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Top 25 Team Rankings from the Harris Interactive College Football Poll

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—October 1, 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. Ohio State garners 110 of 114 first-placed rankings; Michigan moves into fourth place; and, Florida ties West Virginia for fifth place.

Highlights of October 1 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

Rank	Team	Record	Points	Previous Game (weekend of Sep. 30)	Next Game (weekend of Oct. 7)	Prev. Week's Rank
1	Ohio State (110)	5-0	2,845	Beat No. 14 Iowa 38-17	Bowling Green	1
2	USC (2)	4-0	2,637	Beat Washington State 28-22	Washington	2
3	Auburn (1)	5-0	2,626	Beat South Carolina 24-17	Arkansas	3
4	Michigan	5-0	2,436	Beat Minnesota 28-14	Michigan State	5
5	Florida (1)	5-0	2,388	Beat Alabama 28-13	No. 9 LSU	6
5	West Virginia	4-0	2,388	Idle	at Mississippi State	4
7	Louisville	4-0	2,093	Idle	at Middle Tennessee State (Fri.)	7
8	Texas	4-1	2,041	Beat Sam Houston State 56-3	at No. 14 Oklahoma	8
9	LSU	4-1	1,922	Beat Mississippi State 48-17	at No. 5 Florida	10
10	Georgia	5-0	1,784	Beat Mississippi 14-9	No. 13 Tennessee	9
11	Oregon	4-0	1,681	Beat Arizona State 48-13	at No. 16 California	13
12	Notre Dame	4-1	1,662	Beat Purdue 35-21	Stanford	12
13	Tennessee	4-1	1,427	Beat Memphis 41-7	at No. 10 Georgia	15
14	Oklahoma	3-1	1,292	Idle	No. 8 Texas	16
15	Clemson	4-1	1,137	Beat Louisiana Tech 51-0	at Wake Forest	19
16	California	4-1	1,127	Beat Oregon State 41-13	No. 11 Oregon	18
17	Florida State	3-1	870	Idle	at North Carolina State (Thurs.)	20
18	Iowa	4-1	784	Lost to No. 1 Ohio State 38-17	Purdue	14
19	Virginia Tech	4-1	769	Lost to Georgia Tech 38-27	Idle	11
20	Georgia Tech	4-1	664	Beat No. 11 Virginia Tech 38-27	Maryland	NR
21	Nebraska	4-1	612	Beat Kansas 39-32 (OT)	at Iowa State	21
22	Boise State	5-0	572	Beat Utah 36-3	Louisiana Tech	22
23	Missouri	5-0	427	Beat Colorado 28-13	at Texas Tech	24
24	Rutgers	5-0	313	Beat South Florida 22-20	Idle	23
25	Boston College	4-1	126	Beat Maine 22-0	Idle	25

Number of first-place votes shown in parentheses.

Other teams receiving votes: TCU (3-1) 117; Texas Tech (4-1) 97; Wisconsin (4-1) 56; Wake Forest (5-0) 47; Penn State (3-2) 25; Washington (4-1) 23; Alabama (3-2) 16; Miami FLA (2-2) 16; UCLA (3-1) 7; Arkansas (3-1) 6; BYU (3-2) 5; Houston (4-1) 4; Navy (4-1) 4; Pittsburgh (4-1) 2; Arizona State (3-2) 1; Purdue (4-1) 1.

Dropped out of the Top 25: TCU (3-1).

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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