

# ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

## ***ATHLETICS***

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### **ARKANSAS TECH GOLDEN SUNS TENNIS ANNOUNCES THE SIGNING OF TWO TO NATIONAL LETTERS OF INTENT**

**RUSSELLVILLE, Arkansas** – Arkansas Tech Tennis Coach **Abby Davis** recently announced that **Jennifer Carrillo** and **Karissa Lentz** have signed National Letters of Intent to join the Golden Suns for the 2006-07 school year.

Davis, who is entering her third season at Tech, said she is excited about the addition of these two young women to her program.

"These two young women are coming to Tech with excellent credentials and will make a great addition to our program," Davis said.

**Carrillo** comes to Tech after a standout high school career at Earl Warren High School in San Antonio, Texas. While at Warren H.S., she played both the No. 1 singles and doubles position for four years and won the District Singles title as a junior. In addition, she was ranked in the Championship Division of the USTA in the 14's, 16's and 18's.

"Jennifer comes from a tennis family. She has been on the courts all of her life," Davis said. "She has the ability to hit hard serves and ground strokes as well as having the ability to take the pace off and run her opponent.

Davis said that Carrillo will not play during the fall season, but she expects her to make an impact during Tech's spring season, especially in doubles play.

"I expect her to make an immediate impact to our team come the spring season," Davis added.

**Lentz** comes to Tech after playing the past two seasons at Riverside Community College in Riverside, Calif. Prior to playing at Riverside C.C., Lentz played tennis at Norco High School in Norco, Calif. While at Riverside, Lentz posted a combined 35-14 record playing at both No. 2 singles and doubles this past season. At No. 2 singles, she was 16-7 and ranked 18th in the state and at No. 2 doubles, she had a 19-7 record and was ranked fifth in the state. In addition, Lentz helped her team finish second in the Orange Empire Conference and she was selected to the ITA Community College All-American Doubles team.

"Karissa will bring consistency and maturity to our very young team," Davis said. "She brings a lot of match experience with her from playing in Southern California, where tennis is traditionally extremely tough."

Davis added that she expects Lentz to make an immediate impact with the Golden Suns and be one of the team's leaders.

"I'm counting on her to provide leadership for our team," Davis added.

Lentz and Carrillo are joining a Tech team that returns four players from last season's 6-19 team that finished 2-5 in the Gulf South Conference. Among the

returners is junior **Whitney Simmons** (Pottsville, Ark.), who was a Second-Team All-GSC West Division selection last season after posting a 13-13 record in singles action, including a 3-4 record in singles in GSC play.

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