



# SOFTBALL RELEASE NO. 12 DRAKE BULLDOGS vs. Creighton Bluejays

April 18 | Ron Buel Field | Des Moines, Iowa

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## 2012 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 11	vs. Western Illinois ^	W, 3-2
Feb. 11	vs. North Dakota ^	L, 3-4
Feb. 12	vs. Green Bay ^	W, 8-2
Feb. 12	vs. Valparaiso ^	L, 3-5
Feb. 18	vs. Arkansas !	L, 1-4
Feb. 18	vs. Georgia Southern !	L, 0-2
Feb. 19	vs. Wisconsin !	L, 0-8
Feb. 24	vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff @	W, 16-4
Feb. 24	vs. Houston Baptist @	L, 2-3(9)
Feb. 25	at Texas at Arlington @	W, 3-2
Feb. 25	vs. Texas at Arlington @	L, 2-3
Feb. 26	vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff @	W, 15-0
March 2	at Arkansas	L, 4-5
March 3	vs. IUPUI #	W, 3-0
March 3	at Arkansas #	L, 6-8
March 4	vs. Butler #	L, 0-3
March 4	IUPUI #	L, 0-2
March 9	vs. Eastern Michigan \$	L, 0-4 (8)
March 9	at Lipscomb \$	L, 2-5
March 10	vs. Alabama State \$	W, 11-3
March 10	vs. Middle Tennessee \$	L, 1-2
March 17	at Indiana State (DH) *	W, 5-1; W, 4-2
March 18	at Indiana State *	W, 2-0
March 24	BRADLEY (DH) *	W, 3-0
March 25	BRADLEY *	W, 1-0
March 28	at Iowa State	L, 0-1
March 31	MISSOURI STATE (DH) *	L, 2-3; W, 4-2
April 1	MISSOURI STATE *	W, 4-2
April 4	at Iowa	W, 1-0
April 6	at UNI (DH) *	L, 1-5; L, 2-3
April 7	at UNI *	L, 2-11
April 10	IOWA STATE	W, 8-6
April 14	at Illinois State (DH) *	L, 2-3; L, 0-7
April 15	at Illinois State *	W, 5-4(11)
April 18	CREIGHTON (DH) *	3:00 p.m.
April 21	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (DH) *	12:00 p.m.
April 22	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS *	12:00 p.m.
April 24	at Creighton *	4:00 p.m.
April 25	at South Dakota State (DH)	2:00 p.m.
April 28	at Evansville (DH) *	12:00 p.m.
April 29	at Evansville *	12:00 p.m.
May 2	NEBRASKA-OMAHA (DH)	5:00 p.m.
May 5	WICHITA STATE (DH) *	12:00 p.m.
May 6	WICHITA STATE *	12:00 p.m.
May 10-12	State Farm MVC Championship%	TBA

- \* Missouri Valley Conference Game
- ^ UNI Dome Classic (Cedar Falls, Iowa)
- ! USF Invitational (Tampa, Fla.)
- @ UT Arlington Classic (Arlington, Texas)
- # Woo Pig Classic (Fayetteville, Ark.)
- \$ Lady Bisons Classic (Nashville, Tenn.)
- % State Farm MVC Championship (Carbondale, Ill.)

### THIS WEEK IN DRAKE SOFTBALL

The Drake Bulldogs (18-21, 9-6 MVC) welcome the Creighton Bluejays (20-15, 9-5) to Ron Buel Field Wednesday, April 18 for a doubleheader. First pitch is set for 3 p.m. Drake took two out of three games last season against Creighton. The Bluejays sit in third place in the MVC, one spot ahead of Drake and Illinois State.

### SCOUTING CREIGHTON BLUEJAYS

Junior Amy Baker leads the MVC with 42 RBI, is tied for fifth with six homers, and is fourth in batting average (.367). Freshman Allie Mathewson is fifth in the MVC with a .357 batting average. CU leads the MVC with a .472 slugging percentage, 40 homers, 226 RBI and 240 runs. The Bluejays are coached by Brent Vigness, who is in his 19th as head coach.

