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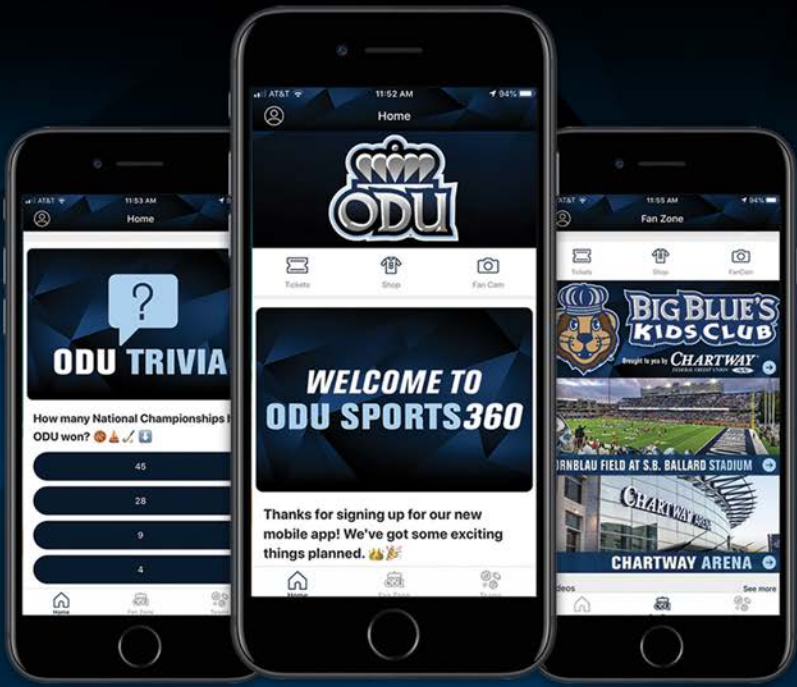


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2020-2021 MONARCHS



Head Coach
Fred Chao
(George Mason, 1994)



ODU Volleyball Begins Inaugural Season This Weekend

The Old Dominion volleyball team is set to open its inaugural season on Jan. 22 when it plays host to George Mason at 2 p.m. in the newly renovated ODU Volleyball Center. The contest will stream for FREE on ODUSports.com.

ODU will also be hosting VCU (4 p.m.) and Delaware State (3 p.m.) on Saturday and Sunday, respectively. The Monarchs' contests against the Rams and Hornets will both stream on CUSA.TV. In order to subscribe to CUSA.TV, click here.

Due to attendance limitations put in place by state COVID-19 restrictions, the Monarchs' first two contests, on Friday and Saturday, will be closed to the general public. A limited number of friends and family of the team will be permitted to attend those matches. Sunday's match against Delaware State will be open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis with limited attendance. Doors open one hour prior to the start of the match.

Location: Norfolk, Va. 23529

Enrollment: 24,176

President: John R. Broderick
(Northeastern)

Athletic Director: Dr. Wood Selig
(Washington & Lee)

Nickname: Monarchs

Colors: Slate Blue, Silver & Light Blue

Conference: Conference USA

Home Court: ODU Volleyball Center (892)

Head Coach: Fred Chao

School Record: First Year

Career Record: 264-204, 17 years

Website: ODUSports.com

2019-20 Record: First Season

Conference Record: First Season

2020-2021 MONARCH ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)
2	Valentina Culaciati	MH	6-2	RFr.	Bahia Blanca, Buenos Aires, Argentina
4	Anna Burkhardt	L	5-8	RFr.	Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Dwenger
5	Julia Dunning	S	5-10	Jr.	Brisbane, Queensland, Australia/Craigslea St. HS
6	Hailey Duncan	MB	6-1	RSo.	Chesapeake, Va./Western Branch
7	Sasha Grigoreva	S	6-2	Jr.	Moscow, Russia/FIU
8	Madelyn Grunza	RH	6-0	Fr.	Southlake, Texas/Carroll
9	Teresa Atilano	S	6-1	Fr.	San Diego, Calif./Cathedral Catholic
10	Madeline Rudd	OH	6-2	RFr.	Apex, N.C./Apex
11	Alessia Sgherza	OH	6-2	GS	Massa Italy
12	Camilla Tamburini	OH	6-0	Fr.	Castel Maggiore, Italy/Liceo Scientifico Niccolo Copernico
14	Jamie Bissmeyer	L	5-5	Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va./Salem
16	Ashley Peroe	OH	6-1	RFr.	Virginia Beach, Va./Kellam
18	Jordan Daniel	L	5-6	Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va./First Colonial
21	Olivia De Jesus	MB	6-0	RFr.	West Hempstead, N.Y./Sacred Heart Academy



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FRED CHAO - Monarch Head Coach



Fred Chao was announced on January 29, 2018 as the first-ever volleyball coach at Old Dominion University.

