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VON LIENEN THREE-PEATS AS GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE WEST DIVISION OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

RUSSELLVILLE, Arkansas – Arkansas Tech junior middle blocker **Sarah Von Lienen** (Lakeland, Tenn.) was been named the Gulf South Conference West Division Volleyball Player of the Week for the third consecutive week on Tuesday by the league office in Birmingham, Ala.

The Player of the Week honor is the 11th in her Tech career and the sixth time this season Von Lienen has earned Player of the Week accolades from the league. This season, she has been named the Offensive Player of the Week five times, including the past three weeks, while being named the Defensive Player of the Week once.

Von Lienen, who was named the Preseason All-GSC West Division selection and was an Honorable Mention AVCA All-South Region honoree last season, earns this week's offensive honor after helping guide the Golden Suns to a 3-1 record on the week and a 1-1 record in GSC West Division play. On the week, Von Lienen had a 30 kills on 57 attempts with a .439 hitting percentage in limited action.

On the season, Von Lienen has played in 99 of Tech's 112 sets and leads the team in blocks (91), solo blocks (23), kills (338) and attack percentage (.337). In addition to that she is averaging 3.41 kills per set and has had only 96 attack errors on 718 attack attempts.

Along with Von Lienen, the league named Arkansas-Monticello senior outside hitter Sara Kindred as the West Division's Defensive Player of the Week. In the East Division, West Florida senior middle blocker Patricia Gandolfo and Valdosta State junior outside hitter Irene Hannan were named the Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week respectively.

Von Lienen and her Golden Sun teammates return to action on Tuesday, Oct. 27 when they travel to Bacone College for a 7 p.m. match. The Golden Suns will then return home to host Christian Brothers in a 7 p.m. match on Thursday in Tucker Coliseum. The match will be the final home contest of the season for the Golden Suns and it will be "Trick or Treat" Night.

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