

ORLANDO VALKYRIES

MATCH NOTES



INAUGURAL MATCH

JANUARY 26TH, 2024



ORLANDO VALKYRIES

VS



ATLANTA VIBE



Addition Arena
FINANCIAL

REAL
PRO VOLLEYBALL



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MATCH ONE

Orlando Valkyries (0-0) vs Atlanta Vibe (1-0)



Friday | January 26 | 7 p.m. ET
Additional Financial Arena • Orlando Florida



Orlando Head Coach Amy Pauly
Valkyries Record (1st season) 0-0 (.000)
College Record (3rd season) 23-30 (.445)



Atlanta Head Coach Todd Dagenais
Vibe Record (1st season) 1-0 (1.000)
College Record (15th Season) 308-159 (.660)

SERIES NOTES: This is the first meeting between the Orlando Valkyries and the Atlanta Vibe. It also marks the first match in history for the Valkyries franchise. It will be the first of four contests between the two squads during the inaugural campaign.

STREAMING INFORMATION

Today's match will be the first of twenty-four to be streamed for the Valkyries season on the Bally Live app.

WELCOME TO PROFESSIONAL VOLLEYBALL

The Orlando Valkyries are one of seven teams taking the court in the inaugural season of Pro Volleyball Federation. Below are a few facts about Orlando and the Pro Volleyball Federation.

- ⇒ Pro Volleyball Federation head coaches have combined for more than 2,500 career victories.
- ⇒ The League boasts 17 players from the United States who have played with the National Team. Overall, there are 35 players who have been part of an Olympic or National Team.
- ⇒ Orlando is home to the AAU Junior National Volleyball Championships.
- ⇒ The Valkyries are the fourth professional football team to be based out of Orlando (Orlando Magic, Orlando City Soccer, Orlando Pride).

ORLANDO - ATLANTA CONNECTIONS

This might mark the first time the Valkyries and the Vibe have played on the court, but there are several connections with the teams and coaching staff.

- ⇒ Both Valkyries Head Coach Amy Pauly and Vibe Head Coach Todd Dagenais have coaching experience with the USC Women's Volleyball Team.
- ⇒ The Valkyries host their matches on the University of Central Florida campus. Vibe head Coach Todd Dagenais formerly served as the coach for the university's women's volleyball team.

2024 SCHEDULE

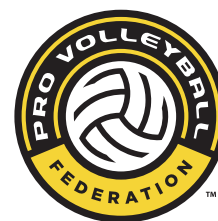
Date	Opponent	Time/Result	Stream
1.26	vs Atlanta	7:00 PM	<i>Bally LIVE</i>
2.10	vs Las Vegas	4:00 PM	<i>Bally LIVE</i>
2.12	at Atlanta	7:00 PM	<i>Bally LIVE</i>
2.16	vs Columbus	7:00 PM	<i>Bally LIVE</i>
2.18	at Omaha	9:00 PM	<i>Bally LIVE</i>
2.22	at Las Vegas	10:00 PM	<i>Bally LIVE</i>
2.25	vs Omaha	3:00 PM	<i>Bally LIVE</i>
3.1	vs Grand Rapids	7:00 PM	<i>Bally LIVE</i>
3.3	vs Columbus	3:00 PM	<i>Bally LIVE</i>
3.9	vs Omaha	7:00 PM	<i>Bally LIVE</i>
3.11	at San Diego	10:00 PM	<i>Bally LIVE</i>
3.16	at Omaha	7:00 PM	<i>Bally LIVE</i>
3.21	at Atlanta	7:00 PM	<i>Bally LIVE</i>
3.29	at Columbus	7:00 PM	<i>Bally LIVE</i>
4.6	at Grand Rapids	7:00 PM	<i>Bally LIVE</i>
4.11	vs Grand Rapids	10:30 PM	<i>Bally LIVE</i>
4.14	vs San Diego	3:00 PM	<i>Bally LIVE</i>
4.18	at Grand Rapids	7:00 PM	<i>Bally LIVE</i>
4.21	vs Atlanta	3:00 PM	<i>Bally LIVE</i>
4.26	at Columbus	7:00 PM	<i>Bally LIVE</i>
4.29	at San Diego	10:00 PM	<i>Bally LIVE</i>
5.1	at Las Vegas	10:00 PM	<i>Bally LIVE</i>
5.9	vs San Diego	7:00 PM	<i>Bally LIVE</i>
5.11	vs Las Vegas	4:00 PM	<i>Bally LIVE</i>

