



2012-13 Drake Men's Tennis - Week 1

Sept. 21-23 • Drake Fall Invitational
Roger Knapp Tennis Center

2012 Fall Schedule and Results

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Sept. 21-23	DRAKE FALL INVITATIONAL (ROGER KNAPP TENNIS CENTER)	All Day
Sept. 29- Oct. 2	All-American Championships (Tulsa, Okla.)	All Day
Oct. 18-22	ITA Central Regional (Minneapolis, Minn.)	All Day
Nov. 2-4	Minnesota Gopher Invitational (Minneapolis, Minn.)	All Day

2012-13 Roster

NAME	YR.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL)
Ryan Drake	Sr.	Hilton Head Island, S.C. (Heritage Academy)
Jean Erasmus	Sr.	Windhoek, Namibia (Akrikaanse Hoer Seunskool)
Anis Ghorbel	Sr.	Sfax, Tunisia (Mahmoud Magdich)
Robin Goodman	Jr.	Cambridge, England (Hills Road Sixth Form College)
Ben Lott	Fr.	Newcastle, England (Newcastle School for Boys)
James McKie	Sr.	Edinburgh, Scotland (Merchiston Castle School)
Ben Mullis	So.	Leicestershire, England (Loughborough College)
Alen Salibasic	So.	Tuzla, Bosnia & Herzegovina (Mesa Selimovic Gymnasium)
Grant Tesmer	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Lincoln Southeast)

HEAD COACH: Davidson Kozlowski - first season

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SEPT. 19, 2012

BULLDOGS HOST DRAKE FALL INVITATIONAL

WHAT'S AHEAD

The Drake men's tennis team will open its fall campaign this weekend hosting the Drake Fall Invitational at the Roger Knapp Tennis Center. The seven-team event will include Creighton, **Drake**, Gustavus Adolphus, Iowa, Northern Colorado, North Dakota and Northern Illinois.

Action gets underway on Friday (Sept. 21) at 4:00 p.m. with doubles and will continue both Saturday (Sept. 22) and Sunday (Sept. 23) at 8:00 a.m. each day.

SIZING UP THE BULLDOGS

Drake returns five of six starters from its NCAA Tournament squad of a year ago, sparked by senior **Anis Ghorbel** (Sfax, Tunisia), who registered a 51-14 combined singles/doubles ledger, including a team-best 28-7 singles mark en route to being named Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year.

Senior **James McKie** (Edinburgh, Scotland), junior **Robin Goodman** (Cambridge, England), sophomore **Alen Salibasic** (Tuzla, Bosnia & Herzegovina), senior **Jean Erasmus** (Windhoek, Namibia) and sophomore **Ben Mullis** (Leicestershire, England) contributed double-figure win totals in singles, registering 27, 27, 27, 22 and 19 wins, respectively.

In doubles, the Bulldogs received 24, 23, 22, 22 and 21 victories courtesy of Erasmus, Ghorbel, Goodman, Salibasic and McKie.

Rounding out the roster are senior **Ryan Drake** (Hilton Head Island, S.C.), freshman **Ben Lott** (Newcastle, England) and sophomore **Grant Tesmer** (Lincoln, Neb.).

DRAKE DUO GARNERS ITA PRESEASON RANKINGS

Drake men's tennis seniors **Anis Ghorbel** and **James McKie** earned national recognition for their play when the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) released its national preseason singles and doubles rankings on Sept. 10.

Posting a 51-14 combined singles/doubles mark last season, including 28-7 in singles en route to being named the Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year, Ghorbel came in at No. 87 in the national singles tabulations.

In doubles, the first-team All-MVC tandem of Ghorbel and McKie, who registered a 14-5 record a year ago, checked in at No. 59 in the national rankings.

A YEAR AGO

Anis Ghorbel staked claim to the championship in the 'A' singles flight to lead Drake at the 2011 Drake Fall Invitational at the Roger Knapp Tennis Center.

Ghorbel dispatched Axel Lagerof of Northern Illinois, 6-2, 6-2, to corral the Bulldogs' lone singles title on the day.

The tandem of Ghorbel and **Alen Salibasic** went 4-0 to claim the doubles crown in the 'A' flight.

The duo opened their competition downing Jeff Carlson and Michael Moya of Northern Colorado, 8-1, before reaching the semifinal round with an 8-1 decision over Tyler Johnson and Joe MacGibbon of Gustavus Adolphus.

Ghorbel and Salibasic claimed a spot in the finals, dispatching Creighton's JT Christian and Kyle Obermeier, 8-3.

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In the championship tilt, the tandem earned the crown defeating Amrik Donkena and Mya Smith-Dennis of Gustavus Adolphus, 8-6.

DRAKE HEAD COACH DAVIDSON KOZLOWSKI

Davidson Kozlowski, an assistant coach the last seven seasons at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, is in his first season as head men's tennis coach at Drake.

The Blazers concluded the 2011 season with a 17-9 overall record, their highest-victory total since posting 19 wins in 2000. UAB rose to as high as No. 59 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) ranking before concluding the campaign at No. 75.

During his tenure in Birmingham, Kozlowski spearheaded recruiting, assisted with team travel and budget management and coordinated fundraising and community outreach.

Kozlowski, 36, came to UAB after spending three years as the Director of Tennis at Birchtree Swim and Racquet Club, a position he continued to hold until his appointment at Drake.

UP NEXT

Drake continues its fall campaign visiting Tulsa, Okla., to compete in the All-American Championships (Sept. 29-Oct. 2).