



2012 DRAKE UNIVERSITY VOLLEYBALL

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Fri., Sept. 28 at Evansville 7:00 p.m.
 Sat., Sept. 29 at Southern Illinois 3:00 p.m.

EVANSVILLE

The Purple Aces are led by sophomore outside hitter Ashley Ring as she sits atop the MVC in kills with 218 and 3.82 kills per set and she also has 168 digs with a 2.95 per set average. Mike Swan is in his 10th season as Evansville's head coach and he owns a 120-173 overall record. The Bulldogs lead the all-time series 22-16 with wins in both matches in 2011.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

The Salukis are coached by first-year head coach Justin Ingram who was previously the head coach at Arkansas State. Ingram has the Salukis off to a strong start this season at 11-3 overall with wins over Illinois State and Memphis. SIU is second in the conference with 14.21 kills per set average and they have a trio of players that rank in the top-10 of the conference in kills. Laura Thole (3.77) is second, Alysia Mayes is fourth (3.71) and Jessica Whitehead (3.52) is fifth. The Salukis lead the all-time series 19-32 and the two teams split last season.

REWIND

The Bulldogs split a pair of matches in Omaha, Neb. last weekend. The Bulldogs defeated Nebraska Omaha in a five-set thriller, 3-2, Friday night in a non-conference match for their first win of the season. Four Bulldogs recorded double-digit kills in the win led by Bentley Mancini (Burnsville, Minn.) and Amanda Plate (Mount Vernon, Iowa). The next night the Creighton Bluejays defeated Drake, 3-0.

ACES

Senior Jadranka Tramosljanin (Ruma, Serbia) is second in the Valley in service aces average. The senior outside hitter is averaging 0.34 per set and has 15 aces overall this season. Tramosljanin has started every match this campaign. Sarah Madden (Van Meter, Iowa) has 12 aces and 0.27 per set average which ranks ninth in the Valley. Drake has 54 aces as a team and is tied for fifth in the MVC with a 1.23 average per set.

DEFENSE

Madden and Tramosljanin have provided a strong defensive presence in the back row this year for the Bulldogs. Madden has 218 digs and is averaging 4.95 per set which is third in the conference. Tramosljanin has 160 digs and is averaging 3.64 per set. Madden has started every match in the libero position for the Bulldogs and she was named to the all-tournament team at the New Mexico State tournament.

INSTANT IMPACT

Freshmen Katie Dulek (Lenexa, Kan.) and Cassie Effken (Lincoln, Neb.) have started every match at the middle blocker positions in their first season for the Blue and White. Effken leads the Bulldogs in total blocks (50), block assists (39), block solos (11) and points (122.5) and she is second in kills (90). She was named to the all-tournament team at the Bulldogs first tournament of 2012 (Green Bay). Effken is sixth in the MVC with a 1.14 blocks per set average. Dulek is second on the team in block assists (35) and fifth in kills (51) and she earned all-tournament honors at the InnTowner Invitational. She had a career-high eight kills with just one error against Creighton and received player of the week considerations from the Valley for her efforts.

SETTING UP

Sophomore Halli Meyer (Bettendorf, Iowa) has started every match this fall at the setter position for the Bulldogs. She has dished out 205 assists for an average of 4.66 per set in addition she has 68 digs. Meyer had her career-high in assists with 28 in the win over UNO. Freshman Rebecca Brown (Bentonville, Ark.) has seen action in all 13 matches at the setter position as well. She has dished out 173 assists for an average of 4.11 per set in addition she has 44 digs.

LEFTY FIREPOWER

Senior outside hitter Bentley Mancini leads the Bulldogs with 103 kills and 2.34 kills per set. 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 393 kills in her collegiate career.

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*	7:00 p.m.
9/29	at Southern Illinois*	3:00 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.)
 # Intntowner Inv. (Madison, Wis.)
 * Missouri Valley Conference Game
 @ Springfield, Mo.

STEPPING UP

Sophomore Amanda Platte had an outstanding performance in the win over UNO. The outside hitter finished with a career-high 12 kills and eight digs and she added four block assists. She is fourth on the team with 76 kills. Platte has started seven matches and Erin Roggenburg (Ankeny, Iowa) has started six matches this fall at the outside hitter position 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.

