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OU men's basketball season begins Nov. 16

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In what is becoming the norm for Oakland, the 28-game schedule will once again be a tough one. Besides the Mid-Continent slate of games, the Golden Grizzlies will face teams from the Big XII and Conference USA three times each as well as a pair of contests against teams from the Big 10 and Mid-American Conference.

This season's schedule includes six teams that reached post-season play, three in the NCAA Tournament (Illinois, Michigan State and Valparaiso) and three in the NIT (Marquette, Missouri and Saint Louis).

"I am very excited about this schedule," said head coach Greg Kampe. "We made a promise here when we went Division I that we were going to try and bring in some of the best teams in the country. We have done that in the past and this year we are bringing in a Top-20 program (Marquette), which has a great basketball heritage. I feel very good that we are meeting the needs of our fans by giving them quality basketball in the O'Rena at a great price."

The Golden Grizzlies will play at home 12 times and will take on its first NCAA Tournament team when it travels to Illinois Wednesday, Nov. 24. OU will return home to host Marquette on Saturday, Nov. 27, before embarking on a three-game road swing through the Big XII starting Wednesday, Dec. 1, at Texas A&M. The team then travels to Missouri and Kansas State before returning home.

Oakland will kick off the Mid-Con season with a pair of home games, starting Monday, Jan. 3, when they host Centenary before defending Mid-Con champion Valparaiso visits the O'Rena on Monday, Jan. 10. Sandwiched in the middle of the Mid-Con schedule will be a visit to Michigan State on Saturday, Jan. 29, the first meeting between the two schools in three years. Oakland will conclude its regular season at Centenary on Monday, Feb. 28, before moving to the Mid-Con Tournament March 5-8 in Tulsa, Okla.

Some of the games will be seen on local TV in the Detroit area on Comcast's new Comcast Sports channel. Those games include:

- Nov. 27 against Marquette
- Dec. 4 against Missouri
- Dec. 6 against Kansas State
- Jan. 10 against Valparaiso
- Feb. 3 against UMKC
- Feb 12 against UMKC
- Feb. 16 against Oral Roberts
- Feb. 26 against IUPUI

Two of the games will appear on ESPN+, including the Nov. 24 match-up against Illinois and the Jan. 29 game against Michigan State.

Individual tickets for Oakland's men's and women's basketball games are on sale at the Oakland Athletics Ticket Office. Men's reserved seat tickets are priced at \$12, with general admission tickets available for \$5. Women's reserved tickets are \$5, with general admission priced at \$2. Tickets can be purchased at the Ticket Office at the Athletics Center or by calling (248) 370-4000. Tickets also are available through **Ticketmaster**. Season tickets for both seasons are still available as well. Reserved season tickets are \$150, with the price for faculty, staff and alumni at \$125. Student season tickets are \$20. All season ticket packages include both men's and women's games.

For more information on OU's basketball teams, visit the **OU Athletics** Web site.

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