

2009 Arkansas Tech Golden Suns Softball Seniors

This afternoon fans, we honor three seniors on this year's team that have helped Tech win 76 games the past two seasons and win the school's first-ever GSC West Division Championship in 2008. Our first senior today is...#2 Kacie Visina, Sr., 2L, Rowlett, Texas (North Central College)



Visina is in her second season as a Golden Sun and has been a valuable member of the team since arriving on campus last year from North Central College in Texas...In her career, Visina has played in 84 career games and has made 54 starts, including starting 52 games this season in left field...She played primarily as a pinch-runner last season, scoring 11 runs, but has become the starting leftfielder this season for the Golden Suns...She is a career .231 hitter and she has recorded 27 career hits and has scored 29 career runs. In addition, she has driven in 12 runs and is 10-for-13 in career stolen bases...This season, she is batting .239 with 26 hits and 18 runs scored in 52 games and is 8-for-10 in stolen bases...She holds the school's single-season record for being hit by a pitch as she has been plunked four times this season... Visina, a native of Rowlett, Texas, is the daughter of Charles and Jenny Visina and is a nursing major at Tech.

Visina's Career Statistics (2008-09)

GP-GS	Avg.	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB-ATT	E	Fld%
85-54	.231	117	29	27	1	1	0	12	10-13	7	.910

Our next senior is...#11 Sarah Pratt, Sr., 3L, Garland, Texas (Midwestern State)

Pratt, who is a two-time All-GSC West Division selection, including a First-Team selection in 2008 and a three-time GSC West Division Player of the Week, will leave Tech as one of the top hitters in the program's history...In her three years with the Golden Suns, Pratt has played in and started 158 games in right field...She enters play today holding the school's career batting average mark (.357), the career mark for triples (16) and is second in career at-bats (555), hits (198), total bases (243) and is third in school history in runs scored (98)...In addition, she is fourth in career stolen bases (34) and is sixth in games played (158) and has recorded 43 career multi-hit games...This season, Pratt is second on the team in hitting with a .360 average, but leads the team in at-bats (189), hits (68), runs scored (39) and has hit a single-season school record nine triples...She also has had 21 multiple hit games, including a school-record five-hit game against So. Indiana earlier this season...Along with holding several career school marks, Pratt also holds single-season records for at-bats (205 in 2008), hits (73 in 2008), runs scored (40 in 2008) and games played (58 in 2008)...She also holds the school record for most triples in a game (2, 3x, last vs. Rogers State. 4/14/09)...Pratt, a native of Garland, Texas, is the daughter of James and Nikki Pratt and is a health and physical education major at Tech.



Pratt's Career Statistics (2007-09)

GP-GS	Avg.	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB-ATT	E	Fld%
158-158	.357	555	98	198	13	16	0	43	34-47	9	.946

The final senior today is...#33 Krista Cifuentes, Sr., 4L, Clinton, Ark. (Clinton H.S.)



Cifuentes is the team's lone four-year letterwinner and is one of only six four-year letterwinners in the program's seven-year history...In addition, she is Coach **Gidget Pambianchi's** first-ever four-year recruit in her coaching tenure at Tech...Ever since arriving on campus, Cifuentes has been a fixture in the outfield for the Golden Suns, whether it be in right or center field...In her four years at Tech, Cifuentes has played in a school-record 204 games and has started all 204 of those contests...Known more for her defense throughout her career, this season, Cifuentes has become an offensive force as she is one of the top hitters on the team...She enters today's action hitting .299 with 41 hits in 137 at-bats and has scored 24 runs and is a perfect 11-for-11 in stolen bases...In her career, Cifuentes ranks in the Top 10 on the school's career charts in sacrifice hits (26/2nd), hit by pitches (7/2nd), walks (36/T3rd), at-bats (438/5th), runs scored (72/5th), stolen bases (28/5th), triples (3/T6th), hits (113/7th), total bases (142/9th) and doubles (14/10th)...As a outfielder, she has a career fielding percentage of .949...Has helped lead Tech to 110 wins in her playing career...Cifuentes, a native of Clinton, Ark., is the daughter of Joe and Sherry Cifuentes and is a management and marketing major at Tech...Was a member of the 2007 GSC Softball Academic Honor Roll.

Cifuentes' Career Statistics (2006-09)

GP-GS	Avg.	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB-ATT	E	Fld%
204-204	.258	438	72	113	14	3	3	42	28-33	17	.949