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GOLDEN SUNS TENNIS FALLS AT HOME TO 16TH-RANKED NORTHEASTERN STATE

RUSSELLVILLE, Arkansas – Arkansas Tech Golden Suns Tennis returned to action following 13-day layoff here Wednesday by falling 8-1 to 16th-ranked Northeastern State in non-conference action at the Chartwells Women's Sports Complex.

With the loss, Tech falls to 12-3 overall on the season, while the RiverHawks improve to 13-2 on the season.

In Wednesday's match, Tech collected its only win at No. 1 doubles as senior **Anna Carson** (Greenwood, Ark.) and sophomore **Saki Matsuoka** (Saitama, Japan) teamed up to pick up an 8-6 win over NSU's No. 1 team of Zuzanna Osinka and Karolina Cichon. The win improved Carson and Matsuoka to 18-3 in doubles, including a 14-1 mark in dual matches. In addition, it was just the fourth loss of the season for NSU's No. 1 doubles team.

"Despite the score of the match, I was impressed with the way our team battled today against a very good Northeastern State team," Golden Suns Head Coach **Abby Davis** said.

The RiverHawks won the other two doubles matches and took all six singles matches, including having Emina Spirtovic pick up a win in a third-set tiebreaker over Matsuoka at No. 2 singles. In the other singles matches, NSU won in straight sets, including picking up 6-0, 6-0 wins at Nos. 1 and 5.

Tech will return to action this coming weekend when they hit the road for two matches. The Golden Suns will open the road swing on Friday, April 3 at John Brown at 3 p.m. and then will face Southwest Baptist on Saturday, April 4 at 10 a.m. in Bolivar, Mo.

#16 Northeastern State 8, Arkansas Tech 1

SINGLES

- No. 1 – Zuzanna Osinka (NSU) def. **Anna Carson** (Tech), 6-0, 6-0
- No. 2 – Emina Spirtovic (NSU) def. **Saki Matsuoka** (Tech), 1-6, 6-3, 10-4
- No. 3 – Karolina Cichon (NSU) def. **Brittany Turner** (Tech), 6-3, 6-2
- No. 4 – Michaela Romanova (NSU) def. **Kristen Brown** (Tech), 6-2, 6-0
- No. 5 – Agata Skorupska (NSU) def. **Jessica James** (Tech), 6-0, 6-0
- No. 6 – Valerie McKinney (NSU) def. **Ashley Baird** (Tech), 6-2, 6-1

DOUBLES

- No. 1 – Carson/Matsuoka (Tech) def. Osinka/Cichon (NSU), 8-6
- No. 2 – Spirtovic/Romanova (NSU) def. **Michelle Yu**/Turner (Tech), 8-1
- No. 3 – Skorupska/McKinney (NSU) def. Brown/James (Tech), 8-4

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