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Top 25 Rankings of the Harris Interactive College Football Poll

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— October 12, 2008— 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. Texas took the top ranking after defeating previously #1 ranked Oklahoma 45-35. Alabama moved up one spot to #2, while Missouri and LSU both dropped out of the top 10 after suffering losses. Penn State, Oklahoma, and USC now round out the top five spots.

Highlights of October 12 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

Rank	Team	Record	Points	Previous Game (weekend of Oct. 11)	Next Game (weekend of Oct. 18)	Previous Week's Rank
1	Texas (72)	6-0	2804	Beat No. 1 Oklahoma 45-35	No. 11 Missouri	5
2	Alabama (37)	6-0	2752	Idle	Mississippi	3
3	Penn State (4)	7-0	2602	Beat No. 24 Wisconsin 48-7	Michigan	6
4	Oklahoma	5-1	2255	Lost to No. 5 Texas 45-35	No. 16 Kansas	1
5	USC	4-1	2225	Beat Arizona State 28-0	at Washington State	8
6	Florida	5-1	2224	Beat No. 2 LSU 51-21	Idle	11
7	Texas Tech	6-0	2191	Beat Nebraska 37-31 (OT)	at Texas A&M	7
8	BYU	6-0	2044	Beat New Mexico 21-3	at TCU (Thur)	9
9	Georgia	5-1	1901	Beat Tennessee 26-14	No. 22 Vanderbilt	10
10	Oklahoma State	6-0	1829	Beat No. 4 Missouri 28-23	Baylor	17
11	Missouri	5-1	1706	Lost to No. 17 Oklahoma State 28-23	at No. 1 Texas	4
12	LSU	4-1	1624	Lost to No. 11 Florida 51-21	at South Carolina	2
13	Ohio State	6-1	1589	Beat Purdue 16-3	at No. 18 Michigan State	12
14	Utah (1)	7-0	1489	Beat Wyoming 40-7	Colorado State	13
15	Boise State	5-0	1240	Beat Southern Miss 24-7	Hawaii (Fri)	15
16	Kansas	5-1	1187	Beat Colorado 30-14	at No. 4 Oklahoma	16
17	Virginia Tech	5-1	912	Idle	at Boston College	18
18	Michigan State	6-1	800	Beat No. 23 Northwestern 37-20	No. 13 Ohio State	21
19	South Florida	5-1	640	Idle	Syracuse	19
20	North Carolina	5-1	607	Beat Notre Dame 29-24	at Virginia	25
21	Wake Forest	4-1	569	Beat Clemson 12-7	at Maryland	22
22	Vanderbilt	5-1	454	Lost to Mississippi State 17-14	at No. 9 Georgia	14
23	Ball State	7-0	226	Beat Western Kentucky 24-7	Idle	32
24	California	4-1	217	Idle	at Arizona	26
25	Pittsburgh	4-1	164	Idle	at Navy	33

Number of first place votes shown in parentheses.

Other teams receiving votes: Tulsa, 161; TCU, 141; Minnesota, 129; Florida State, 96; Georgia Tech, 87; Northwestern, 46; Boston College, 39; Oregon, 19; Auburn, 17; Fresno State, 16; South Carolina, 13; Connecticut, 11; Cincinnati, 9; Western Michigan, 7; Wisconsin, 6; Illinois, 1; Notre Dame, 1.

Dropped out of Top 25: Auburn, Northwestern, Wisconsin.

Poll Methodology and Process

The 2008 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.

The 11 Division 1-A Conference Commissioners and Notre Dame Athletics Director Jack Swarbrick decided not to 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, which began in 2005, will remain the same for the 2008 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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