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## Final Top 25 Team Rankings from the Harris Interactive College Football Poll

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—December 3, 2006— Today's **Harris Interactive College Football Poll<sup>SM</sup>** shows the **Top 25** results compiled from rankings submitted by its panel of former coaches, players and administrators, and current and former media. Florida's victory over Arkansas in the SEC Championship Game propelled the Gators past idle Michigan and into 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the rankings. USC's loss to rival UCLA dropped the Trojans from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> and out of championship game contention. Undefeated Ohio State has maintained a no. 1 ranking throughout the season and will play in the National Championship Game on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Highlights of December 3 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

Rank	Team	Record	Points	Previous Game (December 2)	Next Game	Prev. Week's Rank
1	Ohio State (112)	12-0	2,824	Idle	National Championship Game Jan. 8th	1
2	Florida (1)	12-1	2,670	Beat. No. 8 Arkansas 38-28	Bowl Game TBD	4
3	Michigan	11-1	2,632	Idle	Bowl Game TBD	3
4	LSU	10-2	2,372	Idle	Bowl Game TBD	5
5	Louisville	11-1	2,272	Beat Connecticut 48-17	Bowl Game TBD	7
6	Wisconsin	11-1	2,229	Idle	Bowl Game TBD	6
7	USC	10-2	2,173	Lost to UCLA 13-9	Bowl Game TBD	2
8	Oklahoma	11-2	1,977	Beat No. 20 Nebraska 21-7	Bowl Game TBD	11
9	Boise State	12-0	1,950	Idle	Bowl Game TBD	9
10	Auburn	10-2	1,725	Idle	Bowl Game TBD	12
10	Notre Dame	10-2	1,725	Idle	Bowl Game TBD	10
12	West Virginia	10-2	1,485	Beat No. 13 Rutgers 41-39 (3OT)	Bowl Game TBD	15
13	Arkansas	10-3	1,483	Lost to No. 4 Florida 38-28	Bowl Game TBD	8
14	Wake Forest	11-2	1,366	Beat No. 22 Georgia Tech 9-6	Bowl Game TBD	16
15	Virginia Tech	10-2	1,358	Idle	Bowl Game TBD	14
16	Rutgers	10-2	1,083	Lost to No. 15 West Virginia 41-39 (3OT)	Bowl Game TBD	13
17	Texas	9-3	952	Idle	Bowl Game TBD	17
18	Tennessee	9-3	940	Idle	Bowl Game TBD	18
19	BYU	10-2	838	Idle	Bowl Game TBD	19
20	California	9-3	736	Beat Stanford 26-17	Bowl Game TBD	21
21	Texas A&M	9-3	551	Idle	Bowl Game TBD	24
22	Nebraska	9-4	352	Lost to No. 11 Oklahoma 21-7	Bowl Game TBD	20
23	Boston College	9-3	318	Idle	Bowl Game TBD	25
24	TCU	10-2	232	Beat Air Force 38-14	Bowl Game TBD	NR
25	Georgia Tech	9-4	145	Lost to No. 16 Wake Forest 9-6	Bowl Game TBD	22

Number of first-place votes shown in parentheses.

**Other teams receiving votes:** Oregon State 127; Hawaii 72; Houston 31; Georgia 28; Penn State 28; Clemson 17; Navy 11; UCLA 10; Central Michigan 5; Missouri 4; South Florida 2; Rice 1; South Carolina 1.

**Dropped out of the Top 25:** Hawaii.

## **Poll Methodology and Process**

The 2006 Harris Interactive College Football Poll is comprised of former players, coaches, administrators and current and former media who have committed to submitting 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 panelists submitted their top 25 college football team rankings. One panelist was unable to submit rankings due to a personal situation.

Last season the 11 Division I-A Conference Commissioners and Notre Dame Athletics Director Kevin White decided to not 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 will remain the same for the 2006 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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