

Bears No.14 In Division II Poll

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The Lenoir-Rhyne University Football Team has moved up four places to No. 14 in this week's AFCA NCAA Division II Coaches Top 25 Poll. In addition, the

Bears remained first in the Super Region II Poll.

The AFCA is the American Football Coaches Association while the top six teams in the region earn a berth to the NCAA Division II Playoffs.

The national postseason tournament will be announced on Sunday. L-R has been first in the region for three consecutive weeks.

Carson-Newman is the other South Atlantic Conference school ranked nationally this week, checking in at No. 21.

In addition to Lenoir-Rhyne (first) and Carson-Newman (fourth), Newberry (fifth) is also ranked in this week's NCAA Division II Super Region II Poll.

Super Region II consists of schools from the South Atlantic, Gulf South and Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conferences in addition to independents UNC Pembroke and North Greenville.

Lenoir-Rhyne (9-1, 6-0) looks to make it 10 wins in a row this Saturday against league-rival Catawba (6-4, 3-3) in Salisbury, N.C., beginning at 1:30 p.m. The Bears have beaten the Indians four straight years.

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Lenoir-Rhyne, the three-time defending South Atlantic Conference Champions (2011-13), haven't won 10 games in a row since a stretch over the 1967 and 1968 seasons.

L-R is also looking to earn a berth to the NCAA Division II Playoffs for the second straight season after a 50-year hiatus from the postseason.

AFCA NCAA Division II Football Coaches Top 25 Poll (November 11, 2013)

1. Minnesota State-Mankato 10-0
2. Northwest Missouri State 10-0
3. Colorado State-Pueblo 10-0
4. Henderson State (Ark.) 10-0
5. Minnesota-Duluth 9-1
6. Pittsburg State (Kan.) 9-1
7. Shepherd (W.Va.) 9-0
8. Ohio Dominican 9-0
9. Winston-Salem State (N.C.) 9-1
10. North Carolina-Pembroke 8-1
11. Indianapolis (Ind.) 9-1
12. Bloomsburg (Pa.) 9-1
13. St. Cloud State (Minn.) 9-1
- 14. Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.) 9-1**
15. Saginaw Valley State 9-1
16. Emporia State (Kan.) 8-1
17. West Chester (Pa.) 9-1
18. Slippery Rock (Pa.) 9-1
19. Missouri Western State 8-2
20. North Alabama 7-2
21. Carson-Newman (Tenn.) 8-2
22. Virginia State 9-1

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- 23. Washburn (Kan.) 8-2
- 24. Midwestern State 7-2
- 25. West Texas A&M 8-2

Others receiving votes: Others Receiving Votes: Delta St. (Miss.), 44; Indiana (Pa.), 32; Chadron St. (Neb.), 25; Azusa Pacific (Calif.), 17; Newberry (S.C.), 15; West Alabama, 13; American International (Mass.), 12; Tarleton St. (Texas), 9; Tuskegee (Ala.), 5; Stonehill (Mass.), 4; Harding (Ark.), 4; Colorado Mines, 2; Grand Valley St. (Mich.), 2; Ouachita Baptist (Ark.), 2.

NCAA Division II Super Region II Rankings (November 11, 2013)

- 1. Lenoir-Rhyne 9-1**
- 2. UNC Pembroke 8-1
- 3. North Alabama 7-2
- 4. Carson-Newman 8-2
- 5. Newberry 8-2
- 6. West Alabama 7-3
- 7. Tuskegee 8-2
- 8. Delta State 7-2
- 9. Miles 6-3
- 10. Lane 6-4