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Top 25 Team Rankings of the Harris Interactive College Football Poll

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—October 7, 2007—Today's **Harris Interactive College Football PollSM** rankings show 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. LSU took over the top spot in the rankings for the first time this season after its win over Florida and USC's loss to Stanford. Cal and Ohio State both moved up one spot into second and third respectively, and Boston College and Oklahoma round out the top 5.

Highlights of October 7 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Previous Game</u> <u>(weekend of Oct. 6)</u>	<u>Next Game</u> <u>(weekend of Oct. 13)</u>	<u>Previous</u> <u>Week's Rank</u>
1	LSU (113)	6-0	2,825	Beat No. 8 Florida 28-24	at No. 18 Kentucky	2
2	California	5-0	2,654	Idle	Oregon State	3
3	Ohio State	6-0	2,643	Beat No. 20 Purdue 23-7	Kent State	4
4	Boston College	6-0	2,406	Beat Bowling Green 55-24	at Notre Dame	6
5	Oklahoma	5-1	2,218	Beat No. 17 Texas 28-21	No. 11 Missouri	9
6	South Florida	5-0	2,166	Beat Florida Atlantic 35-23	UCF	10
7	USC	4-1	2,015	Lost to Stanford 24 -23	Arizona	1
8	West Virginia	5-1	1,855	Beat Syracuse 55-14	Idle	11
9	South Carolina	5-1	1,809	Beat No. 7 Kentucky 38-23	at North Carolina	14
10	Oregon	4-1	1,692	Idle	Washington State	13
11	Missouri	5-0	1,610	Beat No. 23 Nebraska 41-6	at No. 5 Oklahoma	18
12	Virginia Tech	5-1	1,563	Beat No. 22 Clemson 41-23	at Duke	15
13	Florida	4-2	1,364	Lost to No. 2 LSU 28-24	Idle	8
14	Arizona State	6-0	1,359	Beat Washington State 23-20	Washington	19
15	Wisconsin	5-1	1,309	Lost to Illinois 31-26	at Penn State	5
16	Hawaii	6-0	1,266	Beat Utah State 52-37	at San Jose State	16
17	Cincinnati	6-0	1,083	Beat No. 21 Rutgers 28-23	Louisville	24
18	Kentucky	5-1	1,034	Lost to No. 14 South Carolina 38-23	No.1 LSU	7
19	Illinois	5-1	871	Beat No. 5 Wisconsin 31-26	at Iowa	NR
20	Kansas	5-0	630	Beat Kansas State 30-24	Baylor	NR
21	Texas	4-2	372	Lost to No. 9 Oklahoma 28-21	at Iowa State	17
22	Florida State	4-1	344	Beat North Carolina State 27-10	at Wake Forest (Thur.)	NR
23	Georgia	4-2	327	Lost to Tennessee 35-14	at Vanderbilt	12
24	Purdue	5-1	270	Lost to No. 4 Ohio State 23-7	at Michigan	20
25	Auburn	3-2	191	Beat Vanderbilt 35-7	at Arkansas	NR

Number of first place votes shown in parentheses.

Other teams receiving votes: Texas A&M 117; Tennessee 116; Connecticut 104; Texas Tech 74; Virginia 74; Rutgers 65; Indiana 54; Michigan 46; Clemson 39; Penn State 35; Colorado 26; Maryland 21; Boise State 17; Wyoming 16; Kansas State 14; Nebraska 13; Michigan State 8; Alabama 4; Arkansas 2; Miami (FLA) 2; Stanford 2.

Dropped out of the Top 25: Clemson, Michigan State, Nebraska, and Rutgers.

Poll Methodology and Process

The 2007 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, 113 poll participants submitted their top 25 college football team rankings. One panelist did not submit rankings due to personal reasons.

In 2005 the 11 Division 1-A Conference Commissioners and Notre Dame Athletics Director Kevin White 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 will remain the same for the 2007 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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