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GOLDEN SUNS TENNIS PICKS HOME GSC WIN OVER OUACHITA BAPTIST

RUSSELLVILLE, Arkansas – Arkansas Tech Golden Suns Tennis returned home to the Chartwells Women's Sports Complex here Tuesday and posted an 8-1 Gulf South Conference victory over Ouachita Baptist.

With the victory, Tech, who is ranked 12th in the latest NCAA Division II South Region Poll, improves to 14-4 overall and 2-2 in the GSC, while OBU falls to 1-10 overall and 1-3 in the GSC.

The Golden Suns, who are seeking to qualify for the GSC Tournament for the second consecutive season, opened Tuesday's match by picking up wins at No. 1 and No. 2 doubles by identical 8-2 scores. Tech won the No. 3 doubles match by default as OBU only had four players available for the match.

In singles action, Tech won in straight sets at No. 2 and No. 3, but suffered its only loss of the match at No. 1 singles as OBU's Tavu Fa picked up a 7-6 (7-2), 6-2 win over senior **Anna Carson** (Greenwood, Ark.). Tech won at Nos. 4, 5 and 6 by default.

Tech will return to action GSC action on Thursday, April 9, when they travel to Searcy, Ark., to face Harding (14-5, 1-1 GSC) in a 2 p.m. match. Harding is ranked 13th in the latest NCAA D-II South Region Poll. Tech picked up its first-ever win (5-4) on March 5 in Russellville.

Arkansas Tech 8, Ouachita Baptist 1

SINGLES

- No. 1 – Tavu Fa (OBU) def. **Anna Carson** (Tech), 7-6 (7-2), 6-2
- No. 2 – **Saki Matsuoka** (Tech) def. Thoko Zulu (OBU), 6-0, 6-0
- No. 3 – **Brittany Turner** (Tech) def. Megan Ruggles (OBU), 6-1, 6-3
- No. 4 – **Kristen Brown** (Tech) won by default
- No. 5 – **Michelle Yu** (Tech) won by default
- No. 6 – **Jessica James** (Tech) won by default

DOUBLES

- No. 1 – Carson/Matsuoka (Tech) def. Natalia Drada/Fa (OBU), 8-2
- No. 2 – Yu/Turner (Tech) def. Zulu/Ruggles (OBU), 8-2
- No. 3 – Brown/James (Tech) won by default

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