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ARKANSAS TECH WOMEN'S TENNIS RANKED 12TH IN FIRST NCAA DIVISION II SOUTH REGION POLL

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana – Arkansas Tech Golden Suns Tennis continued its drive to earning a spot in the NCAA Division II Tournament in May by being ranked 12th in the initial NCAA D-II South Region poll that was released last Wednesday. Tech hasn't advanced to the NCAA D-II Tournament since 2002, when it finished with a 14-11 overall record.

Tech, who is 13-4 on the season and is 8-4 in the South Region, was one of six Gulf South Conference teams ranked in the initial South Region poll, including three West Division teams.

In addition to Tech, Valdosta State (8-2 overall, 5-2 South Region) is ranked second in the first South Region poll and is followed by West Florida (14-3 overall, 7-2 South Region) at No. 3. Other GSC teams ranked are Delta State (7-4 overall, 6-1 South Region) at No. 10, Harding (13-4 overall, 6-2 South Region) at No. 13 and North Alabama (5-6 overall, 2-4 South Region) at No. 15.

Lynn [FL] (16-0 overall, 12-0 South Region), out of the Sunshine State Conference, headlines the first South Region poll. Fellow Sunshine State Conference members Rollins (14-1 overall, 5-1 South Region), Barry (7-4 overall, 5-1 South Region), Florida Southern (12-4 overall, 8-2 South Region), Nova Southeastern (12-5 overall, 4-2 South Region) and Florida Tech (19-3 overall, 12-3 South Region) are ranked Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8th respectively. Other ranked teams are Flagler (10-5 overall, 5-4 South Region) at No. 9, Palm Beach Atlantic (11-7 overall, 3-5 South Region) at No. 10 and Tuskegee (10-6 overall, 8-4 South Region) at No. 14.

The Golden Suns will return to action on Tuesday, April 7, when they host Ouachita Baptist in a 2 p.m. GSC match at the Chartwells Women's Sports Complex.

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