

# ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

***ATHLETICS***

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## **ARKANSAS TECH GOLDEN SUNS RANKED NINTH IN LATEST NCAA DIVISION II WOMEN'S BASKETBALL REGIONAL RANKINGS**

**INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana** – The NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Committee has released its third Division II women's basketball regional rankings for the 2008-09 season. The rankings list the Top 10 teams in the each of the NCAA's D-II regions.

Tech, who is 16-5 overall, 6-2 in the GSC West Division and 12-4 in the South Region, is ranked ninth in this week's South Region rankings after picking up a 67-46 win last Thursday over Southern Arkansas. Tech, who received 26 votes in this week's *USA Today*/ESPN WBCA D-II Top 25 Coaches' Poll, is one four Gulf South Conference schools in the third regional poll of the season.

At the end of the season, the top eight teams from each region will receive bids to the 64-team NCAA D-II Tournament. To be considered for selection into the national tournament, each team must play at least 18 games against teams within its region or against Division II schools in contiguous states. The regional rankings will be released every Wednesday through March 4. The top team in each region will have an opportunity to host the first two rounds of the 64-team National Championship Tournament. Only games played against NCAA D-II institutions are considered by the committee.

In addition to Tech, other GSC teams ranked in the third South Region poll are Delta State (15-6 D-II, 15-4 South Region) at No. 2, West Georgia (15-4 D-II, 15-4 South Region) is ranked third and Arkansas-Monticello (14-4 D-II, 12-4 South Region) is ranked fifth this week.

Rollins (18-3 D-II, 16-3 South Region), who is from the Sunshine State Conference, headlines the South Region poll for the third consecutive week. Other teams ranked are Fort Valley State (18-4 D-II, 18-4 South Region) at No. 4, Florida Southern (14-6 D-II, 13-5 South Region) at No. 6, Tampa (15-5 D-II, 13-5 South Region) at No. 7, Clark Atlanta (16-2 D-II, 16-2 South Region) at No. 8 and Florida Tech (13-6 D-II, 13-6 South Region) is ranked 10th this week.

Tech will return to action on Thursday when conclude its three-game homestand against Henderson State. Tip-off for Thursday's game at Tucker Coliseum is set for 5:30 p.m. and fans are encouraged to "White Out" Tucker Coliseum.

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