24-26,15-13	583
*Sep 22	at Creighton	L 0-3	23-25,14-25,11-25	1017
*Sep 28	at Evansville	L 1-3	25-20,19-25,19-25,12-25	383
*Sep 29	at Southern Illinois	L 1-3	20-25,25-22,23-25,12-25	382
*Oct 05	BRADLEY	w 3-2	26-24,24-26,22-25,25-22,15-10	116
*Oct 06	UNI	L 1-3	26-28,18-25,25-23,19-25	488

Record in 3-set matches: 0-9
Record in 4-set matches: 0-6
Record in 5-set matches: 2-0