“We feel very fortunate to attract a coach with the charisma, integrity and knowledge that Fred Chao possesses. Coach Chao was the unanimous choice by everyone on our selection

Prior to taking the helm at George Mason, Chao worked as an assistant women’s coach at the University of Maryland Baltimore County from 1997-98.

In addition to his collegiate coaching experience, Chao has worked diligently with youth teams and camps at the local, national and international levels. He coached some of the top boys’ players in the nation at the 2002 USA Volleyball Development Camp and was as an assistant coach with the 2005 USA Junior Men’s National Team, traveling to India for the World Championships. Chao also directed the USA Boys Development Camp and was the head coach of the USA Boys and USA Girls Youth A2 Programs.

A native of Silver Spring, Maryland, Chao received his bachelor’s degree in psychology with a concentration in physiological psychology from George Mason in 1994. He completed his master’s degree in educational psychology with a concentration in learning, cognition and motivation at Mason in 2014. Chao played collegiate volleyball at Pepperdine University before completing his career at George Mason.

Chao and his wife, Dana, have two children: daughter Keira and son Kylar.

committee after he vividly articulated his vision and plans for a nationally prominent future for ODU women’s volleyball,” Selig said. “I am confident our University and local community will embrace Coach Chao and support his efforts to successfully launch our women’s volleyball program in the fall of 2020.”

Chao spent the last two seasons at Duke, helping the Blue Devils to back-to-back winning seasons. This year the Blue Devils defeated No. 5 Pittsburgh, giving the Panthers their first loss of the season, and earned a berth to the NCAA Tournament.

Prior to joining the Blue Devils, Chao spent two seasons as an assistant coach at Virginia Tech.

Chao’s resume includes over 20 years of coaching experience. He served as the head men’s volleyball coach at George Mason (1999-2015) while simultaneously working as an assistant coach with the Patriots’ women’s volleyball team (1998-2004).

“I would like to thank President John R. Broderick, Athletic Director Wood Selig and Associate A.D./Senior Women’s Administrator Ragean Hill, for entrusting me to build the very first volleyball program at ODU. I would also like to thank the search committee and all the warm and passionate people I met throughout the process. Everyone is excited to have volleyball at ODU, and the level of commitment to the program is evident,” Chao said. “I am grateful for all the players, coaches and administrators who have been part of my coaching journey which ultimately led to this incredible opportunity. Finally, I would like to thank my wife, Dana, and my children Keira and Kylar, for their constant encouragement and support. We are thrilled to join the Monarch family.”

A three-time Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (EIVA) Coach of the Year, Chao guided the George Mason men’s team to 15 consecutive EIVA Championship Tournament appearances. The Patriots advanced to the finals five times and compiled a 246-204 overall record in Chao’s tenure.

Fred Chao Career Head Coaching Record

Year	School	Record
1999	George Mason	8-13
2000	George Mason	9-16
2001	George Mason	20-7
2002	George Mason	17-9
2003	George Mason	16-10
2004	George Mason	17-8
2005	George Mason	19-10
2006	George Mason	22-6
2007	George Mason	12-10
2008	George Mason	20-8
2009	George Mason	14-16
2010	George Mason	8-19
2011	George Mason	17-11
2012	George Mason	13-17
2013	George Mason	15-12
2014	George Mason	14-14
2015	George Mason	14-14
	Career Record	264-204



PLAYER FEATURE

Hometown: **Apex, N.C.**
High School: **Apex**
Height: **6-2**
Major: **Biology**

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Prior to ODU: Was a four-year starter and a two-time first-team all-South Wake Athletic Conference and all-region selection at Apex High School... Was a member of the Apex team that won the Conference Championship... She was named to the Under Armour All-American Watch list as a junior and senior ... Recorded 916 kills and 474 digs in her career ... Named to the all-academic four-straight years ... Played Club for Triangle Volleyball ... Helped her club team to fifth at the Girl's Junior National Championships and was named to the all-tournament team ... Named Prepvolleyball Star Search Best of the Southeast.

