



2002-03 DRAKE BASKETBALL

Pre-game Notes

Drake at Illinois State

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2002-03 DRAKE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov. 7	DREAM BUILDERS (EXHB.)	W, 93-74
Nov. 14	GRAND VIEW (EXHB.)	W, 76-55
Nov. 22	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	W, 74-62
Nov. 26	IOWA	L, 50-49
Nov. 29	@Hawaii-Hilo	W, 70-50
Nov. 30	Utah State*	L, 73-61
Dec. 1	Vermont*	W, 83-78 (2 OT)
Dec. 4	@Northern Illinois	L, 77-62
Dec. 8	@Central Michigan	L, 73-61
Dec. 11	GRINNELL	W, 162-110
Dec. 14	WESTERN ILLINOIS	W, 72-62
Dec. 22	@Iowa State	L, 76-55
Dec. 29	@Denver	L, 87-62
Jan. 2	@Southern Illinois	L, 76-63
Jan. 5	@Creighton	L, 84-63
Jan. 8	SW MISSOURI STATE	L, 74-72 (2 OT)
Jan. 12	NORTHERN IOWA	W, 75-73
Jan. 15	@Bradley	L, 72-57
Jan. 18	INDIANA STATE	W, 68-54
Jan. 21	@Wichita State	L, 69-61
Jan. 28	@Southwest Missouri State	L, 65-45
Feb. 1	CREIGHTON	L, 88-68
Feb. 6	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	L, 65-64
Feb. 8	EVANSVILLE	L, 62-51
Feb. 12	@Indiana State	L, 63-62
Feb. 15	@Illinois State	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 19	WICHITA STATE	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 22	@Evansville	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 26	ILLINOIS STATE	7:05 p.m.
March 1	@Northern Iowa	12:05 p.m.
March 3	BRADLEY	7:05 p.m.
Mar. 7-10	MVC Tournament	

*Hilo Shootout, Hilo, Hawaii



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DRAKE BULLDOGS (7-16, 2-10 MVC) at ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (4-17 3-10 MVC)

7:05 Saturday, Feb. 15, 2003
Redbird Arena (10,200), Normal, Ill.

DRAKE BULLDOGS: (Coach: Kurt Kanaskie, seventh year)

Pos.	Player (Ht., Yr., Hometown)	PPG	RPG	FG%	FT%
G-1	Lonnie Randolph (6-1, So., East Chicago, Ind.)	7.0	2.3	.368	.698
G-10	Josh Robinson (6-3, Fr., Mahwah, N.J.)	4.4	1.5	.423	.600
G-25	Luke McDonald (6-5, Jr., Lubbock, Texas)	13.4	2.4	.411	.869
C-40	Greg Danielson (6-9, Sr., Des Moines, Iowa)	14.7	9.6	.555	.627
F-4	J.J. Sola (6-7, Sr., Mission Viejo, Calif.)	14.8	5.5	.535	.773

TOP RESERVES

F-3	T.J. Welton (6-6, Sr., Des Moines, Iowa)	4.0	2.8	.304	.830
G-5	Sean Tracy (6-4, Fr., Silver Spring, Md.)	2.5	1.5	.415	.500
F-23	Quintel Murphy (6-5, Fr., Denver, Colo.)	3.0	1.3	.606	.750
G-24	David Newman (5-11, Jr., Des Moines, Iowa)	2.0	0.7	.306	.571
F-34	Josh Powell (6-7, Fr., Des Moines, Iowa)	1.5	1.0	.600	.600
F-35	David Bancroft (6-9, So., Marshfield, Mo.)	2.6	1.6	.760	.778

THE SETTING: Illinois State and Drake, picked to finish fourth and fifth, respectively, in the Missouri Valley Conference preseason poll, will vent their frustrations on one another when they clash Saturday for the first time this season.

THE SERIES: Illinois State owns a 37-17 lead in the series but Drake has won four of the last seven games. The Redbirds won two of three games last year including a controversial 64-63 victory in the quarterfinal round of the 2002 MVC Tournament.

LAST YEAR: *Drake 83, Illinois State 73 (Des Moines) Jan. 10, 2002* — Andry Sola and Luke McDonald each scored 17 points as Drake had five players reach double figures. J.J. Sola added 15 points, while Lonnie Randolph collected 11 and Greg Danielson tallied 10. During a 12-minute stretch between the first and second half, Drake made 13 of 17 shots for a sizzling 76.4 percent.

McDonald hit five three-point baskets. Drake closed out the first half by making six of its last seven shots, including five straight three-point attempts. That spurt allowed Drake to turn a 23-18 deficit into a 36-32 halftime advantage.

The Bulldogs made 10 of their initial 15 shots to open the second half and finished that period by shooting 63.6 percent from the floor. A three-point basket by McDonald gave Drake its biggest lead at 62-46 with 8:38 left. Drake sealed the victory by making eight straight free throws in the last 56 seconds.

Illinois State 68, Drake 54 (Normal, Ill.) Jan. 26, 2002 — The Bulldogs held Illinois State without a basket for 8 minutes 1 second but failed to take advantage. Drake didn't help itself at the free-throw line either, making just nine of 18 free throws, while the Redbirds hit 22 of 25 free throws.

Drake held Illinois State without a basket for the last 1:57 of the first half and the opening 6:05 of the second half until Andy Strandmark made a layup with 13:55 left in the game. But, the Bulldogs were unable to capitalize. After a three-point basket by David Newman pulled Drake within 29-26, the Bulldogs missed two layups and committed one turnover.

Shawn Jeppson scored five points in a 26-second span allowing the Redbirds to turn a 57-49 lead into a 62-49 cushion.

A three-point basket by T.J. Welton ignited a 7-0 run that allowed Drake to turn an 18-13 deficit into a 20-18 lead following two free throws by Luke McDonald with 4:42 left in the first half. McDonald led Drake with 11 points, including three three-point baskets.

The Bulldogs managed just one basket the remainder of the half on a rebound by freshman reserve Dave Bancroft. Illinois State took advantage with an 11-3 spurt keyed by six free throws from Bojang Baboucarr.

ILLINOIS STATE SERIES NOTES

Overall — Illinois State leads, 37-17
in Normal — Illinois State leads, 21-5
in Des Moines — Illinois State leads, 12-11
Neutral Site — Illinois State leads, 4-1

2002-03 Statistical Comparison

Drake	Illinois State
67.8	Scoring 65.3
71.4	Scoring Defense 72.7
.466	FG % .438
.463	Opp. FG% .490
.317	3-pt. FG % .432
.356	Opp. 3-pt. FG% .415
.724	FT% .737
32.7	Reb. Avg. 30.3
30.7	Opp. Reb. 32.4
14.0	Assist Avg. 11.4
12.1	TO Avg. 15.1
1.9	Blk. Avg. 2.8
4.2	Steal Avg. 6.0

MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE COMPARATIVE RANKINGS

Scoring Offense		
7. Drake	67.8	9. Illinois State 65.3
Scoring Defense		
7. Drake	71.4	8. Illinois State 72.7
Field Goal Percentage		
4. Drake	.466	9. Illinois State .438
Free Throw Percentage		
1. Illinois State	.737	4. Drake .724
Rebounding Margin		
3. Drake	+2.0	8. Illinois St. -2.1

KANASKIE RANKS AMONG NCAA COACHING LEADERS

Drake coach Kurt Kanaskie entered the 2002-03 season, ranking second among all Missouri Valley Conference Coaches in victories by active coaches at 259.

Here are NCAA leaders entering this season.

No.	Coach	Team	Won
1.	Jim Phelan	Mount St. Mary's (Md.)	819
2.	Bob Knight	Texas Tech	787
53.	Royce Waltman	Indiana State	270
54.	Kurt Kanaskie	Drake	259
73.	Dana Altman	Creighton	229

ANALYZING DRAKE'S RETURNING VETERANS

	Career Games Played	Started
Greg Danielson	109	76
Luke McDonald	80	74
Lonnie Randolph	52	29
David Newman	52	23
T.J. Welton	51	15
David Bancroft	43	1
J.J. Sola	40	35

2002-03 DRAKE HONORS & AWARDS

J.J. Sola

Hawaii-Hilo Shootout All-Tournament Team
 MVC Player of Week Dec. 16

Greg Danielson

Hawaii-Hilo Shootout All-Tournament Team
Luke McDonald
 Preseason All-MVC Team

Illinois State 64, Drake 63 (St. Louis, Mo.), March 2, 2002 — Official proof that it's March in America arrived at about 10:20 p.m. in the quarterfinal round of the MVC Tournament. That's about the time Shawn Jeppson's 3-pointer from 25 feet fell through the basket at the buzzer, giving Illinois State the victory.

