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GOLDEN SUNS TENNIS DROPS GSC MATCH AT HENDERSON STATE

ARKADELPHIA, Arkansas – Arkansas Tech Golden Suns Tennis returned to Gulf South Conference action here Wednesday by dropping a hard-fought 5-4 decision to Henderson State.

With the loss, Tech falls to 12-2 overall and 1-2 in the GSC, while HSU improves to a 7-5-1 overall and 2-1 in the GSC.

Wednesday's match came down to the final singles match as Tech sophomore **Jessica James** (Valley Springs, Ark.) fell in a dramatic third set to HSU's Estephanie Lau. Lau won the first set, 6-0, but fell 6-3 to James in the second set. Lau won the third set, 7-5.

James' third-set match was the third of the day for the Golden Suns as senior **Anna Carson** (Greenwood, Ark.) won in three sets (6-1, 3-6, 6-2) at No. 1 singles over HSU's Meredith Massey and sophomore **Michelle Yu** (Flower Mound, Texas) fell in three sets (6-3, 4-6, 6-0) to HSU's Stephanie Schnobel at No. 5 singles.

"It was a tough, hard-fought match, but we just weren't able to pull out those three-set singles matches at No. 5 and 6," Golden Suns Head Coach **Abby Davis** said.

In doubles action, Tech won at No. 2 and No. 3 doubles, but its No. 1 team of Carson and sophomore **Saki Matsuoka** (Saitama, Japan) fell 8-0 to HSU's No. 1 team of Massey and Anna Lobnitz, 8-0.

Along with Carson's win at No. 1 singles, the Golden Suns also won at No. 2 and No. 4 singles. Freshman **Brittany Turner** (Pearcy, Ark.) fell in straight sets at No. 3 singles.

Tech will now take some time off for Spring Break before returning to action on Wednesday, April 1 at home against Northeastern State. The NSU match is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m.

Henderson State 5, Arkansas Tech 4

SINGLES

No. 1 – **Anna Carson** (Tech) def. Meredith Massey (HSU), 6-1, 3-6, 6-2

No. 2 – **Saki Matsuoka** (Tech) def. Melissa West (HSU), 6-3, 6-1

No. 3 – Rebecca Staton (HSU) def. **Brittany Turner** (Tech), 6-3, 6-2

No. 4 – **Kristen Brown** (Tech) def. Anna Lobnitz (HSU), 6-0, 6-2

No. 5 – Stephanie Schnobel (HSU) def. **Michelle Yu** (Tech), 6-3, 4-6, 6-0

No. 6 – Estephanie Lau (HSU) def. **Jessica James** (Tech), 6-0, 3-6, 7-5

DOUBLES

No. 1 – Carson/Matsuoka (Tech) def. Massey/Lobnitz (HSU), 8-0

No. 2 – Staton/West def. Brown/Turner (Tech), 8-3

No. 3 – Araujo/Duarte (DSU) def. Yu/James (Tech), 8-6

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