Personal: Daughter of Ken and Christy Rudd... Oldest of three children with twin siblings, Jacob and Chloe... Majoring in biology.

MONARCHS vs GEORGE MASON

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2021

ODU VOLLEYBALL CENTER



Head Coach
Aylene Ilkson



ABOUT THE PATRIOTS

Aylene Ilkson became the seventh head women's volleyball coach in the program's 43-year history on June 5, 2017.

Ilkson has seven seasons of experience coaching collegiate volleyball, including two seasons (2013, 2014) at the helm for the United States Coast Guard Academy. The former Division III All-America outside hitter led the Bears to a 41-21 record over two seasons with back-to-back appearances in the semifinals of the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) Tournament.

The Patriots went 4-22 in 2019 and were 0-14 in Atlantic-10 play. Siron Hardy is the returning team leader in kills with 231 in 2019.

General Information

Location: Fairfax, Va.
Enrollment: 37,316
Nickname: Patriots
Colors: Green and Gold
Conference: Atlantic-10
President: Dr. Gregory Washington
Athletic Director: Brad Edwards
Home Court: Recreation Athletic Complex

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Aylene Ilkson
School Record: 20-58 (Fourth Season)
Career Record: 61-79 (Fifth Season)
Assistant Coaches: Jordan Glass

Team Information

2019-2020 Record: 4-22
Conference Record: 0-14

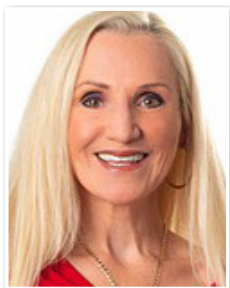
2021 GEORGE MASON ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown (Previous School)
2	Marlanna Bozicevich	Jr.	L	5-10	San Marcos, Calif./San Marcos
3	Siron Hardy	Jr.	OH	5-10	Centreville, Va./Flint Hill
4	Christina Walker	So.	OH	6-2	Palmyra, Va./Fluvanna County
6	Marley Willard	So.	L	5-4	Roanoke, Va./Hidden Valley
8	Katie Parmalee	Jr.	MB	6-1	Tallahassee, Fla./Lawton Chiles
13	Jewel Clark	So.	MB	6-0	Ashburn, Va./Briar Woods
14	Grace Kristofic	Fr.	S	5-10	Gibsonia, Pa./Pine-Richland
15	Erin Derick	Jr.	S	5-10	Wilmington, Del./Saint Mark's
17	Peyton Ehmke	Jr.	MB	6-1	San Clemente, Calif./Canta Margarita Catholic
18	Stephanie Der	So.	L	5-3	Chantilly, Va./Chantilly
20	Brianna Jackson	Fr.	MB	6-2	Port Saint Lucie, Fla./Fort Pierce Central
21	Taylor Terry	Fr.	OPP	6-3	Cape Charles, Va./Peninsula Catholic
22	Alessia Del Romano	Sr.	OH	5-9	Bologna, Italy/Istituto Paradisi (Georgia Tech)
23	Yanira Lopez-Barahona	So.	OH	5-9	Manassas, Va./Manassas Park
24	Katelyn Clarke	Fr.	OH	5-11	Fairfax Station, Va./South County

MONARCHS vs VCU

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2021

ODU VOLLEYBALL CENTER



Head Coach
Jody Rogers



ABOUT THE RAMS

Veteran Head Coach Jody Rogers has the VCU volleyball program on a roll as the Rams have won three-straight Atlantic-10 regular season championships and have made the NCAA Tournament in two out of the last three seasons. The Rams went 24-7 and were unbeaten in A-10 play in 2019, advancing to the NCAA Tournament before losing to Cincinnati in the first round.

The Rams were picked second in the league's annual preseason coaches poll, released Thursday. The Rams garnered two first-place votes and 87 points. Dayton (98) was selected first and received the other eight first-place votes from league coaches. Saint Louis (84) was picked third, followed by George Washington (65) and Duquesne (46). VCU has gone 45-3 against A-10 opponents the last three years.

