

Cardinals



Ball State Softball 2012

Digital Guide



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◀ 2012 BALL STATE SOFTBALL QUICK FACTS ▶

University Information:

Location Muncie, Ind.
 Founded 1918
 Enrollment 17,728
 Nickname Cardinals
 Colors Cardinal & White
 Facility BSU Softball Complex
 Capacity 1,000
 Press Box Phone 765.285.2463
 Affiliation NCAA Division I
 Conference Mid-American Conference
 (West Division)
 President Dr. Jo Ann M. Gora
 Director of Athletics Tom Collins

Softball History:

First Year of Softball 1975
 Overall All-Time Record 777-883-4
 MAC Regular Season Titles ..2 (2009 & 2010)
 MAC Tournament Titles2 (1998 & 2010)
 Years In NCAA Tournament ..2 (1998 & 2010)

Team Information:

2011 Overall Record 34-24
 2011 MAC Record 13-8
 2011 MAC Finish 3rd West/4th Overall
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost 15/5
 Position Starters Returing/Lost 5/4
 Pitchers Returning/Lost 4/0
 Newcomers 6

Coaching Staff Information:

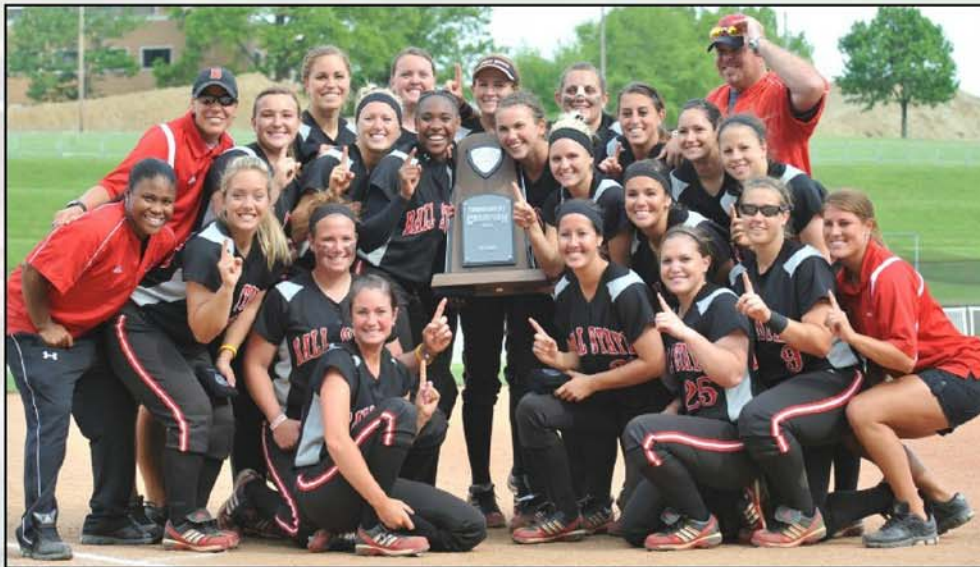
Head Coach Craig Nicholson
 Alma Mater Wilfrid Laurier, 1994
 Years at Ball State Entering 6th Season
 Record at Ball State 164-130 (5)
 Overall Career Record 887-220 (16)
 Assistant Coach Stephanie DeFeo
 Alma Mater Louisiana Lafayette, 1997
 Years at Ball State Entering 6th Season
 Graduate Assistant Coach Brynne Dordel
 Alma Mater Drake
 Years at Ball State Entering 1st Season
 Volunteer Assistant Coach Brittney Jones

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◀ BALL STATE SOFTBALL: LEADERS IN THE MAC ▶



NCAA 2010 SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2010 squad, which finished the year with a 43-16 (17-5 MAC) record, set program records for wins in a season (43) and winning percentage in a season (.729). It also captured the program's second MAC regular season and tournament titles, while advancing to the NCAA Tournament.

Over the past three seasons, the Cardinals have proven to be one of the MAC's premier programs by racking up a 48-16 (.750) league record. BSU has claimed two (2009 & 2010) of the last three MAC Regular Season titles, the first two in program history, and won the 2010 MAC Tournament to earn the program's second NCAA berth.

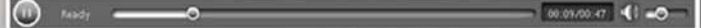
Last Three Years In The MAC:

Ball State	48-16 (.750)
Kent State	41-21 (.661)
Miami	40-26 (.606)
Western Michigan.....	38-25 (.603)
Ohio	38-26 (.594)
Northern Illinois	35-27 (.565)

The 2009 squad, which finished the year with a 29-24 (18-3 MAC) record, won the program's first-ever Mid-American Conference regular season championship with the best league record in program history.



The 2012 Ball State senior class talks about their careers, coaches and expectations for the season.



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◀ 2012 BALL STATE SOFTBALL HEADSHOT ROSTER ▶



#1 Audrey Workman
Sr. • RHP • R/R



#3 Jessica Craft
Fr. • SS • R/R



#4 Alison Mercado
Sr. • 2B/SS • R/R



#5 Loren Cihlar
Fr. • OF • L/R



#7 Hanne Stuedemann
Fr. • OF • L/R



#8 Taylor Cox
Fr. • 2B • L/R



#10 Katrina Morales
So. • 3B/SS • R/R



#11 Kim Mazzapica
Sr. • RHP • L/R



#12 Lauren Schroeder
So. • 1B/3B • R/R



#16 Audrey Bickel
So. • 3B • R/R



#17 Taylor Rager
So. • 1B • L/L



#18 Brooke Hart
Fr. • 2B/SS • L/R



#20 Sadie Robertson
Jr. • C • R/R



#21 Amanda Carpenter
Jr. • OF • L/L



#22 Julie Cortez
So. • 2B/3B • R/R



#23 Haley Smith
Fr. • 3B • S/R



#25 Jennifer Gilbert
So. • OF/P • L/R



#30 Hannah Zimmerman
Jr. • OF • L/R



#33 Lauren Williamson
R-So. • RHP • R/R



#34 Audra Sanders
Jr. • RHP • R/R



#38 Amanda Montalto
Sr. • C • L/L



Craig Nicholson
Head Coach



Stephanie DeFeo
Assistant Coach



Brynne Dordel
Graduate Assistant



Brittney Jones
Volunteer Assistant

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#11 KIM MAZZAPICA

Sr. • RHP • L/R • Palm Harbor, Fla. / East Lake

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Career Notes Entering 2012 Season:

- MAC West Division Pitcher of the Week (May 3, 2011)
- Tied for fourth in program history with three career saves
- 10-4 career record, including an 8-2 mark in 2011
- Has a 3.69 career ERA in 125.1 innings of work
- Struck out 54 career batters, including 38 in 2011
- Limited opposing hitters to a .290 batting average

#4 ALISON MERCADO

Sr. • 2B/SS • R/R • Perris, Calif. / Arizona Western

[Complete Bio](#) [Career Stats](#) [2011 Stats](#)

Career Notes Entering 2012 Season:

- Played two seasons at Arizona Western before coming to Ball State in 2011
- Started all 58 games at second base for BSU in 2011
- Posted a .284 batting average with 33 hits in 116 at bats
- Hit a pair of triples versus Buffalo (April 23, 2011)
- Drove in 15 RBI, while scoring 20 runs

