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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)
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 Returning/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)
Graduate Assistant Coach ................. Bryne Dordel
Assistant Coach ......................... Stephanie DeFeo
Alma Mater .......................... Louisiana Lafayette, 1997
Years at Ball State ....................... Entering 6th Season
Assistant Director ............................... Matt McCollester
Assistant Director .............................. Paula Haughn
Graduate Assistant ......................... Lauren Dale
Secretary ....................................... Robin Carter
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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.

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.

2012 CARDINALS SOFTBALL
#11 Kim Mazzapica
Sr. • RHP • L/R • Palm Harbor, Fla. / East Lake

Complete Bio  Career Stats  2011 Stats  2010 Stats  2009 Stats

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

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