



# 2012 DRAKE UNIVERSITY VOLLEYBALL

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## **QUICK HITS**

The Bulldogs will start Missouri Valley Conference action this weekend when the Wichita State Shockers (6-3) travel to the Knapp Center Friday night. Drake (0-9) will host the Missouri State Bears (5-6) Saturday night. Both matches will start at 7 p.m.

## **WICHITA STATE**

The Shockers won the SMU tournament this past weekend with wins over SMU, Auburn and Texas State. Senior outside hitter Emily Adney leads the Shockers with 107 kills. WSU was picked to finish third in the MVC preseason poll. Chris Lamb is the Wichita State head coach and is in his 12th season at the helm. Wichita State won both matches last season against Drake.

## **MISSOURI STATE**

Missouri State lost their last match to Northern Illinois in a five-set thriller. MSU has lost to No. 11 Dayton and No. 22 Kansas State this season. Christin McCartney leads the Bears in kills with 131 and she also has 105 digs. MSU was picked to finish second in the MVC preseason poll. Melissa Stokes is the Missouri State head coach and she is her 16th season at the helm. Missouri State won both matches in 2011 against Drake.

## 2012 SCHEDULE

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

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

## **NEXT WEEK**

Drake will travel to Omaha, Neb. for two matches next weekend, one non-conference and one conference. Friday they will take on Nebraska Omaha at 7 p.m. and the next night the Bulldogs will face MVC rival Creighton at 5 p.m.

## **HEATING UP**

Bentley Mancini (Burnsville, Minn.) continues to play well at the net for the Bulldogs. The senior outside hitter has tallied seven or more kills in each of her last five matches, including a season-high 12 against New Mexico State. She has 20 block assists this season as well.

## **DIG DEEP**

Drake's two defensive specialists, Sarah Madden (Van Meter, Iowa) and Jadranka Tramosljanin (Ruma, Serbia) each rank in the top-10 in the MVC in digs. Madden, a redshirt junior is third with 4.83 per set and Tramosljanin, a senior is ninth with 3.87 per set. Madden earned all-tournament honors at the La Quinta Invitational earlier this season.

## **ACES**

Tramosljanin has 10 service aces this season and her average of 0.33 per set is third in the Valley.

## **INSTANT IMPACT**

Freshmen Katie Dulek (Lenexa, Kan.) and Cassie Effken (Lincoln, Neb.) have both started all nine matches in their first season for the Blue and White. Drake lost starting middle blockers, Emily Heffernan and Michelle Reidy to graduation from the 2011 team. Effken leads the Bulldogs in total blocks (36), block solos (9) and points (90.5) and she tied for first in block assists (27) and second in kills (66). She was named to the all-tournament team at the Bulldogs first tournament of the season (Green Bay). Effken is tied for fourth in the MVC with a 1.20 blocks per set average. Dulek is tied for second in block assists (27) and fifth in kills (36). She was named to the all-tournament this past weekend at the InnTowner Invitational.

## **SETTING UP**

Sophomore Halli Meyer (Bettendorf, Iowa) has started all nine matches this season at the setter position for the Bulldogs. She has dished 142 assists this season for an average of 4.73 per set in addition she has 54 digs. Freshman Rebecca Brown (Bentonville, Ark.) has seen action in all nine matches this season at the setter position as well. She has dished 118 assists for an average of 3.93 per set in addition she has 36 digs.

## **ALL HANDS ON DECK**

11 of the 12 student-athletes on this season's roster have seen match action so far. Drake has one of the youngest rosters in the nation with two seniors, one redshirt junior, three sophomores and six freshmen. Freshman Katie Allen (Mokena, Ill.) has not played yet due to injury.

## THE BULLDOGS IN 2012

Second-year head coach Tony Sunga will have a young but talented team in 2012. Drake welcomes six newcomers to the program and they join six returning players for a total of 13. The Bulldogs will face a strong schedule this season with seven opponents that qualified for the 2011 NCAA tournament.

### ATTACK

Senior Bentley Mancini (Burnsville, Minn.) will lead the Bulldogs attack this fall. The Minnesota native enters her senior year with significant experience from the previous two seasons with 15 starts and 236 kills in 2011.

Fellow senior Jadranka Tramosljanin (Ruma, Serbia) will once again provide help between the front and back rows. Amanda Platte (Mount Vernon, Iowa) came on late in 2011 and the sophomore will have an increased role for the Blue and White.

Emily Heffernen and Michelle Reidy graduated from a year ago and their presence in the middle will be missed, but a young and talented group of five is ready to fill their void. Sophomore Erin Roggenburg (Ankeny, Iowa) and freshmen Katie Dulek (Lenexa, Kan.) and Cassie Effken (Lincoln, Neb.) have stood out early and each will see significant time this season. All three played for highly successful high school programs. Roggenburg helped Ankeny win back-to-back state titles, Dulek was a four-time high school state champion in Kansas and Effken helped her Nebraska high school win the state title her senior season. Freshmen Katie Allen (Mokena, Ill.) and Shelby Daum (Battle Creek, Neb.) will provide depth at the position.

### SETTER

Sophomore Halli Meyer (Bettendorf, Iowa) steps into the setter role after the graduation of Caitlin Johnson. Meyer saw time in 14 matches her freshman season and was elected to the team's leadership council for 2012. Freshman Rebecca Brown (Bentonville, Ark.) will backup Meyer. She also comes from a successful high school program that captured two Arkansas state titles.

