



Thursday, March 14, 2002

Tune in to OU women's NCAA game

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Two OU Athletics sponsors — End Zones Sports Bar and Grill, 2741 University Drive in Auburn Hills, and Spectadium, 2511 Livernois Road in Troy — will show the first-round NCAA game between Oakland and Vanderbilt on Saturday, March 16, at 9:36 p.m. End Zones also will offer a special meal deal to all OU fans. Both establishments expect a crowd of people, so get there early.

End Zones is located in the Auburn Crossing strip mall on the north side of University Drive, just east of I-75. Spectadium is on Livernois between Maple and 16-Mile Road.

If you don't want to join the OU fans at End Zones and Spectadium, the game is being televised on ESPN Full Court Network. To get ESPN Full Court college basketball pay-per-view through DirecTV call 1-800-DIRECTV or tune in to Channel 216 and order by remote. To order through Dish Network, call 1-800-333-DISH. The pay-per-view ESPN Full Court package is not available through Comcast Cable as part of its digital service in the metro Detroit area.

The game also will be broadcast live on the **OU Athletics** Web site.

OU is the only team from Michigan in the women's NCAA Basketball Tournament. Oakland, the number 16 seed in the Midwest Region, plays Vanderbilt, the top seed in the region, Saturday, March 16, at 9:36 p.m. EST (8:36 p.m. CST) in Nashville, Tenn., at Memorial Gymnasium, Vanderbilt's home court. The winner will go on to play the winner of the Wisconsin/Arizona game on Monday, March 18, at 8:30 p.m. EST (7:30 p.m. CST) at Memorial Gymnasium. The second-round game will be televised on ESPN2.

Oakland enters the NCAA Tournament with a 17-13 record. The **Golden Grizzlies** earned a trip to the national tournament by winning their first-ever Mid-Continent Conference Tournament title.

After finishing in a tie for second place in the Mid-Con regular-season standings, OU, the second-seeded team in the Mid-Con Tournament, defeated No. 7 **IUPUI** (63-53), No. 6 **Oral Roberts** (74-71) and top seed **Valparaiso** (52-40) to capture the Mid-Con Tournament championship. See the **photos** from the championship game.

The **women's basketball team** is only the second team in OU history since moving to Division I athletics three years ago to qualify for an NCAA post-season tournament. Last November, the women's soccer team became the first OU team to achieve this milestone.

For more information on the women's basketball team, visit the **OU Athletics** Web site. The site contains archived webcasts of previous games, a team roster, statistics and profiles of the players and coaches.

You also can follow the Golden Grizzlies on their "**Road to the NCAA Tournament**" by visiting the Web page on The News @ OU that is dedicated to offering up-to-date stories and photos as well as related links concerning the team's historical first trip to the national tournament.

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