

Top 25 Team Rankings from the Harris Interactive College Football Poll

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—October 29, 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 and Michigan, both still undefeated, retained the top two spots in the rankings, while USC dropped from 3rd to 9th after its first loss of the season. West Virginia, Texas and Louisville round out the top five.

Highlights of October 29 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

Rank	Team	Record	Points	Previous Game (weekend of Oct. 28)	Next Game (weekend of Nov. 4th)	Prev. Week's Rank
1	Ohio State (113)	9-0	2,848	Beat Minnesota 44-0	at Illinois	1
2	Michigan	9-0	2,727	Beat Northwestern 17-3	Ball State	2
3	West Virginia (1)	7-0	2,583	Idle	at No. 5 Louisville (Thur.)	4
4	Texas	8-1	2,432	Beat Texas Tech 35-31	Oklahoma State	5
5	Louisville	7-0	2,278	Idle	No. 3 West Virginia (Thur.)	6
6	Auburn	8-1	2,202	Beat Mississippi 23-17	Arkansas State	7
7	Florida	7-1	2,127	Beat Georgia 21-14	at Vanderbilt	9
8	Tennessee	7-1	2,081	Beat South Carolina 31-24	No. 13 LSU	8
9	USC	6-1	1,937	Lost to Oregon State 33-31	at Stanford	3
10	Notre Dame	7-1	1,913	Beat Navy 38-14	North Carolina	10
11	California	7-1	1,789	Idle	UCLA	11
12	Arkansas	7-1	1,492	Beat Louisiana-Monroe 44-10	at South Carolina	14
13	LSU	6-2	1,437	Idle	at No. 8 Tennessee	13
14	Rutgers	7-0	1,241	Connecticut (Sun.)	Idle	15
15	Boise State	8-0	1,192	Idle	Fresno State (Wed.)	16
16	Boston College	7-1	1,138	Beat Buffalo 41-0	at No. 23 Wake Forest	17
17	Wisconsin	8-1	1,065	Beat Illinois 30-24	Penn State	18
18	Oklahoma	6-2	979	Beat No. 21 Missouri 26-10	at No. 21 Texas A&M	19
19	Clemson	7-2	793	Lost to Virginia Tech 24-7	Maryland	12
20	Georgia Tech	6-2	637	Beat Miami (FLA) 30-23	at North Carolina State	22
21	Texas A&M	8-1	582	Beat Baylor 31-21	No. 18 Oklahoma	23
22	Oregon	6-2	448	Beat Portland State 55-12	Washington	24
23	Wake Forest	7-1	414	Beat North Carolina 24-17	No. 16 Boston College	25
24	Virginia Tech	6-2	247	Beat No. 12 Clemson 24-7	at Miami (FLA)	NR
25	Tulsa	7-1	116	Beat UTEP 30-20	at Houston	NR

Number of first-place votes shown in parentheses.

Other teams receiving votes: Missouri 88; Nebraska 65; BYU 54; Washington State 37; Iowa 28; Hawaii 17; Maryland 14; Oregon State 13; Penn State 9; Pittsburgh 8; TCU 7; Georgia 5; Oklahoma State 4; Alabama 3.

Dropped out of the Top 25: Missouri and Nebraska.

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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