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USC, Texas Still on Top While Miami, Alabama and LSU Round Out the Top Five According to Latest Harris Interactive College Football Poll

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—November 6, 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. Both still undefeated, USC and Texas retain the top two spots while Miami replaced Virginia Tech at No. 3 after defeating the Hokies 27-7. Alabama (No. 4), also undefeated, and LSU (No. 5) round out the top five positions this week. Virginia Tech dropped to No. 8 after its loss to Miami.

Highlights of the November 6 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

Ranking	Team	Record	Points	Previous Game (Weekend of Nov. 5)	Next Game* (Weekend of Nov. 12)	Previous Week's Rank
1	USC (97)	9-0	2,809	Beat Stanford 51-21	at No. 25 California	1
2	Texas (16)	9-0	2,728	Beat Baylor 62-0	Kansas	2
3	Miami	7-1	2,537	Beat No. 3 Virginia Tech 27-7	at Wake Forest	5
4	Alabama	9-0	2,521	Beat Mississippi State 17-0	No. 5 LSU	4
5	LSU	7-1	2,284	Beat Appalachian State 24-0	at No. 4 Alabama	7
6	Penn State	9-1	2,192	Beat No. 14 Wisconsin 35-14	Idle	10
7	Notre Dame	6-2	2,131	Beat Tennessee 41-21	Navy	9
8	Virginia Tech	8-1	2,011	Lost to No. 5 Miami 27-7	Idle	3
9	Georgia	7-1	1,889	Idle	No. 15 Auburn	11
10	Ohio State	7-2	1,833	Beat Illinois 40-2	Northwestern	12
11	Oregon	8-1	1,663	Beat No. 21 California 27-20 (OT)	at Washington State	13
12	Texas Tech	8-1	1,432	Beat Texas A&M 56-17	at Oklahoma State	16
13	Florida	7-2	1,344	Beat Vanderbilt 49-42 (OT)	at South Carolina	15
14	UCLA	8-1	1,326	Lost to Arizona 52-14	Arizona State	6
15	Auburn	7-2	1,244	Beat Kentucky 49-27	at No. 9 Georgia	17
16	Florida State	7-2	1,151	Lost to NC State 20-15	at Clemson	8
17	West Virginia	7-1	1,122	Beat Connecticut 45-13	at Cincinnati (Wed. Nov. 9)	18
18	TCU	9-1	957	Beat Colorado State 33-6	UNLV	19
19	Wisconsin	8-2	680	Lost to No. 10 Penn State 35-14	Iowa	14
20	Fresno State	7-1	594	Beat San Jose State 45-7	Boise State (Thurs. Nov. 10)	23
21	Michigan	6-3	582	Idle	Indiana	22
22	Colorado	7-2	575	Beat Missouri 41-12	at Iowa State	24
23	Louisville	6-2	374	Beat Pittsburgh 42-20	Rutgers (Fri. Nov. 11)	25
24	Georgia Tech	6-2	203	Beat Wake Forest 30-17	at Virginia	NR
25	California	6-3	131	Lost to No. 13 Oregon 27-20 (OT)	No. 1 USC	21

*All games played on Saturday unless otherwise noted

Other teams receiving votes: Northwestern (6-3) 128, Boston College (6-3) 89, UTEP (7-1) 60, Minnesota (6-3) 36, South Carolina (6-3) 26, Boise State (7-2) 24, Oklahoma (5-3) 21, Iowa State (6-3) 15, NC State (4-4) 6, Toledo (7-2) 3, Arizona (3-6) 1, Central Florida (6-3) 1, North Carolina (4-4) 1, Virginia (5-3) 1.

Dropped out of the Top 25: Prev. ranked No. 20 Boston College (6-3, lost to North Carolina 16-14).

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. On October 16, Harris Interactive® announced that it had dismissed one member from the Harris Interactive College Football PollSM panel. This panelist was released for not participating fully and honoring the commitments for panel member participation. The former panelist's name will not be released, and Harris Interactive will not replace this panelist. The poll will continue with 113 panelists who 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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