

# ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

**ATHLETICS**

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## **ARKANSAS TECH MEN'S GOLF TEAM RECEIVES TWO VOTES IN PRESEASON GOLF WORLD/NIKE GOLF DIVISION II COACHES' POLL**

**NEW YORK, New York** – Arkansas Tech's Men's Golf team received two votes in the Preseason *Golf World*/Nike Golf Division II Coaches' Poll that was released late last week.

The rankings for the *Golf World*/Nike Golf poll are determined by the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) and are voted on every three weeks during the season.

In last week's preseason poll, Tech was one of 32 squads to receive votes. The Wonder Boys ended last season with its sixth NCAA Division II Regional appearance since 1996 and its first since the 2004 season.

Tech, who finished second at last season's GSC Championships, is one of four Gulf South Conference schools that are either ranked or receiving votes in this year's preseason D-II Coaches' Poll.

North Alabama opens the season ranked sixth as the Lions earned 312 points, while West Florida is ranked 14th after receiving 189 points and Valdosta State is ranked 20th in the preseason poll. Tech was the only GSC school to earn votes in the preseason poll.

Georgia College opens the 2009-10 season as the top-ranked team as they earned 390 points and five first place votes, while Barry earned 386 points and four first place votes to open at No. 2 and Columbus State is ranked third as they earned one first place vote and 368 points. Lynn (1 first place vote) and Sonoma State (7 first place votes), the defending NCAA D-II National Champion, open the season ranked fourth and fifth respectively.

Following UNA in the poll is Florida Southern at No. 7 and Central Oklahoma opens at No. 8. CSU-San Bernardino is ranked ninth and USC-Aiken rounds out the preseason Top 10 at No. 10.

Nova Southeastern headlines the next 10 at No. 11 and they are followed by CSU-Stanislaus at No. 12 and Indianapolis at No. 13. West Florida is ranked 14th and the Argonauts are followed by Chico State at No. 15 and Clayton State at No. 16. Ferris State and Lander are tied for No. 17, while Grand Canyon and Valdosta State round out the Top 20 at Nos. 19 and 20 respectively.

The final five begins with St. Edward's at No. 21 and they are followed by Northeastern State at No. 22 and CU-Colorado Springs at No. 23. CSU-Monterey Bay and Newberry are tied at No. 24 to complete the preseason poll.

Other teams receiving votes besides Tech include Washburn (67), Rollins [FL] (66), Barton (56), Indiana [PA] (54), Coker 46, Flagler (41), Western

Washington (38), Wayne State (37), Hawaii-Hilo (31), Fairmont State (22), Abilene Christian (17), Armstrong Atlantic State (15), Bellarmine (13), Eckerd (12), Ohio Valley (12), Belmont Abbey (11), Central Missouri (10), Carson-Newman (9), St. Thomas Aquinas (9), Concord (8), Grand Valley State (8), UNC-Pembroke (7), Cameron (6), UC-San Diego (6), Queens U. [NC] (5), Winona State (5), Northern Kentucky (4), Catawba (3), Pfeiffer (3), St. Mary's [TX] (3) and Florida Tech (2).

Tech will open its 2009-10 season on Sept. 21-22 when they travel to Duncan, Okla., to compete in The Territory Classic hosted by Cameron University.

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