### DEFENSE

Tramosljanin and junior Sarah Madden (Van Meter, Iowa) both enter their second season at Drake and will anchor the back row. Scarlett Howerter (Lincoln, Neb.) teamed with Effken her senior year of high school in Nebraska and will provide depth in the back row.

### 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 designated junior class member, Halli Meyer as the sophomore class member and Cassie Effken will represent the freshman class.

### DRAKE PICKED TENTH

Drake was picked to finish tenth in the 2012 Missouri Valley Conference preseason poll conducted by league coaches. Northern Iowa captured all 10 first-place votes to top the voting with 100 points.

### NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
1	Scarlett Howerter	L	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	MB/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	MB	5-10	So.	Ankeny, Iowa (Ankeny)
17	Rebecca Brown	S	5-10	Fr.	Bentonville, Ark. (Bentonville)
21	Sarah Madden	DS	5-7	RJr.	Van Meter, Iowa (St. Cloud State)
22	Bentley Mancini	OH	6-1	Sr.	Burnsville, Minn. (Apple Valley)
23	Katie Allen	MB	6-3	Fr.	Mokena, Ill. (Lincoln-Way East)

### ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
23	Kaitie Allen	MB	6-3	Fr.	Mokena, Ill. (Lincoln-Way East)
17	Rebecca Brown	S	5-10	Fr.	Bentonville, Ark. (Bentonville)
8	Shelby Daum	MB/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	L	5-11	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Pius X)
21	Sarah Madden	DS	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	MB	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 .....	9-32/2nd
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

School	Conf	Overall
Creighton	-	8-1
Southern Illinois	-	8-1
Bradley	-	6-3
<b>Wichita State</b>	-	<b>6-3</b>
Illinois State	-	6-4
Northern Iowa	-	6-4
<b>Missouri State</b>	-	<b>5-6</b>
Evansville	-	3-7
Indiana State	-	2-8
<b>Drake</b>	-	<b>0-9</b>

## 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 08, 2012)  
All matches**

<b>RECORD:</b>	<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>
ALL GAMES	0-9	0-0	0-3	0-6
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-9	0-0	0-3	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	30	75	2.50	40	249	.141	2	0.07	0	2	0.00	-	6	0.20	0	20	20	0.67	3	0	85.0
7	Effken, Cassie	30	66	2.20	29	171	.216	7	0.23	2	7	0.07	-	16	0.53	9	27	36	1.20	0	2	90.5
6	Tramosljanin, J.	30	52	1.73	48	220	.018	1	0.03	10	8	0.33	-	116	3.87	0	8	8	0.27	3	0	66.0
12	Platte, Amanda	30	41	1.37	31	173	.058	2	0.07	0	0	0.00	-	28	0.93	1	15	16	0.53	1	0	49.5
11	Dulek, Katie	30	36	1.20	19	126	.135	3	0.10	1	2	0.03	-	4	0.13	1	27	28	0.93	5	2	51.5
14	Roggenburg, Erin	20	24	1.20	23	117	.009	2	0.10	1	2	0.05	-	19	0.95	0	6	6	0.30	1	0	28.0
8	Daum, Shelby	12	14	1.17	2	36	.333	1	0.08	0	0	0.00	-	3	0.25	0	4	4	0.33	1	0	16.0
17	Brown, Rebecca	30	3	0.10	1	10	.200	118	3.93	5	9	0.17	-	36	1.20	0	0	0	0.00	0	4	8.0
2	Meyer, Halli	30	2	0.07	1	12	.083	142	4.73	4	9	0.13	-	54	1.80	0	1	1	0.03	0	9	6.5
1	Howerter, Scarlett	29	1	0.03	0	12	.083	3	0.10	4	9	0.14	-	43	1.48	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	5.0
21	Madden, Sarah	30	1	0.03	1	8	.000	8	0.27	7	9	0.23	-	145	4.83	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	8.0
	TEAM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	DRAKE	30	315	10.50	195	1134	.106	289	9.63	34	57	1.13	46	470	15.67	11	108	65.0	2.17	14	17	414.0

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	315	-	Aug 25	vs Auburn	L 0-3	16-25,21-25,19-25	72
Errors	195	-	Aug 25	vs Central Michigan	L 1-3	14-25,25-19,21-25,28-30	112
Total Attacks	1134	-	Aug 31	vs NU	L 0-3	25-27,16-25,16-25	0
Attack Pct	.106	-	Sep 01	at NMSU	L 1-3	22-25,25-21,22-25,18-25	0
Kills/Set	10.5	-	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	289	-	Sep 08	vs Milwaukee	L 0-3	20-25,19-25,22-25	0
Attempts	1063	-	*Sep 08	vs North Dakota State	L 1-3	11-25,30-28,19-25,20-25	0
Assist Pct	.272	-					
Assists/Set	9.6	-					
SERVE		-					
Aces	34	-					
Errors	57	-					
Attempts	606	-					
Serve Pct	.906	-					
Aces/Set	1.1	-					
SERVE RECEPTIONS		-					
Errors	46	-					
Errors/Set	1.5	-					
DEFENSE		-					
Digs	470	-					
Digs/Set	15.7	-					
BLOCKING		-					
Block Solo	11	-					
Block Assist	108	-					
Total Blocks	65.0	-					
Blocks/Set	2.2	-					
Block Errors	14	-					
Ball handling errors	17	-					
ATTENDANCE		-					
Total	0	-					
Dates/Avg Per Date	0/0	-					
Neutral site #/Avg	6/31	-					
Current win streak	0	-					
Home win streak	0	-					

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