BACK HOME

Drake's next home match will be Friday, Oct. 5 when they host the Bradley Braves at 7 p.m. The UNI Panthers will travel to the Knapp Center the next night and that match will also begin at 7 p.m.

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 assistant coach after he served as a volunteer coach in 2011.

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)

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	10-35/2nd
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 (Sept. 24)

School	Conf	Overall
Creighton	3-0	11-2
Northern Iowa	3-0	11-5
Wichita State	3-1	9-4
Missouri State	3-1	8-7
SIU	2-2	11-3
Illinois State	2-2	8-6
Evansville	1-3	5-11
Indiana State	1-3	3-11
Bradley	0-3	6-8
Drake	0-3	1-12

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 22, 2012)
All matches**

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	1-12	0-2	1-4	0-6
CONFERENCE	0-3	0-2	0-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-9	0-0	1-3	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	44	103	2.34	58	348	.129	2	0.05	1	3	0.02	-	15	0.34	0	24	24	0.55	3	0	116.0
7	Effken, Cassie	44	90	2.05	41	244	.201	7	0.16	2	7	0.05	-	22	0.50	11	39	50	1.14	1	2	122.5
6	Tramosljanin, J.	44	80	1.82	68	335	.036	2	0.05	15	13	0.34	-	160	3.64	1	12	13	0.30	4	1	102.0
12	Platte, Amanda	44	76	1.73	45	283	.110	3	0.07	0	0	0.00	-	43	0.98	1	23	24	0.55	1	0	88.5
11	Dulek, Katie	44	51	1.16	24	169	.160	3	0.07	4	6	0.09	-	12	0.27	1	35	36	0.82	6	2	73.5
14	Roggenburg, Erin	29	29	1.00	28	154	.006	3	0.10	1	2	0.03	-	23	0.79	0	7	7	0.24	2	0	33.5
8	Daum, Shelby	24	19	0.79	10	69	.130	1	0.04	0	0	0.00	-	7	0.29	0	8	8	0.33	1	0	23.0
17	Brown, Rebecca	44	3	0.07	2	14	.071	173	3.93	7	13	0.16	-	53	1.20	0	0	0	0.00	0	4	10.0
2	Meyer, Halli	44	3	0.07	1	14	.143	205	4.66	5	9	0.11	-	68	1.55	0	1	1	0.02	0	11	8.5
1	Howerter, Scarlett	43	1	0.02	1	17	.000	6	0.14	7	11	0.16	-	66	1.53	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	8.0
21	Madden, Sarah	44	1	0.02	1	8	.000	13	0.30	12	12	0.27	-	218	4.95	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	13.0
TEAM		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DRAKE		44	456	10.36	279	1655	.107	418	9.50	54	76	1.23	65	687	15.61	14	149	88.5	2.01	18	20	598.5
Opponents		44	617	14.02	233	1643	.234	581	13.20	64	87	1.45	54	795	18.07	23	169	107.5	2.44	22	13	788.5

Team Statistics	DU	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	456	617
Errors	279	233
Total Attacks	1655	1643
Attack Pct	.107	.234
Kills/Set	10.4	14.0
SET		
Assists	418	581
Attempts	1559	1551
Assist Pct	.268	.375
Assists/Set	9.5	13.2
SERVE		
Aces	54	64
Errors	76	87
Attempts	874	1065
Serve Pct	.913	.918
Aces/Set	1.2	1.5
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	65	54
Errors/Set	1.5	1.2
DEFENSE		
Digs	687	795
Digs/Set	15.6	18.1
BLOCKING		
Block Solo	14	23
Block Assist	149	169
Total Blocks	88.5	107.5
Blocks/Set	2.0	2.4
Block Errors	18	22
Ball handling errors	20	13
ATTENDANCE		
Total	568	5116
Dates/Avg Per Date	2/284	5/1023
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
Sep 21	at Omaha	w 3-2	18-25,25-20,25-15,24-26,15-13	583
*09-22-12	at Creighton	L 0-3	23-25,14-25,11-25	1017

Record in 3-set matches: 0-9
Record in 4-set matches: 0-3
Record in 5-set matches: 1-0