

# ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

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## **ARKANSAS TECH CROSS COUNTRY REMAINS THIRD IN LATEST NCAA DIVISION II SOUTH REGION POLL**

**RUSSELLVILLE, Arkansas** – For the fourth consecutive week, Arkansas Tech Women's Cross Country is ranked third in the fourth NCAA Division II South Regional rankings that are compiled by the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA).

Tech was ranked fourth in the Preseason Division II South Regional rankings, before moving up one spot to No. 3 in the initial weekly poll two weeks ago and has remained third in the last three polls.

The USTFCCCA NCAA Division II region poll will be released every week during the regular season beginning on Sept. 15. The poll ranks the Top 10 men's and women's cross country teams in each of the eight NCAA regions. Eight regional representatives coordinate the voting in their own region with input from the coaches.

Tech remained third this week despite not competing last weekend. The Golden Suns will return to action this coming weekend (Oct. 10) when they compete at the Harding Bison Stampede in Searcy, Ark. So far this season, Tech has finished 13th out of 41 teams at the Missouri Southern Stampede on Sept. 19, 11th at the Brooks Memphis Twilight Classic on Sept. 5 and fourth place at its own 3rd-Annual Tech Twilight Run on Sept. 11.

Tampa, the two-time defending South Region champion, remains atop this week's poll and the Spartans are followed by Harding at No. 2. Following Tech in the polls is West Florida at No. 4 and Florida Southern falls one spot to No. 5.

The next five in this week's fourth regular season are West Georgia at No. 6, while Florida Tech falls to No. 7 and Alabama-Huntsville remains ranked eighth. Nova Southeastern and West Alabama round out this week's poll at Nos. 9 and 10 respectively.

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