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FOOTBALL MOVES UP TWO SPOTS TO SIXTH IN LATEST NCAA DIVISION II REGIONAL RANKINGS

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana – Thanks to its 35-23 win last Saturday at home over Delta State and losses by Mars Hill and Morehouse, Arkansas Tech Football continued to move closer to a berth in the NCAA Division II Playoffs on Monday as the Wonder Boys moved up two spots to sixth in this week's fifth 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 7-2 overall and a 5-2 in the Gulf South Conference following its win over Delta State, is one of two GSC schools ranked in this week's fifth 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 once again ranked No. 1.

North Alabama sits atop the Super Regional Two poll for the fifth consecutive week. Carson-Newman (8-2 overall, 7-2 D-II) out of the SAC remains second this week, while Albany State (8-1 overall, 8-1 D-II) out of the SIAC remains third and UNC-Pembroke (8-1 overall, 6-1 D-II), an NCAA Division II independent, remains in the fourth spot after its 52-7 win Saturday at Frostburg [MD] State. Mars Hill (6-3 overall, 6-2 D-II) remains fifth despite its 38-28 loss to Tusculum last weekend.

Following Tech in this week's poll is Morehouse (6-3, 6-3 D-II), out of the SIAC, is at No. 7 and Benedict (7-3 overall, 6-3 D-II), out of the SIAC, falls to eighth after falling last weekend 30-12 to Albany State. Wingate (6-3 overall, 6-3 D-II), out of the SAC, remains ninth and Fort Valley State (6-4 overall, 5-3 D-II), out of the SIAC, remains 10th following its 20-13 win over Kentucky State this past weekend.

Tech returns to action on Saturday, Nov. 7, when the Wonder Boys close out the 2009 regular season with a GSC contest at Harding (5-5 overall, 3-4 GSC). Kickoff for Saturday's regular season finale is set for 2 p.m. at First Security Stadium in Searcy, Ark.

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