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FOUR WONDER BOYS NAMED TO DON HANSEN'S FOOTBALL GAZETTE ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION TEAMS

RUSSELLVILLE, Arkansas – Arkansas Tech Wonder Boys **Chris Johnson, Josh Rogers, Andrew Jackson** and **Mike Houston** have been named to Don Hansen's *Football Gazette* All-Southeast Region team released on Monday.

This year marks the fourth year that the *Football Gazette* has selected NCAA Division II All-Region team. The national publication has selected Division II All-America teams since 1988. The first and second-team All-Region selections advance to a national ballot from which the 2005 NCAA Division II *Football Gazette* All-America team will be selected.

Johnson, a 5-foot-10, 240-pound fullback, was a first-team selection, while Rogers, a 6-foot-3, 228-pound tight end and Jackson, a 5-foot-10, 190-pound safety were second-team selections and Houston, a 5-foot-11, 210-pound linebacker, was a third-team selection.

North Alabama leads all schools with eight all-region selections, while Presbyterian College and Central Arkansas both place six players on the squads.

Johnson, a senior from Dardanelle, Ark., was a four-year letterwinner for the Wonder Boys and started all 10 games this past season and played in 44 career games. This past season, Johnson rushed 37 times for 185 yards and averaged 5.0 yards per carry and scored five touchdowns. In addition, he caught 10 passes for 50 yards. For his career, he finished with 80 carries for 349 total yards and scored six touchdowns on the ground and caught 21 passes for 164 yards and two touchdowns.

Rogers, a junior from Russellville, Ark., is a repeat all-region selection from last season. This past season, Rogers caught 24 passes for 259 yards and scored three touchdowns for the Wonder Boys and averaged 10.8 yards per reception on the season. He was a second-team All-GSC selection and a second-team All-Daktronics All-Southeast Region honoree.

Jackson, a senior from Greenville, Miss., was a two-year letterwinner and starter for the Wonder Boys after transferring from Northwest Mississippi Community College. This past season, Jackson recorded 77 total tackles, which was third on the team and he recorded 8.5 tackles for loss, one sack, had one interception, three pass break-ups and a fumble recovery, which was returned for a 50-yard touchdown in the season finale against Central

Arkansas. For his efforts, Jackson was named a Second-Team All-GSC selection.

Houston, a senior from West Memphis, Ark., was a four-year letterman for the Wonder Boys and finished his career ranked 11th in career tackles with 245. As a senior this past season, he recorded 113 total tackles, including 53 solo stops and had 4.5 tackles for 22 yards in losses, one sack, one interception and three pass break-ups. Houston started all 10 games this past season and finished his career with 25 consecutive starts at linebacker. He was honored as Tech's Player of the Year by the Little Rock Touchdown Club at its annual banquet in December.

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