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

**ROCHESTER, N.Y.— October 19, 2008—** 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. Texas retained its No. 1 ranking with 104 first place votes. The top five teams in the rankings are unchanged from last week.

### Highlights of October 19 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

Rank	Team	Record	Points	Previous Game (weekend of Oct. 18)	Next Game (weekend of Oct. 25)	Previous Week's Rank
1	Texas (104)	7-0	2,838	Beat No. 11 Missouri 56-31	No. 8 Oklahoma State	1
2	Alabama (6)	7-0	2,692	Beat Mississippi 24-20	at Tennessee	2
3	Penn State (3)	8-0	2,631	Beat Michigan 46-17	at No. 10 Ohio State	3
4	Oklahoma	6-1	2,357	Beat No. 16 Kansas 45-31	at Kansas State	4
5	USC	5-1	2,327	Beat Washington State 69-0	at Arizona	5
6	Florida	5-1	2,225	Idle	Kentucky	6
7	Texas Tech	7-0	2,179	Beat Texas A&M 43-25	at No. 19 Kansas	7
8	Oklahoma State	7-0	2,046	Beat Baylor 34-6	at No. 1 Texas	10
9	Georgia	6-1	1,997	Beat No. 22 Vanderbilt 24-14	at No. 11 LSU	9
10	Ohio State	7-1	1,814	Beat No. 18 Michigan State 45-7	No. 3 Penn State	13
11	LSU	5-1	1,750	Beat South Carolina 24-17	No. 9 Georgia	12
12	Utah (1)	8-0	1,679	Beat Colorado State 49-16	Idle	14
13	Boise State	6-0	1,498	Beat Hawaii 27-7	at San Jose State (Fri)	15
14	South Florida	6-1	1,160	Beat Syracuse 45-13	at Louisville	19
15	TCU	7-1	990	Beat No. 8 BYU 32-7	Wyoming	NR
16	Missouri	5-2	978	Lost to No. 1 Texas 56-31	Colorado	11
17	BYU	6-1	932	Lost to TCU 32-7	UNLV	8
18	Pittsburgh	5-1	763	Beat Navy 42-21	Rutgers	25
19	Kansas	5-2	634	Lost to No. 4 Oklahoma 45-31	No. 7 Texas Tech	16
20	Ball State	7-0	578	Idle	Eastern Michigan	23
21	Tulsa	7-0	528	Beat UTEP 77-35	UCF (Sun)	NR
22	Georgia Tech	6-1	503	Beat Clemson 21-17	Virginia	NR
23	Florida State	5-1	447	Beat North Carolina State 26-17	Virginia Tech	NR
24	Boston College	5-1	366	Beat No. 17 Virginia Tech 28-23	at North Carolina	NR
25	Minnesota	6-1	284	Idle	at Purdue	NR

Number of first place votes shown in parentheses.

**Other teams receiving votes:** Northwestern 228; Virginia Tech 219; Michigan State 81; North Carolina 74; Vanderbilt 70; Cincinnati 35; Oregon 35; Maryland 28; Arizona 24; California 24; Illinois 10; Fresno State 9; Kentucky 6; Auburn 5; Wake Forest 3; Notre Dame 2; Oregon State 1.

**Dropped out of Top 25:** Virginia Tech, Michigan State, North Carolina, Vanderbilt, California, Wake Forest.

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

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