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## **THIAGO CORDEIRO NAMED SECOND-TEAM NABC DIVISION II ALL-SOUTH REGION SELECTION**

**RUSSELLVILLE, Arkansas** – Arkansas Tech senior center **Thiago Cordeiro** was named a Second-Team NABC Division II All-South Region selection late Thursday evening.

The NABC Division II All-South Region honor comes a week after Cordeiro was named a First-Team All-Gulf South Conference West Division selection and four days after he was named to the GSC All-Tournament Team.

“What a nice honor for Thiago. He had a very good season for us and was a difference in the paint,” Wonder Boys Head Coach **Mark Downey** said.

The NABC Division II All-South Region team is voted on by the head coaches in the South Region.

**Cordeiro**, who is a transfer from the University of Dayton and a native of Recife, Brazil, earns Second-Team All-South Region honors after averaging 11.6 points, 5.6 rebounds and a GSC-best 2.7 blocks per game, which is tied for eighth nationally in the latest NCAA D-II statistics. On the season, Cordeiro has scored in double figures in 18 games, including three 20-plus point games and has had a team-best four double-doubles. He set a new single-game record for blocked shots twice during the regular season as he blocked a then-record seven shots against Ouachita Baptist on Jan. 22 and then blocked a new single-game record eight shots in Tech’s 86-81 overtime win over Delta State on Feb. 21. In addition to holding the school’s single-game blocked shot record, Cordeiro also set a new single-season record for blocked shots as he has blocked 80 shots this season, which bettered the old record of 76 held by **David Ross** (1988-89). He also leads the GSC in field goal percentage at 62 percent and is also shooting 71 percent from the free throw line.

Joining Cordeiro on the All-Region second-team was Florida Southern’s Rob Eldridge, Tampa’s Rashad Callaway, Florida Southern’s Rion Rayfield and Nova Southeastern’s Tim Coenraad.

The First-Team NABC Division II South Region team consists Christian Brothers’ Nick Kohs, Valdosta State’s Tyrone Curnell, North Alabama’s tandem of Kenny Johnson and Thomas Fraise, Rollins’ Nick Wolf and Lynn’s Chris Hill.

Christian Brothers Head Coach Mike Nienaber was named the NABC’s South Region Coach of the Year.

Cordeiro and his Wonder Boy teammates will return to action on Saturday, March 14, when they face 14th-ranked Benedict in the first round of the NCAA Division II South Regional Tournament in Lakeland, Fla. Tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m. CDT at the Jenkins Fieldhouse on the Florida Southern College campus.

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