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AMANDA GRAPPE NAMED FIRST-TEAM DAKTRONICS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-SOUTH REGION SELECTIONS

MAGNOLIA, Arkansas – Arkansas Tech senior forward **Amanda Grappe** (Benton, Ark.) was named a repeat First-Team Daktronics All-South Region selection that was released on Wednesday.

The nomination and voting for the Daktronics All-South Region Teams was conducted by the sports information directors from the South Region schools. The five members of the first team from each of the eight regions across the country advance to the national ballot for consideration on the 2008-09 Daktronics Women's Basketball All-America team. All NCAA Division II sports information directors will select the All-America team, which will be announced next week.

Grappe, who was named the Gulf South Conference West Division Player of the Year and was a three-time All-GSC West Division selection, was named a repeat All-South Region selection this season after averaging 19.0 points and 8.1 rebounds per game, along with shooting 54 percent from the field, 42 percent from the 3-point line and 78 percent at the free throw line. She finished her Tech career as the program's 10th all-time leading scorer (1,738 points) and the program's fourth all-time leading rebounder (791 boards). In addition, she recorded 27 double-digit scoring games this season and had a team-best nine double-doubles and was named the GSC West Division Player of the Week three times. In her career, she had 94 career double-digit scoring efforts, 20 double-doubles and 29 games of scoring 20 or more points, including five career 30-plus point games. On the season, Grappe, who led Tech to a 19-9 overall record this season and a third-place finish in the GSC West Division, has been named a three-time GSC West Division Player of the Week and has also been named one of the five finalists from Region 5 for the NCAA Division II WBCA State Farm All-America team.

Joining Grappe on the Daktronics All-South Region First-Team are Florida Southern sophomore guard Chelsea Johnson, Nova Southeastern junior center Stephanie Sarosi, Eckerd senior center Olivia Nagle and West Georgia senior guard Dominic Cranford, who was named the South Region's Player of the Year and was also named the GSC East Division Player of the Year. Grappe, Johnson and Sarosi were all first-team selections last season.

The Second-Team Daktronics All-South Region team consists of West Georgia senior forward Ashley Huff, Delta State sophomore guard Bug Cooper, Florida Tech sophomore guard Lynisha Nelson and Barry teammates, senior guard Princess Bailey and sophomore forward Mariesa Greene.

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