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USC and Texas Continue to Hold Top Two Spots in the Harris Interactive College Football Poll

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—November 20, 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 (No. 1), Texas (No. 2) retain their top rankings. LSU, Penn State and Notre Dame each move up one spot each to No. 3, No. 4 and No. 5, respectively, while Miami drops to No. 10 following yesterday's loss to Georgia Tech. Fresno State retains its No. 16 ranking after close loss to top-ranked USC.

Highlights of the November 20 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

Ranking	Team	Record	Points	Previous Game (Weekend of Nov. 19)	Next Game* (Weekend of Nov. 26)	Previous Week's Rank
1	USC (88)	11-0	2,800	Beat No. 16 Fresno State 50-42	Idle	1
2	Texas (25)	10-0	2,737	Idle	at Texas A&M (Fri. Nov. 25)	2
3	LSU	9-1	2,539	Beat Mississippi 40-7	Arkansas (Fri. Nov. 25)	4
4	Penn State	10-1	2,494	Beat Michigan State 31-22	Idle	5
5	Notre Dame	8-2	2,254	Beat Syracuse 34-10	at Stanford	6
6	Virginia Tech	9-1	2,244	Beat Virginia 52-14	North Carolina	7
7	Ohio State	9-2	2,172	Beat No. 17 Michigan 25-21	Idle	9
8	Oregon	10-1	1,980	Beat Oregon State 56-14	Idle	10
9	Auburn	9-2	1,945	Beat No. 8 Alabama 28-18	Idle	11
10	Miami	8-2	1,799	Lost to Georgia Tech 14-10	Virginia	3
11	UCLA	9-1	1,611	Idle	Idle	12
12	Georgia	8-2	1,582	Beat Kentucky 45-13	at Georgia Tech	13
13	West Virginia	8-1	1,428	Idle	Pittsburgh (Thurs. Nov. 24)	14
14	Alabama	9-2	1,343	Lost to No. 11 Auburn 28-18	Idle	8
15	TCU	10-1	1,243	Idle	Idle	15
16	Fresno State	8-2	1,051	Lost to No. 1 USC 50-42	at Nevada	16
17	Texas Tech	9-2	1,009	Beat Oklahoma 23-21	Idle	19
18	Louisville	7-2	908	Idle	Syracuse	18
19	Florida	7-3	660	Idle	Florida State	20
20	Boston College	8-3	648	Beat Maryland 31-16	Idle	23
21	Florida State	7-3	518	Idle	at Florida	21
22	Georgia Tech	7-3	384	Beat No. 3 Miami 14-10	Georgia	NR
23	Wisconsin	8-3	383	Idle	at Hawaii (Fri. Nov. 25)	24
24	Michigan	7-4	332	Lost to No. 9 Ohio State 25-21	Idle	17
25	Iowa State	7-3	143	Idle	at Kansas	NR

*All games played on Saturday unless otherwise noted

Other teams receiving votes: Clemson (7-4) 133, Colorado (7-3) 113, Iowa (7-4) 67, California (7-4) 56, South Carolina (7-4) 44, South Florida (6-3) 21, UTEP (8-2) 18, Boise State (8-3) 16, Central Florida (8-3) 16, Minnesota (7-4) 10, Northwestern (7-4) 10, Oklahoma (6-4) 6, Nebraska (6-4) 3, Vanderbilt (5-6) 2, Virginia (6-4) 2, Tulsa (7-4) 1.

Dropped out of the Top 25: Prev. ranked No. 22 South Carolina (7-4, lost to unranked Clemson 13-9), prev. ranked No. 25 Minnesota (7-4, lost to unranked Iowa 52-28).

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. Panelists 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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