



2002-03 DRAKE BASKETBALL

Pre-game Notes Illinois State at Drake

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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	W, 59-48
Feb. 19	WICHITA STATE	L, 80-70
Feb. 22	@Evansville	W, 81-73
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 (9-17, 4-11 MVC) vs. ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (6-18, 4-11 MVC)

7:05 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2003

Drake Knapp Center (7,002), Des Moines, Iowa

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.)	8.7	2.2	.438	.737
G-25	Luke McDonald (6-5, Jr., Lubbock, Texas)	13.8	2.5	.413	.859
C-40	Greg Danielson (6-9, Sr., Des Moines, Iowa)	13.9	9.5	.550	.646
F-4	J.J. Sola (6-7, Sr., Mission Viejo, Calif.)	14.3	5.3	.526	.779
F-23	Quantel Murphy (6-5, Fr., Denver, Colo.)	3.3	1.4	.628	.750

TOP RESERVES

F-3	T.J. Welton (6-6, Sr., Des Moines, Iowa)	3.7	2.7	.300	.830
G-5	Sean Tracy (6-4, Fr., Silver Spring, Md.)	2.3	1.5	.393	.500
G-10	Josh Robinson (6-3, Fr., Mahwah, N.J.)	4.3	1.7	.438	.600
G-24	David Newman (5-11, Sr., Des Moines, Iowa)	2.3	0.8	.339	.636
F-34	Josh Powell (6-7, Fr., Des Moines, Iowa)	1.2	1.4	.500	.600
F-35	David Bancroft (6-9, So., Marshfield, Mo.)	2.3	1.5	.731	.778

ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (Coach: Tom Richardson, fourth year)

Pos.	Player (Ht., Yr., Hometown)	PPG	RPG	FG%	FT%
G-2	Greg Alexander (6-4, So., Lincoln, Ill.)	11.4	2.8	.425	.857
G-11	Vince Greene (5-9, So., Chicago, Ill.)	11.9	2.8	.513	.857
C-5	Andy Strandmark (6-11, Sr., Geneseo, Ill.)	4.3	4.9	.416	.604
F-23	Baboucarr Bojang (6-9, Sr., Greenville, S.C.)	7.8	5.3	.412	.758
F-40	Casey Reid (6-7, Sr., Las Vegas, Nev.)	3.7	1.2	.619	.765

TOP RESERVES

F-1	Chris Burras (6-5, Fr., Chicago, Ill.)	2.2	2.3	.297	.522
F-3	Dana Ford (6-4, Fr., Tamms, Ill.)	2.0	2.7	.411	.111
G-10	Kevin Troc (6-4, Fr., Lockport, Ill.)	2.7	1.4	.423	.750
F-21	Marcus Arnold (6-8, Fr., Chicago, Ill.)	7.9	3.3	.484	.684
G-24	Trey Guidry (6-2, So., Baton Rouge, La.)	11.3	1.5	.388	.800

THE SETTING: Both Drake and Illinois State will be out to ride the momentum from impressive road victories Saturday.

Drake, coming off an 81-73 victory at Evansville, will be out to snap a four-game home losing streak. The Redbirds, coming off a 57-53 triumph at Marshall in the ESPN Bracket Buster, are seeking a season-long third straight victory.

JOCKEYING FOR POSITION: Drake and Illinois State still have their sights set on a sixth-place finish in the Missouri Valley Conference thus avoiding the play-in round of the MVC Tournament March 8.

To do so, both Illinois State and Drake would have to win their remaining three games, while hoping either Bradley or Evansville lose their remaining games.

THE SERIES: Illinois State owns a 37-18 lead in the series but Drake has won five of the last eight 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.

