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OU basketball game to be televised

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Oakland University's **men's basketball** will be televised for the first time this season on Saturday, Feb. 23, when the team travels to Western Illinois for its final regular-season game. The game is part of the **Mid-Continent Conference** television package and will begin at noon on Fox Sports Detroit.

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Before the Golden Grizzlies take on the Western Illinois Leathernecks, the team will travel to Valparaiso, Ind., Thursday, Feb. 21, to begin the two-game road trip. OU (16-11, 9-3) has won five consecutive games, the last being a 94-92 win over IUPUI in overtime. The Grizzlies last met **Valparaiso** at home on Jan. 26 and lost 77-86.

To have a chance at winning the Mid-Con regular-season title, OU must at least beat Valparaiso (20-7, 10-2). OU has not beaten Valparaiso in seven previous tries. The difficult matchup is compounded by the fact that Valparaiso Coach Homer Drew will be going for his 500th career win.

The Mid-Continent Conference men's basketball tournament is March 3-5 in Fort Wayne, Ind. All eight Mid-Con teams participate, with the winner advancing to the NCAA Championship. Tournament seedings are based on each team's finish in the regular-season standings. The bracket and tournament schedules will appear on the **Mid-Continent Conference** Web site after all regular-season games are completed Feb. 23.

Fans can listen to live audio Webcasts of OU men's basketball action, as called by announcer Jon Bloom, from the **OU Athletics** Web site.

For rosters, schedules, statistics and detailed game notes, visit the **OU Athletics** Web site.

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