The shot, which left Jeppson's right hand with 1.7 seconds on the clock, ended the season for sixth-seeded Drake, which led by 15 points in the first half, by 12 points at halftime and by five points with one minute to play.

Jeppson missed a driving layup that would have tied the game, but the rebound went out of bounds off Drake's Greg Danielson and gave Illinois State a final chance with 4.9 seconds remaining.

Jeppson inbounded to Gregg Alexander, who handed the ball back to him in the corner. After dribbling out to the left wing, Jeppson released the shot.

The following day MVC officials confirmed what television replays had shown that Jeppson had stepped out of bounds after receiving the ball from Alexander.

Drake's Luke McDonald hit five three-pointers and finished with a tournament-high 29 points. Ten of those points came in the game's final six minutes.

Andry Sola scored five points to help Drake open the game with a 7-2 run. The Bulldogs held Illinois State without a basket for 8 minutes 14 seconds midway through the first half (14:27-6:15) and took advantage by reeling off 10 straight points to grab an 18-6 lead.

A three-point basket by McDonald with 1:03 left in the first half gave the Bulldogs their biggest lead at 33-18. Relying on 54.5 percent shooting, Drake enjoyed a 33-21 halftime lead. Illinois State shot 56 percent in the second half to mount a comeback, including a sizzling 80 percent from three-point range by making eight of 10 three-point baskets.

Illinois State went on a 14-1 binge to grab its first lead at 49-47. The game then saw four lead changes and three ties until Drake opened a 60-56 lead following layups by McDonald and Sola. Two free throws by Shedrick Ford pulled the Redbirds within 60-58 with 1:37 left. McDonald countered with a three-point basket to give Drake a 63-58 lead with 1:19 left.

Sola finished with 12 points and four rebounds. Danielson grabbed a tournament-high 13 rebounds, but sat out six minutes midway of the second half when he picked up his fourth foul.

MORE TO THE RECORD: The MVC schedule makers weren't too kind to the Bulldogs. Drake opened the MVC season with back-to-back road games at defending co-league champions Southern Illinois and Creighton.

Six of Drake's league losses have come against the top three teams in the MVC as the Bulldogs are the only team to have concluded playing those squads—Creighton, Southern Illinois, Southwest Missouri State.

Three of Drake's losses were by a combined total of five points: a 63-62 loss at Indiana State; 65-64 to co-league leader Southern Illinois; and a 74-72 double-overtime loss to second-place Southwest Missouri State.

The basketball has not been bouncing in Drake's direction lately, with the Bulldogs' last four outings as proof. Drake shot a sizzling 54.9 percent from the floor, while holding Kyle Korver, the leading scorer in the MVC to just six points, but still fell to No. 15 ranked Creighton, 88-68, Feb. 1.

Drake made just one of five free throws in the last 1:53 against Southern Illinois Feb. 6 en route to dropping a 65-64 decision. Drake shot a season-low 33.3 percent, while dropping a 62-51 home game to Evansville last Saturday.

If that wasn't enough, Drake suffered a 63-62 loss at Indiana State Wednesday when freshman David Moss hit a 10-foot jumper with 2.9 seconds left for the Sycamore victory.

ANALYZING THE SKID: So, what has led to Drake's current six-game losing string? Ironically, it has been one of Drake's strengths throughout the season — free throw shooting. The Bulldogs are shooting just 61.7 percent from the free throw line during their current losing streak.

Drake was leading the Missouri Valley Conference in free throw shooting at 74.3 percent before encountering a slump which saw the Bulldogs shoot just 53.1 percent during its recent three-game homestand, making just 25 of 47 free throws.

Drake shot 50 percent (7-14) from the free throw line against Creighton; 62.5 percent (15-24) against Southern Illinois and 33.3 percent (3-9) against Evansville.

If that isn't enough, Drake also is hitting 27.5 percent from the three-point line in the losing skid.

THE COACH: Drake's **Kurt Kanaskie**, who coached his 500th game as a collegiate head coach at Wichita State Jan. 21, ranks second among all active Missouri Valley Conference Coaches with 265 victories trailing Indiana State's Royce Waltman who has 270. (see chart on left column)

Kanaskie entered the 2002-03 season, ranking 54th among active NCAA Division I coaches in terms of victories, while Waltman ranked No. 53.

The 44-year-old native of Enola, Pa., is in his 17th year as a collegiate head coach, owning a 266-239 record (.537), including a 59-132 record in seven years at Drake. Kanaskie posted a 55-32 record at Lock Haven from 1985-88 and a 152-75 record during eight seasons at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (1988-96).

Kanaskie was named Drake's 22nd head coach April 8, 1996. He was runner-up for 2001 Missouri Valley Conference Coach of the Year. Drake has improved its victory total from the previous season under Kanaskie for five straight years, becoming the only coach in the history of Drake basketball to accomplish that feat.

Kanaskie, a 1980 graduate of LaSalle, was named *Basketball Times* NCAA Division II Co-Coach of the Year in 1993-94 and 1994-95. He was selected as the *National Association of Basketball Coaches* Division II East Region Coach of the Year the last three seasons at IUP. He

MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Creighton	12	1	22	2
Southern Illinois	12	1	17	4
SW Missouri State	9	3	13	8
Wichita State	8	4	13	8
Evansville	5	7	9	12
Bradley	5	7	9	14
Northern Iowa	4	9	7	15
Illinois State	3	10	4	17
Drake	2	10	7	16
Indiana State	2	10	6	17

Saturday, Feb. 15 Games

Creighton at Wichita State, 1:35 p.m.

Southern Illinois at Bradley, 2:05 p.m.

Indiana State at Southwest Missouri State, 7:05 p.m.

Drake at Illinois State, 7:05 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 16 Games

Northern Iowa at Evansville, 2:05 p.m.

Bradley at Northern Iowa, 7:05 p.m.

Indiana State at Creighton, 7:05 p.m.

Wichita State at Drake, 7:05 p.m.

Evansville at Illinois State, 7:05 p.m.

Southwest Missouri State at Southern Illinois, 7:05 p.m.

BREAKDOWN OF MVC STRENGTH OF SCHEDULE

Here's a rundown of the strength of schedule by the schools in the Missouri Valley Conference, according to the Collegiate Basketball News RPI. The schools are listed based on their overall national strength of schedule ranking through games of Feb. 13.

43. Evansville	.5762
44. Illinois State	.5750
79. DRAKE	.5444
119. Indiana State	.5196
146. Northern Iowa	.5109
162. Bradley	.5048
215. Southern Illinois	.4681
229. Creighton	.4596
246 Southwest Missouri State	.4493
274. Wichita State	.4347

DRAKE NONCONFERENCE FOES

A rundown of how Drake's nonconference foes have competed during the 2002-03 season through games of Feb. 13.

Team	Record	League	Mark
Florida Atlantic	7-17	3-9/6th	
Iowa	12-8	4-5/8th	
Utah State	17-6	8-4/1st	
Vermont	15-9	8-3/1st	
Northern Illinois	13-9	9-3/1st	
Central Michigan	15-5	8-3/2nd	
Western Illinois	5-15	2-7/7th	
Iowa State	12-8	2-7/10th	
Denver	13-13	5-7/6th	

was named the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in 1986-87 and the PSAC West Division Coach of the Year four times (1986-87, 1987-88, 1993-94, 1994-95).

DECEPTIVE RECORD: Drake's 7-16 record includes eight games against opponents that either advanced to post-season play in 2002 or won their respective regular-season conference titles last year. And that doesn't include games at Iowa State (which owns an 12-8 record) and Northern Illinois and Central Michigan which lead the Mid American Conference.

Drake opened its season with games against Florida Atlantic (74-62 victory) Nov. 22 and Iowa (50-49 loss) Nov. 26, with both teams having competed in 2002 post-season play. Florida Atlantic advanced to the first round of the NCAA Tournament, while Iowa played in the NIT.

