



2014 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time (CT)
Aug. 29	UMKC [^]	3 p.m.
Aug. 30	at Omaha [^]	12 p.m.
Aug. 30	Central Michigan [^]	3 p.m.
Sept. 2	North Dakota	6 p.m.
Sept. 5	Austin Peay [%]	9 a.m.
Sept. 5	Bryant [%]	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 6	at Akron [%]	2 p.m.
Sept. 6	Binghamton [#]	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	at UT Martin [#]	7 p.m.
Sept. 13	Valparaiso [#]	10:30 a.m.
Sept. 13	Western Carolina [#]	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	Bradley [*]	7 p.m.
Sept. 20	Loyola [*]	7 p.m.
Sept. 27	UNI [*]	7 p.m.
Oct. 3	at Missouri State [*]	7 p.m.
Oct. 4	at Wichita State [*]	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	Southern Illinois [*]	7 p.m.
Oct. 11	Evansville [*]	7 p.m.
Oct. 17	at Indiana State [*]	6 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Illinois State [*]	7 p.m.
Oct. 25	at UNI [*]	7 p.m.
Oct. 31	Wichita State [*]	7 p.m.
Nov. 1	Missouri State [*]	7 p.m.
Nov. 7	at Evansville [*]	7 p.m.
Nov. 8	at Southern Illinois [*]	7 p.m.
Nov. 15	Indiana State [*]	7 p.m.
Nov. 16	Illinois State [*]	2 p.m.
Nov. 21	at Loyola [*]	7 p.m.
Nov. 22	at Bradley [*]	7 p.m.
Nov. 27-29	MVC Championship@	TBA

[^] Omaha Classic (Omaha, Neb.)

[%] Akron Invitational (Akron, Ohio)

[#] Skyhawk Invitational (Martin, Tenn.)

^{*} Missouri Valley Conference match

@ Cedar Falls, Iowa

The Drake University volleyball team, led by second-year head coach **Darrin McBroom**, starts the 2014 campaign against UMKC on Friday, Aug. 29 at 3 p.m. The match against the Kangaroos is the first of three scheduled for Drake at the Omaha Classic hosted by the University of Nebraska Omaha. Matches the following day against UNO and Central Michigan at noon and 3 p.m., respectively, close out opening weekend tournament play for the Bulldogs.

PREVIEWING THE BULLDOGS IN 2014 ATTACK

Senior **Amanda Platte** (Mount Vernon, Iowa) is the lone senior in the group of opposite side and outside hitters for McBroom as Platte led the team in kills in 2013. Memphis transfer **Nicole Woods** (St. Charles, Ill.) and local high school standout **Kyla Inderski** (Urbandale, Iowa) will look to contribute immediately. Woods played in several matches for the Tigers as a freshman, while Inderski was a back-to-back all-state selection at Urbandale.

A pair of sophomores, **Capris Quaites** (Omaha, Neb.) and **Makena Schoene** (Seattle, Wash.), each gained valuable experience as freshmen and will be counted on for more production this fall. Schoene will battle for a starting outside hitter spot, while Quaites hopes to provide offense at middle blocker, a position she played in high school. Senior **Meredith Moore** (Bloomington, Ill.), junior **Shelby Daum** (Battle Creek, Neb.) along with redshirt freshman **Taylor Zant** (Libertyville, Ill.) all return and provide depth. Freshman **Odessa Cody** (Chicago, Ill.) rounds out the group.

The Bulldogs will have to fill a spot in the middle after Cassie Effken left the program due to a medical issue. Junior **Katie Dulek** (Lenexa, Kan.), who missed a majority of last season with a shoulder injury, gives the Bulldogs experience in the middle as she started every match her freshman season. Redshirt sophomore **Katie Allen** (Mokena, Ill.), who filled in for Dulek and Effken last season, started 18 matches and recorded 99 kills. Freshman **Kelly Shute** (Dana Point, Calif.) provides much needed depth in the middle for the team.

SETTER

Junior **Rebecca Brown** (Bentonville, Ark.) tallied a team-leading 748 assists a season ago, but she will be pushed by sophomore transfer **Chandelle Davidson** (Gretna, Neb.). Davidson joined the Bulldogs after a standout year at Hastings College.

