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

**ROCHESTER, N.Y.— October 26, 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 after its win over Oklahoma State, while Alabama, Penn State, and Oklahoma maintained their Top 5 rankings as well. Texas Tech is now in the Top 5 after its 63-21 win over Kansas.

### Highlights of October 26 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

Rank	Team	Record	Points	Previous Game (weekend of Oct. 25)	Next Game (weekend of Nov. 1)	Previous Week's Rank
1	Texas (103)	8-0	2,839	Beat No. 8 Oklahoma State 28-24	at No. 5 Texas Tech	1
2	Alabama (6)	8-0	2,696	Beat Tennessee 29-9	Arkansas State	2
3	Penn State (5)	9-0	2,650	Beat No. 10 Ohio State 13-6	Idle	3
4	Oklahoma	7-1	2,370	Beat Kansas State 58-35	Nebraska	4
5	Texas Tech	8-0	2,286	Beat No. 19 Kansas 63-21	No. 1 Texas	7
6	Florida	6-1	2,258	Beat Kentucky 63-5	at No. 8 Georgia	6
7	USC	6-1	2,255	Beat Arizona 17-10	Washington	5
8	Georgia	7-1	2,124	Beat No. 11 LSU 52-38	No. 6 Florida	9
9	Oklahoma State	7-1	1,871	Lost to No. 1 Texas 28-24	Iowa State	8
10	Utah	8-0	1,802	Idle	at New Mexico	12
11	Boise State	7-0	1,688	Beat San Jose State 33-16	at New Mexico State	13
12	Ohio State	7-2	1,450	Lost to No. 3 Penn State 13-6	Idle	10
13	TCU	8-1	1,443	Beat Wyoming 54-7	at UNLV	15
14	Missouri	6-2	1,336	Beat Colorado 58-0	at Baylor	16
15	BYU	7-1	1,121	Beat UNLV 42-35	at Colorado State	17
16	LSU	5-2	1,081	Lost to No. 9 Georgia 52-38	Tulane	11
17	Ball State	8-0	973	Beat Eastern Michigan 38-16	Idle	20
18	Florida State	6-1	960	Beat Virginia Tech 30-20	at No. 25 Georgia Tech	23
19	Tulsa	7-0	930	Hosts UCF (Sun Oct. 26)	at Arkansas	21
20	Minnesota	7-1	778	Beat Purdue 17-6	Northwestern	25
21	Michigan State	7-2	466	Beat Michigan 35-21	Wisconsin	NR
22	North Carolina	6-2	391	Beat No. 24 Boston College 45-24	Idle	NR
23	South Florida	6-2	287	Lost to Louisville 24-20	at Cincinnati (Thur)	14
24	Oregon	6-2	220	Beat Arizona State 54-20	at No. 25 California	NR
25	California	5-2	99	Beat UCLA 41-20	No. 24 Oregon	NR
25	Georgia Tech	6-2	99	Lost to Virginia 24-17	No. 18 Florida State	22

Number of first place votes shown in parentheses.

**Other teams receiving votes:** Kansas 96; Maryland 84; West Virginia 84; Pittsburgh 72; Connecticut 39; Notre Dame 31; Boston College 24; Louisville 22; Virginia 21; Northwestern 19; Arizona 17; Fresno State 15; Virginia Tech 14; Air Force 13; Vanderbilt 9; Miami (FLA) 5; Wake Forest 4; Wisconsin 4; Central Michigan 3; Iowa 1.

**Dropped out of Top 25:** Pittsburgh, Kansas, Boston College.

## **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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