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

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—October 9, 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 100 first place votes, with **Texas** receiving the remaining 13. **Virginia Tech**, **Georgia** and **Florida State** round out the top-five spots.

Highlights of the October 9 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

Ranking	Team	Record	Points	Previous Game (Weekend of Oct. 8)	Next Game* (Weekend of Oct. 15)	Prev. Week's Rank
1	USC (100)	5-0	2,812	Beat Arizona 42-21	At No. 8 Notre Dame	1
2	Texas (13)	5-0	2,718	Beat Oklahoma 45-12	No. 24 Colorado	2
3	Virginia Tech	6-0	2,595	Beat Marshall 41-14	Idle	3
4	Georgia	5-0	2,426	Beat No. 9 Tennessee 27-14	At Vanderbilt	5
5	Florida State	5-0	2,412	Beat Wake Forest 41-24	At Virginia	4
6	Miami	4-1	2,142	Beat Duke 52-7	At Temple	7
7	Alabama	5-0	2,118	Idle	At Mississippi	8
8	Notre Dame	4-1	1,851	Idle	No. 1 USC	11
9	Penn State	6-0	1,845	Beat No. 6 Ohio State 17-10	At Michigan	19
10	LSU	3-1	1,750	Beat Vanderbilt 34-6	No. 12 Florida	12
11	UCLA	5-0	1,687	Beat No. 10 California 47-40	At Washington State	16
12	Florida	5-1	1,519	Beat Mississippi State 35-9	At No. 10 LSU	14
13	Texas Tech	5-0	1,516	Beat No. 25 Nebraska 34-31	Kansas State	15
14	Boston College	5-1	1,200	Beat Virginia 28-17	Wake Forest	18
15	Michigan State	4-1	1,025	Idle	At No. 17 Ohio State	17
16	California	5-1	1,012	Lost No. 16 UCLA 47-40	Oregon State	10
17	Ohio State	3-2	1,011	Lost to No. 19 Penn State 17-10	No. 15 Michigan State	6
18	Auburn	4-1	813	Idle	At Arkansas	22
19	Louisville	4-1	776	Beat North Carolina 69-14	At No. 25 West Virginia	23
20	Oregon	5-1	676	Beat No. 20 Arizona State 31-17	Washington	NR
21	Tennessee	3-2	663	Lost to No. 5 Georgia 27-14	Idle	9
22	Minnesota	5-1	604	Beat No. 21 Michigan 23-20	No. 23 Wisconsin	NR
23	Wisconsin	5-1	581	Lost to Northwestern 51-48	At No. 22 Minnesota	13
24	Colorado	4-1	326	Beat Texas A&M 41-20	At No. 2 Texas	NR
25	West Virginia	5-1	146	Beat Rutgers 27-14	No. 19 Louisville	NR

*All games played on Saturday unless otherwise noted

Other teams receiving votes: Arizona State (3-3) 101, TCU (5-1) 93, Nebraska (4-1) 88, Georgia Tech (3-2) 69, Iowa (4-2) 42, Fresno State (3-1) 28, Michigan (3-3) 22, Virginia (3-2) 18, Northwestern (3-2) 11, Maryland (4-2) 10, Iowa State (3-2) 8, South Florida (3-2) 5, Texas A&M (3-2) 2, Baylor (4-1) 1, Connecticut (4-1) 1, Kansas State (4-1) 1, Toledo (4-1) 1.

Dropped out of the Top 25: No. 20 Arizona State (3-3, lost to Oregon 31-17), No. 21 Michigan (3-3, lost to prev. not ranked Minnesota 23-30), No. 24 Georgia Tech (3-2, lost to North Carolina State 17-14), No. 25 Nebraska (4-1, lost to then No.15 Texas Tech 34-31).

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, 113 poll participants ranked the top 25 college football teams. One panelist's vote could not be verified. 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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