



2012 DRAKE UNIVERSITY VOLLEYBALL

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QUICK HITS

The Drake (4-19, 3-9 MVC) volleyball team remains in contention for a spot in the MVC tournament but must finish strong in its final six matches starting this weekend with two key road matches. The Bulldogs are behind Missouri State (7-6 MVC), which currently sits in sixth place in the standings. The top six teams qualify for the tournament, which will be held in Springfield, Mo., Nov. 22-24. Drake will travel to Northern Iowa (20-7, 11-2 MVC) and Bradley (8-16, 2-11 MVC) on Friday and Saturday night, respectively. Both matches will start at 7 p.m. and live stats will be available at www.godrakebulldogs.com for both matches.

NORTHERN IOWA

The Panthers defeated the Bulldogs in four sets earlier this fall at the Knapp Center. UNI and Creighton are battling for the top spot in the MVC this season and will square off Saturday night. The Panthers rank first in the Valley in kills per set (14.52) and digs per set (17.75). Five Panthers led by senior outside hitter Megan Lehman (304) have 200 or more kills this fall.

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)	L, 0-3
10/26	Southern Illinois [*]	L, 1-3
10/27	Evansville [*]	W, 3-0
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.

BRADLEY

Drake rallied from a 2-1 deficit to beat Bradley, 3-2, in the first contest between the two teams this season. Three of the last five meetings in Peoria between Bradley and Drake have gone to a deciding fifth-set. Bradley seniors Madelyn Ervin and Jessica McNellis will be honored before the match in their final home contest. Ervin is number two in the MVC in service aces per set at 0.38 behind Drake's **Jadranka Tramosljanin** (Ruma, Serbia) at 0.41. Drake leads the all-time series 29-25 and has won 10 out of the last 11 contests.

REWIND

Bentley Mancini (Burnsville, Minn.) had a match-high 12 kills and was one of four Bulldogs in double figures in kills as Drake beat Evansville, 3-0, this past Saturday night at the Knapp Center. Tramosljanin finished with a double-double with 10 kills and 15 digs and leads the team with 11 double-doubles.

SWEEP

The 3-0 win over Evansville (25-21, 25-20, and 25-22) was the first sweep for Drake since they beat Southern Illinois, 3-0, on September 18, 2010. This season the Bulldogs have one sweep, one four-set win and two five-set wins.

MADDENING

Sarah Madden (Van Meter, Iowa) was named the Missouri Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Week for the period of Oct. 15-21. Madden has started every match at the libero position this year for the Bulldogs tallying 481 digs. In the second match against North Dakota State this season, she finished with a school record 45 digs. The 45 digs were one away from tying the MVC match record. Madden, a redshirt junior leads the conference in digs per set at 5.87 and her average ranks eighth in the country. In just her second season at Drake, she is sixth all-time in school history with 908 digs and sits just 10 away from moving into the top-five. The defensive award is the first for Madden and the first for a Drake volleyball student-athlete since Alana Wittenburg won it in 2010.

ACES

The Bulldogs are one of the top serving teams in the Missouri Valley Conference averaging 1.18 service aces per set. Drake recorded a season-high 11 aces in the Indiana State win earlier this fall. Tramosljanin has 34 aces and a 0.41 service aces per set average, with both ranking first in the MVC while her average ranks 26th in the nation. Tramosljanin had a career-high six service aces against UNI earlier this fall.

LEFTY FIREPOWER

Senior outside hitter **Bentley Mancini** leads the Bulldogs with 213 kills, a 2.54 kills per set average and is second in points with 233.5. 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 501 kills in her collegiate career.

INSTANT IMPACT

After Drake lost starting middle blockers, Emily Heffernan and Michelle Reidy, to graduation from the 2011 team, **Cassie Effken** (Lincoln, Neb.) and **Katie Dulek** (Lenexa, Kan.) 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 (25), block assists (65), points (245.5) and is second in kills (182). Effken is eighth in the MVC in blocks per set at 1.10 and earned all-tournament honors at the first tournament of the season in Green Bay. Dulek is second in block assists (50) and fifth in kills (103) and points (135.0) on the team and earned all-tournament honors at the InnTowner tournament earlier this fall.

BALANCED ATTACK

Five Bulldogs have 100 or more kills this fall led by Mancini with 213 kills followed by Effken (182), Tramosljanin (181), Amanda Platte (Mount Vernon, Iowa) (176) and Dulek (103). 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. Effken (16), Platte (14), Tramosljanin (12) and Dulek (11) rounded out the five that night with Effken and Dulek each setting new career-highs in kills.

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 and has posted double figure assists in every match but one this fall. Meyer has tallied 429 assists this season, which leads the team. Meyer ranks 10th in the Valley with a 5.28 assists per set average. 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 339 assists.

STEPPING UP

Platte has 94 kills in the last nine matches, including a career-best 16 against the UNI Panthers. She has started the last 13 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 first 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.

READY FOR ACTION

Drake has six players (Dulek, Effken, Mancini, Meyer, Tramosljanin and Madden) who have started every match for the Blue and White this fall.

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.

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.

NEXT WEEK

Drake will host two matches to close its 2012 home schedule. The Illinois State Redbirds (13-9, 7-5 MVC)

visit the Knapp Center Friday, Nov. 9, with the Indiana State Sycamores (3-19, 1-11 MVC) the following night. Seniors Mancini and Tramosljanin will be honored Saturday night for their final home match. Both matches will start at 7:05 p.m. in the Knapp Center.

