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WONDER BOYS FOOTBALL EARNS ONE VOTE IN LATEST AFCA DIVISION II COACHES POLL

RUSSELLVILLE, Arkansas – Arkansas Tech Football earned one vote in this latest American Football Coaches' Association (AFCA) Division II Poll, which was released on Monday. The one vote puts Tech eighth among the nine schools that received votes.

The poll is voted on by 25 AFCA-member head coaches from NCAA Division II schools from around the country. The coaches will vote every Sunday during the regular season and the poll will be distributed on Mondays.

Tech, who improved to 6-2 overall on the season and 4-2 in the Gulf South Conference thanks to its 44-14 win this past Saturday at Henderson State, is one of two GSC schools mentioned in this week's ninth poll of the regular season. North Alabama remains the No. 1 ranked team in Division II as the Lions received all 25 first place votes and 625 points.

Following UNA in this week's poll is Central Washington (9-0) at No. 2, while Northwest Missouri State (8-1) jumps one spot to No. 3 and the Bearcats are followed by Minnesota State-Mankato (9-0) at No. 4 and Grand Valley State (8-1) at No. 5.

The next five in the poll begins with Minnesota-Duluth (8-1) at No. 6 and they are followed by Tarleton State (8-1) at No. 7 and Nebraska-Kearney (8-1) at No. 8. Texas A&M-Kingsville (8-1) and Bloomsburg (8-1) rounds out this week's Top 10 at Nos. 9 and 10 respectively.

North Carolina-Pembroke (7-1) jumps to four spots to No. 11 this week and they are followed by West Liberty State (8-1) at No. 12 and Midwestern State (7-2) leaps four spot to No. 13. Albany State (7-1) falls six spots to No. 14, while Abilene Christian (7-2) falls six spots to No. 15 and Tuskegee (6-2) jumps three spots to No. 16. Charleston (8-1) falls seven spots to No. 17 and is followed by Carson-Newman (7-2) at No. 18, Central Missouri (7-2) at No. 19 and California [PA] (7-2) rounds out the Top 20 at No. 20.

The final five of this week's poll begins with Edinboro [PA] (7-2) at No. 21 and they are followed by Hillsdale [MI] (7-2) at No. 22 and Missouri Western State (7-2) falls 11 spots to No. 23. Saginaw Valley (7-2) and Bentley (8-1) move into this week's poll at Nos. 24 and 25 respectively.

Tech (6-2 overall, 4-2 GSC) returns to action on Saturday, Oct. 31, when the Wonder Boys play host to Delta State (4-4 overall, 3-3 GSC) for a 6 p.m. game in Thone Stadium at Buerkle Field. The game will mark Tech's final home game of the regular season and also the final home game for Tech's 22-member senior class.

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