DEFENSE

Several players will compete for the vacated libero position following the graduation of Sarah Madden. Madden started every match the last three seasons and finished number two in program history in all-time digs with 1,540. Senior **Halli Meyer** (Bettendorf, Iowa) shifts from the setter position as she enters her final season in the Blue and White. Sophomore **Michelle Thommi** (Omaha, Neb.) saw floor time in her first season and provides depth on the backline for the Bulldogs. Freshman **Rachel Goettl** (Rice Lake, Wis.) looks to follow in Thommi's steps as she vies for court time.

2014 NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
1	Scarlett Howerter	OPP/DS	5-11	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Pius X)
2	Halli Meyer	DS/L	5-8	Sr.	Bettendorf, Iowa (Bettendorf)
3	Taylor Zant	OPP	6-0	RFr.	Libertyville, Ill. (Libertyville)
4	Kelly Shute	MB	6-2	Fr.	Dana Point, Calif. (Dana Hills)
5	Michelle Thommi	DS/L	5-7	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Skutt Catholic)
7	Odessa Cody	RS/OH	6-0	Fr.	Chicago, Ill. (Lane Tech)
8	Nicole Woods	OH	6-2	So.	St. Charles, Ill. (Memphis/East St. Charles)
9	Meredith Moore	OH	5-10	Sr.	Bloomington, Ill. (Normal Community)
10	Capris Quaites	OH	5-9	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Westside Omaha)
11	Katie Dulek	MB	6-0	Jr.	Lenexa, Kan. (St. James Academy)
12	Amanda Platte	OH	5-10	Sr.	Mount Vernon, Iowa (Mount Vernon)
13	Chandelle Davidson	S	5-7	So.	Gretna, Neb. (Hastings College/Gretna)
15	Kyla Inderski	OH	5-11	Fr.	Urbandale, Iowa (Urbandale)
17	Rebecca Brown	S	5-10	Jr.	Bentonville, Ark. (Bentonville)
18	Makena Schoene	OPP/OH	6-1	So.	Seattle, Wash. (Bear Creek School)
21	Rachel Goettl	DS	5-5	Fr.	Cameron, Wis. (Rice Lake)
22	Shelby Daum	OPP	6-1	Jr.	Battle Creek, Neb. (Battle Creek)
23	Katie Allen	MB/OH	6-3	RSo.	Mokena, Ill. (Lincoln-Way East)

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in her first season. Junior **Scarlett Howerter** (Lincoln, Neb.) is out indefinitely with a leg injury and is a possible candidate to redshirt in 2014.

COACHING STAFF

McBroom, who was hired to lead the Bulldogs after four seasons as head coach of the Iowa Western Reivers, will have a roster in his second season that features a solid mix of returnees, newcomers, redshirts and players returning from injuries. McBroom will push his team as they look to bounce back from a tough 2013 season that saw the team go winless in conference play. McBroom, who compiled an outstanding 177-25 overall record in four years at Iowa Western, is confident with his returning players experience within his system and the new players on the roster, that the team will take a step forward in 2014.

Iowa Western won four consecutive NJCAA Regional Championships under McBroom, and he was named the 2012 "Midwest Region Coach of the Year" by the American Volleyball Coaches Association. Iowa Western finished the 2012 season ranked third nationally and was ranked as high as number one that fall.

McBroom owned one of the highest winning percentages amongst coaches in the NJCAA at 85 percent with an overall record of 322-58 in eight seasons. He coached 12 NJCAA All-Americans and had three student-athletes named NJCAA Academic All-Americans.

Prior to Iowa Western, McBroom was the head coach of Longview Community College (Mo.) for four seasons. McBroom's coaching career started at the high school level in the Kansas City area, where he spent seven seasons accumulating a 174-68-9 overall record.

Assistant coach **Leslie Flores-Cloud** returns for her second season. Prior to Drake, she was the head girls' volleyball coach at Maranatha High School in Pasadena, Calif. She guided the team to a second-place finish in the conference and a spot in the SCIF Olympic league playoffs.

