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Top 25 Team Rankings of the Harris Interactive College Football Poll

New York, N.Y. — December 6, 2009 — 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. Alabama moved into the top ranking after its win over previous #1 Florida in the SEC Championship Game, while Texas retained the #2 spot after its win over Nebraska in the Big 12 Championship Game. Florida dropped to #5 while TCU and Cincinnati each moved up one spot, to #3 and #4 respectively, to round out the top 5.

Highlights of December 6 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

Rank	Team	Record	Points	Previous Game (weekend of Dec. 5)	Previous Week's Rank
1	Alabama (105)	13-0	2,841	Beat No. 1 Florida 32-13	3
2	Texas (6)	13-0	2,721	Beat No. 22 Nebraska 13-12	2
3	TCU (3)	12-0	2,579	Idle	4
4	Cincinnati	12-0	2,467	Beat No. 15 Pittsburgh 45-44	5
5	Florida	12-1	2,395	Lost to No. 3 Alabama 32-13	1
6	Boise State	13-0	2,358	Beat New Mexico State 42-7	6
7	Oregon	10-2	2,130	Beat No. 16 Oregon State 37-33	8
8	Ohio State	10-2	2,081	Idle	7
9	Penn State	10-2	1,800	Idle	9
10	Georgia Tech	11-2	1,787	Beat Clemson 39-34	11
11	Iowa	10-2	1,772	Idle	10
12	Virginia Tech	9-3	1,569	Idle	12
13	LSU	9-3	1,384	Idle	14
14	BYU	10-2	1,349	Idle	13
15	Miami (FL)	9-3	1,173	Idle	17
16	Pittsburgh	9-3	995	Lost to No. 5 Cincinnati 45-44	15
17	Oklahoma State	9-3	839	Idle	20
18	West Virginia	9-3	730	Beat Rutgers 24-21	25
19	Oregon State	8-4	722	Lost to No. 8 Oregon 37-33	16
20	Nebraska	9-4	631	Lost to No. 2 Texas 13-12	22
21	Stanford	8-4	625	Idle	23
22	Utah	9-3	511	Idle	24
23	Wisconsin	9-3	409	Beat Hawaii 51-10	NR
24	Arizona	8-4	381	Beat No. 19 USC 21-17	NR
25	Houston	10-3	216	Lost to East Carolina 38-32	18

Number of first place votes shown in parentheses.

Other teams receiving votes: USC 124; Central Michigan 120; East Carolina 87; California 77; Clemson 58; Mississippi 26; North Carolina 22; Northwestern 18; Texas Tech 14; Oklahoma 10; Missouri 9; Tennessee 7; Troy 5; Connecticut 3; Middle Tennessee State 3; Temple 2.

Dropped out of Top 25: California, USC.

Poll Methodology and Process

The 2009 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. Harris Interactive applies a standard statistical practice that allows it to identify potential instability, error or bias associated with unusual ranking patterns. Those rankings that are identified through the analysis are verified to ensure that each panelist's intent is accurately reflected.

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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