

# ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

**ATHLETICS**

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## **ARKANSAS TECH VOLLEYBALL TO HOST ITS THIRD-ANNUAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS NIGHT MATCH THURSDAY AGAINST HARDING**

**RUSSELLVILLE, Arkansas** – Arkansas Tech Volleyball is looking for everyone to wear pink in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month (October) when it hosts Harding in a 7 p.m. Gulf South Conference match on Thursday, Oct. 22 at Tucker Coliseum.

In addition to the fans wearing pink, the Golden Suns Volleyball team will also be wearing pink uniforms, which will be auctioned off following the match. The pink uniforms were donated by the IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers) of Arkansas Nuclear One.

"This is our third annual Pink-Out night," Tech Head Volleyball Coach **Kristy Bayer** said. "This event is always a big success. All proceeds go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. We couldn't do it without the help of our sponsors and I'd also like to thank the IBEW for getting involved once again."

Along with that, Tech's SAAC (Student-Athletic Advisory Committee) will have booths set up around Tucker Coliseum for fans to bid on gear from all of Tech's athletic teams and Zeta Tau Alpha sorority is also going to be handing pink ribbons to all the fans in attendance and also passing out informational pamphlets about breast cancer and breast cancer research. All proceeds generated from the silent auction and the pink uniforms will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. There will also be a chance for 500 lucky fans to win a pink shirt, as well.

"We are partnering once again with the SAAC and the Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority," the sixth-year Tech coach said. "We worked with them last year as well and they did a great job helping us."

The match with the Lady Bison will be the ninth GSC match of the season for the Golden Suns. Bayer's squad is off to a 5-2 start in league play and is standing at 18-10 overall. The Golden Suns play at Southern Arkansas on Tuesday, before Thursday's "Pink Out" match with Harding.

Harding is currently sporting a 21-5 overall record and are 6-1 in GSC West Division. Earlier this season, Harding picked up a four-set win over Tech in Searcy.

"This is a good event," said Bayer. "It is a fun event and it also helps to raise awareness for a good cause."

Fans unable to attend the Harding match are welcome to call in their bid for the pink uniforms or the other silent auction items to the Tech Athletic Department Office at (479) 968-0345. The auction opens at 6:30 p.m. and will conclude at the end of the second set.

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