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Top 25 Team Rankings of the Harris Interactive College Football Poll

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—October 21, 2007—Today's **Harris Interactive College Football Poll**[SM] 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. Ohio State received 111 first-place votes, retaining its number one ranking, while Boston College held on to its second place position. LSU and Oklahoma move up to third and fourth, respectively, with Oregon rounding out the top five. South Florida dropped from third position down to 12th following its' loss to Rutgers.

Highlights of October 21 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

Rank	Team	Record	Points	Previous Game (weekend of Oct. 20)	Next Game (weekend of Oct. 27)	Previous Week's Rank
1	Ohio State (111)	8-0	2,847	Beat Michigan State 24-17	at No. 22 Penn State	1
2	Boston College (1)	7-0	2,676	Idle	at No. 10 Virginia Tech (Thur)	2
3	LSU (2)	7-1	2,550	Beat No. 19 Auburn 30-24	Idle	5
4	Oklahoma	7-1	2,521	Beat Iowa State 17-7	Idle	4
5	Oregon	6-1	2,281	Beat Washington 55-34	No. 7 USC	7
6	West Virginia	6-1	2,157	Beat Mississippi State 38-13	at No. 25 Rutgers	8
7	USC	6-1	2,100	Beat Notre Dame 38-0	at No. 5 Oregon	9
8	Arizona State	7-0	2,003	Idle	No. 18 California (Cal)	12
9	Florida	5-2	1,867	Beat No. 11 Kentucky 45-37	at No. 19 Georgia	14
10	Virginia Tech	6-1	1,831	Idle	No. 2 Boston College	13
11	Kansas	7-0	1,671	Beat Colorado 19-14	at Texas A&M	15
12	South Florida	6-1	1,627	Lost to Rutgers 30-27	at Connecticut	3
13	Missouri	6-1	1,568	Beat No. 21 Texas Tech 41-10	Iowa State	17
14	Hawaii	7-0	1,265	Idle	New Mexico State	16
15	Kentucky	6-2	1,156	Lost to No. 14 Florida 45-37	Mississippi State	11
16	Texas	6-2	1,054	Beat Baylor 31-10	Nebraska	18
17	South Carolina	6-2	1,031	Lost to Vanderbilt 17-6	at Tennessee	6
18	California (Cal)	5-2	873	Lost to UCLA 30-21	at No. 8 Arizona State	10
19	Georgia	5-2	711	Idle	No. 9 Florida	20
20	Virginia	7-1	650	Beat Maryland 18-17	at North Carolina State	24
21	Michigan	6-2	643	Beat Illinois 27-17	Minnesota	25
22	Penn State	6-2	404	Beat Indiana 36-31	No. 1 Ohio State	NR
23	Auburn	5-3	333	Lost to No. 5 LSU 30-24	Mississippi	19
24	Alabama	6-2	322	Beat No. 22 Tennessee 41-17	Idle	NR
25	Rutgers	5-2	249	Beat No. 2 South Florida 30-27	No. 6 West Virginia	NR

Number of first place votes shown in parentheses.

Other teams receiving votes: Wisconsin 153; UCLA 116; Boise State 94; Connecticut 80; Wake Forest 42; Purdue 37; Texas Tech 36; Texas A&M 30; Cincinnati 20; Clemson 15; Kansas State 12; Oregon State 11; Illinois 5; BYU 4; Air Force 3; Oklahoma State 1; Tennessee 1.

Dropped out of the Top 25: Cincinnati, Tennessee, Texas Tech.

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 and www.bcsfootball.org.

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