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TAYLOR WALLNER NAMED FIRST-TEAM ESPN THE MAGAZINE ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT AT-LARGE SELECTION

RUSSELLVILLE, Arkansas – Arkansas Tech's **Taylor Wallner** has been named an *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District VI College Division At-Large selection by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Wallner, a senior men's golfer from Fayetteville, Ark., earns his first-ever *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District VI honor and is the first Wonder Boy golfer to earn the honor since **Lucas Wald** in 2001. He is just one of two Gulf South Conference student-athletes named to the Academic All-District VI At-Large Team as Southern Arkansas men's golfer Jack Crowley was also honored.

In order to be eligible for the Academic All-America honors, a student-athlete must have at least 3.30 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale), must be a starter or an important reserve and be in at least their second season of athletic and academic eligibility at their current school. In addition, all first-team All-District selections advance on to the Academic All-American ballot.

Wallner, who carries a 3.47 cumulative grade point average in history and political science, played in 12 tournaments and had a scoring average of 75.6 in 28 rounds of golf this past season. He helped lead Tech to a runner-up finish at the 2009 GSC Championships in Hot Springs, Ark., and also helped the Wonder Boys earn its sixth NCAA D-II Regional Tournament appearance and its first since 2004. On the season, Wallner, who was named Tech's Outstanding Senior Male Student-Athlete of the Year, had five rounds of par or better and had three Top 10 finishes and four Top 25 performances on the year. Shot a season-best 142 enroute to finishing fourth at the Ouachita Baptist Invitational and had a season-low round of 69 on three different occasions. He finishes his Tech career with a 76.5 scoring average in 20 tournaments and 44 rounds of golf. In his Wonder Boy career, Wallner has been a three-time member of the GSC Men's Golf Academic Honor Roll.

With his selection this season, Wallner becomes Tech's third-ever CoSIDA Academic All-District VI at-large selection.

CoSIDA members in the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas were responsible for the voting.

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