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ARKANSAS TECH NAMES MVPS FROM ITS VICTORY OVER HENDERSON STATE

RUSSELLVILLE, Arkansas – The Arkansas Tech football coaching staff has selected its Most Valuable Players from its 44-14 road win Saturday over Henderson State.

The Offensive MVP honor went to senior quarterback **Nick Graziano** (Moraga, Calif.). Graziano earns his second MVP honor of the season as he was named the Offensive MVP following the Arkansas-Monticello game. Graziano earns the Offensive MVP honor after grading out at 84 percent in the win over the Reddies, according to Tech Head Football Coach and Athletic Director **Steve Mullins**. Against the Reddies, Graziano was 37-for-51 through the air for a school record 456 yards and threw five touchdown passes. In addition, Graziano carried the ball two times for 21 yards, including two yards after contact. The 456 passing yards established a new single-game school record for the Wonder Boys, bettering the old mark of 431 yards set in Tech's homecoming win over West Georgia on Oct. 17. Graziano's performance was the single-best passing mark in the league this season and his total offense mark of 477 yards was also a season-high in the league.

On defense, the coaches awarded MVP honors to junior linebacker **Brandon Wright** (Stuttgart, Ark.). Wright earns his first defensive MVP honor of the season after grading out at 82 percent in the win over the Reddies. Against the Reddies, Wright recorded four tackles, three tackles for loss and two quarterback sacks. Wright and his defensive teammates held the GSC's leading rushing team to 37 yards rushing and 334 yards total for the game.

The coaches awarded Special Teams MVP honors to senior defensive back **Lenald Mombo** (Chicago, Ill.). Mullins said that Mombo earns the special teams honor this week after being the high point man on Tech's kick coverage team against the Reddies.

Tech (6-2 overall, 4-2 GSC) will return to action next Saturday, Oct. 31, when they close the home portion of its regular season schedule against Delta State (4-4 overall, 3-3 GSC). The game, which will kickoff at 6 p.m. in Thone Stadium at Buerkle Field, will mark the final home game for Tech's 21-member senior class. The seniors will be honored in a pregame ceremony prior to kickoff.

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