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***ATHLETICS***

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## **CASY HAMMONS WINS THIRD CONSECUTIVE GSC WEST DIVISION PITCHER OF THE WEEK AWARD**

**BIRMINGHAM, Alabama** – For the third week in a row, Arkansas Tech's **Casey Hammons** has been named the recipient of the Gulf South Conference West Division Softball Pitcher of the Week award.

Hammons has won Pitcher of the Week honors three times this season and six times in her Golden Sun career. In addition, Tech has now won the GSC West Division Pitcher of the Week honor four straight weeks as freshman **Morgan Rodgers** (Mansfield, Texas) received the honor on March 17.

For the week, Hammons went 1-1 and compiled a 1.85 earned run average at last weekend's GSC Crossover Tournament in Decatur, Ala. In 15.1 innings of work, Hammons allowed nine hits and five runs, including four earned runs, while walking five and striking out 13. Hammons' one win came against 17th-ranked West Florida, as the right-hander pitched a complete game against the Lady Argonauts, holding them to just one run on three hits, while walking three and fanning six.

It was the second straight week that Hammons has earned a victory against a ranked opponent as she got the win in the Golden Suns 2-1 victory over Southeastern Oklahoma on March 24. Hammons held SOSU to one run on eight hits, with a pair of walks and strikeouts.

On the season, Hammons has a 13-6 overall record, has picked up three saves and has a 1.03 ERA. She has made 28 appearances and 19 starts and has thrown 12 complete games including four shutouts. In 142.1 innings of work, Hammons has allowed 100 hits and 37 runs (21 earned runs), while striking out 142 and walking 43. Opposing hitters are batting .197 against Hammons on the season.

In addition to Hammons, Arkansas-Monticello senior shortstop Lindsay Randall was named the GSC West Division Player of the Week, while Alabama-Huntsville junior third baseman Beth Lawson and Valdosta State senior hurler Brianna Collins were named the East Division Player and Pitcher of the Week respectively.

Hammons and the Golden Suns (29-19 overall, 12-8 GSC) will return to action on Tuesday, April 14 when they host Rogers State in a non-conference doubleheader beginning at 2 p.m. at the Chartwells Women's Sports Complex.

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