Flores-Cloud has seven years of combined experience as a head coach or assistant at the club, high school and collegiate levels. Prior to Maranatha, she was a graduate assistant coach at the University of Southern California in 2011 and a volunteer assistant coach at Loyola Marymount University in 2010. The Trojans advanced to the NCAA Final Four during her season on the staff.

Flores-Cloud also spent two years as an assistant coach at Pasadena City College, which included a highly successful 2009 season as the team won the South Coast Conference championship.

The California native was a two-year All-SCIAC setter at Division III powerhouse the University of La Verne (Calif.). She helped La Verne reach the NCAA Division III national Final Four in three of the four years she was on the squad. Flores was a member of the All-Tournament team at the 2005 Division III Final Four.

New to the Drake coaching staff this season is assistant coach **Nicolette Hartley**, who was hired in July. Hartley spent the past three seasons as an assistant coach at Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Mo. In 2013, she helped the Hawks capture their first-ever Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament title as the team qualified for the Division II NCAA Tournament.

Hartley played for McBroom for two seasons at Longview before finishing her playing career at Rockhurst. She was a two-year starter at middle hitter at Rockhurst, and recorded 494 kills. She was twice named to the National Junior College Athletic Association all-region first team at Longview and helped the team finish ninth in the nation in 2007.

SCHEDULE

Drake will have 11 non-conference matches to open the season with 10 of those matches at three different tournaments throughout the country. After its opening weekend trip to Omaha, the team will host North Dakota on Sept. 2 at 6 p.m. in its only home non-conference match. Following the North Dakota match, the Bulldogs will travel to the Akron Invitational, Sept. 5-6, for contests against Akron, Austin Peay, Bryant and Binghamton. The final tournament will take place in Martin, Tenn. at the Skyhawk Invitational, where the Bulldogs will open against host, UT-Martin then play Valparaiso and Western Carolina.

Three straight home matches kick off the MVC portion of the schedule for Drake. Up first is Bradley on Sept. 19 followed by Loyola the following night and capped with a visit by UNI on Sept. 27. The Bulldogs will have 18 matches during the always challenging conference season.

MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE

Drake was picked to finish tenth in the 2014 MVC preseason poll conducted by league coaches. Wichita State received 87 points and four first-place votes as the Shockers narrowly out-distanced second-place pick UNI (85 points, two first-place votes) and third-place Illinois State (78 points, three first-place votes).

2014 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

2013 Record	2-28
Home	0-13
Away	0-12
Neutral	2-3
MVC Record	0-18/10th
Postseason	None
Starters Returning/Lost	6/3
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	8/3
Newcomers	6

DRAKE VOLLEYBALL STAFF

Head Coach	Darrin McBroom
Alma Mater	Northwest Missouri State
Drake Record/Years	2-26/One Season
Overall Record/Years	Same
Assistant Coaches	Leslie Flores, Nicollette Hartley

2014 MVC PRESEASON POLL

Rank Team (1st-place votes) Points

1. Wichita State (4) – 87
2. UNI (2) – 85
3. Illinois State (3) – 78
4. Missouri State – 68
5. Southern Illinois – 67 (1)
6. Loyola – 62
7. Bradley - 35
8. Evansville - 29
9. Indiana State - 28
10. Drake - 11

2013 FINAL MVC STANDINGS

<u>School</u>	<u>Conf</u>	<u>Overall</u>
Wichita State	15-3	28-7
UNI	15-3	23-8
SIU	13-5	20-13
Missouri State	12-6	21-11
Illinois State	11-7	19-13
Bradley	7-11	13-15
Loyola	7-11	13-18
Indiana State	6-12	13-17
Evansville	4-14	9-20
Drake	0-18	2-28

