

Top 25 Team Rankings from the Harris Interactive College Football Poll

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—November 19, 2006— 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 current and former media. Ohio State maintains the No.1 spot with its 42-39 win over previously undefeated and 2nd-ranked Michigan. USC narrowly edges out Michigan for 2nd place in this week's rankings. Previously undefeated and 7th-ranked Rutgers dropped to 15th place after their first loss of the season.

Highlights of November 19 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

Rank	Team	Record	Points	Previous Game (weekend of Nov. 18)	Next Game (weekend of Nov. 25)	Prev. Week's Rank
1	Ohio State (114)	12-0	2,850	Beat No. 2 Michigan 42-39	Idle	1
2	USC	9-1	2,621	Beat No. 17 California 23-9	No. 5 Notre Dame	3
3	Michigan	11-1	2,600	Lost to No. 1 Ohio State 42-39	Idle	2
4	Florida	10-1	2,531	Beat Western Carolina 62-0	at Florida State	4
5	Notre Dame	10-1	2,347	Beat Army 41-9	at No. 2 USC	5
6	Arkansas	10-1	2,345	Beat Mississippi State 28-14	No. 8 LSU (Fri.)	6
7	West Virginia	9-1	2,051	Beat Pittsburgh 45-27	South Florida	8
8	LSU	9-2	1,889	Beat Mississippi 23-20 (OT)	at No. 6 Arkansas (Fri.)	9
9	Wisconsin	11-1	1,888	Beat Buffalo 35-3	Idle	11
10	Louisville	9-1	1,857	Beat South Florida 31-8	at Pittsburgh	10
11	Texas	9-2	1,731	Idle	Texas A& M (Fri.)	12
12	Boise State	11-0	1,609	Beat Utah State 49-10	at Nevada	13
13	Auburn	10-2	1,449	Beat Alabama 22-15	Idle	15
14	Oklahoma	9-2	1,404	Beat at Baylor 36-10	at Oklahoma State	16
15	Rutgers	9-1	1,270	Lost to Cincinnati 30-11	Syracuse	7
16	Georgia Tech	9-2	1,157	Beat Duke 49-21	at Georgia	18
17	Virginia Tech	9-2	1,049	Beat No. 14 Wake Forest 27-6	Virginia	19
18	Boston College	9-2	927	Beat No. 21 Maryland 38-16	at Miami (FL) (Thur.)	20
19	Tennessee	8-3	675	Beat Vanderbilt 39-10	Kentucky	22
20	Wake Forest	9-2	605	Lost to No. 19 Virginia Tech 27-6	at Maryland	14
21	BYU	9-2	565	Beat New Mexico 42-17	at Utah	24
22	Nebraska	8-3	520	Idle	Colorado (Fri.)	23
23	California	8-3	512	Lost to No. 3 USC 23-9	Idle	17
24	Clemson	8-3	215	Idle	South Carolina	NR
25	Hawaii	9-2	171	Beat San Jose State 54-17	Purdue	NR

Number of first-place votes shown in parentheses.

Other teams receiving votes: Maryland 93; TCU 44; Texas A&M 41; Houston 11; Penn State 10; Arizona 6; Oregon 3; Navy 1; Nevada 1; Ohio 1; Rice 1.

Dropped out of the Top 25: Maryland and Oregon.

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, 114 panelists submitted their top 25 college football team rankings.

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 and www.bcsfootball.org.

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