



Monday, February 25, 2002

Men competing in first Mid-Con Tournament

OU's **men's basketball team** is looking forward to its first Mid-Continent Conference Tournament appearance since moving to Division I athletics.

After a four-year transition, the team finally is eligible for this year's tournament, which is March 3-5 at the War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, Ind.

The **Golden Grizzlies** ended their regular season Saturday, Feb. 23, with an 86-82 win over Western Illinois. The win caps OU's first winning season at the Division I level.

Oakland (17-12, 10-4 in the Mid-Con) enters the Mid-Con Tournament as the number three seed behind Valparaiso and Oral Roberts.

In the first round of the tournament, OU will take on No. 6 IUPUI (13-14, 6-8 Mid-Con) Sunday, March 3, at 8:15 p.m. The winner of that game will play in the semifinals — on Monday, March 4, at 8:30 p.m. — against the winner of Sunday's 6 p.m. game between No. 2 Oral Roberts (16-13, 10-4 Mid-Con) and No. 7 Western Illinois (12-15, 3-11 Mid-Con).

Valparaiso (22-7, 12-2 Mid-Con), which earned its seventh Mid-Con regular-season championship in the last eight years, is the top seed going into the tournament and will play No. 8 Chicago State (2-25, 0-14 Mid-Con) in the first round on Sunday, March 3, at noon. The winner of that contest will advance to Monday's semifinal game at 6 p.m., playing the winner of Sunday's second quarterfinal game, which begins at 2:15 p.m. between No. 4 Southern Utah (11-15, 8-6 Mid-Con) and No. 5 UMKC (16-10, 7-7 Mid-Con).

The championship game is Tuesday, March 5, at 9:30 p.m. The winner of the Mid-Con Tournament will earn the league's automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament.

To follow OU's progress at the Mid-Con Tournament or to listen to the live Web casts, visit the **OU Athletics** Web site. A complete bracket can be found on the **Mid-Continent Conference** Web site.

SUMMARY

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