The Bulldogs closed out the Hilo Shootout on a winning note with an 83-78 double overtime victory against defending American East Conference champion Vermont Dec. 1. Drake opened the tournament by blitzing host Hawaii-Hilo, 70-50, Nov. 29, before falling to defending Big West Conference champion Utah State, 73-61, Nov. 30.

Drake Team Quick Facts

- Achieved 1,000th victory in school history when it defeated Western Illinois, 72-62, Dec. 14
- Drake is the only team in the MVC which has had five players score 25 or more points in games this season: (Greg Danielson, Luke McDonald, Quantel Murphy, Lonnie Randolph, J.J. Sola)
- Encountered stretch in which it played nine of 12 games on road, including opening MVC play with back-to-back games at defending co-league champions Southern Illinois and Creighton
- Held nine opponents to under 30 points in the first half this season, including four MVC opponents (Indiana State, 25; Wichita State, 28; Southwest Missouri State, 29; Evansville 22)
- Drake is 7-1 when ahead at half and 0-12 when trailing at half
- Drake is 3-2 when shooting over 50 percent from the floor, including three of its last four home games (54.5% Northern Iowa, 56.1% Indiana State, 54.9% vs. Creighton, 55.8 % at Indiana State)
- Drake has been outrebounded only eight times
- Drake outrebounded current MVC rebounding leader Wichita State, 34-30, on its homecourt
- Drake is shooting 76.3 percent from the free throw line in the last two minutes of games
- Drake ranks third in the MVC in free throw percentage (.724) and rebounding margin (+2.0)
- Has had five players reach double figures in scoring in two games (Grinnell, Northern Iowa)

Drake Player Quickies

Greg Danielson

- Leads Missouri Valley Conference in rebounding (9.6 avg.)
- Ranks 20th nationally in rebounding (9.6 avg.)
- Has most double doubles of any player in MVC (11)
- Has most double figure rebounding games of any player in MVC (14)
- Has 2002-03 MVC single-game high five blocked shots vs. Indiana State
- Ranks fourth in MVC in field goal percentage (.554)
- Ranks eighth in MVC in blocked shots (0.74)
- Ranks ninth in MVC in scoring (14.7)
- Has six 20-plus scoring games this season
- Only Bulldog to score in double figures in 11 conference games
- Has moved into Top 20 in Drake scoring list with 1,238 points
- Ranks No. 10 on Drake career rebounding charts (687)
- Has led team in rebounding in 19 games this season
- Named to Hawaii-Hilo Shootout All-Tournament Team

Luke McDonald

- Ranks fifth among active NCAA players in career three-point field goal percentage (.421)
- Has made more three point baskets in career than any active freshman, sophomore or junior in NCAA (224)
- Ranks second in MVC in free throw percentage (.869)
- Ranks 10th on Missouri Valley Conference career three-point charts (224)
- Ranks No. 11 on Drake career scoring list (1,238 points)
- Has three 20-plus scoring games this season, including high of 27 vs. SMS
- Has already surpassed entire 2001-02 season output of 25 assists
- Has made three or more three-point baskets in 10 games this season

David Newman

- Has started two games (Southern Illinois, Creighton)
- Had season-high five assists at Bradley

Lonnie Randolph

- In MVC games only, he ranks second in the league in assist-to-turnover ratio at 2.11
- Has started last 10 games at point guard
- Had career-high 29 points in opener at Florida Atlantic, setting Knapp Center record by making 15 of 19 free throws
- Leads team with 76 assists, while ranking ninth in MVC (3.3 avg.)
- Has collected five or more assists in six games, including career-high eight vs. Northern Iowa
- Has led team in assists in 12 games this winter

Josh Robinson

- Has started last nine games at guard
- Ranks second on team with 21 three-point baskets
- In starting debut vs. Northern Iowa, he had career-high 11 points and career-high four assists
- Has made at least one-three point basket in eight straight games

THE LUKE MCDONALD LEDGER

- Named to preseason 2002-03 All-MVC team
- Played on prestigious 2002 National Invitation Tournament touring All-Star team
- On pace to become most prolific three-point shooter in MVC history, ranking 10th on MVC Career three-point basket list
- Enjoyed longest consecutive game streak among active players in NCAA in having made at least one three-point basket in 67 contests
- Second in MVC in free throw percentage (.869)
- Became first sophomore to lead MVC in scoring since 1999 when he won title last year with 17.9 average
- Set MVC single-season freshman record with 91 treys in 2000-01
- Has made Drake school record 224 treys
- Has made three or more three-point baskets in 46 games
- Has scored in double figures in 64 career games
- Has scored 20 or more points in 27 career games

THREE-POINT PERCENTAGE LEADERS AMONG ACTIVE NCAA PLAYERS

(Through games of Feb. 9)

Minimum 200 career 3GM

	3GM-3GA	3P %
1. Kyle Korver, Creighton, 6-7, Sr.	341-733	.456
2. Jason Kapono, UCLA, 6-8, Sr.	288-638	.451
3. Nick Moore, Toledo, 6-1, Sr.	244-547	.446
4. Brett Blizzard, NC-Wilmington, 6-4, Sr.	318-749	.425
5. Luke McDonald, Drake, 6-6, Jr.	224-542	.421

MVC CAREER THREE-POINT LEADERS

1. Kyle Korver, Creighton (1999-present)	341
9. Troy Hudson, S. Illinois (1995-97)	227
10. Kent Williams, S. Illinois (1999-2002)	226
11. Luke McDonald, Drake (2000-present)	224

MVC ACTIVE SCORING LEADERS

1. Kent Williams, Southern Illinois	1,831
2. Kyle Korver, Creighton	1,615
3. Jermaine Dearman, Southern Illinois	1,263
4. Luke McDonald, Drake	1,238

DRAKE CAREER SCORING LEADERS

1. Red Murrell (1955-58)	1,657
10. Sam Roark (1986-90)	1,257
11. Luke McDonald (1999-present)	1,238
14. Bart Friedrich (1986-89)	1,042
15. Greg Danielson (1998-present)	1,008

- Equalled career high with four assists in home game vs. Southern Illinois
- J.J. Sola**
- Leads team in scoring (14.8), reaching double figures in 17 games
- Has scored 20 or more points in five games, including 36 vs. Grinnell
- Ranks second on team with 63 assists
- Ranks seventh in MVC in field goal percentage (.535)
- Ranks eighth in MVC in scoring (14.8)
- Ranks tenth in MVC in free throw percentage (.773)
- Named MVC Player of Week Dec. 16 after averaging 27.5 points, 7.5 rebounds, while shooting 74 percent in two games
- Had career high 10 rebounds vs. Grinnell
- Named to Hawaii-Hilo Shootout All-Tournament team
- T.J. Welton**
- Started first 14 games of season
- Had career high 18 points in MVC opener at Southern Illinois

DANIELSON APPROACHING MILESTONE: Drake senior center **Greg Danielson** became the 18th player in school history to join the 1,000-career scoring club after scoring 21 points at Indiana State Wednesday. He moved into No. 15 on the career scoring list and has become the second active 1,000-point scorer at Drake, joining junior teammate **Luke McDonald**.

Danielson is also aiming to become just the third player in Drake history to score over 1,000 points and grab over 700 rebounds.

The other two Drake players to accomplish that feat are **Melvin Mathis** (1982-86) who ranks No. 2 on the career scoring charts (1,651) and No. 1 on the career rebounding list (854); and **Sam Roark** (1986-90) who ranks No. 10 on the career scoring charts (1,257) and No. 2 on the career rebounding list (792).

SOLID INSIDE GAME: How effective have Drake center **Greg Danielson** and forward **J.J. Sola** been this season? The duo have provided the Bulldogs with the best one-two inside punch in the Missouri Valley Conference.

No other center and forward in the MVC have combined to average 29.5 points, 15.1 rebounds or shoot the combined 54.5 percent from the field like Drake's duo.

Consider that outside of Creighton's Kyle Korver, who leads the MVC in scoring, Danielson has attempted the second highest number of shots of any player in the league (263). Korver has taken 267 shots, mostly from the perimeter.

The next highest number of shots taken by an inside post player is Sola who has taken 228 shots. Southern Illinois' Jermaine Dearman follows at 210 shots.

