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Top 25 Team Rankings from the Harris Interactive College Football Poll

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—September 24, 2006—Today's Harris Interactive College Football PollSM rankings, first for the 2006 college football season, show the **Top 25** results compiled from rankings submitted by its panel of former coaches, players and administrators, and current and former media. Ohio State secures top ranking while USC narrowly edges Auburn for second place.

Highlights of September 24 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

Rank	Team	Record	Points	Previous Game (weekend of Sept. 23)	Next Game (weekend of Sept. 30)	Prev. Week's Rank
1	Ohio State (107)	4-0	2,816	Beat Penn State 28-6	at No. 14 Iowa	n/a
2	USC (4)	3-0	2,654	Beat Arizona 20-3	at Washington State	n/a
3	Auburn (2)	4-0	2,632	Beat Buffalo 38-7	at South Carolina (Thurs.)	n/a
4	West Virginia	4-0	2,390	Beat East Carolina 27-10	Idle	n/a
5	Michigan	4-0	2,364	Beat Wisconsin 27-13	at Minnesota	n/a
6	Florida	4-0	2,320	Beat Kentucky 26-7	Alabama	n/a
7	Louisville	4-0	2,065	Beat Kansas State 24-6	Idle	n/a
8	Texas	3-1	2,001	Beat Iowa State 37-14	Sam Houston State	n/a
9	Georgia	4-0	1,827	Beat Colorado 14-13	at Mississippi	n/a
10	LSU	3-1	1,793	Beat Tulane 49-7	Mississippi State	n/a
11	Virginia Tech	4-0	1,699	Beat Cincinnati 29-13	Georgia Tech	n/a
12	Notre Dame	3-1	1,503	Beat Michigan State 40-37	Purdue	n/a
13	Oregon	3-0	1,421	Idle	at Arizona State	n/a
14	Iowa	4-0	1,413	Beat Illinois 24-7	No. 1 Ohio State	n/a
15	Tennessee	3-1	1,170	Beat Marshall 33-7	at Memphis	n/a
16	Oklahoma	3-1	1,078	Beat Middle Tennessee St. 59-0	Idle	n/a
17	TCU	3-0	1,035	Idle	BYU (Thurs.)	n/a
18	California (Cal)	3-1	864	Beat Arizona State 49-21	at Oregon State	n/a
19	Clemson	3-1	846	Beat North Carolina 52-7	Louisiana Tech	n/a
20	Florida State	3-1	815	Beat Rice 55-7	Idle	n/a
21	Nebraska	3-1	573	Beat Troy 56-0	Kansas	n/a
22	Boise State	4-0	319	Beat Hawaii 41-34	at Utah	n/a
23	Rutgers	4-0	155	Beat Howard 56-7	at South Florida (Fri.)	n/a
24	Missouri	4-0	147	Beat Ohio 31-6	Colorado	n/a
25	Boston College	3-1	135	Lost to North Carolina St. 17-15	Maine	n/a

Number of first place votes shown in parentheses.

Other teams receiving votes: Purdue (4-0) 117; Georgia Tech (3-1) 102; Arizona State (3-1) 85; Texas Tech (3-1) 79; Michigan State (3-1) 55; Wake Forest (4-0) 36; Penn State (2-2) 32; Texas A&M (4-0) 31; Arkansas (3-1) 30; Alabama (3-1) 29; Washington (3-1) 20; Miami (FL) (1-2) 19; Houston (4-0) 17; NC State (2-2) 7; Wisconsin (3-1) 7; UCLA (2-1) 6; Utah (3-1) 6; Washington State (3-1) 4; Southern Miss (2-1) 2; Oregon State (2-1) 2; South Carolina (3-1) 2; Air Force (1-1) 1; BYU (2-2) 1.

Dropped out of the Top 25: N/A for this week.

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, 113 poll participants submitted their top 25 college football team rankings. One panelist did not submit rankings this week.

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 and www.bcsfootball.org.

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