2014 PLAYER AWARDS

2013 FINAL STATS

Overall record: 2-28 Conf: 0-18 Home: 0-13 Away: 0-12 Neutral: 2-3

##	Player	sp	mp-ms	Attack					Set				Serve				
				k	k/s	e	ta	pct	a	a/s	ta	pct	sa	sa/s	se	ta	pct
12	Amanda Platte	98	29-23	262	2.67	109	947	.162	6	0.06	80	.075	1	0.01	12	70	.829
10	Capris Quaites	82	28-18	141	1.72	91	602	.083	8	0.10	114	.070	7	0.09	2	156	.987
4	Tegan LaBerge	84	26-25	113	1.35	69	358	.123	2	0.02	29	.069	7	0.08	13	113	.885
23	Katie Allen	70	26-18	99	1.41	45	331	.163	5	0.07	22	.227	12	0.17	23	134	.828
7	Cassie Effken	33	10-10	94	2.85	27	211	.318	0	0.00	15	.000	1	0.03	2	64	.969
22	Shelby Daum	64	22-12	87	1.36	55	334	.096	6	0.09	70	.086	1	0.02	4	34	.882
18	Makena Schoene	52	20-3	76	1.46	35	263	.156	2	0.04	19	.105	0	0.00	1	2	.500
3	Samantha Meyers	96	30-14	46	0.48	34	229	.052	9	0.09	125	.072	18	0.19	25	327	.924
1	Scarlett Howerter	44	20-3	41	0.93	21	157	.127	0	0.00	24	.000	2	0.05	3	35	.914
11	Katie Dulek	32	9-7	35	1.09	20	104	.144	2	0.06	12	.167	0	0.00	1	1	.000
17	Rebecca Brown	103	30-29	31	0.30	19	123	.098	748	7.26	2336	.320	15	0.15	14	335	.958
9	Meredith Moore	16	10-0	13	0.81	18	58	-.086	1	0.06	5	.200	0	0.00	1	6	.833
21	Sarah Madden	100	29-1	2	0.02	4	34	-.059	36	0.36	495	.073	20	0.20	15	317	.953
2	Halli Meyer	84	27-14	1	0.01	5	25	-.160	129	1.54	272	.474	6	0.07	13	229	.943
5	Michelle Thommi	68	25-3	0	0.00	0	1	.000	4	0.06	59	.068	9	0.13	10	133	.925
DRAKE UNIVERSITY		103	30-30	1041	10.1	552	3777	.129	958	9.30	3677	.261	99	0.96	140	1957	.928
Opponents		103	30-30	1563	15.1	567	3943	.253	1447	14.0	3762	.385	163	1.58	150	2440	.939

##	Player	sp	re	Dig		Blocking						Points	
				dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total	blk/s	be	bhe	pts	pts/s
12	Amanda Platte	98	27	86	0.88	2	34	36	0.37	6	0	282.0	2.88
10	Capris Quaites	82	15	134	1.63	3	22	25	0.30	1	2	162.0	1.98
4	Tegan LaBerge	84	0	20	0.24	5	57	62	0.74	5	0	153.5	1.83
23	Katie Allen	70	0	19	0.27	9	45	54	0.77	4	0	142.5	2.04
7	Cassie Effken	33	0	15	0.45	4	36	40	1.21	3	2	117.0	3.55
22	Shelby Daum	64	7	53	0.83	2	33	35	0.55	6	0	106.5	1.66
18	Makena Schoene	52	5	11	0.21	1	22	23	0.44	0	0	88.0	1.69
3	Samantha Meyers	96	29	197	2.05	0	5	5	0.05	1	1	66.5	0.69
1	Scarlett Howerter	44	5	40	0.91	0	12	12	0.27	0	0	49.0	1.11
11	Katie Dulek	32	0	11	0.34	3	18	21	0.66	1	0	47.0	1.47
17	Rebecca Brown	103	0	185	1.80	1	20	21	0.20	2	7	57.0	0.55
9	Meredith Moore	16	1	3	0.19	0	4	4	0.25	0	0	15.0	0.94
21	Sarah Madden	100	45	516	5.16	0	2	2	0.02	0	2	23.0	0.23
2	Halli Meyer	84	5	179	2.13	1	0	1	0.01	0	8	8.0	0.10
5	Michelle Thommi	68	13	68	1.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	9.0	0.13
-	TEAM	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DRAKE UNIVERSITY....		103	163	1537	14.92	31	310	186.0	1.81	29	22	1326.0	12.87
Opponents.....		103	99	1918	18.62	40	326	203.0	1.97	23	16	1929.0	18.73