

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

**ROCHESTER, N.Y.—November 26, 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. Ohio State keeps the No.1 spot, while USC maintained its 2<sup>nd</sup>-place position and widened its lead over 3<sup>rd</sup>-ranked Michigan after beating Notre Dame. Florida and LSU round out the top-five.

### Highlights of November 26 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

Rank	Team	Record	Points	Previous Game (weekend of Nov. 25)	Next Game (weekend of Dec. 2)	Prev. Week's Rank
1	Ohio State (114)	12-0	2,850	Idle	Idle	1
2	USC	10-1	2,711	Beat No. 5 Notre Dame 44-24	at UCLA	2
3	Michigan	11-1	2,614	Idle	Idle	3
4	Florida	11-1	2,528	Beat Florida State 21-14	SEC Championship vs. No. 8 Arkansas	4
5	LSU	10-2	2,294	Beat No. 6 Arkansas 31-26	Idle	8
6	Wisconsin	11-1	2,176	Idle	Idle	9
7	Louisville	10-1	2,175	Beat Pittsburgh 48-24	Connecticut	10
8	Arkansas	10-2	1,890	Lost to No. 8 LSU 31-26	SEC Championship vs. No. 4 Florida	6
9	Boise State	12-0	1,872	Beat Nevada 38-7	Idle	12
10	Notre Dame	10-2	1,765	Lost to No. 2 USC 44-24	Idle	5
11	Oklahoma	10-2	1,743	Beat Oklahoma State 27-21	Big 12 Championship vs. No. 20 Nebraska	14
12	Auburn	10-2	1,680	Idle	Idle	13
13	Rutgers	10-1	1,558	Beat Syracuse 38-7	at No. 15 West Virginia	15
14	Virginia Tech	10-2	1,298	Beat Virginia 17-0	Idle	17
15	West Virginia	9-2	1,226	Lost to South Florida 24-19	No. 13 Rutgers	7
16	Wake Forest	10-2	1,071	Beat Maryland 38-24	ACC Championship vs. No. 22 Georgia Tech	20
17	Texas	9-3	945	Lost to Texas A& M 12-7	Idle	11
18	Tennessee	9-3	872	Beat Kentucky 17-12	Idle	19
19	BYU	10-2	798	Beat Utah 33-31	Idle	21
20	Nebraska	9-3	793	Beat Colorado 37-14	Big 12 Championship vs. No. 11 Oklahoma	22
21	California	8-3	598	Idle	Stanford	23
22	Georgia Tech	9-3	439	Lost to Georgia 15-12	ACC Championship vs. No. 16 Wake Forest	16
23	Hawaii	10-2	370	Beat Purdue 42-35	Oregon State	25
24	Texas A&M	9-3	349	Beat No. 11 Texas 12-7	Idle	NR
25	Boston College	9-3	229	Lost to Miami (FL) 17-14	Idle	18

Number of first-place votes shown in parentheses.

**Other teams receiving votes:** TCU 109; Georgia 23; Penn State 15; Oregon State 14; Houston 12; Maryland 12; Clemson 7; South Florida 5; Minnesota 4; Missouri 3; Ohio 1; Rice 1.

**Dropped out of the Top 25:** Clemson.

## **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](http://www.harrisinteractive.com/bcspoll) and [www.bcsfootball.org](http://www.bcsfootball.org).

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