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Final Dec. 4th Rankings from the Harris Interactive College Football Poll

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—December 4, 2005—Today's Harris Interactive College Football PollSM shows the Top 25 results compiled from rankings submitted by its panel of former coaches, players and administrators, and former and current media.

Highlights of the final December 4 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

Ranking	Team	Record	Points	Previous Game (Weekend of Dec. 3)	Next Game	Previous Week's Rank
1	USC (99)	12-0	2,811	Beat No. 11 UCLA 66-19	Bowl Game TBD	1
2	Texas (14)	12-0	2,726	Beat Colorado 70-3	Bowl Game TBD	2
3	Penn State	10-1	2,592	Idle	Bowl Game TBD	3
4	Ohio State	9-2	2,398	Idle	Bowl Game TBD	6
5	Notre Dame	9-2	2,295	Idle	Bowl Game TBD	7
6	Oregon	10-1	2,205	Idle	Bowl Game TBD	8
7	Auburn	9-2	2,085	Idle	Bowl Game TBD	9
8	Georgia	10-2	2,053	Beat No. 4 LSU 34-14	Bowl Game TBD	12
9	Miami	9-2	1,942	Idle	Bowl Game TBD	10
10	LSU	10-2	1,812	Lost to No. 12 Georgia 34-14	Bowl Game TBD	4
11	Virginia Tech	10-2	1,719	Lost to Florida State 27-22	Bowl Game TBD	5
12	West Virginia	10-1	1,673	Beat South Florida 28-13	Bowl Game TBD	13
13	Alabama	9-2	1,451	Idle	Bowl Game TBD	14
14	TCU	10-1	1,328	Idle	Bowl Game TBD	15
15	Texas Tech	9-2	1,147	Idle	Bowl Game TBD	16
16	Louisville	9-2	1,016	Beat Connecticut 30-20	Bowl Game TBD	17
17	UCLA	9-2	1,004	Lost to No. 1 USC 66-19	Bowl Game TBD	11
17	Florida	8-3	1,004	Idle	Bowl Game TBD	18
19	Boston College	8-3	763	Idle	Bowl Game TBD	19
20	Wisconsin	9-3	675	Idle	Bowl Game TBD	20
21	Michigan	7-4	556	Idle	Bowl Game TBD	21
22	Florida State	8-4	474	Beat No. 5 Virginia Tech 27-22	Bowl Game TBD	NR
23	Clemson	7-4	301	Idle	Bowl Game TBD	23
24	Georgia Tech	7-4	282	Idle	Bowl Game TBD	24
25	Iowa	7-4	132	Idle	Bowl Game TBD	25

Other teams receiving votes: Oklahoma (7-4) 87, Fresno State (8-4) 40, California (7-4) 36, Northwestern (7-4) 30, South Carolina (7-4) 30, Boise State (9-3) 26, Nebraska (7-4) 10, Tulsa (8-4) 9, Minnesota (7-4) 6, Nevada (8-3) 3, UTEP (8-3) 2, Navy (7-4) 1, Toledo (8-3) 1.

Dropped out of the Top 25: Prev. ranked No. 22 Fresno State (8-4, lost to unranked Louisiana Tech 40-28).

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 submitted their final top 25 college football team rankings. Panelists have ranked the top 25 teams each Sunday during the 2005 college football season.

The 11 Division 1-A Conference Commissioners and Notre Dame Athletics Director Kevin White did not accept the Harris Interactive recommendation to apply to the rankings a standard statistical practice so as to prevent potential instability, error, or bias associated with unusual voting patterns. Each week, once Harris Interactive conducts its thorough verification process, the individual rankings will stand as submitted.

Complete weekly rankings and today's individual panelist team rankings for Dec. 4, and other information about the poll, can be found at www.harrisinteractive.com/bcspoll and www.bcsfootball.org.

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