All times Eastern and subject to change



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MATCH PREVIEW

WEEK 1 MATCHUP PREVIEW – VALKYRIES VS VIBE

For the first time in Orlando history, professional volleyball comes to the Central Florida region as the Pro Volleyball Federation kicks off its inaugural season. The Orlando Valkyries begin their initial year by taking on the Atlanta Vibe on Friday, January 26 at 7 p.m. The match will take place at Addition Financial Arena and will be streamed on the Bally Live app. Tickets for the game are still available and fans can visit the Orlando Valkyries website for additional information.

The Vibe opened their season on Wednesday night against the Omaha Supernovas with a victory, 3-2 (26-24, 25-23, 17-25, 19-25, 15-13). Atlanta boasts two players on the Preseason All-League Team, as well as a projected second-place finish in the standings. Todd Dagenais, head coach of the Vibe, returns to the University of Central Florida campus, where he coached the university's women's volleyball team from 2008 to 2022.



Valkyries Players to Watch:

Adora Anae joins the Valkyries with six years of professional experience, having played volleyball globally in South Korea, Turkey, Puerto Rico, Ukraine, and Greece. Throughout her tenure abroad, she was awarded Best Outside Hitter in the Puerto Rican League and Best Scorer in the Korean V-League. On top of that, she was part of two championship teams in Puerto Rico and Greece. Prior to breaking into the professional scene, she was a standout at the University of Utah. Anae was the first-ever player to be named to the 1st-Team Pac-12 All-Freshman Team. She is the school's all-time single season kills leader with 501 and was the first player in program history to earn back-to-back AVCA All-American honors and the first player to ever be named to the All-AVCA First Team.

Kaz Brown also brings years of professional experience with her to Orlando. Her five years of playing professional volleyball included stops in Germany, France, Ukraine, and Greece. At the University of Kentucky, she was a standout player and earned three-time All-SEC and three-time AVCA All-Region honors. Brown ended her collegiate career as the Wildcats' career record holder for total blocks, solo blocks, and block assists. Because of her college play, she was selected to the US Collegiate National Team in 2016-17.

Jill Gillen was acquired via trade during the league's College Player Draft. She attended the University of Arkansas where she made an impact immediately as an Outside Hitter and was selected to the SEC All-Freshmen Team. During the rest of her time with the Razorbacks, she was named to the AVCA All-South Region Team and the All-SEC Team three times each.



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Vibe Players to Watch:

Leah Edmond is one of the two Vibe players selected to the Preseason All-League Team. In Atlanta's first match, Edmond led the Vibe to victory with 29 points on the night. She has three years of professional experience between Puerto Rico and the U.S. She was a former teammate of Orlando's Kaz Brown at the University of Kentucky. During her time there she was a four-time AVCA All-America and All-Region selection and earned SEC player of the year in her junior and senior seasons. She finished her career as the school's all-time leader with 1,978 kills and 4,655 attack attempts. She also holds several Wildcats records, including the rally-scoring era record with 539 kills during her sophomore season and 40 service aces in 2017.

Morgan Hentz joins Edmond as part of the Preseason All-League Team. A libero, Hentz is a member of the U.S. National Women's Volleyball Team. With the national team, she was a top contributor, guiding the U.S. to a silver medal at the 2023 NORCECA Championship. More recently, she was a part of the 2023 FIVB Road to Paris Olympic qualifying team. She has additional professional experience playing a season in Germany. At the college level, she was a three-time First-Team AVCA and VolleyballMag.com All-America selection at Stanford University. She helped lead the Cardinals to three NCAA Championships. She solidified her name in the Stanford program history books as one of three players with 2,000 or more digs and set the record for most career digs with 2,310.

Alli Linnehan was second to only Edmond in points in Atlanta's first match with 16 on 13 kills, two blocks, and one ace. She joins the Vibe with two years of professional experience from France and the U.S. In addition to her professional experience, she was part of Team USA and helped lead them to a silver medal at the 2022 NORCECA Pan American Cup Final Six Tournament. She joins her former University of Kentucky teammate Leah on the Vibe. Over her four-year career at UK, Linnehan earned AVCA All-American Honor three times. She played a pivotal role in leading the Wildcats to the 2020-21 NCAA Division I Championship and four SEC championships.

