



# 2012 DRAKE UNIVERSITY VOLLEYBALL

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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Fri., Sept. 21 at Nebraska Omaha 7:00 p.m.  
 Sat., Sept. 22 at Creighton 5:00 p.m.

### NEBRASKA OMAHA

The Bulldogs will step away from MVC action this Friday night when they face the Nebraska Omaha Mavericks in Omaha, Neb. UNO is reclassifying to Division I this season and they are members of the Summit League. The Mavericks and the Drake Bulldogs (0-11, 0-2 MVC) are even in the all-time series at 7-7 but haven't faced each other since the 1986 season. The Mavericks took that match 3-0. Drake will play only one more non-conference match this season when they have a rematch with North Dakota State in Fargo, N.D. on Monday, Oct. 15. NDSU beat Drake, 3-1 earlier this season at the InnTowner Invitational.

### CREIGHTON

Drake will face the Creighton Bluejays (10-1, 2-0 MVC) Saturday night in its first MVC road match of 2012. The Bluejays have matched their best start in program history and will also step out of MVC play tonight when they play at the Kansas Jayhawks. Senior setter Megan Bober is one of five returning starters this season for the Bluejays, who were picked fourth in the MVC preseason poll. Bober is a two-time MVC First Teamer and she averages 9.40 assists per set. Drake was narrowly defeated in a five-set thriller in the last matchup between the two teams on Drake's Senior Night on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011. The Bulldogs will be trying for their first win over the Bluejays since Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010 when they won, 3-1 at the Knapp Center. Creighton holds a 23-15 advantage in the all-time series between the two schools.

### ACES

Senior Jadranka Tramosljanin (Ruma, Serbia) is second in the Valley in service aces average. The senior outside hitter is averaging 0.36 per set and has 13 aces overall this season. Tramosljanin has started every match this season.

### DIGGING DEEP

Sarah Madden (Van Meter, Iowa) and Tramosljanin are ranked fourth and ninth in the MVC in digs, respectively. Madden has 175 digs and is averaging 4.86 per set and Tramosljanin has 139 digs and is averaging 3.86 per set. Madden has started every match in the libero position for the Bulldogs.

### INSTANT IMPACT

Freshmen Katie Dulek (Lenexa, Kan.) and Cassie Effken (Lincoln, Neb.) have each started all eleven 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 (43), block assists (33), block solos (10) and points (106.5) and she is second in kills (78). She was named to the all-tournament team at the Bulldogs first tournament of the season (Green Bay). Effken is fifth in the MVC with a 1.19 blocks per set average. Dulek is second on the team in block assists (29) and fifth in kills (40). She was named to the all-tournament this past weekend at the InnTowner Invitational.

### SETTING UP

Sophomore Halli Meyer (Bettendorf, Iowa) has started all eleven matches this season at the setter position for the Bulldogs. She has dished 166 assists this season for an average of 4.61 per set in addition and she has 63 digs. Freshman Rebecca Brown (Bentonville, Ark.) has seen action in all eleven matches at the setter position as well. She has dished 134 assists for an average of 4.11 per set in addition and she has 44 digs.

### LEFTY FIREPOWER

Senior outside hitter Bentley Mancini (Burnsville, Minn.) leads the Bulldogs with 86 kills and 2.39 kills per set. Mancini, a left-handed hitter has started every match for the Blue and White this season. The Minnesota native is a senior captain and has 376 kills in her collegiate career.

### STEPPING UP

Sophomore Amanda Platte (Mount Vernon, Iowa) had 17 kills in the two matches this past weekend. Against Wichita State she tallied eight kills with just one attack error and finished with a .350 hitting percentage. She also had one dig and two block assists. The next night against

## 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	7:00 p.m.
9/22	at Creighton*	7:00 p.m.
9/28	at Evansville*	7:00 p.m.
9/29	at Southern Illinois*	7:00 p.m.
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.)  
 # Inttowner Inv. (Madison, Wis.)  
 \* Missouri Valley Conference Game  
 @ Springfield, Mo.

Missouri State she started and tallied nine kills, one block assist and two digs. Platte has started five matches and Erin Roggenburg (Ankeny, Iowa) has started six matches this season at one of the outside hitter positions opposite Mancini.

#### ALL HANDS ON DECK

11 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. Freshman middle blocker/outside hitter Katie Allen (Mokena, Ill.) has not played yet.

#### ROAD TRIP

Drake will hit the road once again next week when they travel to Evansville and Southern Illinois, Friday-Saturday, Sept. 28-29. The Bulldogs will return to the Knapp Center Friday, Oct. 5 when they host the Bradley Braves.

#### 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.

#### 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. 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. Amanda Platte (Mount Vernon, Iowa) came on late in 2011 and the sophomore will have an increased role for the Blue and White. Sophomore Erin Roggenburg (Ankeny, Iowa) and Shelby Daum (Battle Creek, Neb.) will provide depth at the position. Senior Jadranka Tramosljanin (Ruma, Serbia) will once again provide help between the front and back rows.

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. Freshmen Katie Dulek (Lenexa, Kan.) and Cassie Effken (Lincoln, Neb.) have stood out early and each will see significant time this season. Freshmen Katie Allen (Mokena, Ill.) will provide depth in the middle and on the outside.

