



2012 DRAKE UNIVERSITY VOLLEYBALL

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QUICK HITS

The Drake (3-17, 2-7 MVC) volleyball team will try to halt a two-match losing streak when it returns to MVC play Saturday against the Creighton Bluejays (17-3, 8-1 MVC) in the first of three-straight home matches. The contest with the Bluejays is the annual **Dig Pink** match and first serve is set for 7 p.m. at the Knapp Center. Live stats and video streaming will be available at www.godrakebulldogs.com.

CREIGHTON

The Bluejays swept the Bulldogs, 3-0 (25-23, 25-14, 25-11), earlier this season in Omaha. Creighton sits at the top of the Valley tied with Northern Iowa. The Bluejays limit opponents to an MVC-best .147 hitting percentage and have the best blocks per set average in the MVC at 3.11. Leah McNarly is the top hitter for the Bluejays with 216 kills and Kelli Browning leads the MVC with a 1.69 blocks per set average. Creighton holds a 24-15 advantage in the all-time series between the two schools.

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 [*]	W, 3-1
10/13	at Illinois State [*]	L, 1-3
10/15	at North Dakota State	L, 1-3
10/20	Creighton [*] (Dig Pink)	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 [*] (Senior Night)	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.)
[#] Inntowner Inv. (Madison, Wis.)
^{*} Missouri Valley Conference Game
[@] Springfield, Mo.

DIG PINK

The Drake team 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. Side-Out is an independent non-profit organization that awards grants to medical research organizations and entities dedicated to providing compassionate support to breast cancer patients and their families. Fans will receive a Drake volleyball team limited edition poster and there will be a postgame autograph session on the Knapp Center floor.

REWIND

The Bulldogs finished 1-2 on their three-game road trip with matches in three states in four days. Drake knocked off Indiana State, 3-1; was swept by Illinois State and dropped a close rematch to North Dakota State, 3-1. In the win over the Sycamores, sophomore **Amanda Platte** (Mount Vernon, Iowa) had a team-high 13 kills and the Bulldogs had a season-high 11 service aces. Senior **Bentley Mancini** (Burnsville, Minn.) posted a match-high 12 kills against Illinois State, but the Redbirds limited the Bulldogs to just 33 kills and had eight service aces to get the victory. Mancini paced the Bulldogs with 13 kills in the loss to the Bison and **Jadranka Tramosljanin** (Ruma, Serbia) posted her team-best ninth double-double of the season with 11 kills and 19 digs.

ACES

The Bulldogs are one of the top serving teams in the Missouri Valley Conference averaging 1.25 service aces per set. Drake recorded a season-high 11 aces in the Indiana State win. Tramosljanin has 30 aces and a 0.42 service aces per set average, with both ranking first in the MVC while her average ranks 21st in the nation. Tramosljanin had a career-high six service aces against UNI earlier this fall.

MADDENING

Sarah Madden (Van Meter, Iowa) has played outstanding defense at the libero position this year for the Bulldogs tallying 394 digs. Madden finished with a career-high 45 digs against North Dakota State Monday night and set the new school record for most digs in a match. Her career night propelled her to the top of the MVC in digs per set at 5.13 and her average is tied for 46th in the nation. In just her second season at Drake, Madden is 11 digs away from moving into the career top-10 in the Drake record book.

BALANCED ATTACK

Drake had a season-high five players with double figure kills in the win over Bradley earlier this fall led by Mancini's 18, which tied her career-high. Platte (14), **Cassie Effken** (Lincoln, Neb.) (16) and **Katie Dulek** (Lenexa, Kan.) (11) all set new career-highs in kills with **Jadranka Tramosljanin** (Ruma, Serbia) adding 12. Mancini leads the team with 187 kills followed by Tramosljanin (155), Platte (154), Effken (149) and Dulek (94).

INSTANT IMPACT

After Drake lost starting middle blockers, Emily Heffernen 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 block solos (19) and block assists (62). She is second on the team in points with 204.0 and fourth in kills (149). Effken earned all-tournament honors at the first tournament of the season in Green

Bay. Dulek is second in block assists (47) and fifth in kills (94) and points (123.5) on the team and earned all-tournament honors at the InnTowner tournament earlier this fall.

ASSIST TIME

Sophomore setter **Halli Meyer** (Bettendorf, Iowa) dished out a career-high 40 assists in the win over Bradley. Meyer has four double-doubles for the Bulldogs this fall and has posted double figure assists in every match. Meyer has tallied 380 assists this season, which leads the team. Freshman **Rebecca Brown** (Bentonville, Ark.) tied her career-best with 24 assists in the Bradley win, and has seen action in every match while recording 293 assists.

LEFTY FIREPOWER

Senior outside hitter **Bentley Mancini** leads the Bulldogs with 187 kills, a 2.60 kills per set average and 206 points on the season. 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 474 kills in her collegiate career.