This will be the first meeting of the Valkyries and the Vibe this season. The two teams will face off three more times following the home opener.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOR THE ORLANDO VALKYRIES

01.25	01.26	01.30	02.01	02.04	02.05
Media Availability Practice	GAMEDAY! Addition Financial Arena at 7pm	Media Availability Practice	Media Availability Practice	Media Availability Practice	Media Availability Practice

DYNAMIC SEASON UNFOLDS

The Valkyries have a 24-match season ahead, evenly split between 12 home matches and 12 away matches. Home matches are scheduled on three Fridays, three Saturdays, four Sundays, one Wednesday, and one Thursday, ensuring a dynamic season for both players and fans.

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Áury Cruz, the Outside Hitter from Levittown, Toa Baja, Puerto Rico, brings 26 years of global volleyball experience to the Orlando Valkyries. Cruz's versatility is evident, from the national team to leagues worldwide. Celebrated in the University of Florida Hall of Fame, Cruz not only enhances the team but also serves as a role model for aspiring young athletes.

EXPERIENCED ROSTER FOUNDATION

Valkyries' 14-player roster has a combined professional experience exceeding **58 years**, providing a solid foundation for the team as they enter their inaugural season.

WORLDWIDE EXPERTISE

Valkyries' roster comprises players with extensive professional experience on the international stage. These athletes have played in various countries, including Turkey, Puerto Rico, France, Italy, Japan, the Philippines, Poland, Taiwan, and Bulgaria.

VALKYRIES DREAM TEAM

There is a seasoned mix of the Valkyries players among them are All-Americans, Olympians who have competed on the international stage, and players who have represented their nations on the national team.

REPRESENTATION ON THE COURT

The Valkyries boast a geographically diverse roster, featuring players from various regions across the globe and the United States. The team comprises individuals from Puerto Rico, Texas, California, Indiana, Canada, Iowa, Mississippi, Maryland, Hawaii, Kansas, and Arizona.

PROJECTED STARTERS

14 ADORA ANAE

OUTSIDE HITTER

11 KAZ BROWN

MIDDLE BLOCKER

10 JILL GILLEN

OUTSIDE HITTER

15 SHAÏNAH JOSEPH

OPPOSITE

5 GEORGIA MURPHY

LIBERO

12 WILMA RIVERA

SETTER

9 M'KAELA WHITE

MIDDLE BLOCKER

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

* - Franchise Tagged Players

NO.	NAME	POS	HT	EXP	HOMETOWN	COLLEGE	ACQUIRED	INSTAGRAM
14	Adora Anae*	OH	6-2	6	Laie, Hawaii	Utah	FA	anaeadora
11	Kazmiere Brown	MB	6-4	5	Waterloo, Iowa	Kentucky	FA	kazbrown
20	Paula Cerame	L	5-8	R	San Juan, Puerto Rico	Indiana	FA	paulacerame
8	Aurea Cruz	OH	5-10	26	Levittown, Toa Baja, Puerto Rico	Florida	FA	azcruz
3	Melissa Evans	OPP	6-1	1	Porter Ranch, California	NC State	FA	melissaa.iris
10	Jill Gillen	OH	5-7	R	Stilwell, Kansas	Arkansas	DR	jillygillen
22	Carly Graham	S	6-0	1	Spring, Texas	Rice	FA	carlygraham22
19	Abby Hansen	MB	6-5	R	Phoenix, Arizona	UCF	DR	abyyyyhansen
15	Shaīnah Joseph*	OPP	6-1	6	Ottawa, Ontario	Florida	FA	shainahjoseph
7	Blake Mohler	MB	6-2	3	Ocean Springs, Mississippi.	Purdue	FA	blakemohler
5	Georgia Murphy	L	5-6	R	The Woodlands, Texas	Oregon	DR	g.murphy10
12	Wilma Rivera	S	5-9	5	Carolina, Puerto Rico	Louisville	FA	wilmariveraa
18	Carly Skjodt	OH	6-1	2	Indianapolis, Ind.	Michigan	FA	carlyskjodt
9	M’Kaela White	MB	6-4	3	Riverdale, Md.	JMU	FA	official.mk

