



2012 DRAKE UNIVERSITY VOLLEYBALL

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QUICK HITS

The Drake University volleyball team will play in its final non-conference tournament of the fall this weekend at the InnTowner Invitational hosted by the University of Wisconsin. The Bulldogs will face the Badgers Friday night at 7 p.m. and Wisconsin-Milwaukee at 10 a.m. and North Dakota State at 5:00 p.m. Saturday.

Wisconsin

The Badgers hold a slight edge in the all-time series, 5-3 against the Bulldogs. The two teams last met in the 1989 season and Wisconsin won, 3-0. Wisconsin returns five starters plus the libero from last season's squad that finished 16-16 and eighth overall in the Big 10 Conference. Middle blocker Alexis Mitchell is the top returner for the Badgers; she earned honorable mention all-Big 10 in 2011.

Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Wisconsin-Milwaukee holds a slight edge in the all-time series, 4-3 against the Bulldogs. The Panthers knocked off the Bulldogs, 3-1 last season at the Sheraton West Des Moines Invitational. The Panthers took home the Sheraton championship on their way to winning the Horizon League championship and qualifying for the NCAA tournament. Milwaukee returns four starters and has 10 freshmen and sophomores this fall.

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 [#]	7:00 p.m.
9/8	Wisconsin Milwaukee [#]	10:00 a.m.
9/8	North Dakota State [#]	5:00 p.m.
9/14	Wichita State [*]	7:00 p.m.
9/15	Missouri State [*]	7:00 p.m.
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.)
[#] Inntowner Inv. (Madison, Wis.)
^{*} Missouri Valley Conference Game
[@] Springfield, Mo.

North Dakota State

The Bison hold a 3-0-1 all-time advantage in the series against Drake. The Bulldogs won the last match between the two teams, 3-1 at the Knapp Center during the 2010 season. North Dakota State returns three starters plus the libero from the 2011 team that won the Summit League and qualified for the NCAA championship. Brynn Joki and Megan Lambertson are the top returners for the Bison this fall. Drake and NDSU will meet again Monday, Oct. 15 in Fargo, N.D.

NEXT WEEK

The Bulldogs will open MVC action next week. Wichita State will travel to the Knapp Center Friday, Sept. 14 and Missouri State the following day. First serve for both matches will be 7 p.m. Drake lost both matches against each team last season.

HEATING UP

Bentley Mancini (Burnsville, Minn.) who last week had her 300th kill against Central Michigan, closed out the La Quinta Inv. with two stellar performances. She posted 12 kills with just three errors and four block assists in the New Mexico State match. In the final match against Cincinnati she posted seven kills with just two errors and two block assists.

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 sixth with 4.50 per set and Tramosljanin, a senior is ninth with 3.95 per set. Madden earned all-tournament honors at the La Quinta Invitational.

ACES

The Bulldogs average one service ace per set, which is good for eighth in the Valley. Madden is tied for fifth with an average of .35 per set.

INSTANT IMPACT

Freshmen Katie Dulek (Lenexa, Kan.) and Cassie Effken (Lincoln, Neb.) have each started all six matches this 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 kills (47), block solos (7), block assists (20), total blocks (27) and points (66). She was named to the all-tournament team at the Bulldogs first tournament at Green Bay, Wis. and she currently leads the MVC with an average of 1.35 blocks per set. Dulek has 26 kills this season with 17 block assists.

ON TARGET

Outside hitter Shelby Daum (Battle Creek, Neb.) is ranked tenth in the Missouri Valley Conference in hitting percentage efficiency at .333. The freshman has recorded 14 kills with just two errors in 36 total attempts.

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.

