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## Top 25 Team Rankings from the Harris Interactive College Football Poll

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—October 8, 2006— Today's **Harris Interactive College Football Poll<sup>SM</sup>** 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 received 112 of 114 first-place rankings, while USC retained its second-place ranking and Florida moved into third place after a 23-10 win over LSU. LSU dropped from ninth to sixteenth place with the loss.

### Highlights of October 8 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

Rank	Team	Record	Points	Previous Game (weekend of Oct. 7)	Next Game (weekend of Oct. 14)	Prev. Week's Rank
1	Ohio State (112)	6-0	2,848	Beat Bowling Green 35-7	at Michigan State	1
2	USC (1)	5-0	2,621	Beat Washington 26-20	Arizona State	2
3	Florida (1)	6-0	2,599	Beat No. 9 LSU 23-10	at No. 10 Auburn	5
4	Michigan	6-0	2,557	Beat Michigan State 31-13	at Penn State	4
5	West Virginia	5-0	2,434	Beat Mississippi State 42-14	Syracuse	5
6	Texas	5-1	2,246	Beat No. 14 Oklahoma 28-10	Baylor	8
7	Louisville	5-0	2,181	Beat Middle Tennessee State 44-17	Cincinnati	7
8	Tennessee	5-1	1,959	Beat No. 10 Georgia 51-33	Idle	13
9	Notre Dame	5-1	1,917	Beat Stanford 31-10	Idle	12
10	Auburn	5-1	1,728	Lost to Arkansas 27-10	No. 3 Florida	3
11	California	5-1	1,712	Beat No. 11 Oregon 45-24	at Washington State	16
12	Clemson	5-1	1,499	Beat Wake Forest 27-17	Temple (Thurs.)	15
13	Iowa	5-1	1,244	Beat Purdue 47-17	at Indiana	18
14	Georgia	5-1	1,150	Lost to No. 13 Tennessee 51-33	Vanderbilt	10
15	Georgia Tech	5-1	1,084	Beat Maryland 27-23	Idle	20
16	LSU	4-2	1,035	Lost to No. 5 Florida 23-10	Kentucky	9
17	Missouri	6-0	914	Beat Texas Tech 38-21	at Texas A&M	23
18	Virginia Tech	4-1	855	Idle	at No.25 Boston College (Thurs.)	19
19	Nebraska	5-1	830	Beat Iowa State 28-14	at Kansas State	21
20	Oregon	4-1	822	Lost to No. 16 California 45-24	UCLA	11
21	Boise State	6-0	803	Beat Louisiana Tech 55-14	Idle	22
22	Arkansas	4-1	532	Beat No. 3 Auburn 27-10	Southeast Missouri State	NR
23	Oklahoma	3-2	430	Lost to No. 8 Texas 28-10	Iowa State	14
24	Rutgers	5-0	416	Idle	at Navy	24
25	Boston College	4-1	204	Idle	No. 18 Virginia Tech (Thurs.)	25

Number of first-place votes shown in parentheses.

**Other teams receiving votes:** Wisconsin (5-1) 194; Florida State (3-2) 54; Penn State (4-2) 32; Pittsburgh (5-1) 30; Washington (4-2) 26; UCLA (4-1) 22; TCU (3-2) 18; BYU (4-2) 15; Navy (5-1) 11; Wake Forest (5-1) 9; NC State (3-2) 6; Texas Tech (4-2) 5; Tulsa (4-1) 4; Miami (FLA) (3-2) 3; South Carolina (4-2) 1.

Dropped out of the Top 25: Florida State (3-2).

## **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](http://www.harrisinteractive.com/bcspoll) and [www.bcsfootball.org](http://www.bcsfootball.org).

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