Danielson ranks fourth in the MVC in field goal percentage (.555). He enjoyed his MVC high 11th double-double of the season with 12 points and 12 rebounds against Evansville Saturday.

HOW DOMINANT IS DANIELSON: Creighton's Kyle Korver is deserving of All-American accolades, but there isn't another player in the MVC who has dominated opponents in the MVC like Drake center **Greg Danielson** has.

Korver has encountered two league games in which he has scored six or less points.

•In MVC league stats only, Danielson leads the conference in rebounding (10.2), while ranking second in scoring (16.1) and fourth in blocked shots (1.17 avg.) and fifth in field goal percentage (.562),

•He has the most double-doubles of any player in the MVC at 11 (eight in league play) and he has achieved those against the top teams in the league:

14 pts., 11 rebounds at Creighton	18 pts., 11 rebounds vs. Creighton
18 pts., 13 rebounds vs. SMS	20 pts., 10 rebounds vs. Southern Illinois
22 pts., 14 rebounds at Wichita State	12 pts., 12 rebounds vs. Evansville

2002-03 Drake Numerical Roster

No.	Name	P	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High School
1	Lonnie Randolph*	G	6-1	162	So.	East Chicago, Ind./Merrillville HS
3	T.J. Welton*	G-F	6-6	215	Sr.	Des Moines, Iowa/Hooever HS
4	J.J. Sola*	F	6-7	230	Sr.	Mission Viejo, Calif./Capistrano HS
5	Sean Tracy	G	6-4	180	Fr.	Silver Spring, Md./Bullis Prep
10	Josh Robinson	G	6-3	185	Fr.	Mahwah, N.J./River Dell HS
15	Brian Hogan	G	6-1	171	So.	Fort Madison, Iowa/Fort Madison HS
22	Nate Richie	G	6-2	179	So.	Decatur, Ind./Lake Central HS
23	Quantel Murphy	F	6-5	205	Fr.	Denver, Colo./George Washington HS
24	David Newman*	G	5-11	183	Sr.	Des Moines, Iowa/Hoover HS
25	Luke McDonald**	G	6-5	215	Jr.	Lubbock, Texas/Frenship HS
34	Josh Powell	F	6-6	210	Fr.	Des Moines, Iowa/Lincoln HS
35	David Bancroft*	F	6-9	223	So.	Marshfield, Mo./Marshfield HS
40	Greg Danielson***	C	6-9	267	Sr.	Des Moines, Iowa/Hoover HS

* denotes letters earned

Head Coach: Kurt Kanaskie

Assistant Coaches: Chris Davis, Kevin Reynolds

Kanaskie's Drake Record: 59-132/seven years **Kanaskie's Overall Record:** 266-239/17 years

Associate Head Coach: Marty Bell

Student Assistant: Justin Ohl

DANIELSON: ALL-MVC NUMBERS

Drake senior center **Greg Danielson** is enjoying an All-Missouri Valley Conference season.

Consider:

- He is one of two players to rank in the top 10 in the MVC in rebounding, scoring and field goal percentage.
- He leads the MVC in rebounding (9.6)
- He ranks 20th nationally in rebounding (9.6)
- He has the most double-doubles in the MVC (11)
- He ranks fourth in the MVC in field goal percentage (.555)
- He has 14 double-figure rebounding games — the most in the MVC
- He collected a 2002-03 MVC single-game high five blocked shots against Indiana State

Remember he grabbed the most rebounds in a single game in the 2002 MVC Tournament with 13 in an opening round game against Illinois State.

DANIELSON DOUBLE-DOUBLES IN 2002-03

Drake's Greg Danielson leads the MVC in double-doubles this winter with 11. He has 14 in his career.

2002-03 Double-Dooubles for Danielson

- 20 points, 15 rebounds vs. Vermont
- 14 points, 12 rebounds at Northern Illinois
- 23 points, 15 rebounds vs. Grinnell
- 14 points, 11 rebounds at Creighton
- 18 points, 13 rebounds vs. SMS
- 15 points, 11 rebounds vs. Northern Iowa
- 12 points, 10 rebounds at Bradley
- 22 points, 14 rebounds at Wichita State
- 18 points, 11 rebounds vs. Creighton
- 20 points, 10 rebounds vs. Southern Illinois
- 12 points, 12 rebounds vs. Evansville

DRAKE CAREER REBOUNDED LEADERS

1. Melvin Mathis (1982-86)	854
8. Red Murrell (1955-58)	692
9. Greg Danielson (1998-present)	687

MVC ACTIVE CAREER REBOUNDED LEADERS

1. Jermaine Dearman, Southern Illinois	722
2. Greg Danielson, Drake	687

DRAKE MVC RECORDS SET IN 2002-03

- **Points, game** — 162, Drake vs. Grinnell (old mark 141 Tulsa vs. Prairie View, Dec. 17, 1995)
- **Points, both teams, game** — 272: Drake 162, Grinnell 110 (old mark 258 Bradley (139) vs. Cal-Irvine (119), 1988)
- **Field Goals, Made** — 60, Drake vs. Grinnell (old mark 54 by Drake vs. Wisconsin-Platteville, 12-1-71; and 54 by Tulsa vs. Christian Brothers, 1965)
- **Individual Field goal percentage, game** — TIED 1.000 (10-10) Quantel Murphy vs. Grinnell

• He blocked an MVC high five shots against Indiana State Jan. 18.

• He has collected 10 or more rebounds in 14 games and nine or more boards in 16 games.

• Danielson was at his best in Drake's recent game against Southern Illinois Feb. 6 with 20 points (8 of 12 shooting), 10 rebounds, four assists, two blocked shots, zero turnovers in 38 minutes.

• Danielson, double-teamed by Iowa State's 6-10 duo of Jared Homan and Jackson Vroman, still managed to collect a game-high 18 points and nine rebounds against the Cyclones Dec. 22.

• Danielson averaged 10.5 rebounds in the last two games of the 2001-02 campaign, pulling down a MVC Tournament high 13 rebounds against Illinois State.

THE WORD IS OUT ON J.J.: Does Drake senior forward J.J. Sola qualify as a candidate for the MVC All-Newcomer Team?

Sola ranks eighth in the MVC in the scoring (team-high 14.8 ppg), seventh in field goal percentage (.555), tenth in free throw percentage (.773), and 11th in rebounding (5.5 avg.).

If that is not enough, he ranks second on Drake's team with 63 assists after equaling a career high with five assists against Indiana State Jan. 18.

He has scored in double figures in 17 games including a season-high 36 points against Grinnell.

Sola played in only 17 games last year, including seven MVC games, before he was declared ineligible for the second semester for failing to meet Drake's minimum academic standards of maintaining a 2.0 cumulative grade-point average. Sola started as a freshman at Loyola Marymount in 1999-2000 where he averaged 6.9 points and 4.0 rebounds before transferring to Fullerton (Calif.) Community College.

MCDONALD ON THE MOVE: Luke McDonald is considered one of the best pure shooters in the country, ranking fourth in three-point field goal percentage among active players in the NCAA who have made 200 career three-point field goals. He had the highest three-point field goal percentage (.460) of any freshman in the NCAA in 2000-01. He had owned the longest active string in the NCAA by making at least one three-point basket in 67 straight games before having the streak snapped at Denver Dec. 29.

He made three three-point baskets against Florida Atlantic to become Drake's career leader with 180, bettering the previous mark of 178 held by Armand LeVasseur from 1997-2000.

McDonald is Drake's career leader in three-point baskets (224) as well as the single-season leader (91). He ranks No. 10 on the MVC career three-point basket list. He has made three or more three-point baskets in 46 games. He set the Missouri Valley Conference single-season freshman record for three-point baskets with 86.

He is on pace to become the most prolific three-point shooter in MVC history, while also being on target to become the Bulldogs' all-time scoring leader. He ranks No. 11 on the Drake career scoring list and became the 17th player in Drake history to join the 1,000-point scoring club when he exploded for 25 points against Vermont.

Last season he became the first sophomore to lead the MVC in scoring since 1999. He also became the first Drake player to lead the MVC in scoring since Curt Smith in 1992-93.

