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

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—November 12, 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. USC jumped four spots in the rankings to 3<sup>rd</sup>, while three teams in last week's top five (Louisville, Texas, and Auburn) all dropped after suffering losses. Ohio State and Michigan retained the top two positions.

### Highlights of November 12 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

Rank	Team	Record	Points	Previous Game (weekend of Nov. 11)	Next Game (weekend of Nov. 18)	Prev. Week's Rank
1	Ohio State (112)	11-0	2,800	Beat Northwestern 54-10	No. 2 Michigan	1
2	Michigan	11-0	2,688	Beat Indiana 34-3	at No. 1 Ohio State	2
3	USC	8-1	2,458	Beat No. 20 Oregon 35-10	No. 17 California	7
4	Florida	9-1	2,441	Beat South Carolina 17-16	Western Carolina	6
5	Notre Dame	9-1	2,267	Beat Air Force 39-17	Army	8
6	Arkansas	9-1	2,234	Beat No. 15 Tennessee 31-14	at Mississippi State	11
7	Rutgers	9-0	2,024	Beat No. 3 Louisville 28-25	at Cincinnati	13
8	West Virginia	8-1	1,864	Beat Cincinnati 42-24	at Pittsburgh (Thur.)	10
9	LSU	8-2	1,846	Beat Alabama 28-14	Mississippi	12
10	Louisville	8-1	1,711	Lost to No. 13 Rutgers 28-25	South Florida	3
11	Wisconsin	10-1	1,678	Beat Iowa 24-21	Buffalo	16
12	Texas	9-2	1,630	Lost to Kansas State 45-42	Idle	4
13	Boise State	10-0	1,471	Beat San Jose State 23-20	Utah State	14
14	Wake Forest	9-1	1,341	Beat Florida State 30-0	No. 19 Virginia Tech	18
15	Auburn	9-2	1,304	Lost to Georgia 37-15	at Alabama	5
16	Oklahoma	8-2	1,257	Beat Texas Tech 34-24	at Baylor	17
17	California	8-2	1,033	Lost to Arizona 24-20	at No. 3 USC	9
18	Georgia Tech	8-2	936	Beat North Carolina 7-0	Duke	19
19	Virginia Tech	8-2	694	Beat Kent State 23-0	at No. 14 Wake Forest	21
20	Boston College	8-2	600	Beat Duke 28-7	No. 21 Maryland	22
21	Maryland	8-2	567	Beat Miami (FLA) 14-13	at No. 20 Boston College	23
22	Tennessee	7-3	397	Lost to No. 11 Arkansas 31-14	at Vanderbilt	15
23	Nebraska	8-3	396	Beat No. 24 Texas A&M 28-27	Idle	25
24	BYU	8-2	325	Beat Wyoming 55-7	New Mexico	NR
25	Oregon	7-3	129	Lost to No. 7 USC 35-10	Arizona	20

Number of first-place votes shown in parentheses.

**Other teams receiving votes:** Clemson 127; Hawaii 99; Texas A&M 37; TCU 21; Georgia 9; Kansas State 9; Houston 4; Arizona State 1; Rice 1; South Florida 1.

**Dropped out of the Top 25:** Texas A&M.

## **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, 112 poll participants submitted their top 25 college football team rankings. Two panelists were unable to submit their rankings due to personal reasons.

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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