



2012 DRAKE UNIVERSITY VOLLEYBALL

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Fri., Oct. 5 Bradley 7:00 p.m.
 Sat., Oct. 6 UNI 7:00 p.m.

QUICK HITS

The Drake volleyball team (1-14, 0-5 MVC) will try for its first home and conference match win this Friday when the Bradley Braves (6-10, 0-5 MVC) visit the Knapp Center, with the UNI Panthers (13-5, 5-0 MVC) following on Saturday night. Both matches will start at 7 p.m. Live stats and video streaming for both matches will be available at www.godrakebulldogs.com.

BRADLEY

Bradley is also winless in MVC action this season and is currently on a seven match losing streak. The Braves have four players with 100 kills or more led by junior Alise Tupuritis with 183 kills and a team-best 2.95 kills per set average. Bradley and Drake split the two matches in 2011 with each team winning their respective home stand. Drake leads the all-time series 28-25 and has won nine out of the last ten matches.

UNI

Going into their Friday night match at Creighton, UNI is riding a 59-straight MVC regular season match winning streak. The Panthers have not lost a regular season conference match since the 2008 season and they have finished undefeated in conference play (18-0) the last three seasons (2009-11). Four players, led by Megan Lehman (206), have 100 or more kills for the Panthers. Northern Iowa leads the all-time series 10-66-1.

REWIND

Drake dropped a pair of close road matches this past weekend. The Bulldogs took the opening set against Evansville, 25-20 but the Aces won the next three sets. The next afternoon against Southern Illinois, the Bulldogs fell behind after the first set but rallied to take the second. The Bulldogs struggled in the third set but came back to hold a late lead. The Salukis responded and took the third set, then cruised to a win in the fourth for the match.

BALANCED ATTACK

Three Bulldogs, led by senior outside hitter **Bentley Mancini** (Burnsville, Minn.), have over 100 kills for the season. Mancini has 130 kills, Cassie Effken (Lincoln, Neb.) has 105 and Jadranka Tramosljanin (Ruma, Serbia) has 102. Amanda Platte (Mount Vernon, Iowa) is nearing the century mark as she sits at 92 for the year. Mancini's 15 kills against Southern Illinois this past weekend are a season-high for the senior and the most by a Bulldog this fall.

DEFENSE

Sarah Madden (Van Meter, Iowa) and Tramosljanin have provided a strong defensive presence in the back row this year for the Bulldogs. Madden has 252 digs and is averaging 4.85 per set which is fourth in the conference. Tramosljanin has 183 digs and is averaging 3.52 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.

INSTANT IMPACT

Freshmen **Katie Dulek** (Lenexa, Kan.) and Effken have started every match at the middle blocker positions in their first seasons for the Blue and White. Effken leads the Bulldogs in total blocks (61), block assists (48) and block solos (13), and is second in kills (105) and points (104). She was named to the all-tournament team at the Bulldogs first tournament of 2012 (Green Bay). Effken is sixth in the MVC with a 1.17 blocks per set average. Dulek is second on the team in block assists (37) and fifth in kills (61), and she earned all-tournament honors at the InnTownner Invitational. She had a career-high eight kills with just one error against Creighton and received player of the week considerations from the Valley for her efforts.

ACES

The Bulldogs are one of the top serving teams in the Missouri Valley Conference as they average 1.27 service aces per set. Tramosljanin has 17 aces and a 0.33 service aces per set average, which is second in the MVC. Madden has 15 aces and a 0.29 service aces per set average, which is sixth in the MVC.

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 [*]	7:00 p.m.
10/6	Northern Iowa [*]	7:00 p.m.
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.)
[#] Intownner Inv. (Madison, Wis.)
^{*} Missouri Valley Conference Game
[@] Springfield, Mo.

ASSIST TIME

Sophomore setter **Halli Meyer** (Bettendorf, Iowa) dished out 55 assists in the two matches this past weekend. Her 29 assists against Evansville are a new-career high. Meyer has 260 assists and a 5.0 assists per set average for the year. Freshman **Rebecca Brown** (Bentonville, Ark.) has also seen action at the setter position for the Bulldogs and has dished out 203 assists in her first season. Drake has 513 assists as a team.

LEFTY FIREPOWER

Senior outside hitter Bentley Mancini leads the Bulldogs with 130 kills, a 2.50 kills per set average and 145 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 420 kills in her collegiate career.

STEPPING UP

A pair of sophomores and one freshman have handled the outside hitter position opposite Mancini this fall. Platte had an outstanding performance in the win over UNO. The outside hitter finished with a career-high 12 kills, eight digs and added four block assists. Platte and fellow sophomore **Erin Roggenburg** (Ankeny, Iowa) have each started at the outside hitter position opposite Bentley Mancini. **Shelby Daum** (Battle Creek, Neb.) has recovered from an injury early in the season and has earned more playing time 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 travel to Indiana State next Friday, Oct. 13 and to Illinois State Saturday, Oct. 14. The Indiana State match will start at 6 p.m. central time and the Illinois State match will have a 7 p.m. first serve. Live stats at www.godrakebulldogs.com will be available for both matches.

