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Top 25 Rankings of the Harris Interactive College Football Poll

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— October 5, 2008— Today's **Harris Interactive College Football PollSM** shows the **Top 25** results compiled from rankings submitted by the Harris Interactive panel of former coaches, players and administrators, and current and former members of the media. The top five teams from last week all maintained their position, as Oklahoma keeps the number one ranking and LSU again edged Alabama for second place. Missouri and Texas again round out the top five.

Highlights of October 5 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

Rank	Team	Record	Points	Previous Game (weekend of Oct. 4)	Next Game (weekend of Oct. 11)	Previous Week's Rank
1	Oklahoma (106)	5-0	2,837	Beat Baylor 49-17	No. 5 Texas	1
2	LSU (2)	4-0	2,604	Idle	at No. 11 Florida	2
3	Alabama (6)	6-0	2,594	Beat Kentucky 17-14	Idle	3
4	Missouri	5-0	2,553	Beat Nebraska 52-17	No. 17 Oklahoma State	4
5	Texas	5-0	2,447	Beat Colorado 38-14	at No. 1 Oklahoma	5
6	Penn State	6-0	2,210	Beat Purdue 20-6	at No. 24 Wisconsin	6
7	Texas Tech	5-0	2,036	Beat Kansas State 58-28	Nebraska	8
8	USC	3-1	2,025	Beat No. 21 Oregon 44-10	Arizona State	7
9	BYU	5-0	1,964	Beat Utah State 34-14	New Mexico	9
10	Georgia	4-1	1,803	Idle	Tennessee	10
11	Florida	4-1	1,768	Beat Arkansas 38-7	No. 2 LSU	11
12	Ohio State	5-1	1,577	Beat No. 16 Wisconsin 20-17	Purdue	14
13	Utah	6-0	1,416	Beat Oregon State 31-28	at Wyoming	15
14	Vanderbilt	5-0	1,327	Beat No. 13 Auburn 14-13	at Mississippi State	19
15	Boise State	4-0	1,177	Beat Louisiana Tech 38-3	Southern Miss	18
16	Kansas	4-1	1,157	Beat Iowa State 35-33	Colorado	17
17	Oklahoma State	5-0	964	Beat Texas A&M 56-28	at No. 4 Missouri	23
18	Virginia Tech	5-1	802	Beat Western Kentucky 27-13	Idle	22
19	South Florida	5-1	593	Lost to Pittsburgh 26-21	Idle	12
20	Auburn	4-2	456	Lost to No. 19 Vanderbilt 14-13	Arkansas	13
21	Michigan State	5-1	424	Beat Iowa 16-13	at No. 23 Northwestern	n/a
22	Wake Forest	3-1	351	Idle	Clemson (Thur)	25
23	Northwestern	5-0	268	Idle	No. 21 Michigan State	n/a
24	Wisconsin	3-2	233	Lost to No. 14 Ohio State 20-17	No. 6 Penn State	16
25	North Carolina	4-1	194	Beat Connecticut 38-12	Notre Dame	n/a

Number of first place votes shown in parentheses.

Other teams receiving votes: California (Cal) 169; Tulsa 143; TCU 139; Georgia Tech 126; Florida State 119; Illinois 108; Ball State 85; Pittsburgh (Pitt) 74; Kentucky 61; Oregon 51; Notre Dame 40; Boston College 38; Fresno State 36; Connecticut 29; Arizona 25; Minnesota 11; Maryland 10; West Virginia 3; Mississippi 2; UCLA 1.

Dropped out of Top 25: Fresno State; Oregon, Connecticut.

Poll Methodology and Process

The 2008 Harris Interactive College Football Poll is comprised of former players, coaches, administrators and current and former members of the media who have committed to submit 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.

The 11 Division 1-A Conference Commissioners and Notre Dame Athletics Director Jack Swarbrick decided not to 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, which began in 2005, will remain the same for the 2008 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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