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ARKANSAS TECH MEN'S GOLF TEAM RECEIVES THREE VOTES IN LATEST GOLF WORLD/NIKE GOLF DIVISION II COACHES' POLL

NEW YORK, New York – Arkansas Tech's Men's Golf team received three votes in this week's second *Golf World/Nike* Golf Division II Coaches' Poll of the fall season that was released on Wednesday.

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 this week's second poll of the fall season, Tech, who received two votes in both the preseason and the first poll of the fall, was one of 31 squads to receive votes and is one of five Gulf South Conference teams either ranked or receiving votes.

North Alabama, the defending GSC champion, is ranked third this season after being ranked eighth in the last poll, while Valdosta State jumped 14 spots to No. 6 and West Florida fell nine spots to No. 23 this week. In addition to Tech, Delta State received six votes in this week's poll.

Barry [FL] is the new No. 1 ranked team as they earned 410 points and 12 first place votes, while Georgia College fell from the top spot to No. 2 this week as they earned 377 points and three first place votes and North Alabama is ranked third. Lynn [FL] and St. Edward's, who received one first place vote, rounded out the Top 5 at Nos. 4 and 5 respectively.

Valdosta State headlines the next five at No. 6 and the Blazers are followed by Chico State at No. 7 and Columbus State at No. 8. Belmont Abbey moved up 13 spots to No. 9 this week, while Barton moved into the ranking this week at No. 10.

Florida Southern begins the next 10 at No. 11 and they are followed by CSU-Stanislaus at No. 12 and Indianapolis at No. 13. Newberry, who earned first place vote, climbs into the poll at No. 14, while Nova Southeastern falls six spots to No. 15 and USC-Aiken falls six spots to No. 16. Central Oklahoma is ranked 17th and the Bronchos are followed by Lander at No. 18, Dallas Baptist at No. 19 and Sonoma State falls 16 spots to No. 20.

The final five begins with Abilene Christian at No. 21 and they are followed by Western Washington at No. 22 and West Florida at No. 23. CU-Colorado Springs falls one spot to No. 24, while Central Missouri and Clayton State are tied at No. 25 this week.

The Wonder Boys, who shot a five-under par 571 to finish in second place at UNA's Fall Classic this past week, will return to action on Oct. 19-20 when they travel to Destin, Fla., to compete in the Indian Bayou Classic held at the Indian Bayou Golf Club.

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