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Top 25 Team Rankings from the Harris Interactive College Football Poll

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—October 15, 2006— 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 current and former media. Michigan jumped ahead of USC to capture second place in the rankings. Ohio State received 112 of 114 first-place rankings as it once again secured the overall number one ranking.

Highlights of October 15 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

Rank	Team	Record	Points	Previous Game (weekend of Oct. 14)	Next Game (weekend of Oct. 21)	Prev. Week's Rank
1	Ohio State (112)	7-0	2,848	Beat Michigan State 38-7	Indiana	1
2	Michigan (1)	7-0	2,663	Beat Penn State 17-10	No. 23 Iowa	4
3	USC (1)	6-0	2,652	Beat Arizona State 28-21	Idle	2
4	West Virginia	6-0	2,502	Beat Syracuse 41-17	at Connecticut (Fri)	5
5	Texas	6-1	2,360	Beat Baylor 63-31	at No. 16 Nebraska	6
6	Louisville	6-0	2,188	Beat Cincinnati 23-17	at Syracuse	7
7	Auburn	6-1	2,055	Beat No. 3 Florida 27-17	Tulane	10
8	Tennessee	5-1	2,009	Idle	Alabama	8
9	Florida	6-1	1,935	Lost to No. 10 Auburn 27-17	Idle	3
10	Notre Dame	5-1	1,920	Idle	UCLA	9
11	California	6-1	1,772	Beat Washington State 21-3	Washington	11
12	Clemson	6-1	1,607	Beat Temple 63-9	No. 13 Georgia Tech	12
13	Georgia Tech	5-1	1,289	Idle	at No. 12 Clemson	15
14	LSU	5-2	1,241	Beat Kentucky 49-0	Fresno State	16
15	Oregon	5-1	1,136	Beat UCLA 30-20	at Washington State	20
16	Nebraska	6-1	1,068	Beat Kansas State 21-3	No. 5 Texas	19
17	Arkansas	5-1	1,044	Beat Southeast Missouri State 63-7	Mississippi	22
18	Boise State	6-0	942	at New Mexico State (Sun Oct. 15)	at Idaho	21
19	Rutgers	6-0	746	Beat Navy 34-0	at Pittsburgh	24
20	Oklahoma	4-2	654	Beat Iowa State 34-9	Colorado	23
21	Boston College	5-1	605	Beat No. 18 Virginia Tech 22-3	at Florida State	25
22	Wisconsin	6-1	567	Beat Minnesota 48-12	at Purdue	NR
23	Iowa	5-2	290	Lost to Indiana 31-28	at No.2 Michigan	13
24	Georgia	5-2	227	Lost to Vanderbilt 24-22	Mississippi State	14
25	Missouri	6-1	221	Lost to Texas A&M 25-19	Kansas State	17

Number of first-place votes shown in parentheses.

Other teams receiving votes: Texas A&M 126; Wake Forest 122; Pittsburgh 110; Virginia Tech 75; Florida State 31; BYU 16; Vanderbilt 6; TCU 5; Tulsa 5; Purdue 4; Miami (FLA) 3; Penn State 3; Texas Tech 1; UCLA 1; Washington 1.

Dropped out of the Top 25: Virginia Tech.

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 poll participants 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 and www.bcsfootball.org.

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