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OU basketball teams fall in season openers

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The men's team fell to the University of Michigan 81-73 in Ann Arbor, while the women's team dropped its season opener 84-65 to the Florida Gators in Gainesville, Fla.

The men's team made a run for victory against U of M as the team came back from an 18-point deficit in the second half. In the final 20 minutes, the Golden Grizzlies cut the lead to two points but couldn't hit the basket that would put it on top. OU then lost its momentum as Michigan went on an 11-0 run. The Grizzlies made every effort to get back in the game but was unsuccessful as it fell by the final margin of eight points.

The women's team proved it was ready for any challenge as the Golden Grizzlies jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first minute of play. Oakland kept the game close throughout the first half while leading by as many as four on two occasions. The Gators took the lead of 31-28 as the teams headed to the locker room. The Grizzlies then lost momentum as Florida took control of the second half. With a little more than four minutes to play, Florida set the Grizzlies back with a double-digit lead.

Both OU teams play again Tuesday, Nov. 20. The men's team opens its home schedule against St. Mary's at 7:30 p.m. and the women play at home against Central Michigan at 5:15 p.m. You can listen to all the action from the live webcasts on the **OU athletics** Web site.

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