

# ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

***ATHLETICS***

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## **ARKANSAS TECH'S MORGAN RODGERS NAMED GSC WEST DIVISION PITCHER OF THE WEEK**

**BIRMINGHAM, Alabama** – Arkansas Tech freshman **Morgan Rodgers** has named the Gulf South Conference's West Division Pitcher of the Week for the second time this season.

It is the fifth time this season the league has named a Tech player as the West Division Pitcher of the Week as junior **Casey Hammons** (Carthage, Texas) won the award for three consecutive weeks (March 24, March 31 and April 9) and Rodgers was honored on March 17.

For the week, **Rodgers**, a native of Mansfield, Texas, went 2-0 and posted an 0.00 earned run average to help lead the Golden Suns to its first-ever four-game sweep this past weekend over West Division rival Delta State. In 12.2 innings of work, Rodgers allowed eight hits and one run, which was unearned and threw a complete game shutout. In addition, she struck out six and did not walk a batter in her two appearances.

On the season, Rodgers has a 14-10 overall record, has picked up one save and has a 1.92 ERA. She has made 35 appearances, which is third-most in the school's single-season history and in 25 starts, she has thrown 11 complete games and four shutouts. In 153.1 innings of work, Rodgers has allowed 145 hits and 68 runs (42 earned runs), while walking 38 and striking out 74.

In addition to Rodgers, Arkansas-Monticello freshman first baseman Kayla Jackson was named the GSC West Division Player of the Week, while Alabama-Huntsville junior third baseman Beth Lawson and West Florida junior pitcher Jillian LaFrance were named the East Division Player and Pitcher of the Week respectively.

Rodgers and her Golden Sun teammates (35-19 overall, 16-8 GSC) will return to action on Thursday, April 23, when they conclude its home schedule with a non-conference doubleheader against Central Baptist. The doubleheader is set to begin at 2 p.m. at the Chartwells Women's Sports Complex and will also mark the final home game for Tech's three seniors – centerfielder **Krista Cifuentes** (Clinton, Ark.), rightfielder **Sarah Pratt** (Garland, Texas) and leftfielder **Kacie Visina** (Rowlett, Texas).

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