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### **GSC Golf Tournament At Hot Springs**

Magnolia, Ark. - Southern Arkansas University will be one of 14 teams in the men's Gulf South Conference golf championship tournament scheduled Sunday through Tuesday at the Hot Springs Country Club in Hot Springs. Five women's teams will compete for the conference championship Sunday and Monday, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Sunday and at 8 a.m. Monday. The women will play 18 holes each day. The men's title will be decided with a 54-hole tournament, 36 on Monday and 18 holes on Tuesday. Competition for the men's title begins at 8 a.m. each day.

All five in the women's field are nationally ranked. The University of West Florida is ranked eighth in Golfstat Head-to-Head Standings followed by 11<sup>th</sup> ranked University of Central Arkansas, 20<sup>th</sup> ranked Lincoln Memorial University, 42<sup>nd</sup> ranked Arkansas Tech University, and 49<sup>th</sup> ranked University of Montevallo.

In the South Region rankings, West Florida is third, Central Arkansas fifth, and Lincoln Memorial seventh. Central Arkansas returns five golfers from last year's Top 10 team.

In the men's tournament, West Florida is ranked third in the Precept/GSCAA Division II Top 25 Poll and number two in Golfstat Head-to-Head Standings. West Florida has won three consecutive GSC titles.

Delta State University is ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in the country and 21<sup>st</sup> by Golfstat, and the University of North Alabama is ranked 21<sup>st</sup> in the nation and 18<sup>th</sup> by Golfstat. North Alabama has won two consecutive NCAA South Region titles and tied for sixth in last year's nationals with West Florida.

Valdosta State University is 25<sup>th</sup> in GSCA rankings while Arkansas Tech University is 28<sup>th</sup> and Central Arkansas 32<sup>nd</sup>.

In the NCAA South Region rankings, West Florida is first, North Alabama third, Valdosta State fifth, Delta State eighth, Arkansas Tech ninth, and Central Arkansas 10<sup>th</sup>.