PRACTICE PLAYERS								
21	Azhani Tealer	MB	5-10	R	Grand Prairie, Texas	Kentucky	DR	azhanitealer
13	Kalyah Williams	OPP	6-0	R	Long Beach, California	USC	DR	alyahkxm_

FA = Free Agency DR = Draft TR = Trade

NUMERICAL	
3	Melissa Evans
5	Georgia Murphy
7	Blake Mohler
8	Aurea Cruz
9	M’Kaela White
10	Jill Gillen
11	Kazmiere Brown
12	Wilma Rivera
13	Kalyah Williams
14	Adora Anae
15	Shaīnah Joseph
18	Carly Skjodt
19	Abby Hansen
20	Paula Cerame
21	Azhani Tealer
22	Carly Graham

FROM WHERE?	
Puerto Rico	3
Texas	2
Arizona	1
California	1
Canada	1
Hawaii	1
Indiana	1
Iowa	1
Kansas	1
Maryland	1
Mississippi	1

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Amy Pauly
Assistant Coach: Blake Omartian
Assistant Coach: Gordon Mayforth
Assistant Coach: Molly Stark

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Name	Pronunciation
Melissa Evans	muh-LISS-uh EH-vanz
Georgia Murphy	jor-juh mur-fee
Blake Mohler	blake moh-lur
Áury Cruz	owd-ree krooz
M’Kaela White	muh-KAY-luh white
Jill Gillen	jihl gil-in
Kaz Brown	caz brown
Wilma Rivera	wil-mah rih-vair-uh
Kalyah Williams	kuh-LEE-uh WILL-yuhms
Adora Anae	ah-DOR-ah ah-NYE
Shaīnah Joseph	shy-nah joe-sef
Carly Skjodt	CAR-lee scott
Abby Hansen	AB-ee HAN-sen
Paula Cerame	PAW-luh SIR-ah-may
Azhani Tealer	uh-shah-nee tee-lur
Carly Graham	CAR-lee gram

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HEAD COACH AMY PAULY

Amy Pauly is recognized as one of the top up-and-coming coaches in college volleyball and is now the first head coach of the Orlando Pro Volleyball Federation team. Formerly the associate head coach for USC's women's volleyball program, Pauly brings her exceptional recruiting and talent identification skills to Orlando, where she also serves as the Vice President of Volleyball Operations.



Pauly's coaching extends beyond her USC tenure, where she played a crucial role in securing the nation's top-rated recruiting class in 2022. Her national acclaim includes being listed on VolleyballMag.com's 2020 Under 40 Coaching Hotshots and the 2016 American Volleyball Coaches Association 30 Under 30 list. With previous coaching experiences at the University of Alabama-Birmingham and Villanova, Pauly's impressive career began as a graduate assistant at South Carolina in 2010, following a successful playing career at Alabama.

The Pauly File

Hometown.....Burr Ridge, Illinois
 Alma Mater University of Alabama (2009)
 High School..... Hinsdale South (2004)
 Date of Birth..... November 14, 1986
 Husband.....Ahen Kim

Coaching History

2023-presentOrlando Valkyries (Head Coach)
 2020-23 USC (Associate Head Coach)
 2018-19..... UAB (Head Coach)
 2012-2017 Villanova University (Assistant Coach)

Year	School	Overall	Conference	Home Record	Postseason
2019	UAB	12-15	4-10 / C-USA	7-5	--
2018	UAB	13-15	5-9 / C-USA	4-3	--
Totals	2 Years	25-30 .454	9-19 .321	11-8 .579	

DID YOU KNOW?
 Pauly is a high school badminton champion.

ADDITION FINANCIAL ARENA

12777 Gemini Blvd N
Orlando, Florida 32816
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Addition Financial Arena is located on the campus of the University of Central Florida, one of the largest universities in the nation. In Orlando, FL, Addition Financial Arena boasts 10,000 seats, 18 luxury suites, two loge boxes, and club seating with lounge access.

The OVG360-managed Addition Financial Arena is home to the UCF Men's and Women's basketball programs, as well as concerts, family shows, and other attractions for the Central Florida area. Offering a diverse lineup of shows and athletic events, Addition Financial Arena is considered one of the top college venues in the country.



