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Women's soccer team wins Mid-Con title

Oakland University's **women's soccer team** won the Mid-Continent Conference regular-season title with a 1-0 victory over Valparaiso on Sunday, Oct. 14.

This is the Golden Grizzlies third straight regular-season title. Oakland improves to 12-2 for the season and 5-0 in the Mid-Con.

"We are very excited about repeating as Mid-Con champions," said Coach Nick O'Shea. "It's nice to go through the conference season undefeated."

Both OU and Valpo battled defensively throughout the game as they played a scoreless first half, with Valparaiso outshooting Oakland 6-4. Neither team budged as the game remained scoreless after 80 minutes of play.

The Golden Grizzlies finally broke through at the 84:44 minute mark as Shelly Piccirillo (Niagara Falls, Ontario/North Myer) scored from a shot in the box when Gail Wilson (Burlington, Ontario/Notre Dame Prep) sent in a cross to give OU the 1-0 victory.

OU's Sarah Buckland earned her third consecutive shutout, fifth on the year, by making six saves. Buckland improves to 9-2 for the year.

Oakland had 14 shots, eight corner kicks, 10 offsides, six saves and 12 fouls. Valparaiso had 12 shots, four corner kicks, three offsides, eight saves and 11 fouls.

Oakland will host Big Ten opponents Michigan State on Thursday, Oct. 18, at 4 p.m. and Michigan on Sunday, Oct. 21, at 1 p.m.

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