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ARKANSAS TECH REMAINS THIRD IN REGION POLL FOR FOURTH STRAIGHT WEEK

RUSSELLVILLE, Arkansas – Arkansas Tech Women's Cross Country remained third in this week's sixth 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 the initial weekly poll four weeks ago and has remained third since that point.

The USTFCCCA NCAA Division II region poll is released every week during the regular season. 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 26th place at last weekend's 21st-Annual Chile Pepper X-C Festival in Fayetteville, Ark. Tech scored 648 points to finish seven points behind 25th place Arkansas State. In addition, the Golden Suns finished second among the non-NCAA Division I schools at the meet.

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 poll this week is West Florida at No. 4 and Florida Southern rounds out the Top 5 at No. 5.

The next five in the poll begins with Florida Tech at No. 6 and they are followed by West Georgia at No. 7, while West Alabama remains ranked eighth. This week's poll is rounded out by Alabama-Huntsville at No. 9 and Valdosta State at No. 10 respectively.

Tech will return to action this weekend when they travel to Hoover, Ala., to compete in the 2009 Gulf South Conference Championships held at Veteran's Park.

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