

Former Villanova Coach Joins USF Volleyball

Gilad Doron, who spent the last three years as head volleyball coach at Villanova University guiding the Wildcats to back-to-back winning seasons, has been named head coach at the University of San Francisco.



Doron

“Gilad Doron is a great fit for USF. He brings a combination of technical knowledge and genuine passion to USF volleyball along with phenomenal organizational skills,” said USF Director of Athletics Debra Gore-Mann.

Doron replaces Jeff Nelson, who resigned to take the head coach job at

the University of New Mexico after leading USF volleyball to its most successful four-year run in program history. Doron inherits a team with all but one player returning and with one of the highest-touted recruiting classes in school history.

“I am really looking forward to this opportunity and the chance to be part of something special with USF volleyball,” Doron said.

Doron compiled a 46-44 overall record at Villanova and led the team to the Big East Tournament in 2005. The Wildcats posted a 12-win improvement from 2004 to 2005, the second best turnaround in Big East history. Doron served as assistant coach at Temple University from 1996-2000, helping guide the team to three straight Atlantic 10 titles and three consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances.

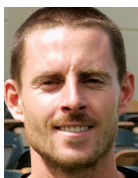
In between his time at Temple and Villanova, Doron founded the Philadelphia Volleyball Academy for players aged 14 to 18. Doron also spent three years as head girls volleyball coach for Synergy Volleyball Club in Philadelphia.

Doron began his coaching career in Israel as the head men’s coach for the Mate Asher Professional Volleyball Club. Doron led his teams to the 1994 Israeli championship and the finals of the 1995 Israel Cup. Mate Asher was also a qualifier in the European League in 1996.

An accomplished player, Doron competed for the Israeli national team for 10 years and was part of the squad that placed fourth in the World University Games in Japan in 1995. He played 12 seasons with Mate Asher, helping lead the club to four Israeli League titles and two Israeli Cup championships. **USF**

UCLA Assistant Named Head Women’s Soccer Coach

Mark Carr was named head coach for USF women’s soccer in February. Carr spent four successful seasons as an assistant coach at UCLA, helping the Bruins to four consecutive Pac-10 titles and four College Cup berths, highlighted by two appearances in the finals.



Carr

“I am very impressed with his passion, his intensity, and the energy level he brings,” said USF Director of Athletics Debra Gore-Mann. “He has worked with one of the nation’s elite programs and knows what it takes to be successful in one of the most challenging conferences in the country.”

Carr is just the fourth head coach in program history. He said he looks forward to the challenge of competing in the West Coast Conference, which has produced three of the last six NCAA Division I Champions.

“USF is a great academic institution playing in a competitive conference in one of the most intriguing cities in the world,” Carr said. “I am looking forward to taking the program to the next level in the coming years.”

During Carr’s tenure at UCLA, the Bruins posted an 81-15-5 overall record from 2003 to 2006 and produced nine All-Americans. In addition, UCLA had an 18-4 record in the NCAA Tournament.

Carr graduated from Bournemouth University in his native England in 2001 with a bachelor’s in international marketing. A decorated amateur player, Carr competed on the England School’s Representative Team in 1996 and played for the Charlton Athletic Youth Team from 1995 to 1997.

Carr has hired Myka Peck, a collegiate standout at Loyola Marymount and former assistant coach at Cal State Bakersfield, as assistant coach. **USF**

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