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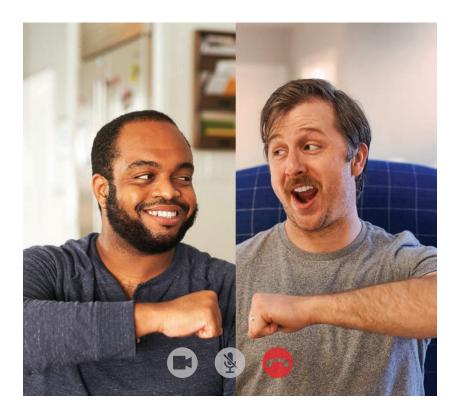




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2020-2021 MONARCHS



Head Coach Jeff Jones (Virginia, 1982)

C-USA Basketball to Utilize Divisional Standings for 2020-21 Season:

Conference USA men's and women's basketball will move to a divisional standings format for the 2020-21 season, as approved by the league's Board of Directors.

C-USA will feature East and West divisions and will crown divisional champions at the conclusion of conference play in March. Standings will be based on overall conference winning percentage. In addition, divisional seeding will be utilized for the C-USA Men's and Women's Championships. A cross-divisional bracket will be used to determine first-round matchups.

The East Division will be comprised of Charlotte, FlU, Florida Atlantic, Marshall, Middle Tennessee, Old Dominion and WKU. Louisiana Tech, North Texas, Rice, Southern Miss, UAB, UTEP and UTSA will make up the West Division.

Men's and women's conference competition begins Friday, leading up to the 2021 Air Force Reserve C-USA Basketball Championships presented by Baylor, Scott & White Sports Performance Center at The Star, scheduled for March 10-13 in Frisco, Texas. This will be the fourth year that the event will be held in Frisco.



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: Chartway Arena (8,472)

Head Coach: Jeff Jones

School Record: 153-86 (8th season)

Career Record: 510-373, 28 years

Website: ODUsports.com 2019-20 Record: 13-19

Conference Record: 9-9

Letterwinners Returning: 7

Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2

2020-2021 MONARCH ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)	
0	Mekhi Long	G/F	6-7	195	So.	Bryans Road, Md. (Rhode Island)	
1	Jason Wade	G	6-5	205	Jr.	Richmond, Va.	
2	Brady O'Connell	G	6-7	190	Fr.	Milton, Ga.	
3	Malik Curry	G	6-1	180	Sr.	Wilmington, Del.	
10	Xavier Green	G	6-6	200	RSr.	Williamsburg, Va.	
11	A.J. Oliver II	G	6-5	190	RJr.	Birmingham, Ala. (Clemson)	
12	Jaylin Hunter	G	5-11	185	So.	Manchester, Conn.	
13	John Shanu II	F	6-10	220	Fr.	Houston, Texas	
15	Joe Reece	F	6-8	200	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.	
21	Alfis Pilavios	F	6-5	200	RJr.	Athens, Greece	
22	Kalu Ezikpe	F	6-8	235	Jr.	Lawrenceville, Ga.	
23	Austin Trice	F	6-7	235	Sr.	Chicago, III. (Kansas State)	
25	David Strother	G	6-2	175	Sr.	Lumberton, N.C. (UNC Pembroke)	

JEFF JONES - Monarch Head Coach



Experience: 8th Season at ODU Overall Record: (28 yrs) 510-373, 14 postseason appearances

Jeff Jones completed his seventh season at Old Dominion in 2019-20, while earning career win No. 500 at Northeastern on Nov. 16, 2019. Jones ended the 2019-20 season with 510 career

victories, which is the 24th most among active Division I NCAA coaches and ranks 67th on the all-time list.

One of the most respected teachers in the collegiate ranks, Jeff Jones has coached his teams to 14 postseason appearances, including a 1995 NCAA Elite 8, a 1993 NCAA Sweet 16 appearance, an NIT championship in 1992 and a NIT semifinal birth in 2015.

He has developed over 80 players who have played or are still playing professionally, including six in the NBA (John Crotty, Cory Alexander, Jamal Robinson, Bryant Stith, Junior Burrough and Courtney Alexander). Eight of his former assistant coaches went on to become head coaches. Additionally, three of Jones' players have played in the NFL.

In 2019-20, Jones and his wife Danielle Jones launched a Coaches vs. Cancer fundraiser called the "Miracle Minute" to collect money to help those suffering from childhood cancer. Coach Jones also took part in ZERO Cancer's Grow & Give campaign, raising awareness towards prostate cancer.

Also in 2019, Jones received the Champion of Hope Award from the American Cancer Society.

