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

**ROCHESTER, N.Y.—November 25, 2007—**Today's **Harris Interactive College Football Poll<sup>SM</sup>** rankings show 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. Losses by last week's highest-ranked teams, LSU and Kansas, paved the way for Missouri and West Virginia to take over the top two spots in the rankings. Ohio State moved into 3<sup>rd</sup> place, with Georgia and LSU rounding out the top five.

### Highlights of November 25 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Previous Game (weekend of Nov. 24)</u>	<u>Next Game (weekend of Dec. 1)</u>	<u>Previous Week's Rank</u>
1	Missouri (57)	11-1	2,779	Beat No. 2 Kansas 36-28	Big 12 Championship vs. No. 8 Oklahoma	3
2	West Virginia (45)	10-1	2,753	Beat No. 21 Connecticut 66-21	Pittsburgh	3
3	Ohio State (11)	11-1	2,638	Idle	Idle	5
4	Georgia	10-2	2,368	Beat Georgia Tech 31-17	Idle	7
5	LSU	10-2	2,215	Lost to Arkansas 50-48 (3OT)	SEC Championship vs. No. 15 Tennessee	1
6	Kansas	11-1	2,170	Lost to No. 3 Missouri 36-28	Idle	2
7	Virginia Tech	10-2	2,164	Beat No. 17 Virginia 33-21	ACC Championship vs. No. 12 Boston College	8
8	Oklahoma	10-2	2,132	Beat Oklahoma State 49-17	Big 12 Championship vs. No. 1 Missouri	9
9	USC	9-2	2,059	Beat No. 6 Arizona State 44-24	UCLA	12
10	Hawaii (1)	11-0	1,829	Beat No. 15 Boise State 39-27	Washington	13
11	Florida	9-3	1,757	Beat Florida State 45-12	Idle	14
12	Boston College	10-2	1,587	Beat Miami (FL) 28-14	ACC Championship vs. No. 7 Virginia Tech	16
13	Arizona State	9-2	1,446	Lost to No. 12 USC 44-24	Arizona	6
14	Illinois	9-3	1,254	Idle	Idle	18
15	Tennessee	9-3	1,249	Beat Kentucky 52-50 (4OT)	SEC Championship vs. No. 5 LSU	19
16	Wisconsin	9-3	911	Idle	Idle	20
17	Texas	9-3	903	Lost to Texas A&M 38-30	Idle	11
18	Clemson	9-3	897	Beat South Carolina 23-21	Idle	22
19	Oregon	8-3	716	Lost to UCLA 16-0	Oregon State	10
20	BYU	9-2	649	Beat Utah 17-10	at San Diego State	23
21	Cincinnati	9-3	512	Beat Syracuse 52-31	Idle	24
22	Boise State	10-2	493	Lost to No. 13 Hawaii 39-27	Idle	15
23	Virginia	9-3	478	Lost to No. 8 Virginia Tech 33-21	Idle	17
24	Auburn	8-4	402	Beat Alabama 17-10	Idle	25
25	South Florida	9-3	249	Beat Pittsburgh 48-37	Idle	NR

Number of first place votes shown in parentheses.

**Other teams receiving votes:** Arkansas 108; Texas Tech 100; Air Force 89; Connecticut 57; Michigan 40; Kentucky 11; Penn State 10; Oregon State 9; Central Florida 5; UCLA 5; Troy 3; Tulsa 2; Wake Forest 1.

**Dropped out of the Top 25:** Connecticut.

## **Poll Methodology and Process**

The 2007 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.

In 2005 the 11 Division 1-A Conference Commissioners and Notre Dame Athletics Director Kevin White 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 will remain the same for the 2007 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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