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USC and Texas Are the Final Two Unbeaten Teams and Hold the Top Two Spots in the Latest Harris Interactive College Football Poll

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—November 13, 2005—Today's Harris Interactive College Football PollSM shows the Top 25 results compiled from rankings submitted by its panel of former coaches, players and administrators, and former and current media. USC and Texas, the nation's only remaining undefeated teams, retain the top two spots while previously undefeated Alabama's loss to LSU dropped the Tide to No. 8. Miami, LSU, and Penn State round out the top 5, as both LSU and Penn State moved up one spot this week.

Highlights of the November 13 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

Ranking	Team	Record	Points	Previous Game (Weekend of Nov. 12)	Next Game* (Weekend of Nov. 19)	Previous Week's Rank
1	USC (94)	10-0	2,806	Beat No. 25 California 35-10	No. 16 Fresno State	1
2	Texas (19)	10-0	2,731	Beat Kansas 66-14	Idle	2
3	Miami	8-1	2,585	Beat Wake Forest 47-17	Georgia Tech	3
4	LSU	8-1	2,452	Beat No. 4 Alabama 16-13 (OT)	at Mississippi	5
5	Penn State	9-1	2,342	Idle	at Michigan State	6
6	Notre Dame	7-2	2,175	Beat Navy 42-21	Syracuse	7
7	Virginia Tech	8-1	2,076	Idle	at Virginia	8
8	Alabama	9-1	2,051	Lost to No. 5 LSU 16-13 (OT)	at No. 11 Auburn	4
9	Ohio State	8-2	2,004	Beat Northwestern 48-7	at No. 17 Michigan	10
10	Oregon	9-1	1,766	Beat Washington State 34-31	Oregon State	11
11	Auburn	8-2	1,695	Beat No. 9 Georgia 31-30	No. 8 Alabama	15
12	UCLA	9-1	1,549	Beat Arizona State 45-35	Idle	14
13	Georgia	7-2	1,431	Lost to No. 15 Auburn 31-30	Kentucky	9
14	West Virginia	8-1	1,392	Beat Cincinnati 38-0	Idle	17
15	TCU	10-1	1,250	Beat UNLV 51-3	Idle	18
16	Fresno State	8-1	988	Beat Boise State 27-7	at No. 1 USC	20
17	Michigan	7-3	968	Beat Indiana 41-14	No. 9 Ohio State	21
18	Louisville	7-2	778	Beat Rutgers 56-5	Idle	23
19	Texas Tech	8-2	754	Lost to Oklahoma State 24-17	Oklahoma	12
20	Florida	7-3	581	Lost to South Carolina 30-22	Idle	13
21	Florida State	7-3	451	Lost to Clemson 35-14	Idle	16
22	South Carolina	7-3	449	Beat No. 13 Florida 30-22	Clemson	NR
23	Boston College	7-3	301	Beat NC State 30-10	at Maryland	NR
24	Wisconsin	8-3	288	Lost to Iowa 20-10	Idle	19
25	Minnesota	7-3	214	Beat Michigan State 41-18	at Iowa	NR

*All games played on Saturday unless otherwise noted

Other teams receiving votes: UTEP (8-1) 159, Iowa State (7-3) 147, Oklahoma (6-3) 111, Colorado (7-3) 76, Virginia (6-3) 53, Clemson (6-4) 34, California (6-4) 21, Georgia Tech (6-3) 10, Toledo (7-2) 10, Iowa (6-4) 8, Boise State (7-3) 5, South Florida (5-3) 5, Central Florida (7-3) 4, Southern Mississippi (5-3) 2, Nebraska (6-4) 1, Stanford (5-4) 1, Tulsa (6-4) 1.

Dropped out of the Top 25: Prev. ranked No. 22 Colorado (7-3, lost to unranked Iowa State 31-16), prev. ranked No. 24 Georgia Tech (6-3, lost to unranked Virginia 27-17), prev. ranked No. 25 California (6-4, lost to No. 1 USC 35-10),

Poll Methodology and Process

The 2005 Harris Interactive College Football Poll is comprised of former players, coaches, administrators and current and former media who have committed to submitting votes for the top 25 college football teams each week. These panelists were randomly selected from among more than 300 nominations submitted by the Conference offices and Notre Dame. 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 ranked the top 25 college football teams. On October 16, Harris Interactive® announced that it had dismissed one member from the Harris Interactive College Football PollSM panel. This panelist was released for not participating fully and honoring the commitments for panel member participation. The former panelist's name will not be released, and Harris Interactive will not replace this panelist. The poll will continue with 113 panelists who will rank the Top 25 teams each Sunday during the 2005 college football season, through December 4th.

The 11 Division 1-A Conference Commissioners and Notre Dame Athletics Director Kevin White did not accept the Harris Interactive recommendation to apply to the rankings a standard statistical practice so as to prevent potential instability, error, or bias associated with unusual voting patterns. Each week, once Harris Interactive conducts its thorough verification process, the individual rankings will stand as submitted.

Weekly rankings and other information about the poll and the poll participants can be found at www.harrisinteractive.com/bcspoll and www.bcsfootball.org. Following the final Harris Interactive College Football Poll rankings release of the season on December 4th, the individual participant votes for their final rankings will also be released.

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