THE LAST TIME: Drake 59, Illinois State 48 (Normal, Ill., Feb. 15, 2003)—Sophomore guard Lonnie Randolph scored 13 of his game-high 23 points late in the first half as Drake snapped the

ILLINOIS STATE SERIES NOTES
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Overall — Illinois State leads, 37-18
in Des Moines — Illinois State leads, 12-11
in Normal — Illinois State leads, 21-6
Neutral Site — Illinois State leads, 4-1

2002-03 Statistical Comparison

Drake		Illinois State
68.1	Scoring	64.2
70.9	Scoring Defense	70.8
.468	FG %	.434
.459	Opp. FG%	.483
.333	3-pt. FG %	.423
.352	Opp. 3-pt. FG%	.407
.730	FT%	.722
32.6	Reb. Avg.	30.8
30.7	Opp. Reb.	32.4
13.8	Assist Avg.	11.5
13.8	TO Avg.	14.9
2.0	Blk. Avg.	2.5
4.2	Steal Avg.	6.4

MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE
COMPARATIVE RANKINGS

Scoring Offense		
7. Drake	68.1	9. Illinois State 64.2
Scoring Defense		
7. Illinois State	70.8	8. Drake 70.9
Field Goal Percentage		
4. Drake	.468	9. Illinois State .434
Free Throw Percentage		
3. Drake	.730	4. Illinois State .722
Rebounding Margin		
3. Drake	+1.9	8. Illinois State -1.6

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	112	79
Luke McDonald	83	77
Lonnie Randolph	55	32
David Newman	55	23
T.J. Welton	53	15
David Bancroft	46	1
J.J. Sola	43	37

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

Redbirds' three-game home winning streak.

The Bulldogs, who were coming off a last-second 63-62 setback at Indiana State, halted a six-game losing streak.

Trailing 18-11, Drake outscored Illinois State, 20-5, in the last 10:50 of the first half to enjoy a 31-23 intermission lead. The Bulldogs made eight of 12 shots to close out the period.

Randolph ignited the charge by making all five shots, including a pair of three-point baskets. He closed out the first half by stealing a pass and converting it into a layup with 17 seconds left.

What made the victory all the more impressive was that Drake senior center **Greg Danielson**, the team's second leading scorer with a 14.8 average, spent the last 17 minutes 2 seconds of the first half on the bench after collecting his second foul.

Freshman redshirt forward **Quantel Murphy** gave Drake a big lift when Danielson got in foul trouble. Murphy hit four of five shots from the floor scoring nine straight points in a 3:13 span midway through the first half that cut an 8-2 deficit to 13-11.

Danielson, playing a season low 22 minutes, only attempted one shot from the floor. But he still managed to grab a game-high seven rebounds which moved him into No. 8 on the Drake career rebounding list with 694 rebounds, surpassing Red Murrell who collected 692 from 1955-58.

David Newman hit three of four free throws in the final minute. Earlier, Newman hit a key three-point basket with 7:45 remaining after Illinois State had pulled within 42-38. **J.J. Sola** added 12 points, while **Luke McDonald** had eight points including a pair of three-point baskets.

Randolph's 23-point outburst was his second highest of the season, surpassing his combined total of 22 points in his three previous games. He also had two assists and two steals. Drake finished the game, hitting 51.2 percent from the floor.

LAST YEAR IN DES MOINES: 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.

DECEPTIVE RECORD: Drake's 9-17 record is a bit deceiving when you consider that four losses have been by a combined total of five points (including three one-point setbacks), while three other losses were to nonconference opponents on the road who currently lead their respective leagues: Utah State is in first place in the Big West Conference, while Northern Illinois and Central Michigan are tied for first place in the Mid-American Conference.

The MVC schedule makers weren't too kind to the Bulldogs, either. 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.

The heartbreaks...

- 50-49 home loss to Iowa
- 74-72 double overtime loss to Southwest Missouri State
- 65-64 home loss to co-league leader Southern Illinois
- 63-62 loss at Indiana State

Nonconference road losses to teams leading their respective leagues...

- 73-61 loss to Utah State which leads Big West Conference
- 77-62 loss to Northern Illinois which is tied for first in Mid American Conference
- 73-61 loss to Central Michigan which is tied for first in Mid American Conference

Drake does own victories against Florida Atlantic, which advanced to the first round of the 2002 NCAA Tournament; and Vermont, which won the 2002 American East Conference championship.

PUTTING THE CLAMP DOWN: Drake has picked it up a notch defensively. In their last five games (including three on the road) the Bulldogs have held opponents to just 42.9 percent shooting (110-256) from the floor, including a paltry 30.1 percent from three-point range (25-83).