McDonald has scored in double figures in 64 games — 23 in 2000-01, 24 in 2001-02 and 17 this season. He led Drake in scoring in 17 games last year. He has scored 20 or more points in 27 games in his career.

SHOOTER TURNED PLAYMAKER: Drake's Luke McDonald sacrificed his role as shooter at Iowa State by collecting a career-high five assists against the Cyclones. He matched a career high with three steals at Southern Illinois Jan. 2 and at Creighton Jan. 5. He has 28 assists this year, surpassing his entire output of 22 from last year.

FRESHMAN AGES: Drake freshman Josh Robinson guarded Creighton's Kyle Korver, the leading scorer in the MVC, and held him to just one basket Feb. 1.

Since being inserted into the starting lineup, Robinson has made at least one three-point basket in each of the six games he has started, while shooting 45.5 percent from the floor. He equalled a career high with four assists against Southern Illinois Feb. 6.

MR. CLUTCH: His scoring average might be lower than a year ago, but Drake junior guard Luke McDonald continues to deliver in key situations for Drake.

McDonald scored eight of his 10 points in the final 7:01 of the game to rally Drake to a 75-73 victory against Northern Iowa Jan. 12.

A three-point basket by McDonald pulled Drake to within 65-64. A 5-foot jumper and a free throw by McDonald with 3:14 left gave Drake a 69-68 lead. He added a basket with 45 seconds left that allowed the Bulldogs to enjoy a 73-71 edge.

In a Jan. 8 home game with Southwest Missouri State, McDonald hit two three-point baskets within a 39-second span in the last minute of the second overtime allowing Drake to tie the game at 72-72 before the Bulldogs lost on a last-second shot. McDonald finished with a season-high 27 points against the Bears, hitting five three-point baskets.

FRESHMAN HEROICS BEAT DRAKE: A five-foot jumper in the paint by freshman David Moss with 3.1 seconds left rallied Indiana State to a 63-62 victory past Drake Wednesday.

Drake had an opportunity to extend a 62-61 lead but J.J. Sola missed the front end of a bonus free throw situation giving the Sycamores an opportunity to win the game. Following Moss' game winning basket, an inbounds pass from Sola went off the hand of Drake center Greg Danielson at midcourt with 1.5 seconds remaining.

DRAKE SCHOOL RECORDS SET IN 2002-03

- Points, Game** — 162 Drake vs. Grinnell (old mark: 130 vs. Missouri-Kansas City, 1-20-71)
- Points, One Half** — 89 (2nd half) vs. Grinnell (old mark 71 in first half of 130-73 victory vs. Missouri-Kansas City, 1-20-71)
- Two-team scoring** — 272: Drake 162, Grinnell 110 (old mark: Iowa State 117, Drake 114, OT, 12-12-89)
- Assists** — 35 vs. Grinnell (old mark was 34, Drake vs. Southern Illinois, 1-10-80 in Des Moines)
- 3-pt shooting attempts, both teams** — 77 vs. Drake (4), Grinnell (73) (old mark was 70 by Drake (9-45) vs. Iowa (14-25) at Knapp Center, 11-29-94)
- Field goals made in a game** — 60 vs. Grinnell (old mark 54 vs. Wisconsin-Platteville, 12-1-71)
- Free Throws made in a game** — 41 vs. Grinnell (old mark 37, against Illinois State, 1-17-01)
- Individual Field Goal percentage, game TIED** — 1.000 (10-10) Quantel Murphy vs. Grinnell
- 3-Point Shooting, Attempts by opponent** — 73 by Grinnell (old mark 35 by Texas-San Antonio (12-35) 12-10-94 at Drake Knapp Center)

3 PLAYERS SIGN DURING FALL RECRUITING PERIOD

Thomas Diezi, a 6-9 center from Zurich, Switzerland; 6-7 forward Klayton Korver, an all-state selection from Pella; and Nick Grant, a 6-3 guard from Fairfax, Va., have signed national letters of intent at Drake during the fall signing period, indicating they will join the Bulldog basketball program.

Diezi will have three years of eligibility after enrolling at Fullerton (Calif.) College this season. He is a graduate of Ramibuhl High School in Zurich and averaged 12.3 points and 8.5 rebounds while playing for the Zurich Blue Wings Club last season.

Grant was ranked among the top 50 shooting guards in the United States by InsidersHoop.com. He also was listed as an honorable mention All-American by Street & Smith's Magazine. He averaged 12 points, 4.1 rebounds, 3.9 assists and 3.2 steals as a junior at Paul VI High School. He scored 14 points, including two dunks, in a victory past powerhouse DeMatha last year as Paul VI became the first Northern Virginia team to beat DeMatha. He also was named the most valuable player of the Eastern Invitation Team Camp this past summer.

Korver, the brother of Creighton's Kyle Korver, who was named the most valuable player of the MVC last season, earned Iowa Class 3A second-team all-state honors last year after averaging 14.2 points, 7.7 rebounds, 2.1 assists and 1.4 steals per game. He scored 20 points to lead Pella to the 2002 Iowa Class 3A state championship over Sioux City Heelan. Pella has posted a 48-6 record during Korver's career at the school.

BIRTHDAY NO. 10 FOR DRAKE KNAPP CENTER

Drake, which is the only private school in the Missouri Valley Conference to play its home games in an on-campus facility, already has enjoyed two sellout crowds at home this season. There were standing room only crowds of 7,146 against Iowa and 7,152 against Creighton.

The Bulldogs own a 77-66 record in the Drake Knapp Center, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary this season. That includes a 32-12 nonconference record. The Bulldogs have won 22 of their last 27 nonconference home games.

MVC TELECONFERENCES

Teleconferences with the Missouri Valley Conference head coaches are conducted each Tuesday, continuing through March 4. The coaches appear in alphabetical order by school with Coach Kanaskie speaking at 10:15 a.m. To become a part of the MVC teleconference, call 913-981-5509.

The Bulldogs owned an eight-point lead in the second half but Indiana State relied on torrid free throw shooting in the second half by making 12 of 16 free throws.

Moss and freshman reserve center Ted Morris combined for 25 of Indiana State's 27 points in the second half. Moss scored 13 of his game-high 25 points in the second half, while Morris had 15 points in the final period. Two free throws by Moss with 25.1 seconds left pulled Indiana State within 62-61.

Danielson led Drake with 21 points and eight rebounds. He became the 17th player in school history to score 1,000 career points by pushing his totals to 1,008. Sola and junior guard Luke McDonald each scored 12 points for Drake.

It marked the Bulldogs' third loss in the MVC by a combined total of four points. Indiana State's dominance in rebounding contributed to the Sycamores' second-half comeback. Indiana State outrebounded Drake, 31-23, including a 13-4 advantage on the offensive boards which contributed to 12 second-chance points.

Drake shot 55.8 percent from the floor, including 57.1 percent in the second half. Sola scored four points during an 11-4 run that allowed Drake to turn a 39-38 edge into a 50-42 advantage with 10:28 left.

A layup by Morris with 1:55 remaining pulled Indiana State within 60-59 but Drake responded by pushing the lead to 62-59 on a layup by Sola.

Sophomore guard Lonnie Randolph had a team-high six assists for Drake. Sophomore David Bancroft made his first college start for the Bulldogs in place of Sola. Freshman redshirt Quantel Murphy came off the bench with five points in the first half.

COLD SHOOTING PROVES COSTLY: Tobias Brinkley came off the bench to score a game-high 15 points — all in the second half — as Evansville handed Drake a 62-51 setback Saturday.

The Purple Aces also owned a decisive advantage at the free throw line, hitting 19 of 24 free throws while Drake made just three of nine attempts.

If that wasn't enough the Bulldogs were ice cold from the field, shooting a season-low 33.3 percent hitting just 22 of 66 shots.

Senior forward J.J. Sola, Drake's leading scorer with a 15.4 average, was plagued by fouls the entire night and finished with five points, hitting just two of nine shots while playing a season-low 17 minutes.

Sola only played four minutes in the first half after collecting his second foul with 17:16 left in the period. Junior guard Luke McDonald led Drake with 14 points.

Senior center Greg Danielson collected 12 points and 12 rebounds but he did not play the final 4 minutes 54 seconds of the first half after requiring three stitches for a cut on his head.

