

Kim Oden

Kimberley Oden (born [May 16, 1964](#), [California](#)) is a former USA National [volleyball](#) player.

She graduated from [Stanford](#) in 1986 with a degree in Public Policy, and then went on to play on the U.S. National Team (1986-92, '94). She was named Olympic team captain in 1988 and 1992.

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In 1992, she was on the U.S. women's team that won a bronze medal at the [Barcelona Summer Olympics](#) in [Spain](#).

Oden resides in Palo Alto. She is currently an assistant volleyball coach at Stanford.

Awards

- Three-time All-American
- National Player of the Year in 1984 and 1985
- Honda/Broderick Award in 1985
- Pac-10 Player of the Year in 1983, 1984 and 1985
- 1990, Player of the Decade on the AVCA's All-Decade Team (1980s)
- Holds the Cardinal single-match record for most blocks (16)
- Voted MVP in 1995 in the National Four-Women Pro-Beach Tour

Kim Oden, who graduated from Stanford in 1986, was a two-time collegiate National Player of the Year, a three-time All-American and went on to become a regular on the U.S. National Team for six years ('86-'92, '94), serving as Olympic team captain in 1988 and 1992. In 1990, the AVCA named her Player of the Decade on its '80s All-Decade team. At the 1988 Seoul Summer Olympics, Oden was voted "Best Hitter," tallying the highest hitting percentage during the games. In '92, she helped lead the U.S. women to a Bronze Medal at the Barcelona Summer Olympics, competing on the same team as her sister Elaina. She also played indoor professional volleyball in China, Italy, Brazil and Turkey, and played professional beach volleyball in the National Four-Women Pro-Beach Tour. In 2003 she was named to the USA Volleyball 75th Anniversary (1978-2002) All-Era Team. Oden currently is the head coach of the varsity women's volleyball team and a guidance counselor at St. Francis High School in Mountain View, Calif. Prior to joining the St. Francis staff, Oden held assistant coaching positions at North Carolina, Duke, Iowa State and Stanford. Oden co-founded the first Starlings club, a volleyball club for underprivileged girls that is now in more than 30 cities across the country and won a National Double-Goal Coach Award from the Positive Coaching Alliance.

Karch Kiraly says . . . "Kim is one of the greatest ever to play college volleyball, one of the finest middles our country has ever seen and an award-winning coach – but just as impressive are her non-competitive accomplishments: the Starlings, PCA awards, you name it. She brings so much to the table, players will get to feast on her knowledge."