Drake held Illinois State to 48 points Feb. 15, which were the fewest the Bulldogs had allowed in a game since claiming a 69-46 home victory against Illinois State Jan. 17, 2000.

Drake held Illinois State to just 37 percent shooting from the floor. In fact, the Redbirds, who entered the game leading the nation in three-point field goal percentage at 43.2 percent, made just three of 14 shots from beyond the three-point arc for 21.4 percent accuracy. Illinois State missed all nine three-point shots in the second half.

Drake ranks second in the MVC in three-point field goal percentage defense (.353).

FINALLY, FREE THROWS INSTRUMENTAL IN VICTORIES: Poor free throw shooting in the last two minutes proved costly in Drake suffering recent one-point setbacks to Southern Illinois (65-64) Feb. 6 and at Indiana State (63-62) Feb. 12.

MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Creighton	13	2	24	3
Southern Illinois	13	2	19	5
SW Missouri State	11	4	15	9
Wichita State	11	4	16	8
Evansville	6	9	10	14
Bradley	6	9	10	16
Northern Iowa	5	10	9	16
Drake	4	11	9	17
Illinois State	4	11	6	18
Indiana State	2	13	6	20

Tuesday, Feb. 25 Games

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

Wednesday, Feb. 26 Games

Northern Iowa at Indiana State, 6:05 p.m.

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

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

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

Saturday, March 1 Games

Drake at Northern Iowa, 12:05 p.m.

Illinois State at Indiana State, 1:05 p.m.

Evansville at Bradley, 7:05 p.m.

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

Creighton at Southern Illinois, 8:05 p.m.

Monday, March 3 Games

Southern Illinois at Illinois State, 6:05 p.m.

Bradley at Drake, 7:05 p.m.

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

Northern Iowa at Southwest Missouri State, 7:05 p.m.

Wichita State at Creighton, 8:05 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. 23.

56. Illinois State	.5615
69. Indiana State	.5502
70. Evansville	.5494
96. DRAKE	.5284
98. Bradley	.5274
144. Northern Iowa	.5074
163. Southern Illinois	.4948
198. Creighton	.4805
204. Southwest Missouri State	.4787
261. Wichita State	.4463

Drake made just one of six free throws in the last 1:54 against the Salukis and then missed the front end of a bonus free throw situation with 23 seconds left when owning a 62-61 lead at Indiana State. The Sycamores capitalized by hitting the winning basket with 3.1 seconds left.

But Drake has won each of its last two victories — both on the road — by shooting a combined 76.2 percent in the final two minutes, making a total of 16 of 21 free throws. Drake sealed a 59-48 win at Illinois State Feb. 15 by hitting nine of 12 free throws in the final 1:17. Then Drake made seven of nine free throws in the last 1:47 to hold off Evansville, 81-73, last Saturday.

NEW LINEUP AGAIN: Drake coach Kurt Kanaskie has utilized seven different starting lineups this season, using a different lineup in each of the last four games. The latest change occurred last Saturday at Evansville with freshman **Josh Powell** making his first college start at forward.

Last Wednesday Drake played against Wichita State without the services of freshmen swingmen **Josh Robinson** and **Sean Tracy** who were both sidelined. Freshman forward **Quantel Murphy** made his first collegiate start against the Shockers, responding with eight points, including a career-high two three-point baskets.

THE COACHES: 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 268-240 record (.537), including a 61-133 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 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).

Tom Richardson, a 1977 graduate of St. Xavier, is in his fourth year as head coach at Illinois State owning a 54-61 record. Richardson guided Illinois State to a 21-9 record in 2000-01 climaxed by a berth in the National Invitation Tournament.

Richardson had served six years as an assistant coach at Illinois State before replacing Kevin Stallings who left in 2000 to accept the head coaching position at Vanderbilt.

BETTER OFF ON THE ROAD? Drake has shot over 50 percent in each of its last three road games, while posting a 2-1 record with the loss occurring on a basket with 2.9 seconds at Indiana State (63-62).

The Bulldogs hit 54.8 percent from the floor en route to an 81-73 victory at Evansville Saturday. Drake also shot 51.2 percent in a 59-48 victory at Illinois State Feb. 15 and 55.8 percent in the loss at Indiana State Feb. 12.