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.

Sunga is assisted by Erin Hirsch and Rob Batzler. Hirsch is in her sixth season as an 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)

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

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

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	10-37/2nd
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. 2)

School	Conf	Overall
Northern Iowa	5-0	13-5
Creighton	4-1	13-3
SIU	4-2	13-3
Wichita State	4-2	10-5
Missouri State	4-2	9-8
Illinois State	3-2	9-6
Evansville	2-4	6-12
Indiana State	1-4	3-12
Bradley	0-5	6-10
Drake	0-5	1-14

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 Sep 29, 2012)
All matches**

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	1-14	0-2	1-6	0-6
CONFERENCE	0-5	0-2	0-3	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-9	0-0	1-3	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	52	130	2.50	75	419	.131	2	0.04	1	3	0.02	-	21	0.40	1	26	27	0.52	4	1	145.0
7	Effken, Cassie	52	105	2.02	46	280	.211	7	0.13	2	10	0.04	-	25	0.48	13	48	61	1.17	1	2	144.0
6	Tramosljanin, J.	52	102	1.96	78	406	.059	3	0.06	17	15	0.33	-	183	3.52	1	14	15	0.29	4	1	127.0
12	Platte, Amanda	52	92	1.77	53	329	.119	4	0.08	0	0	0.00	-	48	0.92	1	26	27	0.52	2	0	106.0
11	Dulek, Katie	52	61	1.17	29	198	.162	3	0.06	4	6	0.08	-	13	0.25	1	37	38	0.73	6	2	84.5
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	30	23	0.77	10	84	.155	2	0.07	0	0	0.00	-	11	0.37	0	11	11	0.37	1	0	28.5
17	Brown, Rebecca	52	5	0.10	3	22	.091	203	3.90	8	15	0.15	-	61	1.17	0	0	0	0.00	0	4	13.0
2	Meyer, Halli	52	3	0.06	1	15	.133	260	5.00	5	10	0.10	-	79	1.52	0	1	1	0.02	0	13	8.5
1	Howerter, Scarlett	51	1	0.02	1	18	.000	6	0.12	7	13	0.14	-	79	1.55	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	8.0
21	Madden, Sarah	52	1	0.02	2	14	-.071	20	0.38	15	14	0.29	-	252	4.85	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	16.0
TEAM		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DRAKE		52	556	10.69	331	1949	.115	513	9.87	60	88	1.15	76	797	15.33	17	171	102.5	1.97	20	23	718.5
Opponents		52	728	14.00	267	1915	.241	687	13.21	75	96	1.44	60	917	17.63	27	201	127.5	2.45	30	14	930.5

Team Statistics	DU	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Score by set	Att.
ATTACK			Aug 24	at Green Bay	L 0-3	19-25,13-25,20-25	221
Kills	556	728	Aug 25	vs Auburn	L 0-3	16-25,21-25,19-25	72
Errors	331	267	Aug 25	vs Central Michigan	L 1-3	14-25,25-19,21-25,28-30	112
Total Attacks	1949	1915	Aug 31	vs NU	L 0-3	25-27,16-25,16-25	0
Attack Pct	.115	.241	Sep 01	at NMSU	L 1-3	22-25,25-21,22-25,18-25	0
Kills/Set	10.7	14.0	Sep 01	vs CIN	L 0-3	26-28,15-25,20-25	0
SET			Sep 07	at Wisconsin	L 0-3	17-25,17-25,19-25	3295
Assists	513	687	Sep 08	vs Milwaukee	L 0-3	20-25,19-25,22-25	0
Attempts	1858	1828	Sep 08	vs North Dakota State	L 1-3	11-25,30-28,19-25,20-25	0
Assist Pct	.276	.376	*Sep 14	WICHITA STATE	L 0-3	20-25,16-25,17-25	434
Assists/Set	9.9	13.2	*Sep 15	MISSOURI STATE	L 0-3	16-25,23-25,15-25	134
SERVE			Sep 21	at Omaha	w 3-2	18-25,25-20,25-15,24-26,15-13	583
Aces	60	75	*Sep 22	at Creighton	L 0-3	23-25,14-25,11-25	1017
Errors	88	96	*Sep 28	at Evansville	L 1-3	25-20,19-25,19-25,12-25	383
Attempts	1031	1255	*Sep 29	at Southern Illinois	L 1-3	20-25,25-22,23-25,12-25	382
Serve Pct	.915	.924					
Aces/Set	1.2	1.4					
SERVE RECEPTIONS							
Errors	76	60					
Errors/Set	1.5	1.2					
DEFENSE							
Digs	797	917					
Digs/Set	15.3	17.6					
BLOCKING							
Block Solo	17	27					
Block Assist	171	201					
Total Blocks	102.5	127.5					
Blocks/Set	2.0	2.5					
Block Errors	20	30					
Ball handling errors	23	14					
ATTENDANCE							
Total	568	5881					
Dates/Avg Per Date	2/284	7/840					
Neutral site #/Avg	6/31						
Current win streak	0	-					

Record in 3-set matches: 0-9
Record in 4-set matches: 0-5
Record in 5-set matches: 1-0