General Information

Location: Boca Raton, Florida
Enrollment: 29,417
Nickname: Rams
Colors: Black and Gold
Conference: Atlantic-10
President: Michael Rao
Athletic Director: Ed McLaughlin
Home Court: Siegel Center

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Jody Rogers
School Record: 149-71
Career Record: 555-251
Assistant Coaches: Kevin Maureen Campbell, Peter Winters

Team Information

2019-2020 Record: 24-7
Conference Record: 14-0

2020-2021 VCU ROSTER

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown (Previous School)
2	Marlanna Bozicevich	Jr.	L	5-10	San Marcos, Calif./San Marcos
3	Siron Hardy	Jr.	OH	5-10	Centreville, Va./Flint Hill
4	Christina Walker	So.	OH	6-2	Palmyra, Va./Fluvanna County
6	Marley Willard	So.	L	5-4	Roanoke, Va./Hidden Valley
8	Katie Parmalee	Jr.	MB	6-1	Tallahassee, Fla./Lawton Chiles
13	Jewel Clark	So.	MB	6-0	Ashburn, Va./Briar Woods
14	Grace Kristofic	Fr.	S	5-10	Gibsonia, Pa./Pine-Richland
15	Erin Derick	Jr.	S	5-10	Wilmington, Del./Saint Mark's
17	Peyton Ehmke	Jr.	MB	6-1	San Clemente, Calif./Canta Margarita Cath.
18	Stephanie Der	So.	L	5-3	Chantilly, Va./Chantilly
20	Brianna Jackson	Fr.	MB	6-2	Port Saint Lucie, Fla./Fort Pierce Central
21	Taylor Terry	Fr.	OPP	6-3	Cape Charles, Va./Peninsula Catholic
22	Alessia Del Romano	Sr.	OH	5-9	Bologna, Italy/Istituto Paradisi (GA Tech)
23	Yanira Lopez-Barahona	So.	OH	5-9	Manassas, Va./Manassas Park
24	Katelyn Clarke	Fr.	OH	5-11	Fairfax Station, Va./South County

MONARCHS vs DELAWARE STATE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021

ODU VOLLEYBALL CENTER



Head Coach
Dr. Bruce Atkinson



ABOUT THE HORNETS

Head Coach Dr. Bruce Atkinson begins his second season as head coach at Delaware State. Atkinson led the Hornets to their best season since 2010, while their 12 wins equaled their win total of the last six years combined.

Sophomore outside hitter Anadys Chimelis Valentin led the Hornets in 2019 with a team-high 291 kills and earned All-MEAC Rookie honors. Valentin was joined on the MEAC All-Rookie Team by Sydney Lewis. Lewis registered 168 kills as a freshman.

General Information

Location: Dover, Del.
Enrollment: 4,872
Nickname: Hornets
Colors: Blue & Red
Conference: MEAC
President: Tony Allen
Athletic Director: Scott Gines
Home Court: Memorial Hall Gym

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Dr. Bruce Atkinson
School Record: 12-18 (Second Season)
Career Record: 229-134 (13th Season)
Assistant Coaches: Henry Bluhm

Team Information

2019-2020 Record: 12-18
Conference Record: 8-7

2020-2021 DELAWARE STATE ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown
2	Jasmal Cruz	L	So.	5-7	Trujillo Alto, PR
3	Maria Carattini	DS	Fr.	5-7	Cayey, PR
4	Jenna Peterson	S	Fr.	5-11	Fountain Valley, Calif.
6	Nia Scott	L	Jr.	5-7	Bowie, Md.
7	Jelena Dukic	S	Sr.	5-9	Futog, Serbia
8	Erika Lindqvist	MB	RSo.	6-2	Angelholm, Sweden
9	Mayah Ngundam	OH	Sr.	5-9	Bowie, Md.
10	Najia Lamb	OH	Fr.	5-7	San Diego, Calif.
12	Simone Newell	OH	So.	5-8	Atlanta, Ga.
14	Kristi Gomez	OH	Jr.	5-10	Alamo, Texas
15	Valeria Otero	OH	Fr.	5-9	Manati, PR
16	Merina Seldon	L	So.	5-9	Columbia, Md.
18	Alayna Lacy	S	Fr.	5-7	Jeffersonville, Ind.
19	Alondra Maldonado	MB	Fr.	6-1	Patillas, PR
20	Anadys Chimelis Valentin	OH	So.	5-11	Vega Baja, PR
21	Jaleah Murray	OH	Fr.	5-9	Columbia, Md.
23	Hana Ekecs	DS	Fr.	5-9	Schwenksville, Pa.
24	Adriana Rodriguez	MB	Fr.	5-11	Coamo, PR
28	Kaylee Williams	OH	Jr.	5-8	Dover, Del.
30	Sydney Lewis	MB	So.	6-1	Bowie, Md.

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