THOSE OTHER BAD BOUNCES: Just how bad was the basketball bouncing during Drake's recent six-game losing streak? Consider that 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 also shot a season-low 33.3 percent, while dropping a 62-51 home game to Evansville Feb. 8.

The Bulldogs shoot just 61.7 percent from the free throw line during their 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 a 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.

Drake also hit 27.5 percent from the three-point line in the losing skid.

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 10 opponents to under 30 points in the first half this season, including five MVC opponents (Indiana State, 25; Wichita State, 28; Southwest Missouri State, 29; Evansville 22, Illinois State 23).
- Drake is 8-2 when ahead at half and 1-12 when trailing at half
- Drake also has shoot over 50 percent in its last three road games — at Indiana State (55.8%), at Illinois State (51.2%) and at Evansville (54.8%).
- Drake has been outrebounded only nine times
- Drake outrebounded current MVC rebounding leader Wichita State, 34-30, on its homecourt

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 11th 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
- Third in MVC in free throw percentage (.859)
- 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 234 treys
- Has made three or more three-point baskets in 48 games
- Has scored in double figures in 67 career games
- Has scored 20 or more points in 28 career games

THREE-POINT PERCENTAGE LEADERS AMONG ACTIVE NCAA PLAYERS

(Through games of Feb. 13)
Minimum 200 career 3GM

	3GM-3GA	3P %
1. Kyle Korver, Creighton, 6-7, Sr.	340-733	.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.	234-565	.421

MVC CAREER THREE-POINT LEADERS

1. Kyle Korver, Creighton (1999-present)	347
7. Ryan Sears, Creighton (1997-2001)	245
8. Kent Williams, S. Illinois (1999-2002)	235
9. Luke McDonald, Drake (2000-present)	234

MVC ACTIVE SCORING LEADERS

1. Kent Williams, Southern Illinois	1,908
2. Kyle Korver, Creighton	1,688
3. Jermaine Dearman, Southern Illinois	1,324
4. Luke McDonald, Drake	1,290

DRAKE CAREER SCORING LEADERS

1. Red Murrell (1955-58)	1,657
6. Wayne Kreklow (1975-79)	1,471
7. Ken Harris (1973-77)	1,310
8. Luke McDonald (1999-present)	1,290
12. John Rennie (1947-51)	1,076
13. Napoleon Gaither (1975-78)	1,071
14. Bart Friedrick (1986-89)	1,042
15. Greg Danielson (1998-present)	1,031

- Drake is shooting 76.2 percent from the free throw line in the last two minutes of games
- Drake leads the MVC in rebounding defense, averaging 30.5 boards; and ranks second in three-point field goal percentage defense (.353).
- 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 (9.5 avg.)
- Ranks 20th nationally in rebounding (9.5 avg.)
- Has most double doubles of any player in MVC (12)
- Has most double figure rebounding games of any player in MVC (15)
- Has 2002-03 MVC single-game high five blocked shots vs. Indiana State
- Ranks fourth in MVC in field goal percentage (.550)
- Ranks seventh in MVC in blocked shots (0.69)
- Ranks 12th in MVC in scoring (13.9)
- Has six 20-plus scoring games this season
- Only Bulldog to score in double figures in 12 conference games
- Ranks No. 15 on Drake scoring list with 1,031 points
- Ranks No. 5 on Drake career rebounding charts (713)
- Has led team in rebounding in 22 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 (234)
- Ranks third in MVC in free throw percentage (.859)
- Ranks sixth in MVC in three-point baskets made (2.19 avg.)
- Ranks ninth in Missouri Valley Conference career three-point charts (234)
- Ranks No. 8 on Drake career scoring list (1,290 points)
- Has four 20-plus scoring games this season, including high of 28 at Evansville
- Has already surpassed entire 2001-02 season output of 25 assists
- Has made three or more three-point baskets in 12 games this season

David Newman

- Has started two games (Southern Illinois, Creighton)
- Had season-high nine-points against Wichita State in which he made three treys
- Had season-high five assists at Bradley