ORLANDO VALKYRIES QUICK FACTS

Location.....Orlando, Florida
First Season..... 2024
Colors Iron Grey, Gold, Dark Blue, Light Blue
Home Arena Addition Financial Arena (Orlando, FL)
Capacity 10,000
Website..... OrlandoValkyries.com
Ownership Group..... David Forman

President..... George Manias
Chief Revenue Officer..... Darrell Harbin
Chief Financial Officer..... Carly Griffin
Director, Partnership Marketing & Community Relations Matt Saccavino
Director, Business Operations Kerstin Denney
Director, Creative Services..... David Crilly
Sr. Manager, Ticket Sales & Services Shannon Lawson
Sr. Manager, Ticket Sales & Services Josh Olson
Manager, Ticket Sales & Services..... LJ (Elizeu Baia)
Manager, Communications & Community Relations Amani Jones
Mgr, Partnership Mktg, Game Ops, & MerchandisingAnna Van Zyverden
Manager, Ticket Operations & Box Office Valerie Herrera
Coordinator, Content Development & Business Operations Ally Judkins
Social Media Specialist..... Kylie Richelle
Manager, Team Operations & Brand AmbassadorJordan Manias
Coordinator, Team Operations..... Emily Erickson
Technical Coordinator.....Erin Olson
Team Doctor.....Dr. Nicole Wilson
Athletic Trainer.....Emily Summerlin

Pro Volleyball Federation, USA Volleyball Announce Alliance

Pro Volleyball Federation has teamed up with USA Volleyball – the national governing body of the sport in the U.S. – to promote volleyball at its highest level.

USA Volleyball will support Pro Volleyball Federation’s professional league in America, which launches in January. The partnership reinforces the League’s commitment to work with USA Volleyball clubs, athletes and regions while USAV supports Pro Volleyball Federation’s commitment to providing top professional opportunities to America’s greatest female volleyball players.

Pro Volleyball Federation currently boasts 17 players from the United States who have spent time in the U.S. National Team gym. Overall, there are 35 domestic and international players in the League who have been part of their respective country’s Olympic or national team system.

More than 135 athletes have signed contracts to play in the inaugural season of Pro Volleyball Federation. They will be led by a group of accomplished coaches who have combined for more than 2,500 career victories.



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PRO VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION



Pro Volleyball Federation is REAL PRO VOLLEYBALL and the premier women’s professional volleyball league in North America. Pro Volleyball Federation will begin play in January 2024 with world class players and coaches, including some of America’s greatest volleyball players and elite players from around the world. Our entire focus is on ensuring that our level and quality of play, our treatment of players, the quality of our event presentations, and our day-to-day fan experience is world class and the very best offered in North America. For more information, visit ProVolleyball.com.

2024 Pro Volleyball Federation Standings

	W	L	PCT	Home	Away
Atlanta Vibe	1	0	1.000	0-0	1-0
Columbus Fury	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0
Grand Rapids Rise	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0
Orlando Valkyries	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0
San Diego Mojo	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0
Vegas Thrill	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0
Omaha Supernovas	0	1	.000	0-1	0-0

Standings as of January 25th at 12:00am ET

UPCOMING PRO VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 1
San Diego at Atlanta

STADIUM
7:00pm EST

Saturday, February 10
Las Vegas at Orlando

Bally LIVE
4:00pm EST

Friday, February 16
Columbus at Orlando

STADIUM
7:00pm EST

Saturday, February 3
San Diego at Omaha

Bally LIVE
7:00pm EST

Monday, February 12
Orlando at Atlanta

Bally LIVE
7:00pm EST

Sunday, February 18
Atlanta at Grand Rapids

Bally LIVE
4:00pm EST

Wednesday, February 7
Las Vegas at Omaha

Bally LIVE
8:00pm EST

Monday, February 12
Omaha at Grand Rapids

Bally LIVE
7:00pm EST

Sunday, February 18
Orlando at Omaha

Bally LIVE
9:00pm EST

Friday, February 9
Grand Rapids at Atlanta

STADIUM
7:00pm EST

Thursday, February 15
Omaha at Las Vegas

Bally LIVE
10:00pm EST

Monday, February 19
San Diego at Las Vegas

Bally LIVE
10:00pm EST



COMING IN 2025

Dallas

Indianapolis

Kansas City