

Wingate's Barrineau, Blankenship Named Softball Players Of The Week

ROCK HILL, S.C. -- Wingate University's Brittany Barrineau has been named the South Atlantic Conference Softball Player of the Week and **Wingate's Brittany Blankenship** earned league Pitcher of the Week honors for the week ending February 22, announced conference officials Tuesday.

Blankenship, a junior right-hander from Midlothian, Va. (Midlothian HS) went 4-0 on the week. The 2009 First Team All-SAC selection posted a 0.88 ERA, striking out 27 batters in 24 innings of work while walking only two. She went the distance against Queens, allowing one run on five hits while striking out seven. She followed that by allowing a run on four hits against Erskine with eight strikeouts. Blankenship struck out nine while allowing a run on four hits at Belmont Abbey. She capped her week by tossing three hitless innings in the win over St. Andrews, while striking out three. Blankenship is 5-1 on the season with a team-best 0.76 ERA. She leads the team with 40 strikeouts and has walked only four batters in 37 innings of work.



Blankenship earns second straight SAC Pitcher of the Week award



3/2/2010 Rock Hill, S.C.----Wingate University junior right-hander **Brittany Blankenship** (Midlothian, Va.) is this week's SAC Pitcher of the Week, league officials announced Tuesday. Blankenship wins the award for the second consecutive week, and the sixth time in her career. Blankenship went 3-0 on the week with a 0.61 ERA. She had 23 strikeouts in 23 innings while walking only three, helping the Bulldogs to a 6-0 week. The Bulldogs have now won 15 games in a row, improving to 17-1 on the season. Blankenship started the week with a complete game victory over Mount Olive, allowing three hits while striking out four and not allowing an earned run. She went eight innings in the win over North Greenville without allowing an earned run and striking out nine. She finished her week by striking out 10 in an eight-inning victory over Limestone. Blankenship is 8-1 on the season with a 0.70 ERA and 63 strikeouts against only seven walks. Opponents are hitting .165 against her on the year, and she has allowed only five extra-base hits in 60 innings of work. Blankenship has not allowed more than two earned runs in any of her nine starts this season, while allowing zero earned runs four times.