Drake scored eight straight points to close out the first half rallying to a 22-22 deadlock. A basket by Lucious Wagner with 19:06 left in the second half broke a 22-22 tie giving Evansville a lead it would never relinquish.

The Bulldogs opened the second half by making just one of their first 10 shots from the floor.

POOR FREE THROW SHOOTING HAUNTS DRAKE: Jermaine Dearman's basket with 1 minute 54 seconds remaining lifted Southern Illinois to a 65-64 come-from-behind victory past Drake Feb. 6. There were 11 ties and 11 lead changes in the game.

The Bulldogs were their own worse enemy, making just one of six free throws in the last 1:53. Drake had entered the game shooting 81.4 percent from the free throw line in the final two minutes of games.

After Dearman's basket gave the Salukis a 64-63 lead, Drake had a chance to regain the lead but J.J. Sola missed the front end of a one and one bonus free throw situation.

A free throw by Stetson Hairston with 1:27 remaining pushed the Salukis' advantage to 65-63. Drake's Greg Danielson missed two free throws with 1:13 left that could have tied the game. Freshman Sean Tracy hit one of two free throws to pull Drake within 65-64 with 44 seconds left.

The Salukis' Kent Williams missed a free throw with 18 seconds left that gave the Bulldogs a chance to tie the contest. But Luke McDonald missed a running 10-foot jumper from the right wing with four seconds left.

Danielson and Sola dominated the inside paint for Drake with each player scoring a game-high 20 points. Danielson added 10 rebounds to enjoy his tenth double-double of the season which is tops in the league. Sola added nine rebounds.

The duo combined to grab 15 of Drake's 20 rebounds in the second half. Drake finished the game outrebounding the Salukis, 36-28. A basket and free throw by Danielson with 13:31 left gave Drake its biggest lead of the game at 51-45.

RESERVE FUELS CREIGHTON SPURT: Reserve guard DeAnthony Bowden scored seven points during a 4 minute 30 second stretch midway through the second half to trigger a 14-2 scoring spurt as No. 15 ranked Creighton beat Drake, 88-68, Feb. 1.

A Drake Knapp Center record crowd of 7,152 fans saw Creighton shoot a blistering 61 percent from the floor, including 66.7 percent in the second half to break away from a 44-38 intermission lead.

A jumper by freshman Josh Robinson pulled Drake within 57-55 with 15:01 left before Bowden ignited the Bluejays to push the margin to 71-57 with 9:36 left in the game. Bowden tied a career high with 17 points, hitting seven of nine shots from the floor.

Drake senior center Greg Danielson, the leading rebounder in the MVC, collected 18 points and 11 rebounds to enjoy his ninth double-double of the season which is the most by any player in the league.

Drake shot over 50 percent from the floor for the third straight home, hitting 54.9 percent. J.J. Sola added 16 points for Drake, while Luke McDonald tallied 16 points.

A basket by Danielson gave Drake its biggest lead of the game at 19-15. Larry House would answer with two consecutive baskets that broke a 23-23 tie giving Creighton a 27-23 lead it would never relinquish.

Creighton's Kyle Korver, the leading scorer in the MVC with a 19.1 average, was held to just one basket by while being guarded by Drake freshmen Robinson and Sean Tracy. But Korver had a career-high eight assists, while also collecting seven rebounds.

TORRID FREE THROW SHOOTING DOOMS DRAKE: Southwest Missouri State relied on torrid free throw shooting in the second half to post its fifth straight victory with a 65-45 verdict past Drake Jan. 28 before a season-high 6,799 fans in Hammons Student Center.

The Bears, who entered the league ranked last in free throw percentage, made 18 of 22 free throws in the second period to rally from a 34-33 deficit.

An unusual four-point play following a technical foul on Drake's **Greg Danielson** proved costly. With Drake trailing 49-42, Danielson grabbed a defensive rebound but had it stolen by Tamarr Maclin. Danielson, the MVC's leading rebounder, was whistled for his fourth foul. He protested the call and was given a technical - also his fifth personal foul - forcing him to leave the game with 8:25 left.

The Bears converted four free throws to push the margin to 53-42 and never looked back.

Danielson tallied eight points and collected 10 rebounds, marking the 11th time he has enjoyed a double-figure rebounding game this season which is tops in the MVC.

J.J. Sola led the Bulldogs with 13 points and nine rebounds. Freshman guard **Josh Robinson** added 10 points, hitting two three-point baskets. Sola scored Drake's initial seven points to open the second half, helping the Bulldogs erase a 29-25 halftime deficit. The hot shooting included Sola's second three-point basket of the season.

Two free throws by Danielson gave Drake a 34-33 edge with 17:01 left. That is when Southwest Missouri State took advantage of hot free throw shooting. The Bears scored five of their next seven points at the charity line to grab a 40-36 advantage they never relinquished.

Drake was its own worse enemy in the first half. The Bulldogs shot just 37.5 percent from the floor en route to a 29-25 halftime deficit.

But the Bulldogs committed 13 turnovers during the first period, including nine on their initial 11 possessions. Drake opened the game making five straight turnovers. Drake closed out the game, hitting 36.1 percent while Southwest Missouri State shot 44 percent. The Bears also took advantage of Danielson's absence inside by outrebounding Drake, 33-26.

DEFENSIVE, REBOUNDING BREAKDOWNS: Six of Drake's losses occurred when the Bulldogs allowed their opponents to shot 50 percent or better from the floor: Utah State (.510), Central Michigan (.500), Iowa State (.604), Creighton (.509), Southwest Missouri State (.500), Bradley (.511) and Creighton (.610)

After winning the rebounding battle in each of its initial nine games, the Bulldogs were outrebounded by each opponent during a recent four-game road trip which resulted in four losses.

PERIMETER SLUMP: Drake ranks tenth in the MVC this winter in three-point field goal percentage, shooting 31.7 percent.

The Bulldogs, who have led the MVC in three-point baskets each of the last two years, averaged 8.0 three-point baskets per game last season en route to making a school record 232 treys! That figure was the eighth-best single season effort by a team in MVC history. Drake is averaging only 4.8 treys this winter.

REBOUNDING IS A DIFFERENT STORY: Drake ranks second in the MVC in defensive rebounds (23.9 avg.) and is third in rebounding margin (+2.0 margin). The Bulldogs have outrebounded opponents in 14 of 23 games this season, including impressive 9.0 and 6.0 margins on the road against Northern Illinois (36-27) and Central Michigan (31-25). The Bulldogs are averaging 33.2 rebounds, compared to opponents averaging 30.0 caroms.

LATE FREE THROWS STOP DRAKE: Wichita State scored six of its last 10 points at the free throw line to rally for a 69-61 MVC home victory past stubborn Drake Jan. 21.

There were 16 lead changes in the game. The Shockers shot 59.1 percent in the second half to rally from a five-point deficit early in the second period.

The matchup featured the top two rebounding teams in the MVC and Drake controlled the glass, outrebounding the Shockers, 31-27. The loss overshadowed a brilliant performance by Drake's **Greg Danielson** who dominated the paint by collecting 22 points and 14 rebounds. He moved into No. 11 on the Drake career rebounding list at 636, surpassing Willie Wise who grabbed 626 rebounds from 1967-69.

Senior forward **J.J. Sola** added 21 points for Drake. Drake's **Luke McDonald** collected 11 points, hitting three three-point baskets. He moved into No. 10 on the MVC career three-point basket list with 216 treys.

The inside duo of Danielson (12 points) and Sola (11 points) combined for 23 points in the first half to stake the Bulldogs to a 29-28 halftime lead.

After a layup by Jamar Howard gave Wichita State a 30-29 lead, Drake scored six straight points to enjoy a 35-30 cushion. Sola had four points and Danielson added a rebound basket to fuel the surge.

A turnaround eight-foot jumper by Danielson gave the Bulldogs their last lead at 40-39. The Shockers responded with six unanswered points to grab a 46-42 lead it would not relinquish.

The Bulldogs had a chance to cut into a 63-59 deficit but Sola misfired a pass to Danielson with 1:20 left. Reserve guard Matt Clark hit a 12-foot jumper to push the Shockers' lead to 65-59.

