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GSC Golf Championships at Hot Springs

Magnolia, Ark. - The 2006 Region's Bank/Gulf South Conference Golf Championships will be held at Hot Springs Country Club Wednesday through Friday. The GSC welcomes Region's Bank as the first-ever official sponsor of men's and women's golf events.

The women tee the ball up first, with the first round (18 holes) on Wednesday at 8 a.m., followed by the final 18 holes on Thursday at 8 a.m. The men start their 54-hole event with 36 holes on Thursday, starting at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., and the final round on Friday at 8 a.m.

Central Arkansas seeks to repeat as the women's GSC champion after winning the conferences' first-ever women's golf title last year. UCA won over West Florida 606-627. UWF enters the event as the top-ranked team in the GSC, fifth in the NCAA South Region, sixth in the Golfstat/NCAA standings, and tied for 13th in the NGCA Poll. UCA is eighth in the region poll, 16th in Golfstat, and 15th in the NGCA. Four new squads will compete for the title this year, Harding, Henderson State, West Georgia, and Southern Arkansas. Lincoln Memorial rounds out the list of teams competing.

In the men's division, Delta State, ranked 41st by Golfstat, won the GSC championship for the first time last year. Six-time GSC champion West Florida enters as the favorite, ranking third in the NCAA South Region, and fifth in both the GCAA/Bridgestone Coaches Poll and Golfstat. North Alabama is seventh in the region, 22nd in the national poll, and 27th in Golfstat. Central Arkansas and Valdosta State are ranked eighth and ninth in the region poll, and 24th and 25th in Golfstat, respectively. 2004 champion Arkansas Tech, West Georgia, Henderson State, Montevallo, Lincoln Memorial, Ouachita Baptist, and Christian Brothers round out the rest of the conference teams ranked by Golfstat. Arkansas-Monticello, Harding, and Southern Arkansas round out the rest of the men's teams competing in the championship.

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