Lonnie Randolph

- Has started last 13 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
- Has led team in scoring in two of last three games with 23 points at Illinois State Feb.15, hitting seven of eight shots, including two treys; and 17 vs. Wichita State last Wednesday
- Had 26 points in last outing at Evansville Saturday, hitting seven of nine shots and 10 of 11 free throws
- Leads team with 87 assists, while ranking eighth in MVC (3.4 avg.)
- Has collected five or more assists in seven games, including career-high eight vs. Northern Iowa
- Has led team in assists in 15 games this winter

Josh Robinson

- Has started nine of last 12 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
- Equalled career high with four assists in home game vs. Southern Illinois

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/Hoover 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: 61-133/seven years Kanaskie's Overall Record: 268-240/17 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 (9.5)
- He ranks 20th nationally in rebounding (9.4)
- He has the most double-doubles in the MVC (12)
- He ranks third in the MVC in field goal percentage (.550)
- He has 15 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 12. He has 15 in his career.

2002-03 Double-Doubles 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
- 17 points, 10 rebounds at Evansville

DRAKE CAREER REBOUNDING LEADERS

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| 1. Melvin Mathis (1982-86) | 854 |
| 3. Al Williams (1967-70) | 731 |
| 4. Bob Netolicky (1963-67) | 717 |
| 5. Greg Danielson (1998-present) | 713 |

MVC ACTIVE CAREER REBOUNDING LEADERS

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| 1. Jermaine Dearman, Southern Illinois | 752 |
| 2. Greg Danielson, Drake | 713 |

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

J.J. Sola

- Leads team in scoring (14.3), reaching double figures in 19 games
- Has scored 20 or more points in five games, including 36 vs. Grinnell
- Ranks second on team with 65 assists
- Ranks eighth in MVC in field goal percentage (.526)
- Ranks ninth in MVC in free throw percentage (.779)
- Ranks 10th in MVC in scoring (14.3)
- 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** has 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).

Danielson ranks No. 15 on the Drake career scoring list (1,031 points) and No. 5 on the career rebounding list (713). He is the second active 1,000-point scorer at Drake, joining junior teammate **Luke McDonald** who ranks eighth on the school career scoring list with 1,290 points.

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 28.2 points, 14.8 rebounds or shoot the combined 53.9 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 (278). Korver has taken 295 shots, mostly from the perimeter.

The next highest number of shots taken by an inside post player is Sola who has taken 253 shots. Southern Illinois' Jermaine Dearman follows at 243 shots.

Danielson ranks fourth in the MVC in field goal percentage (.550). He enjoyed his MVC high 12th double-double of the season with 17 points and 10 rebounds at Evansville Feb. 22..

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 (9.9), while ranking fourth in blocked shots (1.0 avg.), fourth in field goal percentage (.554) and ninth in scoring (14.4).

•He has the most double-doubles of any player in the MVC at 12 (nine in league play) and he has achieved those against the top teams in the league:

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| 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 |
| 17 pts., 10 rebounds at Evansville | |

•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 field goal percentage (.526), 10th in the MVC in the scoring (team-high 14.3 ppg), 11th in free throw percentage (.779), and 12th in rebounding (5.3 avg.).

If that is not enough, he ranks second on Drake's team with 65 assists after equaling a career high with five assists against Indiana State Jan. 18.

He has scored in double figures in 18 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.

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 77-67 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.

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 (234) as well as the single-season leader (91). He ranks No. 9 on the MVC career three-point basket list. He has made three or more three-point baskets in 48 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. 8 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 66 games — 23 in 2000-01, 24 in 2001-02 and 19 this season. He led Drake in scoring in 17 games last year. He has scored 20 or more points in 28 games in his career.

MCDONALD ALL-TIME IOWA LEADER: Drake junior guard **Luke McDonald** has become Iowa's all-time Division I three-point basket leader with 234, surpassing Iowa's Chris Kingsbury who had 226 from 1994-96.

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 33 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 six of the 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 six of Drake's last 12 points in an 81-73 victory at Evansville Saturday. 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.

FREE THROW SHOOTING DOOMS DRAKE: Wichita State scored 11 of its last 20 points at the free throw line in the last 7 minutes 22 seconds to rally for an 80-70 victory past Drake Wednesday.

Wichita State made 15 of 16 free throws in the second half while securing a share of third place in the league with Southwest Missouri State at 10-4. The Shockers committed just one foul the last 13:57 of the game, coming by Jamar Howard with 5:55 left.

