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## Women number two seed in Mid-Con tourney

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OU's **women's basketball team** enters this year's Mid-Continent Conference Tournament as the number two seed behind Valparaiso, which won its second Mid-Con regular-season championship. The tournament begins Saturday, March 2, at the War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, Ind.

In the first round of the tournament, OU (14-13, 8-6 Mid-Con) will play No. 7 IUPUI (11-16, 6-8 Mid-Con) on Saturday, March 2, at 5 p.m. The winner of that game will play in the semifinals – on Monday, March 4, at 2:15 p.m. – against the winner of Saturday's 7:15 p.m. game between No. 3 Western Illinois (16-11, 8-6 Mid-Con) and No. 6 Oral Roberts (12-15, 6-8 Mid-Con).

Valparaiso (22-5, 13-1) is the top seed going into the tournament and will play No. 8 UMKC (7-20, 3-11 Mid-Con) on Saturday, March 2, at noon. The winner of that game will advance to Monday's semifinals, playing the winner of Saturday's 2:15 p.m. game between No. 4 Southern Utah (10-16, 6-8 Mid-Con) and No. 5 Chicago State (10-17, 6-8 Mid-Con).

The championship game is Tuesday, March 5, at 6 p.m. The winner of the Mid-Con Tournament will earn the league's automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament.

Oakland ended its regular season Monday, Feb. 25, with a 73-58 loss to Valparaiso.

This is OU's third appearance in the Mid-Continent Conference Tournament. In last year's tournament, OU, the No. 1 seed, advanced to the finals by defeating Valparaiso 76-68 and IUPUI 80-73. But Oral Roberts proved too strong in the tournament final, defeating the Golden Grizzlies 61-46.

For results, statistics and a team roster, visit the **OU women's basketball** Web site. To follow the team's progress at the Mid-Con Tournament or to listen to the live Web casts, see the **OU Athletics** Web site. A complete bracket can be found on the **Mid-Continent Conference** Web site.

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