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ARKANSAS TECH'S TIPHANI MOON NAMED SECOND-TEAM DAKTRONICS ALL-SOUTH REGION SOFTBALL SELECTION

RUSSELLVILLE, Arkansas – Arkansas Tech sophomore first baseman **Tiphani Moon** (Eules, Texas) has been named a 2009 Second-Team Daktronics NCAA Division II All-South Region Softball selection on Wednesday.

The All-South Region honor for Moon is the first in her career and she becomes the school's first-ever Daktronics All-South Region selection.

Moon was one of 15 players from the Gulf South Conference and one of just two players from the West Division, named to one of the two Daktronics All-South Region teams that are voted on by the Sports Information Directors (SIDs) from all the schools in the NCAA Division II South Region.

All first-team honorees will now advance to Daktronics NCAA Division II All-American ballot.

Alabama-Huntsville and Rollins led the way with five players selected and Valdosta State, the 2009 GSC Champion, had four players selected to one of the two teams. West Alabama had three players selected, while Florida Southern and Barry each had two players selected. In the individual awards, Valdosta State's Marti Littlefield was named the South Region Player of the Year and Rollins' Nicole Anderson was named the South Region Pitcher of the Year.

Moon earned her Second-Team All-South Region honor after helping the Golden Suns win its second consecutive GSC West Division title, a school-record 42 wins and a runner-up finish for the second straight year at the GSC Softball Tournament in Southaven, Miss. On the season, Moon, who was a repeat First-Team All-GSC West Division selection, hit .372 with 70 hits and 37 runs scored in 188 at-bats. In addition, she led the way with a school single-season record 10 home runs, recorded 38 RBIs and hit 13 doubles in 63 games. She also holds the school's career record in homers (17), RBIs (80) and slugging percentage (.580) and is second in career batting average (.349) and doubles (29).

Joining Moon on the second team is Rollins second baseman Kristina Holland, Nova Southeastern shortstop Lauren Lopez, Valdosta State third baseman Andi Braswell, Christian Brothers outfielder Victoria Mathews, Valdosta State outfielder Melessa Jackson, Florida Southern outfielder Natalie Lang, Barry designated player Jessica Tabor, Tampa catcher Becky Vyzas, West Alabama utility player Lauren Mills, Alabama-Huntsville pitcher Sage Woodham, Rollins pitcher Rachel Foster and Alabama-Huntsville pitcher Whitney Hawkins.

The first-team Daktronics All-South Region team includes Littlefield, Anderson, Barry pitcher Amber Jack, West Florida pitcher Jillian LaFrance, Alabama-Huntsville first baseman Caitlin Lee, West Alabama second baseman Kelli Hartley, Alabama-Huntsville third baseman Beth Lawson, West Alabama outfielder Valisha Fincher, Rollins outfielder Monica Meadows, Alabama-Huntsville outfielder Kristina Prater, Florida Southern

designated player Angela Williams, Rollins catcher Christine Roser and Valdosta State utility player Alyssa Shirey.

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