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

**New York, N.Y. — October 18, 2009—** Today's **Harris Interactive College Football Poll<sup>SM</sup>** 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. The top three teams, Florida, Alabama, and Texas, remained unchanged, although Alabama drew closer to top-ranked Florida this week. USC moved into the #4 spot and Boise State retained its #5 position.

#### Highlights of October 18 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

Rank	Team	Record	Points	Previous Game (weekend of Oct. 17)	Next Game (weekend of Oct. 24)	Previous Week's Rank
1	Florida (77)	6-0	2,802	Beat Arkansas 23-20	at Mississippi State	1
2	Alabama (33)	7-0	2,736	Beat No. 22 South Carolina 20-6	Tennessee	2
3	Texas (4)	6-0	2,661	Beat No. 18 Oklahoma 16-13	at Missouri	2
4	USC	5-1	2,394	Beat No. 25 Notre Dame 34-27	Oregon State	6
5	Boise State	6-0	2,289	Beat Tulsa 28-21	at Hawaii	5
6	Cincinnati	6-0	2,173	Beat No. 21 South Florida 34-17	Louisville	8
7	Iowa	7-0	2,045	Beat Wisconsin 20-10	at Michigan State	11
8	TCU	6-0	2,015	Beat Colorado State 44-6	at No. 16 BYU	10
9	LSU	5-1	1,996	Idle	Auburn	9
10	Miami (FL)	5-1	1,896	Beat Central Florida 27-7	Clemson	12
11	Penn State	6-1	1,620	Beat Minnesota 20-0	at Michigan	13
12	Oregon	5-1	1,577	Idle	at Washington	14
13	Georgia Tech	6-1	1,489	Beat No. 4 Virginia Tech 28-23	at Virginia	20
14	Oklahoma State	5-1	1,436	Beat Missouri 33-17	at Baylor	15
15	Virginia Tech	5-2	1,278	Lost to No. 20 Georgia Tech 28-23	Idle	4
16	BYU	6-1	1,210	Beat San Diego State 38-28	No. 8 TCU	17
17	Ohio State	5-2	937	Lost to Purdue 26-18	Minnesota	7
18	Houston	5-1	834	Beat Tulane 44-16	SMU	23
19	Utah	5-1	627	Beat UNLV 35-15	Air Force	NR
20	Pittsburgh	6-1	545	Beat Rutgers 24-17	No. 24 South Florida	NR
21	Kansas	5-1	403	Lost to Colorado 34-30	No. 25 Oklahoma	16
22	Texas Tech	5-2	316	Beat No. 19 Nebraska 31-10	Texas A&M	NR
23	West Virginia	5-1	275	Beat Marshall 24-7	Connecticut	NR
24	South Florida	5-1	252	Lost to No. 8 Cincinnati 34-17	at No. 20 Pittsburgh	21
25	Oklahoma	3-3	247	Lost to No. 2 Texas 16-13	at No. 21 Kansas	18

Number of first place votes shown in parentheses.

**Other teams receiving votes:** South Carolina 216; Mississippi 181; Notre Dame 105; Nebraska 99; Michigan 63; Central Michigan 61; Arkansas 37; Boston College 28; California 28; Missouri 28; Idaho 27; Arizona 19; Auburn 18; Wisconsin 18; Oregon State 17; Connecticut 14; Michigan State 14; Georgia 9; Navy 7; Clemson 3; Stanford 3; Temple 1; Troy 1.

**Dropped out of Top 25:** Nebraska; South Carolina; Auburn; Notre Dame.

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

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