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	13-42/2nd
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. 31)

School	Conf	Overall
Creighton	11-1	20-3
UNI	11-2	20-7
Wichita State	10-3	17-6
SIU	8-5	18-6
Illinois State	7-5	13-9
Missouri State	7-6	13-12
Drake	3-9	4-19
Evansville	3-10	8-18
Bradley	2-11	8-16
Indiana State	1-11	3-19

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
 MVC Def. Player of the Week (Oct. 15-21)
-Sarah Madden

**2012 Season
Drake Combined Team Statistics (as of Oct 29, 2012)
All matches**

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	4-19	2-5	2-8	0-6
CONFERENCE	3-9	2-5	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	82	213	2.60	121	674	.136	5	0.06	1	3	0.01	-	39	0.48	2	35	37	0.45	5	2	233.5
7	Effken, Cassie	82	182	2.22	77	484	.217	13	0.16	6	27	0.07	-	46	0.56	25	65	90	1.10	4	2	245.5
6	Tramosljanin, J.	82	181	2.21	116	697	.093	8	0.10	34	24	0.41	-	303	3.70	2	18	20	0.24	4	1	226.0
12	Platte, Amanda	80	176	2.20	91	594	.143	6	0.08	0	0	0.00	-	65	0.81	1	36	37	0.46	4	1	195.0
11	Dulek, Katie	82	103	1.26	50	350	.151	5	0.06	4	6	0.05	-	19	0.23	3	50	53	0.65	12	3	135.0
14	Roggenburg, Erin	44	36	0.82	46	199	-.050	5	0.11	1	2	0.02	-	30	0.68	0	9	9	0.20	3	0	41.5
8	Daum, Shelby	49	27	0.55	17	120	.083	2	0.04	0	0	0.00	-	26	0.53	1	17	18	0.37	2	0	36.5
17	Brown, Rebecca	82	10	0.12	5	33	.152	339	4.13	15	18	0.18	-	97	1.18	0	0	0	0.00	0	9	25.0
2	Meyer, Halli	81	4	0.05	1	21	.143	429	5.30	11	13	0.14	-	142	1.75	0	1	1	0.01	0	24	15.5
1	Howerter, Scarlett	81	2	0.02	3	23	-.043	7	0.09	8	23	0.10	-	133	1.64	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	10.0
21	Madden, Sarah	82	1	0.01	4	18	-.167	48	0.59	17	25	0.21	-	481	5.87	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	18.0
TEAM		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DRAKE		82	935	11.40	531	3213	.126	867	10.57	97	141	1.18	115	1381	16.84	34	231	149.5	1.82	34	43	1181.5
Opponents		82	1111	13.55	429	3115	.219	1045	12.74	115	146	1.40	97	1506	18.37	41	318	200.0	2.44	38	24	1426.0

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	935	1111	Aug 25	vs Auburn	L 0-3	16-25,21-25,19-25	72
Errors	531	429	Aug 25	vs Central Michigan	L 1-3	14-25,25-19,21-25,28-30	112
Total Attacks	3213	3115	Aug 31	vs NU	L 0-3	25-27,16-25,16-25	0
Attack Pct	.126	.219	Sep 01	at NMSU	L 1-3	22-25,25-21,22-25,18-25	0
Kills/Set	11.4	13.5	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	867	1045	Sep 08	vs Milwaukee	L 0-3	20-25,19-25,22-25	0
Attempts	3162	3053	Sep 08	vs North Dakota State	L 1-3	11-25,30-28,19-25,20-25	0
Assist Pct	.274	.342	*Sep 14	WICHITA STATE	L 0-3	20-25,16-25,17-25	434
Assists/Set	10.6	12.7	*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	97	115	*Sep 22	at Creighton	L 0-3	23-25,14-25,11-25	1017
Errors	141	146	*Sep 28	at Evansville	L 1-3	25-20,19-25,19-25,12-25	383
Attempts	1684	1962	*Sep 29	at Southern Illinois	L 1-3	20-25,25-22,23-25,12-25	382
Serve Pct	.916	.926	*Oct 05	BRADLEY	w 3-2	26-24,24-26,22-25,25-22,15-10	116
Aces/Set	1.2	1.4	*Oct 06	UNI	L 1-3	26-28,18-25,25-23,19-25	488
SERVE RECEPTIONS			*Oct 12	at Indiana State	w 3-1	25-20,25-22,19-25,25-20	140
Errors	115	97	*Oct 13	at Illinois State	L 0-3	18-25,18-25,20-25	954
Errors/Set	1.4	1.2	Oct 15	at North Dakota State	L 1-3	21-25,29-27,21-25,23-25	437
DEFENSE			*Oct 20	CREIGHTON	L 0-3	17-25,17-25,11-25	352
Digs	1381	1506	*Oct 26	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	L 1-3	16-25,25-27,25-23,19-25	268
Digs/Set	16.8	18.4	*Oct 27	EVANSVILLE	w 3-0	25-21,25-20,25-22	208
BLOCKING			Record in 3-set matches: 1-11				
Block Solo	34	41	Record in 4-set matches: 1-8				
Block Assist	231	318	Record in 5-set matches: 2-0				
Total Blocks	149.5	200.0					
Blocks/Set	1.8	2.4					
Block Errors	34	38					
Ball handling errors	43	24					
ATTENDANCE							
Total	2000	7412					
Dates/Avg Per Date	7/286	10/741					
Neutral site #/Avg	6/31						
Current win streak	1	-					