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ARKANSAS TECH'S BAILEE MILLER WINS HER FIFTH GSC WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER OF THE WEEK HONOR

RUSSELLVILLE, Arkansas – Arkansas Tech freshman **Bailee Miller** closed out the regular season by going five-for-five on Gulf South Conference Women's Cross Country Runner of the Week honors as she was honored once again Wednesday with the weekly honor from the league office in Birmingham, Ala.

Miller competed in five races during the regular season and she won five GSC Runner of the Week accolades. She becomes the first female runner since the weekly awards inception in 2006 to win more than two times in the same season.

"Bailee has had a tremendous season for our team and it is nice to see her recognized by the league office for her accomplishments," Golden Suns Head Coach **Tom Aspel** said.

Miller, a native of Dover, Ark., earns this week's honor after finishing in 45th place overall and she was the second non-Division I runner to cross the finish line at last weekend's 21st-Annual Chile Pepper X-C Festival in Fayetteville, Ark. Miller ran the 6,000-meter race in a time of 22:15, which is the sixth fastest 6K time in school history.

With her performance, she helped the Golden Suns to a 26th place finish overall and a second place finish among non-Division I teams at the meet. Tech scored 648 points to finish seven points behind Arkansas State (641) and 17 points in front of LSU (665).

It is the 10th time a Tech runner has been honored as a Runner of the Week since the league began the weekly honor.

Miller and her teammates will return to action this weekend when they travel to Hoover, Ala., to compete in the 2009 GSC Championships held at Veteran's Park. Tech enters the meet as the No. 3 ranked team and the second team ranked from the GSC in the latest USTFCCA Division II South Region Poll.

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