

## Bears Jump Four Spots In National Poll

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The Lenoir-Rhyne Football Team moved up four spots in this week's AFCA NCAA Division II Coaches Top 25 Poll to No. 18 and maintained the top spot in the Super Region II rankings. The AFCA is the American Football Coaches Association.

L-R (8-1, 6-0), winners of eight straight games, is coming off a 37-3 victory over then-No. 16 Carson-Newman (7-2, 3-2) last Saturday in a South Atlantic Conference contest at home.

With the victory, Lenoir-Rhyne clinched at least a share of its third consecutive league championship. L-R hasn't won eight of its first nine games since the 1967 campaign, when it ended the year with an 8-1 mark.

Newberry (8-1, 5-1) and Carson-Newman also represent the South Atlantic Conference in the national rankings this week at No. 21 and No. 25, respectively.

The top six schools in the Super Region on Sunday, November 17, will qualify for the NCAA Division II Playoffs. The top two teams in the region receive a bye to the second round of the national tournament.

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Last season, L-R earned its first playoff berth since 1962 and won its first postseason contest in 50 years after defeating Fort Valley State, 21-6, on Saturday, November 17, 2012.

Lenoir-Rhyne hosts Alderson Broaddus (W.Va.) (4-4), a first-year program, on Saturday in a non-conference game at Moretz Stadium as part of Senior Day beginning at Noon.

## **AFCA NCAA Division II**

## **Football Coaches Top 25 Poll**

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1. Minnesota State-Mankato 9-0

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2. Northwest Missouri State 9-0

3. Colorado State-Pueblo 9-0

4. Henderson State (Ark.) 9-0

5. Minnesota-Duluth 8-1

6. Pittsburg State (Kan.) 8-1

7. Shepherd (W.Va.) 8-0

8. West Chester (Pa.) 9-0

9. Ohio Dominican 8-0

10. Emporia State (Kan.) 8-0

11. Winston-Salem State (N.C.) 8-1

12. Midwestern State (Texas) 7-1

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13. Indianapolis (Ind.) 8-1

14. UNC Pembroke 7-1

15. Washburn (Kan.) 8-1

16. Bloomsburg (Pa.) 8-1

17. St. Cloud State (Minn.) 8-1

**18. Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.) 8-1**

19. Saginaw Valley State (Mich.) 8-1

20. Slippery Rock (Pa.) 8-1

21. Newberry (S.C.) 8-1

22. Missouri Western State 7-2

23. Tuskegee (Ala.) 8-1

24. North Alabama 6-2

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25t. Carson-Newman 7-2

25t. Virginia State 8-1

**Others Receiving Votes:** West Texas A&M, 32, Delta St. (Miss.), 30; Chadron St. (Neb.), 27; West Alabama, 9; Azusa Pacific (Calif.), 8; Indiana (Pa.), 8; Stonehill (Mass.), 8; Tarleton St. (Texas), 8; American International (Mass.), 6; Valdosta St. (Ga.), 5; Ferris St. (Mich.), 3; Harding (Ark.), 1.

## NCAA Division II

## Super Region II Rankings

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2. Newberry 8-1

3. UNC Pembroke 7-1

4. North Alabama 6-2

5. Tuskegee 8-1

6. West Alabama 6-3

7. Delta State 6-2

8. Carson-Newman 7-2

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9. Miles 5-3

10. Valdosta State 5-3

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