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OU to receive grant for soccer facility

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Thanks to a generous grant given by the Michigan Host Committee Foundation, an organization that assisted in staging 1994 World Cup soccer games at the Pontiac Silverdome, Oakland University is one step closer to having an enhanced soccer facility.

The foundation's \$150,000 challenge grant is contingent upon Oakland raising \$500,000 within a year. Grant funds will be used to improve OU's soccer field through the addition of lights and permanent seating.

"Over the past several years, it has been Oakland's dream to serve as a hub for southeast Michigan's soccer activities," said OU Athletics Director Jack Mehl. "With the support of the soccer community in general and the Michigan Host Committee in particular, we are closer to making that dream come true."

Visit the **OU Athletics** Web site for more information on OU's men's and women's soccer teams. To learn more about giving to Oakland and the impact donors have on the university, visit the **Giving to Oakland University** Web site.

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