In 2018-19, his sixth at ODU, Coach Jones was named the Conference USA Coach of the Year after the Monarchs claimed the C-USA regular season title, as well as the Conference USA Tournament crown, punching Old Dominion's first ticket to the NCAA Tournament since 2011. ODU's B.J. Stith was named the Conference USA Player of the Year in 2018-19.

The 2017-18 season, Jones' fifth at Old Dominion, was another excellent year for the Monarchs. ODU's 25-7 overall record and second place finish (15-3) in Conference USA was the third time in the last four years with 25 or more victories. Ahmad Caver was named to the All-Conference USA First Team and All-Defensive Team. B.J. Stith was named to the All-League Third Team.

Academically five players were named to the C-USA

Academic Honor Roll and the program was recognized by the NCAA for being among the top 10% in the country in APR, an important measure of academic progress over multiple years.

In his fourth season at the helm in Norfolk, Jones and the Monarchs finished third in the C-USA after compiling a 12-6 mark in conference play and 19-12 overall record for the season. Old Dominion ranked No. 6 in the country for scoring defense, allowing just 61.2 points per outing.

Jones helped lead the program to a four-year APR score of 990, which is 26 points higher than the National Average APR for Men's Basketball (964). Jones and the Old Dominion men's basketball team received a NCAA Public Recognition Award from NCAA President Mark Emmert. This award is given to teams with an NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate in the top 10 percent of all teams in their respective sports in the 2015-16 academic year.

In his third season leading Old Dominion, Jones and the Monarchs won the inaugural Vegas 16 Tournament. ODU won a total of 25 games during the 2015-16 season, while winning 15 of its last 18 contests. The Monarchs fell just two points shy of punching their ticket to the NCAA Tournament, losing a 55-53 heartbreaker to Middle Tennessee in the Conference USA Championship.

Between the 2014-15 and 2015-16 seasons, Jones led Old Dominion to 52 wins, which ranked in the top 20 nationally.

In just his first two seasons as head coach at ODU, Jeff Jones guided the Monarchs to 45 wins, including a 27-8 mark in 2015. The Monarchs finished second in Conference USA in their second year of competition in the league. Under Jones' guidance, ODU advanced to the semifinals of the NIT at Madison Square Garden after reeling off wins over Charleston Southern, Illinois State and an exhilarating three-point buzzer-beating victory over Murray State. He eclipsed the 400 collegiate wins milestone in the Monarchs' NIT-opener against Charleston Southern on March 18.

During the 2014-15 regular season, Jones' Monarchs notched several big victories, as ODU took down nationally-ranked VCU and eventual NCAA Tournament team, Georgia State. His squad churned out 10 straight wins from Nov. 24 to Jan. 17, which included wins against C-USA foes Marshall and Charlotte as well as in-state rivals VCU, George Mason and William & Mary. Even more

JEFF JONES - Monarch Head Coach



impressively under Jones, Old Dominion won 32 straight games at the Ted Constant Center dating back to the 2013-14 season, which was the fourth-longest active home winning streak in NCAA Division I Basketball. Off the basketball court, Jones was honored nationally as the 2015 Barefoot Coach of the Year for his work, contributions and creation of awareness for Samaritan's Feet, which provides shoes to impoverished children (both domestically and internationally).

Jones was named the 13th head men's basketball coach at Old Dominion University on April 4, 2013. He has been a consistent winner at every school, posting a 25-year career mark of 446-338 mark which includes eight years at Virginia and 13 at American as well as his first four seasons at ODU.

In his first season as head coach at ODU, Jones guided the Monarchs to 18 wins, which led the nation with the biggest turnaround in total victories. ODU finished sixth in its first season in Conference USA and advanced to the semifinals of the College Basketball Invitational postseason tournament.

Jones had a 211-183 record at American for 13 years and 146-104 as head coach at the University of Virginia.

Jones was named head coach at UVA in 1990 at age 29, following a standout playing career with the Cavaliers, and eight years as an assistant coach under Terry Holland. He was the youngest head coach in the history of the Atlantic Coast Conference at age 29 and in eight years compiled 146 wins for a .584 winning percentage. He led Virginia to six postseason appearances (five NCAA, one NIT), including a 1995 NCAA Elite 8, a 1993 NCAA Sweet 16 appearance and an NIT championship in 1992 as well as one regular-season ACC championship, and four 20-win campaigns. Virginia's win over Virginia Tech during the 1994-95 regular season gave Jones his 100th career victory, making him the second-fastest coach in school

history and the fifth-fastest in ACC history to accomplish that feat. He also directed the Cavaliers to five of their top six seasons for field goal percentage defense. In winning the 1992 NIT championship, Jones became the first person to win the NIT title as both a player and a coach.

