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Top 25 Team Rankings from the Harris Interactive College Football Poll

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—October 22, 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. The top 12 teams in the rankings are unchanged from last week.

Highlights of October 22 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

Rank	Team	Record	Points	Previous Game (weekend of Oct. 21)	Next Game (weekend of Oct. 28)	Prev. Week's Rank
1	Ohio State (112)	8-0	2,848	Beat Indiana 44-3	Minnesota	1
2	Michigan (1)	8-0	2,685	Beat No. 23 Iowa 20-6	Northwestern	2
3	USC (1)	6-0	2,640	Idle	at Oregon State	3
4	West Virginia	7-0	2,480	Beat Connecticut 37-11	Idle	4
5	Texas	7-1	2,342	Beat No. 16 Nebraska 22-20	at Texas Tech	5
6	Louisville	7-0	2,164	Beat Syracuse 28-13	Idle	6
7	Auburn	7-1	2,114	Beat Tulane 38-13	at Mississippi	7
8	Tennessee	6-1	1,981	Beat Alabama 16-13	at South Carolina	8
9	Florida	6-1	1,969	Idle	Georgia	9
10	Notre Dame	6-1	1,830	Beat UCLA 20-17	at Navy	10
11	California	7-1	1,733	Beat Washington 31-24 (OT)	Idle	11
12	Clemson	7-1	1,729	Beat No. 13 Georgia Tech 31-7	at Virginia Tech (Thur.)	12
13	LSU	6-2	1,373	Beat Fresno State 38-6	Idle	14
14	Arkansas	6-1	1,342	Beat Mississippi 38-3	Louisiana-Monroe	17
15	Rutgers	7-0	1,129	Beat Pittsburgh 20-10	Idle	19
16	Boise State	8-0	1,109	Beat Idaho 42-26	Idle	18
17	Boston College	6-1	985	Beat Florida State 24-19	Buffalo	21
18	Wisconsin	7-1	940	Beat Purdue 24-3	Illinois	22
19	Oklahoma	5-2	797	Beat Colorado 24-3	at No. 21 Missouri	20
20	Nebraska	6-2	635	Lost to No. 5 Texas 22-20	at Oklahoma State	16
21	Missouri	7-1	503	Beat Kansas State 41-21	No. 19 Oklahoma	25
22	Georgia Tech	5-2	422	Lost to No. 12 Clemson 31-7	Miami (FL)	13
23	Texas A&M	7-1	374	Beat Oklahoma State 34-33 (OT)	at Baylor	NR
24	Oregon	5-2	317	Lost to Washington State 34-23	Portland State	15
25	Wake Forest	6-1	212	Idle	at North Carolina	NR

Number of first-place votes shown in parentheses.

Other teams receiving votes: Georgia 191; Tulsa 60; Virginia Tech 45; Iowa 31; BYU 23; Washington State 12; South Carolina 8; TCU 7; Pittsburgh 6; Penn State 5; Hawaii 3; Miami (FLA) 2; UCLA 2; Maryland 1; Texas Tech 1.

Dropped out of the Top 25: Iowa, Georgia.

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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