

ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

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WONDER BOYS SHOOT EVEN-PAR 576 TO TAKE HOME THIRD PLACE AT 2009 DELTA STATE DERRALL FOREMAN INVITATIONAL

CLEVELAND, Mississippi – Arkansas Tech Men's Golf concluded play here Saturday by firing an even-par 576 to finish in third place out of 13 teams in the Derrall Foreman Invitational hosted by Delta State University at the Cleveland Country Club.

Tech opened the tournament by firing a 293 in Friday's first round, before rebounding to card a five-under par 283 in Saturday's final round. In addition, Tech's 'B' Team shot 619 for the tournament to finish in 12th place.

The Wonder Boys finished four shots behind second place Delta State (572) and three shots in front of fourth place Lindenwood University. North Alabama shot a 571 to take home the team title by one shot over the Statesmen.

Leading the way for Tech was senior **Ryan Hitt** (Allen, Texas) and freshman **Parker Hale** (Benton, Ark.) each carded one-over par 145s to finish tied for 12th place. Hitt fired rounds of 71 and 74, while Hale shot a 77 in the first round and then fired a 68 in the final round. The 'B' Team was led by the play of redshirt freshman **Graham Rucker** (Hot Springs, Ark.), who carded a two-under par 142 to finish in a tie for fifth place.

North Alabama's Brett Munson took home individual medalist honors for the second straight season as he carded a 10-under par 134 to finish four shots in front of Lindenwood's Richard Docherty and Henderson State's Matt Atkins, who each shot six-under par 138s.

Munson, Docherty, Atkins were joined on the Foreman Invitational Team by Rucker, Delta State's Collin McCrary and North Alabama 'B' Team's Tyler Chandler. McCrary shot a four-under par 140 and Chandler fired a two-under par 142.

In addition to Hitt and Hale, other finishers for the Wonder Boys were senior **Drew Richards** (Prescott, Ark.) and freshman **Colton Dillard** (Farmington, Ark.). Richards and Dillard each carded two-over par 146s to finish tied for 21st place. Richards had rounds of 70 and 76, while Dillard carded rounds of 77 and 69. The fifth finisher for Tech was senior **Jonathon Spikes** (Danville, Ark.), who fired a three-over par 147 to finish tied for 25th place. Spikes shot a 75 in the first round and then shot an even-par 72 in the final round.

Other finishers for the 'B' Team besides Rucker was senior **Scott Genoway** (Calgary, Alberta), who shot a 152 to finish tied for 37th place. Genoway had rounds of 73 and 79 respectively. In addition, freshman **Kyle Barton** (Greenwood, Ark.) finished in a tie for 56th place after firing a 158 (80, 78), while freshman **Matt Johnson** (Siloam Springs, Ark.) carded a 168 for 36 holes to finish in a tie for 66th place. Redshirt freshman **Sean Craigon** (Maple Ridge, B.C.) shot a 78 in the second round after being disqualified in the first round.

Tech will return to action on Oct. 12-13 when the Wonder Boys compete at the North Alabama Fall Classic, which is being held at the Blackberry Golf Club in Florence, Ala.

ARKANSAS TECH		293	283 – 576
T-12	Ryan Hitt	71	74 – 145
T-12	Parker Hale	77	68 – 145
T-21	Drew Richards	70	76 – 146
T-21	Colton Dillard	77	69 – 146
T-25	Jonathon Spikes	75	72 – 147

ARKANSAS TECH 'B'		316	303 – 619
T-5	Graham Rucker	74	68 – 142
T-37	Scott Genoway	73	79 – 152
T-56	Kyle Barton	80	78 – 158
T-66	Matt Johnson	89	79 – 168
DQ	Sean Craigon	DQ	78

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