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FOOTBALL MOVES UP TO EIGHTH IN LATEST NCAA DIVISION II REGIONAL RANKINGS

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana – Arkansas Tech Football continued to inch closer to a berth in the NCAA Division II Playoffs on Monday as the Wonder Boys moved up one spot to eighth in this week's fourth installment of the NCAA Division II Super Regional Two poll.

The Super Regional rankings, which will be released weekly leading up to the end of the regular season, are used to determine the six teams that advance into the NCAA Division II playoffs out of the NCAA's four super regions.

Tech, who is 6-2 overall and a 4-2 in the Gulf South Conference following its 44-14 win on Saturday at Henderson State, is one of two GSC schools ranked in this week's fourth Super Regional Two Poll. Tech's region includes teams from the GSC, the SIAC (Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) and the SAC (South Atlantic Conference).

One of Tech's losses is to a team ranked in this week's Super Regional Two poll as North Alabama (9-0 overall, 9-0 D-II) is ranked No. 1.

North Alabama sits atop the Super Regional Two poll for the fourth consecutive week. Carson-Newman (7-2 overall, 6-2 D-II) out of the SAC moves up one spot to No. 2 this week, while Albany State (7-1 overall, 7-1 D-II) out of the SIAC falls one spot to No. 3 after falling 21-19 Saturday to Tuskegee and UNC-Pembroke (7-1 overall, 6-1 D-II), an NCAA Division II independent, moves up one spot to No. 4. Mars Hill (6-2 overall, 6-1 GSC) falls one spot to fifth this week.

Morehouse (6-2 overall, 6-2 D-II), who is from the SIAC, moves up two spots to No. 6 and they are followed by Benedict (6-3 overall, 5-3 D-II), out of the SIAC, is ranked seventh and Tech is ranked eighth. Wingate (6-2 overall, 6-2 D-II), out of the SAC, jumps one spot to No. 9 and Fort Valley State (5-4 overall, 4-3 D-II), out of the SIAC, falls three spots this week to No. 10.

Tech 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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