### LAST TIME OUT

Drake beat Illinois State, 5-4, in 11 innings in the final game of the series Sunday afternoon. **Liz Buck** (Olathe, Kan.) drove in **Jaimie Duffek** (Brookfield, Ill.) on an RBI single to help Drake avoid a series sweep. ISU took both games on Saturday.

### LOOKING AHEAD

The Bulldogs will host the Southern Illinois Salukis Saturday, April 21 at 12 p.m. for a doubleheader. The series will conclude with a single game on Sunday, April 22 at 12 p.m. SIU won two of three last season in Carbondale, Illinois. Saturday is the Lymphoma awareness game with a silent auction for the special jerseys the team will wear.

### BATTLE ON THE HILL

Becca Changstrom is the top pitcher for CU at 11-10 with a 2.60 ERA and **Jordan Gronewold (Carlisle, Iowa)** is the top pitcher for DU at 14-13 with a 2.76 ERA. Both are in the top 10 of numerous MVC pitching categories.

### BRING THEM HOME

The Bulldogs have a .389 average (7-of-18) with the bases loaded this season, which is third in the Valley.

### TOUGH OUT

Drake is one of the toughest teams to strikeout this season in the MVC. The Bulldogs average just 4.59 punchouts per game behind SIU at 4.03 per game.

### GLOVE WORK

Drake is the top fielding team in the MVC with a .969 fielding percentage and its 34 errors are the fewest in the conference.

### WORK HORSES

**Gronewold** and **Rebekah Schmidt (Cottage Grove, Minn.)** are the only two Bulldog pitchers to see action this season. Gronewold leads the Valley in innings pitched (172.1), starts (34) and appearances (36). She is third in wins (13), eighth in ERA at 2.76 and in opponent batting average (.229). Schmidt is second in appearances (31) and the freshman has pitched 89 innings in her first collegiate season. She is 10th in ERA at 2.99 and fifth in opponent batting average (.214).

### CATCH ME IF YOU CAN

Drake continues to run the bases this season. The Bulldogs have swiped a conference-best 75 bases this season and have been caught just 14 times. **Macie Silliman** (Winterset, Iowa) and **Lindsey Vande Wall** (Prairie City, Iowa) each have 18 stolen bases to lead the Valley and **Amy Pierce** (Olathe, Kan.) is sixth in with 14 stolen bases. The Bulldogs are 12th in the nation with 1.92 stolen bases per game. Pierce has a conference-best three triples this season.

## LOCK IT DOWN

Schmidt's seven saves lead the MVC and the Bulldogs eight saves lead the conference. She is currently tied for the second most in the country.

## SIT EM DOWN

The Drake Bulldog pitchers have 240 strikeouts this season, which is behind Northern Iowa (250) for the conference lead. Gronewold is second in the conference with 148 strikeouts and Schmidt is eighth with 95. Jordan Birch of Illinois State is first with 157.

## GO LOW

Drake sports a 2.84 team ERA, which is fourth in the Valley but the Bulldogs are narrowly behind Indiana State (2.84) and Missouri State (2.79). UNI has the top ERA at 2.06.

## FIRST YEAR

Freshman Hayley Nybo (Minnetonka, Minn.) is having a nice start to her first season as a Bulldog. The Minnesota native is hitting .321 and is tied for the team lead in home runs with six and doubles with eight, she leads the team with 27 RBI and a .554 slugging percentage.

## THREE STRIKES

Gronewold and Schmidt recorded two of the first double digit strikeout games in the MVC this season. Gronewold had 10 strikeouts against Western Illinois and Schmidt had 10 strikeouts against Green Bay. Gronewold added another double digit performance with 11 K's against Bradley.

### NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Cl.	Ex.	Hometown (High School)
1	Macie Silliman	OF	R/R	5-6	Jr.	2L	Winterset, Iowa (Winterset)
2	Sarah Ryan	OF	R/R	5-5	Fr.	HS	Mount Vernon, Iowa (Mount Vernon)
3	Laura Brewer	IF	R/R	5-8	Fr.	HS	Waukee, Iowa (Waukee)
5	Liz Buck	IF	L/L	5-10	So.	1L	Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley West)
6	Amy Pierce	UT	R/R	5-6	So.	1L	Olathe, Kan. (Olathe Northwest)
7	Jaimie Duffek	OF	L/R	5-2	Sr.	2L	Brookfield, Ill. (Riverside-Brookfield)
10	Torey Craddock	IF	R/R	5-8	Sr.	3L	Tucson, Ariz. (Salpointe Catholic)
15	Nicole Randel	UT	L/R	5-5	So.	1L	Alpine, Calif. (Steele Canyon)
16	Zeah Peterson	C	R/R	5-10	Fr.	HS	Baxter, Iowa (Baxter)
18	Hayley Nybo	UT	R/R	5-7	Fr.	HS	Minnetonka, Minn. (Hopkins)
19	Sam West	OF	L/R	5-7	Jr.	1L	Kearney, Mo. (Kearney)
22	Lindsey Vande Wall	IF	R/R	5-8	Jr.	2L	Prairie City, Iowa (Prairie City-Monroe)
28	Rebekah Schmidt	P	R/R	5-9	Fr.	HS	Cottage Grove, Minn (New Life Academy)
44	Jordan Gronewold	P	R/R	5-9	So.	1L	Carlisle, Iowa (Carlisle)
52	Rose Magaddino	C	R/R	5-7	Sr.	3L	Tucson, Ariz. (Canyon Del Oro)

### ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Cl.	Ex.	Hometown (High School)
3	Laura Brewer	IF	R/R	5-8	Fr.	HS	Waukee, Iowa (Waukee)
5	Liz Buck	IF	L/L	5-10	So.	1L	Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley West)
10	Torey Craddock	IF	R/R	5-8	Sr.	3L	Tucson, Ariz. (Salpointe Catholic)
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16	Zeah Peterson	C	R/R	5-10	Fr.	HS	Baxter, Iowa (Baxter)
6	Amy Pierce	UT	R/R	5-6	So.	1L	Olathe, Kan. (Olathe Northwest)
15	Nicole Randel	UT	L/R	5-5	So.	1L	Alpine, Calif. (Steele Canyon)
2	Sarah Ryan	OF	R/R	5-5	Fr.	HS	Mount Vernon, Iowa (Mount Vernon)
28	Rebekah Schmidt	P	R/R	5-9	Fr.	HS	Cottage Grove, Minn (New Life Academy)
1	Macie Silliman	OF	R/R	5-6	Jr.	2L	Winterset, Iowa (Winterset)
22	Lindsey Vande Wall	IF	R/R	5-8	Jr.	2L	Prairie City, Iowa (Prairie City-Monroe)
19	Sam West	OF	L/R	5-7	Jr.	1L	Kearney, Mo. (Kearney)

## 2012 Quick Facts

### DRAKE UNIVERSITY

Location	Des Moines, Iowa
Founded	1881
Enrollment	5,668
President	Dr. David Maxwell
Athletics Director	Sandy Hatfield Clubb
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Missouri Valley
Nickname	Bulldogs
Colors	Blue and White

### DRAKE SOFTBALL

Starters Returning/Lost	7/3
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	10/4
2011 Record	34-21
MVC Record/Finish	19-6/2nd
Facility	Buel Field
Dimensions	L-190/C-220/R-190
Capacity	500

### COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Rich Calvert
Alma Mater	Illinois State (1988)
Drake Record/Years	264-255/9
Overall Record/Years	Same
Assistant Coach	Nicole Wood

## 2012 PRESEASON POLL

School (First Place Votes)	Points
1. Illinois State (7)	96
2. UNI (2)	87
3. Southern Illinois (1)	81
4. Missouri State	66
5. Creighton	64
6. Drake	54
7. Bradley	31
8. Wichita State	30
9. Evansville	21
10. Indiana State	20

## 2012 MVC STANDINGS

TEAM	CONF	OVERALL
Northern Iowa	14-0	30-10
Southern Illinois	10-4	25-12
Creighton	9-5	20-18
Illinois State	9-6	24-19
Drake	9-6	18-21
Missouri State	6-8	18-18
Bradley	6-8	16-21
Evansville	4-11	11-26
Wichita State	3-12	10-31
Indiana State	2-12	15-24