A layup by **Lonnie Randolph** pulled Drake within 65-61 with 40.9 seconds left. A free throw by Howard gave Wichita State a 66-61 lead. Randolph had an opportunity to pull Drake within 66-63 but he missed two free throws with 24.3 seconds left. The Shockers sealed the victory with three free throws in the waning seconds.

DANIELSON CELEBRATES 100TH GAME IN IRONMAN ROLE: **Greg Danielson** celebrated his 100th game in a Drake uniform Jan. 8 by playing all 50 minutes of a double overtime home game with Southwest Missouri State. He responded by collecting 18 points and 13 rebounds. Danielson also played the entire 40 minutes against Bradley.

AVOID THOSE SLOW STARTS ON ROAD: If Missouri Valley Conference games lasted 33 minutes instead of 40, Drake would be among the league contenders. In three of Drake's MVC road losses, the Bulldogs have dug themselves in a hole early. In a 76-63 loss at Southern Illinois, Drake fell behind 14-0 before scoring its first basket with 11:43 left in the first half.

In an 84-63 setback at Creighton, Drake scored just one basket in the opening 7 minutes 25 seconds to fall behind, 15-2. The Bulldogs made just one basket at Bradley in the opening 7:15 of the first half to fall behind 18-2 en route to a 72-57 loss.

LONNIE ANSWERS CALL: Sophomore guard **Lonnie Randolph** hit a running 10 foot jumper with 5.2 seconds left to carry Drake to a 75-73 MVC home victory past Northern Iowa Jan. 12. Randolph finished with 14 points, including a career-high four three-point baskets as the Bulldogs snapped a five-game losing streak while earning their first league victory. Randolph launched a 10-foot basket just before the halftime buzzer to give Drake a 44-31 lead.

Randolph, who added a season-high eight assists, entered the game having made just one of his last 13 three-point attempts over the last 11 games. His 14 points also equaled his combined output of 14 points in his previous five games. He was shooting just 12.5 percent from the floor, hitting two of 16 shots, during the Bulldogs' five-game losing skid.

J.J. Sola led Drake with a game-high 23 points, hitting nine of 13 shots from the floor. **Greg Danielson** added 15 points and 11 rebounds. Danielson also went over the 600-career rebounding mark by pushing his totals to 604, surpassing Dolph Pulliam (1966-69, 593 boards) into No. 12 on the school career

#1 Lonnie Randolph, Guard

- Averaging 8.3 points and 1.0 rebounds in three games vs. Redbirds
- Collected 14 points, hitting career-high four treys, along with career-high eight assists vs. Northern Iowa, scoring winning basket with 5.2 seconds
- Had a career-high 29-point outburst vs. Florida Atlantic, making six of seven shots, 15 of 19 free throws, while collecting career-high three blocked shots and four steals
- Grabbed four steals vs. Western Illinois
- Collected seven assists vs. Grinnell
- Had eight points, four assists vs. Iowa
- Named squad's most outstanding defensive player last year after leading team with 28 steals
- Selected to Missouri Valley Conference All-Bench team in 2001-02
- Had team-high 85 assists (2.9 avg.), while ranking 11th in the MVC in 2001-02
- Averaged 8.4 points in last nine games of 2001-02, almost doubling his average of 5.5 points
- His quick dribble penetration caused opponents fits as evidenced by his ability at free throw line, making more free throws (58-79) than baskets (42)
- Had seven assists in just seven minutes coming off bench in debut in 2001-02 season opener vs. Sam Houston State
- Also matched career high with seven assists in victory vs. Wichita State
- Netted career-high 15 points vs. MVC champ Creighton and tallied 14 points and five assists at Southwest Missouri State
- Named Northwest Indiana Player of Year as senior at Merrillville High in 2001 & first-team all-state by Hoosier Magazine after averaging 16.7 points, 4.9 rebounds, 4.4 assists and 2.6 steals as senior
- Turned down football scholarships from Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana

Randolph Game-by-Game

#3 T.J. Welton, Guard/Forward

- Averaging 3.3 points and 0.7 rebounds in three games vs. Redbirds
- Had career-high 18 points at Southern Illinois, hitting six of eight shots
- Has made 31 of last 35 free throws (88.5 percent)
- Had season-high 10 points vs. Grinnell and Vermont
- Had five points, five rebounds vs. Iowa
- Drew second career start in opener vs. Florida Atlantic, grabbing three rebounds
- Named team's most improved player in 2001-02 after playing in all 28 games
- Drew lone start in 2001-02 at Oral Roberts
- Transfer from Kirkwood Junior College where he earned All-Region honors, while leading team in scoring both years
- Recorded four steals in 2001-02 opener vs. Sam Houston State and at SW Missouri State
- Averaged 17.9 points and 7.5 rebounds at Kirkwood Junior College in 2000-01 where he earned All-Region Honors
- Enjoyed seven, 20-plus scoring games, including career-high 37 vs. Indian Hills
- Earned first team Class 4-A all-state honors, while leading Hoover High to 23-1 record and 1998 CIML American Conference title
- Named co-captain of 1998 Iowa Class 4A all-tournament team after leading tournament with 63 points in three games while leading Hoover to runner-up finish
- Three-year starter at Hoover who led Central Iowa Metropolitan League with 21.6 scoring average

Welton Game-by-Game

#4 J.J. Sola, Forward

- Had 15 points and four rebounds in 2002 home game vs. Redbirds
- Shooting 56.8 percent from floor (58-102) in last 10 games
- Had 21 points at Wichita State
- Matched career high with five assists vs. Indiana State
- Led team with 18 points at Bradley
- Had 23 points, five rebounds, three assists vs. Northern Iowa
- Collected eight rebounds in consecutive games at S. Ill., Creighton
- Named MVC Player of Week Dec. 16 after averaging 27.5 points, 7.5 rebounds, while shooting 74.1 percent in two games
- Had career-high 36 points, 10 rebounds in just 21 minutes vs. Grinnell
- Named to Hilo Shootout All-Tournament Team
- Scored 21 points vs. Vermont, hitting all 11 free throws
- Averaged 11.8 points and 4.2 rebounds in 17 games last season, while scoring in double figures in 11 games and shooting 55.1 percent from floor
- Can shoot with either hand
- Transfer from Fullerton (Calif.) JC where he averaged 18.2 points and 7.4 rebounds in 2000-01 en route to earning first team All-California Junior College and first-team all-Orange County Empire Conference honors
- Began his college career at Loyola Marymount in 1999-2000 where he started 19 games as freshman, averaging 6.9 points and 4.0 rebounds
- Scored 22 points vs. Pepperdine in 1999-2000 and had 18 points and 10 rebounds vs. Long Beach State
- Earned All-City, All-Orange County and All-South and Pacific Coast League first-team honors as prep junior and senior
- Led Orange County in scoring as junior at Aliso Niguel High School, averaging 26.7 points and 11.2 rebounds

Sola Game-by-Game

#5 Sean Tracy, Guard

- Averaging over 20 minutes in last four games, usually defending opponent's top scorer
- Tallied career-high 16 points, four assists and three steals in career-high 26 minutes vs. Grinnell
- Scored eight points at Central Michigan and Northern Illinois
- Played seven minutes in college debut vs. Florida Atlantic, earning steal
- Averaged 13.5 points, 4.2 rebounds, 3.6 assists and 1.5 steals as senior, while being named co-most valuable player for Bullis Prep School which was ranked No. 13 in final Maryland High School Poll
- Earned first-team All-Independent Athletic Conference honors and honorable mention All-Montgomery County honors
- Led Bullis Prep to a school record 23-4 mark last year and its second Independent Athletic Conference title
- Played in Metro D.C. Classic, pitting the public and private schools from Washington D.C.
- Versatile athlete also was named the co-most valuable player on the 2001 Bullis Prep football team, while playing wide receiver and defensive back
- Older brother, Claude Green (28) played basketball at University of Southern California

Tracy Game-by-Game

#22 Nate Richie, Guard

- Transfer from Western Michigan University who sat out last year
- Four-year starter at Lake Central HS who earned first-team all-area honors as junior and senior
- Earned second-team all-state honors by *Hoosier Magazine* as senior after averaging 17.8 points and 5.1 rebounds
- Named most valuable player of team in 1999 and 2000

