

# ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

## *ATHLETICS*

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### **SARAH VON LIENEN NAMED HONORABLE MENTION AVCA ALL-SOUTH REGION SELECTION**

**LEXINGTON, Kentucky** – Arkansas Tech sophomore middle blocker **Sarah Von Lienen** (Lakeland, Tenn.) continued to rake in postseason honors on Wednesday as she was named an Honorable Mention AVCA (American Volleyball Coaches Association) All-South Region selection.

Wednesday's honor came two days after Von Lienen was named a Second-Team Daktronics All-South Region selection.

"What another nice postseason honor for Sarah," Tech Head Volleyball Coach **Kristy Bayer** said. "She had a tremendous season and is certainly deserving of all the postseason honors she's received."

**Von Lienen** was one of nine Gulf South Conference players named either an All-South Region honoree or an Honorable Mention All-South Region selection. Joining Von Lienen as honorable mention All-South Region selection were West Florida middle blocker Patricia Gandolfo, Harding outside hitter Manuela Nesheva, West Alabama outside hitter Ana Gabriela Pedrosa and Henderson State libero Bethany Wright. The GSC players named AVCA All-South Region selections were West Florida setter Madeline Gonzalez, North Alabama defensive specialist Jessica Hansen, West Florida right side hitter Luciana Rapach and North Alabama middle hitter Whitney Sanders.

On the season, Von Lienen, who was named a First-Team All-GSC West Division selection, earns Honorable Mention AVCA All-South region honors after recording a team-best 123 blocks (1.06 bps) and hitting .352 in 116 sets played. In addition, Von Lienen, who was named the GSC West Division Freshman of the Year in 2007, was second on the team in kills (300) and also added 22 digs and had 37 solo blocks. She hit .500 or better in 15 matches and had 12 matches with double-digit kills and 13 matches with five or more blocks. Through two seasons with the Golden Suns, Von Lienen has recorded 279 blocks, which is sixth-best on the school's Division II-era charts. In addition, Von Lienen holds the school's Division II era single-season block mark after recording 156 in 2007.

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