## 2012 PLAYER AWARDS

### MVC PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Jordan Gronewold, March 19

### MVC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Hayley Nybo, February 27

## FUTURE BULLDOGS

The Drake University softball team added three high school standouts to its 2012-13 roster in November of 2011. The team signed utility player **Chelsea Blaylock** (Des Moines, Iowa/Lincoln), Outfielder **Seyerra DuBois** (Carlisle, Iowa/Carlisle), and pitcher/outfielder **Mariah McKinnon** (Oxford, Iowa/Clear Creek Amana) to National Letters of Intent.



**The Automated ScoreBook**  
**Game Results for Drake (as of Apr 16, 2012)**  
**(All games)**

Date	Opponent	Score	Inns	Overall	Pitcher of record	Attend	Time
Feb 11, 2012	vs Western Illinois	w 3-2	7	1-0-0	0-0-0	Gronewold (W 1-0)	104 1:57
<b>Feb 11, 2012</b>	<b>vs North Dakota</b>	<b>L 3-4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1-1-0</b>	<b>0-0-0</b>	<b>Schmidt (L 0-1)</b>	<b>74 1:55</b>
Feb 12, 2012	vs Green Bay	w 8-2	7	2-1-0	0-0-0	Schmidt (W 1-1)	87 1:46
<b>Feb 12, 2012</b>	<b>vs Valparaiso</b>	<b>L 3-6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2-2-0</b>	<b>0-0-0</b>	<b>Gronewold (L 1-1)</b>	<b>164 1:59</b>
Feb 18, 2012	vs Arkansas	L 1-4	7	2-3-0	0-0-0	Gronewold (L)	105 2:05
<b>Feb 18, 2012</b>	<b>vs Georgia Southern</b>	<b>L 0-2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2-4-0</b>	<b>0-0-0</b>	<b>Schmidt (L)</b>	<b>160 1:44</b>
Feb 19, 2012	vs Wisconsin	L 0-8	6	2-5-0	0-0-0	Gronewold (L)	43 9:48
<b>Feb 24, 2012</b>	<b>vs Arkansas-Pine Bluff</b>	<b>w 16-4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3-6-0</b>	<b>0-0-0</b>	<b>Gronewold (W 2-3)</b>	<b>50</b>
Feb 24, 2012	vs Houston Baptist	L 2-3	(9)	3-6-0	0-0-0	Gronewold (L 2-4)	0
<b>Feb 25, 2012</b>	<b>at UT Arlington</b>	<b>w 3-2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4-6-0</b>	<b>0-0-0</b>	<b>Gronewold (W 2-3)</b>	<b>187 2:10</b>
Feb 25, 2012	UT ARLINGTON	L 2-3	7	4-7-0	0-0-0	Gronewold (L 1-4)	112 1:40
<b>Feb 26, 2012</b>	<b>vs Arkansas-Pine Bluff</b>	<b>w 15-0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5-7-0</b>	<b>0-0-0</b>	<b>Gronewold (W 3-4)</b>	<b>42 1:33</b>
Mar 02, 2012	at Arkansas	L 4-5	7	5-8-0	0-0-0	Gronewold (L 4-6)	200 1:52
<b>Mar 08, 2012</b>	<b>at Arkansas</b>	<b>L 6-8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5-9-0</b>	<b>0-0-0</b>	<b>Gronewold (L 5-7)</b>	<b>522 2:25</b>
Mar 03, 2012	vs IUPUI	w 3-0	7	6-9-0	0-0-0	Gronewold (W 5-6)	150 1:30
<b>Mar 04, 2012</b>	<b>vs Butler</b>	<b>L 0-8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6-10-0</b>	<b>0-0-0</b>	<b>Schmidt (L 1-3)</b>	<b>0 1:50</b>
Mar 04, 2012	vs IUPUI	L 0-2	7	6-11-0	0-0-0	Gronewold (L)	0 1:59