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)

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)
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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	9-23/1st
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
Bradley	-	5-1
Creighton	-	5-1
Southern Illinois	-	5-1
Northern Iowa	-	4-2
Illinois State	-	3-3
Wichita State	-	3-3
Missouri State	-	3-4
Evansville	-	2-4
Indiana State	-	1-6
Drake	-	0-6

2012 PLAYER AWARDS

-Wisconsin-Green Bay All-Tournament Team
Cassie Effken
 La Quinta Invitational All-Tournament Team
-Sarah Madden

**2012 Season
Drake Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 02, 2012)
All matches**

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	0-6	0-0	0-2	0-4
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-6	0-0	0-2	0-4

#	Player	sp	Attack				Set		Serve			re	Dig		Blocking					points		
			k	k/s	e	ta	pct	a	a/s	sa	se		sa/s	dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total	blk/s		be	bhe
7	Effken, Cassie	20	47	2.35	22	114	.219	6	0.30	2	7	0.10	-	12	0.60	7	20	27	1.35	0	1	66.0
22	Mancini, Bentley	20	45	2.25	24	157	.134	1	0.05	0	0	0.00	-	3	0.15	0	16	16	0.80	3	0	53.0
6	Tramosljanin, J.	20	36	1.80	30	149	.040	0	0.00	2	4	0.10	-	79	3.95	0	2	2	0.10	1	0	39.0
12	Platte, Amanda	20	27	1.35	23	119	.034	2	0.10	0	0	0.00	-	18	0.90	1	12	13	0.65	0	0	34.0
11	Dulek, Katie	20	26	1.30	12	86	.163	2	0.10	0	0	0.00	-	2	0.10	0	17	17	0.85	2	2	34.5
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
14	Roggenburg, Erin	10	9	0.90	11	55	-.036	1	0.10	0	0	0.00	-	5	0.50	0	3	3	0.30	0	0	10.5
17	Brown, Rebecca	20	2	0.10	1	7	.143	79	3.95	4	6	0.20	-	23	1.15	0	0	0	0.00	0	2	6.0
2	Meyer, Halli	20	2	0.10	0	6	.333	95	4.75	2	6	0.10	-	36	1.80	0	0	0	0.00	0	2	4.0
1	Howerter, Scarlett	19	1	0.05	0	12	.083	1	0.05	3	7	0.16	-	28	1.47	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	4.0
21	Madden, Sarah	20	0	0.00	1	5	-.200	4	0.20	7	5	0.35	-	90	4.50	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	7.0
	TEAM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	DRAKE	20	209	10.45	126	746	.111	192	9.60	20	35	1.00	29	299	14.95	8	74	45.0	2.25	7	7	274.0

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	209	-	Aug 25	vs Auburn	L 0-3	16-25,21-25,19-25	72
Errors	126	-	Aug 25	vs Central Michigan	L 1-3	14-25,25-19,21-25,28-30	112
Total Attacks	746	-	Aug 31	vs NU	L 0-3	25-27,16-25,16-25	0
Attack Pct	.111	-	Sep 01	at NMSU	L 1-3	22-25,25-21,22-25,18-25	0
Kills/Set	10.4	-	Sep 01	vs CIN	L 0-3	26-28,15-25,20-25	0
SET		-					
Assists	192	-				Record in 3-set matches: 0-4	
Attempts	667	-				Record in 4-set matches: 0-2	
Assist Pct	.288	-				Record in 5-set matches: 0-0	
Assists/Set	9.6	-					
SERVE		-					
Aces	20	-					
Errors	35	-					
Attempts	409	-					
Serve Pct	.914	-					
Aces/Set	1.0	-					
SERVE RECEPTIONS		-					
Errors	29	-					
Errors/Set	1.5	-					
DEFENSE		-					
Digs	299	-					
Digs/Set	14.9	-					
BLOCKING		-					
Block Solo	8	-					
Block Assist	74	-					
Total Blocks	45.0	-					
Blocks/Set	2.2	-					
Block Errors	7	-					
Ball handling errors	7	-					
ATTENDANCE		-					
Total	0	-					
Dates/Avg Per Date	0/0	-					
Neutral site #/Avg	4/46	-					
Current win streak	0	-					
Home win streak	0	-					