

Defending national champion Blinn tapped by coaches again in 2010

Defending national champion Blinn received four first-place votes in the annual coach's poll and is picked to defend its Southwest Junior College Football Conference title.

The Bucs, who defeated Fort Scott, Kan., with a last-minute punt return for a touchdown to claim the NJCAA crown, return eight starters this season. The Bucs added former Boston College starting quarterback Justin Tuggle in the offseason. Head Coach Brad Franchione has accumulated a 46-10 record at Blinn, winning two national titles. Blinn opens the season ranked No. 1 in the preseason NJCAA poll.

Navarro, which was 10-0 before losing to Blinn in the postseason conference championship game, is picked second in the conference, garnering two first-place votes. Navarro defeated Mississippi Gulf Coast College in the Heart of Texas Bowl to finish 11-1 in 2009. The Bulldogs are 21-2 in two seasons under Head Coach Nick Bobeck. Both losses were to Blinn in the conference title game after defeating the Bucs in the regular season finale. Navarro is ranked No. 4 in the national preseason poll.

Kilgore was the only other team to garner a first-place vote from coaches and is ranked third in the SWJCFC poll.

Tyler, ranked 14th nationally, is fourth in the SWJCFC poll with 47 points, followed closely by Trinity Valley (43 points), NEO and Cisco.

2010 Southwest Junior College Football Conference Coaches Poll

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Blinn	4		1			1	53
Navarro	2	2		1	1		51
Kilgore	1	1	4				48
Tyler		2	2	1	1		47
TVCC		2	1	1	2		43
NEO			1	1	2	2	37
Cisco			1		1	4	34

(Points based on 10 points for 1st, 9 for 2nd, 8 for 3rd, 7 for 4th, 6 for 5th, 5 for 6th, 4 for 7th. Coaches did not vote for their team.)