STEPPING UP

Amanda Platte has 72 kills in the last six matches, including a career-best 16 against the UNI Panthers. She has started the last ten matches at the outside hitter position opposite Mancini. **Shelby Daum** (Battle Creek, Neb.) has recovered from an injury early in the season and 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. Defensive specialist/outside hitter **Scarlett Howerter** (Lincoln, Neb.) has appeared in every match for the Bulldogs to steadily improve in her first year.

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.

READY FOR ACTION

The match against the Bison was the 20th of the season and Drake has six players (Dulek, Effken, Mancini, Meyer, Tramosljanin and Madden) who have started every match for the Blue and White.

2012 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

This season the Bulldogs 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 Farber 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	R.Jr.	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 12-40/2nd
 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. 17)

School	Conf	Overall
Creighton	8-1	17-3
Northern Iowa	8-1	17-6
Wichita State	7-2	14-5
SIU	6-3	16-4
Illinois State	5-4	11-8
Missouri State	5-4	11-10
Evansville	2-7	7-15
Drake	2-7	3-17
Bradley	1-8	7-13
Indiana State	1-8	3-16

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 15, 2012)
All matches**

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	3-17	1-3	2-8	0-6
CONFERENCE	2-7	1-3	1-4	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-10	0-0	1-4	0-6

#	Player	sp	Attack				pct	Set		Serve			re	Dig		Blocking					points	
			k	k/s	e	ta		a	a/s	sa	se	sa/s		dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total	blk/s	be		bhe
22	Mancini, Bentley	72	187	2.60	104	586	.142	3	0.04	1	3	0.01	-	30	0.42	2	32	34	0.47	5	1	206.0
6	Tramosljanin, J.	72	155	2.15	100	583	.094	8	0.11	30	21	0.42	-	261	3.62	2	16	18	0.25	4	1	195.0
12	Platte, Amanda	72	154	2.14	80	514	.144	6	0.08	0	0	0.00	-	58	0.81	1	35	36	0.50	4	1	172.5
7	Effken, Cassie	72	149	2.07	67	412	.199	10	0.14	5	23	0.07	-	42	0.58	19	62	81	1.12	4	2	204.0
11	Dulek, Katie	72	94	1.31	42	292	.178	5	0.07	4	6	0.06	-	18	0.25	2	47	49	0.68	9	2	123.5
14	Roggenburg, Erin	38	34	0.89	37	178	-.017	5	0.13	1	2	0.03	-	29	0.76	0	9	9	0.24	2	0	39.5
8	Daum, Shelby	43	27	0.63	15	111	.108	2	0.05	0	0	0.00	-	23	0.53	1	17	18	0.42	1	0	36.5
17	Brown, Rebecca	72	8	0.11	4	28	.143	293	4.07	15	18	0.21	-	87	1.21	0	0	0	0.00	0	8	23.0
2	Meyer, Halli	72	4	0.06	1	19	.158	380	5.28	10	12	0.14	-	123	1.71	0	1	1	0.01	0	21	14.5
1	Howerter, Scarlett	71	2	0.03	2	21	.000	6	0.08	8	18	0.11	-	109	1.54	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	10.0
21	Madden, Sarah	72	1	0.01	3	17	-.118	41	0.57	16	22	0.22	-	394	5.47	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	17.0
TEAM		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DRAKE		72	815	11.32	455	2761	.130	759	10.54	90	125	1.25	106	1174	16.31	27	219	136.5	1.90	29	37	1041.5
Opponents		72	984	13.67	371	2695	.227	932	12.94	106	131	1.47	90	1295	17.99	38	264	170.0	2.36	34	20	1260.0

Team Statistics	DU	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	815	984
Errors	455	371
Total Attacks	2761	2695
Attack Pct	.130	.227
Kills/Set	11.3	13.7
SET		
Assists	759	932
Attempts	2707	2630
Assist Pct	.280	.354
Assists/Set	10.5	12.9
SERVE		
Aces	90	106
Errors	125	131
Attempts	1477	1726
Serve Pct	.915	.924
Aces/Set	1.2	1.5
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	106	90
Errors/Set	1.5	1.2
DEFENSE		
Digs	1174	1295
Digs/Set	16.3	18.0
BLOCKING		
Block Solo	27	38
Block Assist	219	264
Total Blocks	136.5	170.0
Blocks/Set	1.9	2.4
Block Errors	29	34
Ball handling errors	37	20
ATTENDANCE		
Total	1172	7412
Dates/Avg Per Date	4/293	10/741
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
*10-12-2012	at Indiana State	w 3-1	25-20,25-22,19-25,25-20	140
*Oct 13	at Illinois State	L 0-3	18-25,18-25,20-25	954
Oct 15	at North Dakota State	L 1-3	21-25,29-27,21-25,23-25	437

Record in 3-set matches: 0-10
Record in 4-set matches: 1-7
Record in 5-set matches: 2-0