TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Virginia Tech and the University of Tennessee are tied for 19th spot in a pre-season poll of NCAA District III baseball coaches of the south’s teams to beat.

Georgia Southern, with a total of 198 points and 14 first place votes, was the winner. The Eagles of 1973 Coach of the Year Ron Polk were followed by South Alabama, Florida State, Miami, Vanderbilt, South Carolina, Clemson, North Carolina State, Murray State, and Stetson, with the tie between Virginia Tech and Tennessee, each of whom received 13 votes.

Tech plays top-ranked Georgia Southern in a three-game series beginning Thursday, March 21, as a part of its massive southern swing that opens Saturday, March 16, at High Point, N.C.

The Gobblers, under first-year coach Bob Humphries, also play three teams unranked in the survey but listed under others receiving votes: Appalachian State, North Carolina and Virginia.