

L-R Women's Soccer Ranked Ninth In The National Preseason Poll

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The Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Soccer Team is ranked ninth in the 2012 NSCAA/Continental Tire NCAA Division II Top 25 National Preseason Poll. NSCAA is the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. The Bears are coming off a 17-3-1 season including a perfect 9-0 record in the South Atlantic Conference in 2011. L-R also won the SAC Regular

Season Championship for the second straight year last fall and advanced to the finals of the NCAA Division II Southeast Regional Tournament. Lenoir-Rhyne, 36-5-3 over its last two years, finished the 2011 campaign ranked ninth in the final national poll as well. L-R is now under the direction of Head Coach Cally Morrill, who is entering her first season as Bear mentor after spending two years at the helm at Lees-McRae (2010-11).

Saint Rose (23-1-1), the defending NCAA Division II National Champions, enters the season ranked No. 1 in the preseason poll.

L-R opens the season on Friday, August 31, against Georgia College at home in the Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Soccer Classic at the Moretz Sports - Athletic Complex beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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1. Saint Rose 23-1-1
2. Grand Valley State 20-1-4
3. Armstrong Atlantic State 18-3-3
4. Chico State 13-6-6
5. Colorado Mines 17-2-4
6. California (Pa.) 20-1-2
7. Abilene Christian 20-2-1
8. Tampa 16-6-2

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9. Lenoir-Rhyne 17-3-1

10. Fort Lewis 15-3-4
11. Northern Kentucky 17-5
12. Bridgeport 16-0-1
13. California State-Los Angeles 13-4-4
14. Slippery Rock 16-4-3
15. Dallas Baptist 16-6-1
16. Central Oklahoma 15-4
17. Massachusetts-Lowell 11-6-4
18. UC San Diego 13-3-4
19. Seattle Pacific 17-3
20. Lynn 11-7-1
21. Bellarmine 16-3-3
22. Columbus State 16-4-3
23. Saint Leo 15-3-1
24. Rollins 14-3-2
25. California State-Stanislaus 11-4-6

Receiving votes: Minnesota State-Mankato, West Florida, Wisconsin-Parkside, Midwestern State, Kutztown (Pa.), North Georgia, Merimack (Mass.), Quincy (Ill.)