Prior to his eight-year run as head coach, Jones was an assistant coach for eight years on Terry Holland's staff at Virginia. During his tenure as an assistant, Jones was a part of the Cavaliers' overall record of 162-95 (.630), participating in six NCAA Tournaments while advancing to the Final Four in 1984 and the Elite Eight in 1989.

A native of Owensboro, KY., Jones had a standout career at Apollo High School in Owensboro before playing the point guard position for Virginia from 1978-82. His father Bob Jones was the head coach at Kentucky Wesleyan from 1972-1980, winning the 1973 NCAA Division II national title.

As a four-year starter for the Cavaliers, Jones was known as a leader and prolific passer. With Jones directing the potent offense, UVA compiled an overall record of 102-28 (.785) while leading the Cavaliers to two NCAA and two NIT tournaments. Virginia captured the 1980 NIT title and advanced to the NCAA Final Four in 1981.

Jones finished his career as Virginia's all-time assist leader (598) while also setting the single-season record with 200 assists during the 1979-80 season. Later, he saw both of those records eclipsed by his own player, John Crotty. Jones served as team captain as a senior during the 1981-82 season and played in 129 games during his career. During that time he averaged 6.6 points and 4.6 assists per game while shooting 52.2 percent from the field and 74.3 percent from the free-throw line. Jones was selected in the fourth round of the 1982 NBA draft by the Indiana Pacers.

Jones is married to the former Danielle Decker of Virginia Beach and is the father of three children, Meghann, Madison Perry, and Jeffrey Robert. Jones graduated from the University of Virginia in 1982 with a bachelor of science degree in psychology. Jones is a Past President (2016-17) of the NABC.



KALU EZIKPE - Junior • Forward



Hometown: Lawrenceville, Ga. High School: Discovery Height / Weight: 6-8 / 235 Major: Leadership **#22**

2019-20: Appeared in all 32 contests, making two starts, while averaging 16.3 minutes per outing ... Second on the team for total rebounds (153) ... Averaged 6.4 points and 4.8 boards per game ... Scored a career-high 15 points against UTEP (2/8/20) ... Hauled down a career-high 14 rebounds versus UAB (1/4/20).

2018-19: Appeared in 34 contests as a true freshman ... 2nd on the team for blocked shots with 27, which ranked 12th in Conference USA ... Averaged 10.6 minutes, 4.0 points and 2.9 rebounds per game ... Scored a career-high 12 points against North Texas ... Hauled down a career-high eight rebounds at UTSA ... Blocked a career-high four shots versus LA Tech.

PREP: Rated the No. 7 ranked player in Georgia (per Hoopseen.com) ... First Team All-Region ... First Team All-Gwinnett County ... GACA Junior All-Star Game selection ... Earned Gwinnett Daily Post Super Six honors ... Attended Berkmar High School for his freshman year, before transferring to

Discovery High School from 2016-18 and playing under head coach Cory Cason ... Played AAU ball for Team AC Georgia under head coach Garrick Respress and assistant coach Kevin Morris.

PERSONAL: Son of George and Maureen Ezikpe ... Has an older brother, George, and a younger sister, Mina ... Had perfect attendance all four years of high school and was a honor roll student ... Enjoys drawing in his free time and hopes to one day create his own animated TV show ... Majoring in leadership.



MONARCHS vs MIDDLE TENNESSEE

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Head Coach Nick McDevitt

ABOUT THE BLUE RAIDERS

McDevitt came to Murfreesboro after a five-year stint as the head coach at the UNC Asheville where he led the Bulldogs to a 98-66 overall record which includes three consecutive 20-win campaigns in the last three seasons.

McDevitt's Bulldogs made three consecutive postseason appearances, starting with a trip to the NCAA Tournament in 2016 before making the 2017 CollegeInsider.com Tournament and the 2018 National Invitation Tournament.

The Bulldogs went 21-13 his final season in Asheville to lock up the regular season title in the Big South Conference after winning a share of the regular season title with a 23-10 record the season before. The Bulldogs' remarkable 2017 season earned McDevitt Big South Conference and NABC District 3 Coach of the Year Honors.

McDevitt was also a 2017 finalist for the Skip Prosser Man of the Year Award. Named after the late Skip Prosser, who passed suddenly in 2007 while the head coach at Wake Forest, the award is presented annually to those who not only achieve success on the basketball court but who also display moral integrity off of it as well.



