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Top 25 Team Rankings of the Harris Interactive College Football Poll

New York, N.Y. — October 11, 2009— Today's **Harris Interactive College Football PollSM** shows the **Top 25** results compiled from rankings submitted by the Harris Interactive panel of former coaches, players and administrators, and current and former members of the media. Unbeaten Florida retained its No. 1 ranking after its win over previously No. 4 ranked LSU. Alabama and Texas tied for the No. 2 ranking, with Virginia Tech and Boise State rounding out the top five rankings.

Highlights of October 11 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Previous Game (weekend of Oct. 10)</u>	<u>Next Game (weekend of Oct. 17)</u>	<u>Previous Week's Rank</u>
1	Florida (99)	5-0	2,831	Beat No. 4 LSU 13-3	Arkansas	1
2	Alabama (13)	6-0	2,684	Beat No. 18 Mississippi 22-3	No. 22 South Carolina	3
2	Texas (2)	5-0	2,684	Beat Colorado 38-14	No. 18 Oklahoma	2
4	Virginia Tech	5-1	2,386	Beat Boston College 48-14	at No. 20 Georgia Tech	6
5	Boise State	5-0	2,274	Idle	at Tulsa (Wed)	5
6	USC	4-1	2,250	Idle	at No. 25 Notre Dame	7
7	Ohio State	5-1	2,073	Beat No. 25 Wisconsin 31-13	at Purdue	8
8	Cincinnati	5-0	1,935	Idle	at No. 21 South Florida (Thur)	9
9	LSU	5-1	1,905	Lost to No. 1 Florida 13-3	Idle	4
10	TCU	5-0	1,805	Beat Air Force 20-17	Colorado State	10
11	Iowa	6-0	1,697	Beat Michigan 30-28	at Wisconsin	11
12	Miami (FL)	4-1	1,627	Beat Florida A&M 48-16	at Central Florida	12
13	Penn State	5-1	1,371	Beat Eastern Illinois 52-3	Minnesota	13
14	Oregon	5-1	1,350	Beat UCLA 24-10	Idle	15
15	Oklahoma State	4-1	1,186	Beat Texas A&M 36-31	Missouri	14
16	Kansas	5-0	1,141	Beat Iowa State 41-36	at Colorado	16
17	BYU	5-1	963	Beat UNLV 59-21	at San Diego State	17
18	Oklahoma	3-2	883	Beat Baylor 33-7	at No. 2 Texas	20
19	Nebraska	4-1	869	Beat No. 23 Missouri 27-12	Texas Tech	21
20	Georgia Tech	5-1	771	Beat Florida State 49-44	No. 4 Virginia Tech	22
21	South Florida	5-0	691	Idle	No. 8 Cincinnati (Thur)	24
22	South Carolina	5-1	481	Beat Kentucky 28-26	at No. 2 Alabama	NR
23	Houston	4-1	252	Beat Mississippi State 31-24	at Tulane	NR
24	Auburn	5-1	164	Lost to Arkansas 44-23	Kentucky	19
25	Notre Dame	4-1	142	Idle	No. 6 USC	NR

Number of first place votes shown in parentheses.

Other teams receiving votes: Utah 119; Missouri 96; Mississippi 94; Wisconsin 90; Pittsburgh 75; West Virginia 50; Arkansas 32; Michigan 22; Oregon State 21; Idaho 8; Stanford 7; Central Michigan 6; California 4; Connecticut 4; Michigan State 4; Tennessee 2; Navy 1.

Dropped out of Top 25: Mississippi; Missouri; Wisconsin.

Poll Methodology and Process

The 2009 Harris Interactive College Football Poll is comprised of former players, coaches, administrators and current and former members of the media who have committed to submit 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 poll participants submitted their top 25 college football team rankings. Harris Interactive applies a standard statistical practice that allows it to identify potential instability, error or bias associated with unusual ranking patterns. Those rankings that are identified through the analysis are verified to ensure that each panelist's intent is accurately reflected.

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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