Richie Game-by-Game

#23 Quantel Murphy, Forward

- Provides offensive spark off bench, shooting scorching 73 percent (19-26) from floor in the last 15 games that he has played
- Coming off five-point effort at Indiana State which included first career three-point basket
- Had career-high 25 points vs. Grinnell, while tying school and MVC record by making all 10 shots from floor
- Also had four dunks and career-high seven rebounds vs. Grinnell
- Had six points at Central Michigan
- Had four points, two steals at Northern Illinois
- Had impressive effort in college debut vs. Florida Atlantic, grabbing seven rebounds in just 10 minutes along with five points, one block, one steal, one assist
- Collected two rebounds vs. Utah State
- Redshirted in 2001-02, this explosive player gives team new dimension by playing above the rim
- Earned first-team All-Denver Prep League honors and played in Colorado Coaches Association All-Star game, scoring 18 points with an array of dunks
- Averaged 16.3 points, 7.5 rebounds, 3.2 steals, 2.2 assists and 1.5 blocked shots while guiding George Washington HS to 23-3 record, climaxed by runner-up finish in 2001 Colorado Class 5A state championship game
- Set school record for dunks in season (56); and career (89)
- Led team to three straight Denver Prep League titles in 1999, 2000, 2001

Murphy Game-by-Game

#24 David Newman, Guard

- Averaging 5.7 points and 1.3 rebounds in three games vs. Redbirds
- His father, Robert, played baseball at Illinois State
- Had three points and season-high five assists at Bradley
- Had career-high 17 points at Evansville last year, including season-high five treys
- Scored 12 points in upset at co-league champion Creighton last year, hitting four three-point baskets
- Started 21 games at point guard in 2001-02, while averaging 5.7 points
- Led team in free throw percentage (.912, 31-34) last year
- Ranked second on team in assists with 73 (2.5 avg.) last year
- Led team in assists in nine games, including season-high six in home win vs. Wichita State
- Grabbed career-high nine rebounds in MVC opener vs. Indiana State
- Transfer from Northwestern University where he played from 1998-2000
- Started all 29 games at point guard for Wildcats in 1998-99, averaging 8.3 points and 2.0 assists
- Scored career-high 22 points vs. Furman in 1999
- Named Iowa's Mr. Basketball as senior at Hoover HS in 1998
- Led Hoover to runner-up finish in 1998 Iowa Class 4A state tournament and Central Iowa Metropolitan League Conference title
- Capped career as four-year starter by ranking second on school scoring list with 1,384 points while ranking second with 447 assists
- Two-time Player of Year in CIML in 1997 and 1998

#25 Luke McDonald, Guard

- Averaging 19.6 points and 2.6 rebounds in five games vs. Redbirds including career-high 31 in last game at 2002 MVC Tournament
- Had season-high 27 points in home game vs. SMS, including season-high five treys
- On pace to become most prolific three-point shooter in MVC history
- Played on prestigious National Invitation Tournament All-Star team which toured Canada in summer of 2002
- Second in MVC in free throw shooting at 88.1 percent (52-59)
- Had 25 points vs. Vermont & 21 vs. Western Illinois
- Is Drake's career three-point basket record holder (223)
- Had owned longest streak among active players in NCAA of having made at least one three-point basket in 67 straight games
- On target to become Drake's career scoring leader, ranking No. 11 on charts (1,238) to trail leader Red Murrell (1,657)
- Has made three or more treys in 46 career games
- Has scored in double-figures in 64 games, enjoying 27, 20-plus games
- Became first sophomore to led MVC in scoring (17.9 avg.) since 1999
- Also became first Drake player to lead MVC in scoring since Curt Smith in 1992-93
- Lead MVC in three-point baskets in 2001-02 with school-record 91
- Ranked 14th on school single-season scoring list with 518 points, while tallying most points since Curt Smith had 591 in 1992-93
- Named MVC Freshman of Year in 2000-01, while also being named to MVC All-Newcomer Team
- Set Drake freshman scoring record with 412 points (14.7 avg.), while setting MVC single-season freshman mark with 86 treys
- Also set freshman single-game mark with 31 points in victory at Ill. State
- A two-time, first-team Texas Class 4A all-state choice, who led entire state of Texas in scoring as senior at Frenship HS with 27.0 avg.
- Tallied a school-record 51 points in 1999-2000 season opener vs. Brownfield, while playing 31 minutes
- Other school records included: three-point baskets in career (183); three-point baskets, season (95); and three-point baskets, game (eight) and free throws game (16)

Newman Game-by-Game

McDonald Game-by-Game

#34 Josh Powell, Forward

- Has seen increased playing time in the last nine of last 12 games
- Came off bench to score Drake's first two points at Bradley
- Saw most extensive action of season playing 27 minutes in home game vs. SMS, grabbing career high four rebounds.
- Scored career-high 10 points along with two assists in 16 minutes vs. Grinnell
- Averaged 19.5 points and 12.4 rebounds as senior at Des Moines Lincoln HS, while earning first-team Iowa Class 4A all-state honors.
- Recorded double-doubles in 59 of 63 varsity games he played for Lincoln
- Three-time first-team All-Central Iowa Metropolitan League choice
- Led CIML in scoring as junior and senior
- Also led CIML in rebounding for three straight years
- Had 29 points and 13 rebounds in substate victory past Des Moines Roosevelt

Powell Game-by-Game

#35 David Bancroft, Forward

- Made first collegiate start at Indiana State, playing 12 minutes
- Averaging 1.0 points and 2.0 rebounds in two games vs. Redbirds
- Tallied career-high 14 points, hitting all six shots, while grabbing seven rebounds in 16 minutes vs. Grinnell
- Shooting sizzling 76 percent from floor (19-25)
- Averaged 6.0 points and 3.7 rebounds off bench in Hilo Shootout, while shooting 70 percent from floor (7-10)
- Scored career-high 10 points, while adding four rebounds vs. Hawaii-Hilo
- Grabbed season-high five rebounds vs. Utah State
- Had six points, two rebounds in 14 minutes vs. Florida Atlantic
- Appeared in 26 games as freshman in 2001-02, averaging 1.3 points
- Had career-high two blocked shots along with three rebounds at Illinois State
- Grabbed four rebounds in road games at Northern Iowa and Bradley
- Scored season-high eight points vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff
- Earned first-team Missouri Class 3A all-state honors at Marshfield HS after averaging 22.3 points, 13.8 rebounds, 4.8 blocked shots and 1.3 steals
- Set Missouri all-time scholastic records for single-game blocked shots with 16 as junior vs. Versailles and career blocked shots (487)
- Set three school career records, including scoring (1,796), rebounding (1,098) and blocked shots (487)

Bancroft Game-by-Game

#40 Greg Danielson, Center

- Already has recorded 11 double-doubles this year (most in MVC), including career-high 25 points, season-high 15 rebounds vs. Grinnell
- Leads the MVC in rebounding with 9.6 average
- Had 23 points, eight rebounds, MVC season-high five blocked shots, three assists and one steal vs. Indiana State
- Had 14 points, 11 rebounds at No. 15 Creighton
- Collected 18 pts., 13 reb. vs. SMS and 15 points, 11 rebounds vs. UNI
- Had 18 points, nine rebounds at nationally ranked Iowa State
- Ranks No. 11 on school career rebounding charts with 656 boards
- Had consecutive double-doubles with 20 points 15 rebounds vs. Vermont and 14 points, 12 rebounds at Northern Illinois
- Named to Hilo Shootout All-Tournament team after averaging 16.3 points, 8.7 rebounds, while shooting 60 percent (18-30) from floor
- Had 15 points, eight rebounds vs. Hawaii-Hilo
- Tallied 14 points vs. Utah State, making all five shots
- Collected team high 10 rebound and four assists vs. Florida Atlantic
- Also had game-high 10 rebounds vs. Iowa
- Led team in rebounding in 22 games last year, including MVC Tournament high of 13 vs. Illinois State
- Averaged 10.0 points in 2001-02 scoring season-high 20 in upset at co-league champion Creighton
- Had career-high 17 rebounds vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff
- Was only player from MVC who was invited to prestigious Pete Newell Big Man Camp in Hawaii in 2001
- Earned first-team Class 4A all-state honors as senior at Hoover HS after averaging 22.8 points and 12.6 rebounds
- Named Central Iowa Metropolitan League Player of Year as senior in 1999

Danielson Game-by-Game