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

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—October 14, 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. Ohio State, Boston College, and South Florida, all still undefeated, took over the top three spots after last week's top two teams (LSU and Cal) both lost. Oklahoma and LSU round out the top five.

### Highlights of October 14 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Previous Game</u> <u>(weekend of Oct. 13)</u>	<u>Next Game</u> <u>(weekend of Oct. 20)</u>	<u>Previous</u> <u>Week's Rank</u>
1	Ohio State (110)	7-0	2,845	Beat Kent State 48-3	Michigan State	3
2	Boston College	7-0	2,650	Beat Notre Dame 27-14	Idle	4
3	South Florida (2)	6-0	2,508	Beat Central Florida 64-12	at Rutgers (Thur.)	6
4	Oklahoma	6-1	2,503	Beat No. 11 Missouri 41-31	at Iowa State	5
5	LSU (1)	6-1	2,303	Lost to No. 18 Kentucky 43-37 3OT	No. 19 Auburn	1
6	South Carolina	6-1	2,009	Beat North Carolina 21-15	Vanderbilt	9
7	Oregon	5-1	1,974	Beat Washington State 53-7	at Washington	10
8	West Virginia	5-1	1,926	Idle	Mississippi State	8
9	USC	5-1	1,915	Beat Arizona 20-13	at Notre Dame	7
10	California (Cal)	5-1	1,894	Lost to Oregon State 31-28	at UCLA	2
11	Kentucky	6-1	1,759	Beat No.1 LSU 43-37 3OT	No. 14 Florida	18
12	Arizona State (1)	7-0	1,697	Beat Washington 44-20	Idle	14
13	Virginia Tech	6-1	1,638	Beat Duke 43-14	Idle	12
14	Florida	4-2	1,458	Idle	at No. 11 Kentucky	13
15	Kansas	6-0	1,200	Beat Baylor 58-10	at Colorado	20
16	Hawaii	7-0	1,198	Beat San Jose State 42-35 OT	Idle	16
17	Missouri	5-1	1,053	Lost to No. 5 Oklahoma 41-31	No. 21 Texas Tech	11
18	Texas	5-2	786	Beat Iowa State 56-3	at Baylor	21
19	Auburn	5-2	667	Beat Arkansas 9-7	at No. 5 LSU	25
20	Georgia	5-2	528	Beat Vanderbilt 20-17	Idle	23
21	Texas Tech	6-1	459	Beat Texas A&M 35-7	at No. 17 Missouri	NR
22	Tennessee	4-2	420	Beat Mississippi State 33-21	at Alabama	NR
23	Cincinnati	6-1	369	Lost to Louisville 28-24	at Pittsburgh	17
24	Virginia	6-1	240	Beat Connecticut 17-16	at Maryland	NR
25	Michigan	5-2	229	Beat No. 24 Purdue 48-21	at Illinois	NR

Number of first place votes shown in parentheses.

**Other teams receiving votes:** Penn State 172; Illinois 166; Wisconsin 152; Rutgers 48; Kansas State 47; Boise State 41; Alabama 34; Florida State 24; Connecticut 21; Maryland 19; Wake Forest 18; Michigan State 17; Purdue 14; Oregon State 13; Clemson 12; Stanford 8; Georgia Tech 5; UCLA 5; Texas A&M 3; Air Force 2; Louisville 1.

**Dropped out of the Top 25:** Florida State, Illinois, Purdue, Wisconsin.

## **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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