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

**ROCHESTER, N.Y.— November 16, 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. The top five teams remained intact from last week – Alabama, Texas Tech, Florida, Texas, and Oklahoma – and top-ranked Alabama increased its slight margin over No. 2 Texas Tech. The remainder of the Top 15 also is the same as last week.

### Highlights of November 16 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

Rank	Team	Record	Points	Previous Game (weekend of Nov. 15)	Next Game (weekend of Nov. 22)	Previous Week's Rank
1	Alabama (80)	11-0	2,789	Beat Mississippi State 32-7	Idle	1
2	Texas Tech (32)	10-0	2,737	Idle	at No. 5 Oklahoma	2
3	Florida (1)	9-1	2,532	Beat No. 24 South Carolina 56-6	Citadel	3
4	Texas	10-1	2,476	Beat Kansas 35-7	Idle	4
5	Oklahoma	9-1	2,375	Idle	No. 2 Texas Tech	5
6	USC	9-1	2,304	Beat Stanford 45-23	Idle	6
7	Penn State	10-1	2,063	Beat Indiana 34-7	No. 16 Michigan State	7
8	Utah	11-0	2,014	Beat San Diego State 63-14	No. 14 BYU	8
9	Boise State	10-0	1,912	Beat Idaho 45-10	at Nevada	9
10	Ohio State	9-2	1,748	Beat Illinois 30-20	Michigan	10
11	Missouri	9-2	1,593	Beat Iowa State 52-20	Idle	11
12	Georgia	9-2	1,563	Beat Auburn 17-13	Idle	12
13	Oklahoma State	9-2	1,560	Beat Colorado 30-17	Idle	13
14	BYU	10-1	1,315	Beat Air Force 38-24	at No. 8 Utah	14
15	Ball State	10-0	1,271	Beat Miami (OH) 31-16	at Central Michigan (Wed)	15
16	Michigan State	9-2	1,151	Idle	at No. 7 Penn State	16
17	TCU	9-2	1,039	Idle	Air Force	18
18	LSU	7-3	810	Beat Troy 40-31	Mississippi	19
19	Pittsburgh	7-2	749	Idle	at No. 20 Cincinnati	21
20	Cincinnati	8-2	688	Beat Louisville 28-20	No. 19 Pittsburgh	23
21	Oregon State	7-3	558	Beat No. 25 California 34-21	at Arizona	NR
22	Oregon	8-3	221	Beat Arizona 55-45	Idle	NR
23	Maryland	7-3	207	Beat No. 17 North Carolina 17-15	Florida State	NR
24	North Carolina	7-3	206	Lost to Maryland 17-15	North Carolina State	17
25	Boston College	7-3	197	Beat No. 20 Florida State 27-17	at Wake Forest	NR

Number of first place votes shown in parentheses.

**Other teams receiving votes:** Miami (FLA) 165; Northwestern 112; Florida State 92; Georgia Tech 69; Tulsa 45; Western Michigan 45; Central Michigan 34; Iowa 19; West Virginia 15; Air Force 14; Connecticut 8; Virginia Tech 8; Wake Forest 6; California 4; Minnesota 3; Nebraska 3; South Carolina 3; Vanderbilt 2.

**Dropped out of the Top 25:** Florida State, Tulsa, South Carolina, California.

## **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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