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Top 25 Team Rankings of the Harris Interactive College Football Poll

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—November 4, 2007—Today's **Harris Interactive College Football PollSM** 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 retains its top ranking with 112 first-place votes, and LSU moved up to no. 2 following a Boston College loss. Oregon, which received one first-place vote, moved into third position. Oklahoma and Kansas round out the top five.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	Record	<u>Points</u>	Previous Game (weekend of Nov. 3)	Next Game (weekend of Nov. 10)	<u>Previous</u> <u>Week's</u> <u>Rank</u>
1	Ohio State (112)	10-0	2,823	Beat No. 21 Wisconsin 38-17	Illinois	1
2	LSU	8-1	2,640	Beat No. 17 Alabama 41-34	Louisiana Tech	3
3	Oregon (1)	8-1	2,590	Beat No. 6 Arizona State 35-23	Idle	5
4	Oklahoma	8-1	2,518	Beat Texas A&M 42-14	Baylor	4
5	Kansas	9-0	2,322	Beat Nebraska 76-39	at Oklahoma State	8
6	West Virginia	7-1	2,291	Idle	Louisville (Thur.)	7
7	Missouri	8-1	2,111	Beat Colorado 55-10	Texas A&M	9
8	Boston College	8-1	1,836	Lost to Florida State 27-17	at Maryland	2
9	Arizona State	8-1	1,720	Lost to No. 5 Oregon 35-23	at UCLA	6
10	Hawaii	8-0	1,677	Idle	Fresno State	10
11	Georgia	7-2	1,651	Beat Troy 44-34	No. 18 Auburn	12
12	Texas	8-2	1,540	Beat Oklahoma State 38-35	Texas Tech	11
13	Virginia Tech	7-2	1,500	Beat Georgia Tech 27-3	Florida State	14
14	USC	7-2	1,404	Beat Oregon State 24-3	at No. 25 California (Cal)	13
15	Michigan	8-2	1,332	Beat Michigan State 28-24	at Wisconsin	15
16	Connecticut	8-1	1,137	Beat Rutgers 38-19	at Cincinnati	19
17	Florida	6-3	1,079	Beat Vanderbilt 49-22	at South Carolina	16
18	Auburn	7-3	975	Beat Tennessee Tech 35-3	at No. 11 Georgia	18
19	Boise State	8-1	747	Beat San Jose State 42-7	at Utah State	22
20	Clemson	7-2	493	Beat Duke 47-10	Wake Forest	NR
21	Virginia	8-2	486	Beat No. 25 Wake Forest 17-16	at Miami (FL)	NR
22	Alabama	6-3	437	Lost to No. 3 LSU 41-34	at Mississippi State	17
23	Kentucky	6-3	288	Idle	at Vanderbilt	24
24	Tennessee	6-3	251	Beat Louisiana-Lafayette 59-7	Arkansas	NR
25	California (Cal)	6-3	191	Beat Washington State 20-17	No. 14 USC	NR

Highlights of November 4 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

Number of first place votes shown in parentheses.

Other teams receiving votes: Penn State 178; Cincinnati 123; Wisconsin 115; Illinois 53; Florida State 41; Arkansas 39; BYU 37; South Florida 26; South Carolina 24; Wake Forest 21; Purdue 13; Air Force 8; Texas Tech 5; Rutgers 2; Fresno State 1.

Dropped out of the Top 25: Wisconsin, South Carolina, South Florida, and Wake Forest.

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, 113 poll participants submitted their top 25 college football team rankings. One panelist could not submit rankings due to a personal situation.

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 <u>www.harrisinteractive.com/bcspoll</u> and <u>www.bcsfootball.org</u>.

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