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## Final Top 25 Rankings of the Harris Interactive College Football Poll

**ROCHESTER, N.Y.— December 7, 2008 —** Today's **Harris Interactive College Football Poll<sup>SM</sup>** shows the **Top 25** results compiled from rankings submitted by the Harris Interactive panel of former coaches, players and administrators, and current and former members of the media. Florida earned the top ranking with its SEC Championship Game win over Alabama, and Oklahoma took the No. 2 ranking with its 62-21 win over Missouri in the Big 12 Championship. Both Florida and Oklahoma are well positioned for the National Championship Game. Texas retained the No. 3 ranking, while Alabama's loss dropped the Crimson Tide from No. 1 to No. 4, and USC rounded out the top 5.

### Highlights of December 7 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Previous Game (weekend of Dec. 6)</b>	<b>Previous Week's Rank</b>
1	Florida (77)	12-1	2,776	Beat No. 1 Alabama 31-20	2
2	Oklahoma (26)	12-1	2,699	Beat No. 18 Missouri 62-21	4
3	Texas (9)	11-1	2,616	Idle	3
4	Alabama	12-1	2,442	Lost to No. 2 Florida 31-20	1
5	USC	11-1	2,413	Beat UCLA 28-7	5
6	Penn State	11-1	2,186	Idle	6
7	Utah (1)	12-0	2,119	Idle	7
8	Texas Tech	11-1	2,090	Idle	8
9	Boise State	12-0	1,938	Idle	9
10	Ohio State	10-2	1,858	Idle	10
11	TCU	10-2	1,580	Idle	12
12	Cincinnati	11-2	1,528	Beat Hawaii 29-24	13
13	Oklahoma State	9-3	1,402	Idle	14
14	Georgia Tech	9-3	1,221	Idle	16
15	Oregon	9-3	1,211	Idle	15
16	BYU	10-2	1,071	Idle	17
17	Georgia	9-3	1,018	Idle	20
18	Michigan State	9-3	831	Idle	21
19	Pittsburgh	9-3	638	Beat Connecticut 34-10	23
20	Ball State	12-1	609	Lost to Buffalo 42-24	11
21	Northwestern	9-3	548	Idle	22
22	Virginia Tech	9-4	511	Beat No. 19 Boston College 30-12	NR
23	Mississippi	8-4	413	Idle	24
24	Missouri	9-4	382	Lost to No. 4 Oklahoma 62-21	18
25	Oregon State	8-4	228	Idle	25

Number of first place votes shown in parentheses.

**Other teams receiving votes:** Boston College 172; Iowa 67; Florida State 43; California 32; East Carolina 23; Tulsa 20; West Virginia 19; Rice 8; Kansas 3; LSU 3; Western Michigan 3; Nebraska 2; Rutgers 2.

**Dropped out of Top 25:** Boston College.

## **Poll Methodology and Process**

The 2008 Harris Interactive College Football Poll is comprised of former players, coaches, administrators and current and former members of the media who have committed to submit rankings for the top 25 college football teams each week. These panelists were randomly selected from among more than 300 nominations submitted by the 11 Division I-A Conference offices and the independent schools. The panel has been designed to be a statistically valid representation of all 11 Division I-A Conferences and independent institutions. Today, 113 poll participants submitted their top 25 college football team rankings. One panelist did not submit rankings due to personal reasons.

The 11 Division 1-A Conference Commissioners and Notre Dame Athletics Director Jack Swarbrick decided not to accept the Harris Interactive recommendation to apply a standard statistical practice that addresses potential instability, error or bias associated with unusual ranking patterns. This process, which began in 2005, will remain the same for the 2008 season. Each week Harris Interactive will conduct a thorough verification of the results, and the rankings will stand as submitted.

This week's rankings and other information about the poll can be found at [www.harrisinteractive.com/bcspoll](http://www.harrisinteractive.com/bcspoll) and [www.bcsfootball.org](http://www.bcsfootball.org).

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