Sophomore guard Randy Burns scored 16 of his 20 points in the second half as Wichita State rallied from a 37-36 halftime deficit.

Sophomore guard **Lonnie Randolph**, who had just four points in the previous game against the Shockers, led Drake with 17 points. A three-point basket by Randolph gave the Bulldogs a 66-65 lead with 5:10 left in the game. But Burns scored six points in the last 1:42 to secure the victory by Wichita State.

Drake made just two of its last 10 shots to end the game. Drake's **Greg Danielson** (22) and **J.J. Sola** (21) who combined for 43 points in the previous game at Wichita Jan. 21, 2003, were held to a combined total of 20 with Sola tallying 15 points. Danielson had five points, while playing just 24 minutes because of foul trouble.

Danielson did grab a game-high nine rebounds which allowed him to become just the third player in Drake history to score over 1,000 points (1,014) and grab 700 rebounds (703). He moved up to No. 5 on the school career rebounding charts, surpassing Lewis Lloyd (1979-81, 697), Willie Cerf (1953-56, 699) and Ken Harris (1973-77, 702).

Drake senior reserve guard **David Newman** had a season-high nine points on three treys. There were six ties and 10 lead changes in the game. Drake raced to an 8-0 lead following a jumper by McDonald with 17:16 left. But Danielson would pick up his second foul with 14:11 left and sit out the remainder of the first half.

Drake shot just 42.3 percent from the floor, while Wichita State hit 45.5 percent. The Shockers also outrebounded Drake, 32-31.

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 Feb. 12.

Drake had an opportunity to extend a 62-61 lead but **J.J. Sola** missed the front end of a bonus free throw situation with 23 seconds left, 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.

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.

DEFENSIVE, REBOUNDING BREAKDOWNS: Six of Drake's losses occurred when the Bulldogs allowed their opponents to shoot 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 33.3 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 leads the MVC in rebounding defense (30.5 avg.) and is third in rebounding margin (+1.8 margin). The Bulldogs have outrebounded opponents in 15 of 26 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 32.7 rebounds, compared to opponents averaging 30.7 rebounds.

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 list.

The Panthers shot a sizzling 63 percent in the second half, hitting eight of 11 three-point shots. The Bulldogs opened the game by making seven of their first eight shots. A jumper by Danielson with 11:44 left in the first half gave Drake the first of six 15-point leads in the period. Another basket by Danielson capped a 7-0 outburst that gave Drake its biggest lead of the game at 39-20.

STRANGE BUT TRUE: Drake's last two victories against Northern Iowa have occurred at home and were decided by game winning baskets in the final five seconds. Andry Sola drove the length of the court for a game-winning layup with 1.7 seconds left in Drake's 65-63 home victory against Northern Iowa Jan. 20, 2001. **Lonnie Randolph's** 10 foot jumper with 5.2 seconds gave the Bulldogs a 75-73 triumph this year.

'DOG TAGS: Drake held Florida Atlantic to 38.6 percent shooting from the floor in the season opener. The Bulldogs limited the Big Ten Iowa Hawkeyes to just 21.4 percent shooting in the second half (6-28) Nov. 26. Drake held Iowa without a basket for the last 8:23 of the game. Hawaii-Hilo shot just 31 percent from the floor against Drake, including an ice cold 17.6 percent (3-17) from three-point range. Drake held Hawaii-Hilo to 26.7 percent shooting in the first half as the Vulcans made just one basket in the last 5:06 of the first half.

HOOVER HIGH CONNECTION: Drake senior point guard **David Newman** made his first start of the season Jan. 2 at Southern Illinois, while joining former Hoover prep teammates **T.J. Welton** and **Greg Danielson** in the starting lineup. It marked the first time the Hoover trio had been in the starting lineup together during their Drake careers. The trio also were in the starting lineup at Creighton Jan. 5. The trio led Hoover to runner-up in the 1998 Iowa Class 4A state tournament. Danielson is in his third year as a starter for Drake, while Newman had started the first 21 games of the 2001-02 campaign. This is Welton's first year as a starter.