<b>Mar 09, 2012</b>	<b>at Lipscomb</b>	<b>L 2-6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6-12-0</b>	<b>0-0-0</b>	<b>Schmidt (L)</b>	<b>189 4:29</b>
Mar 09, 2012	vs Eastern Michigan	L 0-4	(8)	6-13-0	0-0-0	Gronewold (L)	53 2:08
<b>Mar 10, 2012</b>	<b>vs Alabama State</b>	<b>w 11-3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7-13-0</b>	<b>0-0-0</b>	<b>Gronewold (W 6-9)</b>	<b>65 1:40</b>
Mar 10, 2012	vs Middle Tennessee	L 1-2	7	7-14-0	0-0-0	Gronewold (L 7-10)	113 1:59
<b>* Mar 17, 2012</b>	<b>at Indiana State</b>	<b>w 5-1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8-14-0</b>	<b>1-0-0</b>	<b>Gronewold (W 2-1)</b>	<b>142 1:44</b>
* Mar 17, 2012	at Indiana State	w 4-2	7	9-14-0	2-0-0	Schmidt (W 2-4)	142 1:58
<b>* Mar 18, 2012</b>	<b>at Indiana State</b>	<b>w 2-0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10-14-0</b>	<b>3-0-0</b>	<b>Gronewold (W 3-10)</b>	<b>124 1:56</b>
* Mar 24, 2012	BRADLEY BRAVES	w 3-0	7	11-14-0	4-0-0	Gronewold (W 9-10)	- 1:37
<b>* Mar 24, 2012</b>	<b>BRADLEY BRAVES</b>	<b>w 3-2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12-14-0</b>	<b>5-0-0</b>	<b>Schmidt (W 3-4)</b>	<b>142 1:45</b>
* Mar 25, 2012	BRADLEY BRAVES	w 1-0	7	13-14-0	6-0-0	Gronewold (W 10-10)	143 1:45
<b>Mar 26, 2012</b>	<b>at Iowa State</b>	<b>L 0-1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13-15-0</b>	<b>6-0-0</b>	<b>Schmidt (L 3-5)</b>	<b>178 1:28</b>
* Mar 31, 2012	MISSOURI STATE	L 2-3	(8)	13-16-0	6-1-0	Schmidt (L 3-6)	196 1:48
<b>* Mar 31, 2012</b>	<b>MISSOURI STATE</b>	<b>w 4-2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14-16-0</b>	<b>7-1-0</b>	<b>Gronewold (W 11-10)</b>	<b>247 1:38</b>
* Apr 01, 2012	MISSOURI STATE	w 4-2	7	15-16-0	8-1-0	Schmidt (W 4-6)	139 1:47
<b>Apr 04, 2012</b>	<b>at Iowa</b>	<b>w 1-0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16-16-0</b>	<b>8-1-0</b>	<b>Gronewold (W 12-10)</b>	<b>767 1:46</b>
* Apr 06, 2012	at UNI	L 1-5	7	16-17-0	8-2-0	Gronewold (L 12-11)	249 2:00
<b>* Apr 06, 2012</b>	<b>at UNI</b>	<b>L 2-8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16-18-0</b>	<b>8-3-0</b>	<b>Gronewold (L 12-12)</b>	<b>249 1:50</b>
* Apr 07, 2012	at UNI	L 2-11	5	16-19-0	8-4-0	Gronewold (L 12-13)	225 1:30
<b>Apr 10, 2012</b>	<b>IOWA STATE</b>	<b>w 8-6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17-19-0</b>	<b>8-4-0</b>	<b>Gronewold (W 13-13)</b>	<b>167 2:03</b>
* Apr 14, 2012	at Illinois State	L 2-3	7	17-20-0	8-5-0	Gronewold (L 13-14)	103 1:43
<b>* Apr 14, 2012</b>	<b>at Illinois State</b>	<b>L 0-7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17-21-0</b>	<b>8-6-0</b>	<b>Gronewold (L 13-15)</b>	<b>103 1:50</b>
* Apr 15, 2012	at Illinois State	w 5-4	(11)	18-21-0	9-6-0	Schmidt (W 5-6)	144 2:47

(\*) extra inning game