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Top 25 Rankings of the Harris Interactive College Football Poll

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— November 23, 2008— Today's **Harris Interactive College Football PollSM** 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. Unbeaten Alabama garnered 108 first place votes to retain the top ranking. Florida edged Oklahoma for the No. 2 spot following its 70-19 win over The Citadel. Oklahoma jumped two spots to No. 3 following its win over previously No. 2 ranked Texas Tech. Texas and USC round out the top five.

Highlights of November 23 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

Rank	Team	Record	Points	Previous Game (weekend of Nov. 22)	Next Game (weekend of Nov. 29)	Previous Week's Rank
1	Alabama (108)	11-0	2,839	Idle	Auburn	1
2	Florida (3)	10-1	2,644	Beat Citadel 70-19	at No. 23 Florida State	3
3	Oklahoma (2)	10-1	2,598	Beat No. 2 Texas Tech 65-21	at No. 12 Oklahoma State	5
4	Texas	10-1	2,577	Idle	Texas A&M (Thur)	4
5	USC	9-1	2,387	Idle	Notre Dame	6
6	Penn State	11-1	2,187	Beat No. 16 Michigan State 49-18	Idle	7
7	Texas Tech	10-1	2,118	Lost to No. 5 Oklahoma 65-21	Baylor	2
8	Utah (1)	12-0	2,113	Beat No. 14 BYU 48-24	Idle	8
9	Boise State	11-0	1,901	Beat Nevada 41-34	Fresno State (Fri)	9
10	Ohio State	10-2	1,827	Beat Michigan 42-7	Idle	10
11	Missouri	9-2	1,622	Idle	Kansas	11
12	Oklahoma State	9-2	1,621	Idle	No. 3 Oklahoma	13
13	Georgia	9-2	1,607	Idle	No. 22 Georgia Tech	12
14	Ball State	11-0	1,346	Beat Central Michigan 31-24	Western Michigan (Tue)	15
15	TCU	10-2	1,268	Beat Air Force 44-10	Idle	17
16	Cincinnati	9-2	1,101	Beat No. 19 Pittsburgh 28-21	Syracuse	20
17	Oregon State	8-3	976	Beat Arizona 19-17	No. 19 Oregon	21
18	BYU	10-2	761	Lost to No. 8 Utah 48-24	Idle	14
19	Oregon	8-3	584	Idle	at No. 17 Oregon State	22
20	Boston College	8-3	537	Beat Wake Forest 24-21	Maryland	25
21	Michigan State	9-3	517	Lost to No. 7 Penn State 49-18	Idle	16
22	Georgia Tech	8-3	415	Beat Miami (FLA) 41-23	at No. 13 Georgia	NR
23	Florida State	8-3	401	Beat No. 23 Maryland 37-3	No. 2 Florida	NR
24	Northwestern	9-3	330	Beat Illinois 27-10	Idle	NR
25	Pittsburgh	7-3	130	Lost to No. 20 Cincinnati 28-21	West Virginia (Fri)	19

Number of first place votes shown in parentheses.

Other teams receiving votes: West Virginia 116; Mississippi 101; LSU 97; Tulsa 82; Iowa 71; Western Michigan 54; California 45; Virginia Tech 14; Central Michigan 13; Connecticut 13; Miami (FLA) 11; North Carolina 9; South Carolina 6; Maryland 5; Troy 3; Fresno State 1; North Carolina State 1; Rice 1.

Dropped out of Top 25: LSU, Maryland, North Carolina.

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 I-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 and www.bcsfootball.org.

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