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ARKANSAS TECH DROPS TO SIXTH IN LATEST USTFCCCA DIVISION II SOUTH REGION POLL

RUSSELLVILLE, Arkansas – Arkansas Tech Women’s Cross Country fell to sixth in this week’s latest 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 five weeks ago and has finally dropped out of third after being there for five straight weeks following its third-place finish at last Saturday’s 2009 Gulf South Conference Championship Meet.

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.

The Golden Suns scored 109 points to finish behind both four-time GSC champion Harding and West Florida. It was Tech’s second consecutive second place finish in the GSC Championship as they finished third at last year’s GSC 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 Harding in the poll is West Florida at No. 3, Florida Southern at No. 4 and Florida Tech rounds out the Top 5 at No. 5.

The next five in the poll begins with Tech at No. 6, while West Georgia stays at No. 7. Nova Southeastern climbs to No.8, West Alabama falls to No. 9 and Alabama-Huntsville is rounds out the Top 10 at No. 10 this week.

Tech will next be in action on Saturday, Nov. 7, when they travel to Tampa, Fla., to compete in the 2009 NCAA Division II South Regional Meet.

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