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USC Retains No. One Ranking in Harris Interactive College Football Poll

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—October 2, 2005—Today's **Harris Interactive College Football PollSM** shows the **Top 25** results compiled from votes submitted by its panel of former coaches, players and administrators, and former and current media. **USC** received 108 first place votes, with **Texas** receiving the remaining four. **Virginia Tech**, **Florida State**, and **Georgia** round out the top-five spots.

Highlights of the October 2 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

Ranking	Team	Record	Points	Previous Game (Weekend of Oct. 1)	Next Game* (Weekend of Oct. 8)	Prev. Week's Rank
1	USC (108)	4-0	2,796	Beat No. 14 Arizona State 38-28	Arizona	1
2	Texas (4)	4-0	2,685	Beat Missouri 51-20	Oklahoma	2
3	Virginia Tech	5-0	2,576	Beat West Virginia 34-17	Marshall	3
4	Florida State	4-0	2,390	Beat Syracuse 38-14	Wake Forest	6
5	Georgia	4-0	2,303	idle	at No. 9 Tennessee	7
6	Ohio State	3-1	2,153	idle	at No. 19 Penn State	8
7	Miami	3-1	1,948	Beat South Florida 27-7	Duke	9
8	Alabama	5-0	1,877	Beat No. 4 Florida 31-3	idle	15
9	Tennessee	3-1	1,820	Beat Mississippi 27-10	No. 5 Georgia	12
10	California	5-0	1,763	Beat Arizona 28-0	at No. 16 UCLA	11
11	Notre Dame	4-1	1,655	Beat No. 22 Purdue 49-28	idle	13
12	LSU	2-1	1,650	Beat Mississippi State 37-7	at Vanderbilt	5
13	Wisconsin	5-0	1,431	Beat Indiana 41-24	at Northwestern	17
14	Florida	4-1	1,271	Lost to No. 15 Alabama 31-3	Mississippi State	4
15	Texas Tech	4-0	1,169	Beat Kansas 30-17	at No. 25 Nebraska	16
16	UCLA	4-0	990	Beat Washington 21-17	No. 10 California	18
17	Michigan State	4-1	905	Lost to No. 25 Michigan 34-31(OT)	idle	10
18	Boston College	4-1	868	Beat Ball State 38-0	Virginia	21
19	Penn State	5-0	837	Beat No. 20 Minnesota 44-14	No. 6 Ohio State	NR
20	Arizona State	3-2	663	Lost to No. 1 USC 38-28	Oregon	14
21	Michigan	3-2	581	Beat No. 10 Michigan State 34-31(OT)	Minnesota	25
22	Auburn	4-1	420	Beat South Carolina 48-7	idle	NR
23	Louisville	3-1	416	Beat Florida Atlantic 61-10	North Carolina	24
24	Georgia Tech	3-1	268	idle	North Carolina State (Thurs. Oct. 6)	NR
25	Nebraska	4-0	188	Beat No. 23 Iowa State 27-20(OT)	No. 15 Texas Tech	NR

*All games played on Saturday unless otherwise noted

Other teams receiving votes: Virginia (3-1) 145, Minnesota (4-1) 132, Oregon (4-1) 130, Texas A&M (3-1) 69, West Virginia (4-1) 54, Purdue (2-2) 53, Colorado (3-1) 46, Iowa State (3-1) 41, Oklahoma (2-2) 24, TCU (4-1) 24, Washington State (3-1) 13, Fresno State (2-1) 10, Vanderbilt (4-1) 9, Maryland (3-2) 8, South Florida (3-2) 8, Southern Mississippi (2-1) 5, Wyoming (4-1) 5, Iowa (3-2) 4, UAB (3-1) 2, Boise State (2-2) 1.

Dropped out of Top 25: No. 19 Virginia (3-1, lost to unranked Maryland 45-33), No. 20 Minnesota (4-1, lost to prev. unranked Penn State 44-14), No. 22 Purdue (2-2, lost to then No. 13 Notre Dame 49-28), No. 23 Iowa State (3-1, lost to prev. unranked Nebraska 27-20, OT).

Poll Methodology and Process

The 2005 Harris Interactive College Football Poll is comprised of former players, coaches, administrators and current and former media who have committed to submitting votes for the top 25 college football teams each week. These panelists were randomly selected from among more than 300 nominations submitted by the Conference offices and Notre Dame. The panel has been designed to be a statistically valid representation of all 11 Division I-A Conferences and independent institutions.

Today, 112 poll participants ranked the top 25 college football teams. The panel will rank the Top 25 teams each Sunday during the 2005 college football season, through December 4th.

Weekly rankings and other information about the poll and the poll participants can be found at www.harrisinteractive.com/bcspoll. Each week the Harris Interactive College Football Poll rankings will be released publicly and posted to the Harris Interactive website. The first BCS Standings release will be issued on October 17th. More information about the BCS can be found at www.bcsfootball.org. Following the final rankings release of the season on December 4th, the individual participant votes for the final ranking will also be released.

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