

## **Bears Ranked 24th In Nation**

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With six victories in a row, the Lenoir-Rhyne Football Team moved back into the national rankings for the first time since the preseason. L-R is ranked No. 24 in this

week's AFCA NCAA Division II Coaches Top 25 Poll. The AFCA is the American Football Coaches Association.

Lenoir-Rhyne (6-1, 4-0) is coming off a 35-14 South Atlantic Conference victory over previously unbeaten Newberry (6-1, 4-1) last Saturday at Moretz Stadium. The Wolves were ranked No. 23 nationally at the time.

L-R is now alone atop the league standings and is off to its best start since 1994, when the Bears also started the year at 6-1. Lenoir-Rhyne looks to make it seven wins in a row when it travels to Mars Hill, N.C., to face Mars Hill (2-5, 0-3) on Saturday.

Kickoff at the Ammons Family Athletic Center and Meares Stadium is set for 1:00 p.m. The Bears have not started 7-1 on the year since 1967. Carson-Newman (6-1, 3-1) is the only other South Atlantic Conference school nationally ranked, coming in at No. 18 this week. Newberry is receiving votes.

### **AFCA NCAA Division II Football Coaches Top 25 Poll (October 21, 2013)**

1. Minnesota State-Mankato (25) 7-0
2. Northwest Missouri State (7) 7-0
3. Colorado State-Pueblo 7-0
4. Missouri Western State 7-0
5. Henderson State (Ark.) 7-0
6. Bloomsburg (Pa.) 7-0
7. Minnesota-Duluth 6-1
8. North Carolina-Pembroke 6-0
9. Shepherd (W.Va.) 7-0
10. Washburn (Kan.) 7-0
11. Valdosta State (Ga.) 5-1
12. Pittsburg State (Kan.) 6-1
13. West Chester (Pa.) 7-0
14. Ohio Dominican 7-0
15. Winston-Salem State (N.C.) 6-1
16. West Texas A&M 6-1
17. Emporia State (Kan.) 7-0
- 18t. Carson-Newman (Tenn.) 6-1
- 18t. Midwestern State (Texas) 5-1

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- 20. Indianapolis (Ind.) 6-1
- 21. West Alabama 5-2
- 22. St. Cloud State (Minn.) 6-1
- 23. Tarleton State (Texas) 5-1
- 24. Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.) 6-1**
- 25. Saginaw Valley State (Mich.) 6-1

**Others Receiving Votes:** Slippery Rock (Pa.), 33; Tuskegee (Ala.), 26; Chadron St. (Neb.), 10; Harding (Ark.), 10; Newberry (S.C.), 10; Virginia State, 9; Ouachita Baptist (Ark.), 5; Indiana (Pa.), 3; Delta State (Miss.), 1; Stonehill (Mass.), 1.

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