

ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

ATHLETICS

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WONDER BOYS OPENS FALL SEASON BY SHOOTING 602 TO FINISH IN NINTH PLACE AT THE TERRITORY CLASSIC

DUNCAN, Oklahoma – Arkansas Tech Men’s Golf completed play here Tuesday in the second round by shooting a 602 to finish in ninth place out of 17 teams at the Territory Classic hosted by Cameron University at the Territory Golf and Country Club.

After opening the tournament by shooting a 307 in Monday’s first round, the Wonder Boys rebounded to post a score of 295 in Tuesday’s final round to move up from a tie for 11th place to ninth place. In fact, six shots separated the fourth through ninth place teams.

Tech finished three shots in front of 10th place Cameron (605) and one shot behind eighth place West Texas A&M (601) and three shots behind seventh place Central Oklahoma (599).

Leading the way for Tech was senior **Drew Richards** (Prescott, Ark.), who shot a 36-hole total of 148 to finish in a tie for 16th place. Richards shot a 77 in Monday’s first round, but posted a one-under par 71 in Tuesday’s final round.

Dallas Baptist took home the team title as it won in a playoff against St. Edwards, the first round leader. Both DBU and SEU each shot a 578 for 36 holes. Abilene Christian finished third as they shot 579 and the University of the Southwest shot a 596 to finish in fourth place.

While DBU took home the team title, Abilene Christian’s Alex Carpenter took home individual medalist honors as he fired a four-under par 140 over 36 holes. DBU’s Nic Tacher shot a three-under par 141 to finish in second place, while ACU’s Cyril Bouniol and St. Edwards’ Santiago Quintero each fired two-under par 142s to finish in a tie for third place.

In addition to Richards, other Tech finishers were senior **Jonathon Spikes** (Danville, Ark.), who shot a 149 for 36 holes to finish in a tie for 20th place. Spikes, one of the team’s two returning golfers from last season, shot a 75 in the first round and then fired a 74 in the final round. Senior **Ryan Hitt** (Allen, Texas) shot a 150 (76, 74) to finish tied for 29th place, while freshman **Colton Dillard** (Farmington, Ark.) carded a 155 (79, 76) to finish in a tie for 53rd place in his collegiate debut and senior **Scott Genoway** (Calgary, Alberta) fired a 166 (88, 78) to finish in a tie for 84th place.

The Wonder Boys will return to the links next weekend when they travel to Cleveland, Miss., to participate in the Derrall Foreman Classic hosted by Delta State University. The tournament will begin on Friday, Oct. 2 and will conclude on Oct. 3.

	ARKANSAS TECH	307	295 – 602
T16	Drew Richards	77	71 – 148

T20	Jonathon Spikes	75	74 - 149
T29	Ryan Hitt	76	74 - 150
T53	Colton Dillard	79	76 - 155
T84	Scott Genoway	88	78 - 166

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