General Information

Location: Murfreesboro, Tenn. Enrollment: 22.101 Nickname: Blue Raiders Colors: White & Royal Blue Conference: Conference USA President: Dr. Sidney A. McPhee Athletic Director: Chris Massaro Home Court: Murphy Center **Coaching Staff** Head Coach: Nick McDevitt School Record: 18-44 Career Record: 116-110 Assistant Coaches: Sean Dixon. Wes Long, Andre Morgan Team Information 2019-2020 Record: 8-23 Conference Record: 4-14 Letterwinners Returning/ Lost: 10/5 Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2 Series vs. ODU MT leads 9-2 Last Meeting: 01-02-2020

ODU won 70-60

2020–2021 MIDDLE TENNESSEE ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
0	Jordan Davis	G	6-3	195	RJr.	Irmo, S.C.
1	Tyler Millin	F	6-7	205	So.	Calera, Ala.
2	DeAndre Dishman	F	6-6	235	RJr.	Lexington, Ky.
3	Donovan Sims	G	6-1	160	Sr.	Murfreesboro, Tenn.
4	Tyson Jackson	F	6-9	245	So.	Fairburn, Ga.
5	Eli Lawrence	G	6-5	185	So.	Atlanta, Ga.
13	Jayce Johnson	G/F	6-5	210	Jr.	Buffalo, NY
14	Jalen Jordan	G	6-3	160	RJr.	Conyers, Ga.
15	Christian Fussell	F	6-10	215	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga.
21	Jo'Vontae Millner-Criss	F	6-6	200	RSr.	Burlington, N.C.
22	Elias King	G	6-8	200	So.	Atlanta, Ga.
23	Jared Coleman-Jones	F	6-10	240	So.	Hiram, Ga.
24	Marcus Mitchell	F	6-7	225	RSr.	Memphis, Tenn.
33	Dontrell Shuler	G	6-2	180	Jr.	Irmo, S.C.

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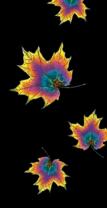
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WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN ATTENDING A GAME

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WHAT SHOULD I BE AWARE OF REGARDING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC?

Attendance

• Guests who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 cannot enter Chartway Arena.

Face Coverings

- All spectators over the age of two will be required to wear a face covering while inside Chartway Arena.
- Face coverings must fit snugly to the face and cover the nose and mouth. Single-ply neck gaiters, open-chin triangle bandanas and face coverings containing valves, mesh material or holes of any kind are not acceptable.
- Face coverings do not need to be worn while "actively" eating or drinking in a seat.
- Face coverings are not a substitute for physical distancing, and fans will be asked to keep a safe distance between their party and other fans while inside and outside of the arena.

Physical Distancing and Hand Hygiene

- Guests are asked to practice physical distancing by maintaining 6 feet of physical distance between themselves and other people who are not in their party.
- Fans are encouraged to wash their hands frequently in a restroom sink or utilize one of several sanitizer stations provided throughout the arena.

Venue Staff

- Venue staff and vendors will be subject to a health screening prior to starting their shift.
- Venue staff and vendors will wear face coverings at all times.

Cleaning

 Chartway Arena is committed to active and increased cleaning and sanitizing of high touch surfaces before, during, and after each event. The venue also undergoes a thorough cleaning process between events, including the use of an electrostatic sprayer for sanitizer application.

I'VE BEEN TO GAMES AT CHARTWAY ARENA BEFORE. HOW WILL THE EXPERIENCE BE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR?

Entrances

- Guests can enter the venue through the West Lobby Main Doors adjacent to Hampton Blvd. or the Connie and Marc Jacobson VIP Entrance adjacent to 45th Street.
- ADA entrance is located at the Connie and Marc Jacobson VIP Entrance on 45th Street.
- Suite and club level ticket holders can enter using the Connie & Marc Jacobson VIP Entrance located on 45th Street.
- Guests are asked to maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet between parties while waiting
 in line to enter the arena.
- All doors open 1 hour prior to game time.

Elevators

- Elevators will be restricted to one party or 4 individuals
- Elevators are located at the Connie and Marc Jacobson VIP Entrance and have stops at the North end of the 100's and 200's seating levels.

Restrooms

Guests are encouraged to maintain physical distance while inside of the restrooms. Restrooms
will multiple entrances and exits will have specifically-marked entrances and exits to allow for
one-way traffic.

Hospitality Areas

• Due to the guidelines on physical distancing, The Constant Club, Big Blue Room, and Courtside Seat lounge will not be open to fans and ODAF donors.

Seating

- In order to maintain physical distance in the seating areas, the seating capacity at Chartway
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- Stickers will be used to indicate seats that have been assigned. Guests are required to use their
 assigned seats and avoid using seats that are not marked.

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- All food and beverages will be served in closed top boxes or individual packages. Condiments will be prepackaged, and cutlery will be distributed with limited contact.
- Guests are asked to maintain physical distancing and heed directional signage while visiting concession stands.