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OU stuns Michigan with a 97-90 victory

OU's men's basketball team opened its season with a big win over the University of Michigan.

The Golden Grizzlies defeated the Wolverines 97-90 at home on Friday, November 17.

The Wolverines opened the game with the first basket. Oakland answered with a three-pointer by Brad Buddenberg (Garden City/Garden City HS). Michigan scored another two on its return trip down the floor, but OU's Kelly Williams (Detroit/ Martin Luther King HS) gave Oakland the upper hand as he hit a trey, giving the Grizzlies a 6-4 lead at the 18:11 mark. Oakland never trailed again and took a 44-34 lead into the lockerroom at halftime.

The Golden Grizzlies opened up the second half by jumping out to a 19-point lead, 58-39, at the 16:13 mark. The 19-point lead was the greatest of the game for OU. The Wolverines battled back to close the gap to seven with 2:19 remaining, but OU held on for the victory.

The win is Oakland's second victory in seven meetings with Big Ten schools and the second ever against Division I schools in Michigan.

Oakland was led by junior Jason Rozycki (Boyne City/Boyne City HS) with 32 points, eight assists and five rebounds. Buddenberg followed with 22 points and four assists after missing most of the first half due to foul trouble.

Williams and junior Dan Champagne (Linden/ Linden HS) rounded out the double figure scoring with 18 and 10 points, respectively. Williams also had seven rebounds and two blocks, while Champagne had four boards and one steal.

Michigan was led by LaVell Blanchard (Ann Arbor/ Pioneer HS) and Bernard Robinson Jr. (Washington D.C./New Hampston Prep) both with 19 points apiece. Blanchard also recorded 13 rebounds and five assists.

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