SOLA NAMED MVC PLAYER OF WEEK: Drake senior forward **J.J. Sola** was named the State Farm/Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Week Dec. 16 after leading the Bulldogs to victories past Grinnell and Western Illinois. Sola shot 74.1 percent (20-27) from the field and 65 percent (13-20) from the foul line to average 26.5 points in wins over Grinnell (162-110) Dec. 11 and Western Illinois (72-62) Dec. 14. He also averaged 7.5 rebounds and 4 assists per contest. Despite playing only 21 minutes against Grinnell, Sola scored a career-high 36 points on 13-17 field goal shooting and 10-13 accuracy from the free-throw line. Sola, who also had 10 boards, five assists and a blocked shot, paved the way for Drake to score a MVC single-game record 162 points in the triumph.

#40 Greg Danielson, Center

- Already has recorded 12 double-doubles this year (most in MVC), including career-high 25 points, season-high 15 rebounds vs. Grinnell
- Leads the MVC in rebounding with 9.5 average
- Coming off 17-point, 10-rebound effort at Evansville Saturday
- Averaging 6.9 points and 5.7 rebounds in eight games vs. Redbirds
- 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 rebs. 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

Danielson Game-by-Game

Opp	S	FG	3PT-A	FT	O-D/Re	PF	Pts.	A-T-B-S	Min
Fla. Atl.	1-1	2-9	0-1	4-4	2-8/10	2	8	4-2-0-0	36
Iowa	1-1	0-5	0-0	0-0	3-7/10	1	0	2-2-1-0	36
@Hawaii-Hilo	1-1	7-13	0-1	1-1	1-7/8	0	15	1-1-1-0	34
Utah State	1-1	5-5	0-0	4-5	1-2/3	3	14	0-3-0-0	27
Vermont	1-1	6-12	0-0	8-11	2-13/15	4	20	2-5-0-0	42
@N. Illinois	1-1	5-12	0-2	4-8	5-7/12	4	14	1-3-0-1	32
@C. Mich.	1-1	3-6	0-0	0-1	0-2/2	5-1	6	1-3-0-0	25
Grinnell	1-1	11-14	0-0	3-3	3-12/15	2	25	4-1-1-1	19
W. Illinois	1-1	9-12	0-0	0-0	2-7/9	2	18	2-1-0-0	35
@Iowa State	1-1	9-16	0-0	0-2	3-6/9	1	18	1-2-0-0	37
@Denver	1-1	3-6	0-0	2-2	0-5/5	3	16	5-1-1-0	25
@S. Ill.	1-1	5-9	0-0	0-0	0-4/4	4	10	2-6-1-0	28
@Creighton	1-1	6-11	0-0	2-4	3-8/11	4	14	0-3-0-0	38
SW Mo. St.	1-1	8-13	0-0	2-4	7-6/13	3	18	1-3-0-0	50
Northern Iowa	1-1	7-10	0-0	1-3	2-9/11	4	15	1-0-0-3	33
@Bradley	1-1	6-15	0-1	0-0	0-10/10	3	12	2-1-1-0	40
Ind. State	1-1	10-14	0-1	3-3	1-7/8	3	23	3-0-5-1	36
@Wich. State	1-1	10-15	0-1	2-5	3-11/14	4	22	1-3-0-0	38
@SW Mo.	1-1	3-6	0-1	2-2	2-8/10	5-1	8	1-4-1-0	27
Creighton	1-1	9-16	0-0	0-2	4-7/11	2	18	4-5-2-0	36
S. Ill.	1-1	8-12	0-0	4-7	3-7/10	2	20	4-0-2-0	38
Evansville	1-1	6-18	0-0	0-2	5-7/12	3	12	0-2-2-2	35
@Ind. St.	1-1	8-14	0-0	5-6	1-7/8	2	21	2-3-0-0	30
@Ill. St.	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-2	1-6/7	3	1	1-2-1-0	22
Wich. St.	1-1	2-5	0-0	1-2	5-4/9	4	5	1-3-0-0	24
@Evansville	1-1	5-9	0-1	7-9	3-7/10	4	17	1-4-0-1	37
Ill. State									
@N. Iowa									
Bradley									

- Named Central Iowa Metropolitan League Player of Year as senior in 1999