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ARKANSAS TECH CROSS COUNTRY RANKED THIRD IN THIS WEEK'S NCAA DIVISION II SOUTH REGION POLL

RUSSELLVILLE, Arkansas – Arkansas Tech Women's Cross Country remained third in this week's second NCAA Division II South Regional rankings that are compiled by the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA).

Tech was ranked fourth in the Preseason Division II South Regional rankings, before moving up one spot to No. 3 in last week's initial weekly poll.

The USTFCCCA NCAA Division II region poll will be released every week during the regular season beginning on Sept. 15. The poll ranks the Top 10 men's and women's cross country teams in each of the eight NCAA regions. Eight regional representatives coordinate the voting in their own region with input from the coaches.

Tech remained third this week after finishing in 13th place out of 43 teams at last Saturday's Missouri Southern Stampede in Joplin, Mo. Tech scored 446 points to finish nine points in front of 14th place Drury (455 points). Prior to the MSSU Stampede, Tech finished 11th at the Brooks Memphis Twilight Classic on Sept. 5 and then came in fourth place at its own 3rd-Annual Tech Twilight Run on Sept. 11.

Tampa, the two-time defending South Region champion, remains atop this week's poll and the Spartans are followed by Harding at No. 2. Following Tech in the polls is Florida Southern at No. 4 and West Georgia rounds out the Top 5 at No. 5.

The next five in the poll begins with Florida Tech at No. 6, while Alabama-Huntsville jumps one spot to No. 7 and West Alabama falls a spot to No. 8. Valdosta State and Nova Southeastern round out the second weekly poll at Nos. 9 and 10 respectively.

Tech will now take nearly two weeks off before returning to action on Oct. 10 when they travel to Searcy, Ark., to compete in the Harding Bison Stampede.

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