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Penn State Moves Up To No. 3 in the Harris Interactive College Football Poll as Texas and LSU Avoid Upsets

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—November 27, 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. The poll results show USC (No. 1) and Texas (No. 2) retain their top rankings. LSU, after narrowly beating Arkansas, slips to No. 4 while idle Penn State moves up to No. 3. Virginia Tech moves into the No. 5 spot previously held by Notre Dame as it dropped to No. 7 after a close win against Stanford.

Highlights of the November 27 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

Ranking	Team	Record	Points	Previous Game (Weekend of Nov. 26)	Next Game* (Weekend of Dec. 3)	Previous Week's Rank
1	USC (98)	11-0	2,810	Idle	No. 11 UCLA	1
2	Texas (15)	11-0	2,727	Beat Texas A&M 40-29	Big 12 Championship vs. Colorado	2
3	Penn State	10-1	2,525	Idle	Idle	4
4	LSU	10-1	2,500	Beat Arkansas 19-17	SEC Championship vs. No. 12 Georgia	3
5	Virginia Tech	10-1	2,313	Beat North Carolina 30-3	ACC Championship vs. Florida State	6
6	Ohio State	9-2	2,180	Idle	Idle	7
7	Notre Dame	9-2	2,173	Beat Stanford 38-31	Idle	5
8	Oregon	10-1	2,031	Idle	Idle	8
9	Auburn	9-2	1,946	Idle	Idle	9
10	Miami	9-2	1,791	Beat Virginia 25-17	Idle	10
11	UCLA	9-1	1,637	Idle	at No. 1 USC	11
12	Georgia	9-2	1,601	Beat No. 22 Georgia Tech 14-7	SEC Championship vs. No. 4 LSU	12
13	West Virginia	9-1	1,538	Beat Pittsburgh 45-13	at South Florida	13
14	Alabama	9-2	1,339	Idle	Idle	14
15	TCU	10-1	1,282	Idle	Idle	15
16	Texas Tech	9-2	1,074	Idle	Idle	17
17	Louisville	8-2	984	Beat Syracuse 41-17	at Connecticut	18
18	Florida	8-3	931	Beat No. 21 Florida State 34-7	Idle	19
19	Boston College	8-3	768	Idle	Idle	20
20	Wisconsin	9-3	643	Beat Hawaii 41-24	Idle	23
21	Michigan	7-4	521	Idle	Idle	24
22	Fresno State	8-3	292	Lost to Nevada 38-35	Louisiana Tech (Fri. Dec. 2)	16
23	Clemson	7-4	268	Idle	Idle	NR
24	Georgia Tech	7-4	255	Lost to No. 12 Georgia 14-7	Idle	22
25	Iowa	7-4	122	Idle	Idle	NR

*All games played on Saturday unless otherwise noted

Other teams receiving votes: Oklahoma (7-4) 103, Florida State (7-4) 67, California (7-4) 59, South Carolina (7-4) 45, Northwestern (7-4) 38, Colorado (7-4) 35, Nebraska (7-4) 28, Central Florida (8-3) 23, Nevada (8-3) 23, Boise State (9-3) 22, Minnesota (7-4) 10, Iowa State (7-4) 9, UTEP (8-3) 7, Rutgers (7-4) 2, South Florida (6-4) 2, Toledo (8-3) 1.

Dropped out of the Top 25: Prev. ranked No. 21 Florida State (7-4, lost to then No. 19 Florida 34-7), prev. ranked No. 25 Iowa State (7-4, lost to unranked Kansas 24-21 OT).

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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