#### 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 and will occasionally

#### 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 coach 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 she played at the University of Northern Iowa. Batzler is in his first season as an

#### 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	R.Jr.	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)

## 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 .....	9-34/2nd
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
SIU	2-0	11-1
Creighton	2-0	10-1
Northern Iowa	1-0	9-5
Wichita State	1-1	7-4
Illinois State	1-1	7-5
Missouri State	1-1	6-7
Evansville	1-1	5-9
Bradley	0-1	6-6
Indiana State	0-2	2-10
Drake	0-2	0-11

## 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 19, 2012)  
All matches**

<b>RECORD:</b>	<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>
ALL GAMES	0-11	0-2	0-3	0-6
CONFERENCE	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-9	0-0	0-3	0-6

#	Player	sp	Attack					Set		Serve			Dig		Blocking					points		
			k	k/s	e	ta	pct	a	a/s	sa	se	sa/s	re	dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total	blk/s		be	bhe
22	Mancini, Bentley	36	86	2.39	48	293	.130	2	0.06	0	2	0.00	-	10	0.28	0	22	22	0.61	3	0	97.0
7	Effken, Cassie	36	78	2.17	34	207	.213	7	0.19	2	7	0.06	-	19	0.53	10	33	43	1.19	0	2	106.5
6	Tramosljanin, J.	36	63	1.75	56	265	.026	1	0.03	13	9	0.36	-	139	3.86	1	10	11	0.31	4	0	82.0
12	Platte, Amanda	36	58	1.61	36	219	.100	2	0.06	0	0	0.00	-	31	0.86	1	18	19	0.53	1	0	68.0
11	Dulek, Katie	36	40	1.11	20	142	.141	3	0.08	1	4	0.03	-	6	0.17	1	29	30	0.83	5	2	56.5
14	Roggenburg, Erin	23	27	1.17	25	140	.014	2	0.09	1	2	0.04	-	22	0.96	0	7	7	0.30	2	0	31.5
8	Daum, Shelby	16	17	1.06	7	53	.189	1	0.06	0	0	0.00	-	6	0.38	0	5	5	0.31	1	0	19.5
17	Brown, Rebecca	36	3	0.08	1	11	.182	148	4.11	6	11	0.17	-	44	1.22	0	0	0	0.00	0	4	9.0
2	Meyer, Halli	36	2	0.06	1	12	.083	166	4.61	4	9	0.11	-	63	1.75	0	1	1	0.03	0	9	6.5
1	Howerter, Scarlett	35	1	0.03	1	15	.000	4	0.11	4	10	0.11	-	49	1.40	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	5.0
21	Madden, Sarah	36	1	0.03	1	8	.000	11	0.31	9	10	0.25	-	176	4.89	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	10.0
TEAM		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DRAKE		36	376	10.44	230	1365	.107	347	9.64	40	64	1.11	57	565	15.69	13	125	75.5	2.10	16	17	491.5
Opponents		36	517	14.36	188	1354	.243	492	13.67	56	76	1.56	40	655	18.19	22	133	88.5	2.46	16	10	661.5

Team Statistics	DU	OPP
<b>ATTACK</b>		
Kills	376	517
Errors	230	188
Total Attacks	1365	1354
Attack Pct	.107	.243
Kills/Set	10.4	14.4
<b>SET</b>		
Assists	347	492
Attempts	1307	1296
Assist Pct	.265	.380
Assists/Set	9.6	13.7
<b>SERVE</b>		
Aces	40	56
Errors	64	76
Attempts	718	892
Serve Pct	.911	.915
Aces/Set	1.1	1.6
<b>SERVE RECEPTIONS</b>		
Errors	57	40
Errors/Set	1.6	1.1
<b>DEFENSE</b>		
Digs	565	655
Digs/Set	15.7	18.2
<b>BLOCKING</b>		
Block Solo	13	22
Block Assist	125	133
Total Blocks	75.5	88.5
Blocks/Set	2.1	2.5
Block Errors	16	16
Ball handling errors	17	10
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
Total	568	3516
Dates/Avg Per Date	2/284	3/1172
Neutral site #/Avg	6/31	
Current win streak	0	-

Date	Opponent	Score	Score by set	Att.
Aug 24	at Green Bay	L 0-3	19-25,13-25,20-25	221
Aug 25	vs Auburn	L 0-3	16-25,21-25,19-25	72
Aug 25	vs Central Michigan	L 1-3	14-25,25-19,21-25,28-30	112
Aug 31	vs NU	L 0-3	25-27,16-25,16-25	0
Sep 01	at NMSU	L 1-3	22-25,25-21,22-25,18-25	0
Sep 01	vs CIN	L 0-3	26-28,15-25,20-25	0
Sep 07	at Wisconsin	L 0-3	17-25,17-25,19-25	3295
Sep 08	vs Milwaukee	L 0-3	20-25,19-25,22-25	0
Sep 08	vs North Dakota State	L 1-3	11-25,30-28,19-25,20-25	0
*Sep 14	WICHITA STATE	L 0-3	20-25,16-25,17-25	434
*Sep 15	MISSOURI STATE	L 0-3	16-25,23-25,15-25	134

Record in 3-set matches: 0-8  
Record in 4-set matches: 0-3  
Record in 5-set matches: 0-0