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Top 25 Rankings of the Harris Interactive College Football Poll

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— November 30, 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. Alabama and Florida retain the top two spots in the rankings, while Texas narrowly edges Oklahoma for the No. 3 spot. USC again rounds out the top five.

Highlights of November 30 Harris Interactive College Football Poll

Rank	Team	Record	Points	Previous Game (weekend of Nov. 29)	Next Game (weekend of Dec. 6)	Previous Week's Rank
1	Alabama (107)	12-0	2,815	Beat Auburn 36-0	SEC Championship vs. No. 2 Florida	1
2	Florida (4)	11-1	2,619	Beat No. 23 Florida State 45-15	SEC Championship vs. No. 1 Alabama	2
3	Texas (1)	11-1	2,575	Beat Texas A&M 49-9	TBD	4
4	Oklahoma	11-1	2,569	Beat No. 12 Oklahoma State 61-41	TBD	3
5	USC	10-1	2,378	Beat Notre Dame 38-3	at UCLA	5
6	Penn State	11-1	2,177	Idle	Idle	6
7	Utah (1)	12-0	2,111	Idle	Idle	8
8	Texas Tech	11-1	2,090	Beat Baylor 35-28	TBD	7
9	Boise State	12-0	1,937	Beat Fresno State 61-10	Idle	9
10	Ohio State	10-2	1,856	Idle	Idle	10
11	Ball State	12-0	1,526	Beat Western Michigan 45-22	MAC Championship vs. Buffalo (Fri)	14
12	TCU	10-2	1,502	Idle	Idle	15
13	Cincinnati	10-2	1,425	Beat Syracuse 30-10	at Hawaii	16
14	Oklahoma State	9-3	1,217	Lost to No. 3 Oklahoma 61-41	Idle	12
15	Oregon	9-3	1,076	Beat No. 17 Oregon State 65-38	Idle	19
16	Georgia Tech	9-3	1,065	Beat No. 13 Georgia 45-42	Idle	22
17	BYU	10-2	990	Idle	Idle	18
18	Missouri	9-3	896	Lost to Kansas 40-37	Big 12 Championship vs. TBD	11
19	Boston College	9-3	834	Beat Maryland 28-21	ACC Championship vs. Virginia Tech	20
20	Georgia	9-3	833	Lost to No. 22 Georgia Tech 45-42	Idle	13
21	Michigan State	9-3	688	Idle	Idle	21
22	Northwestern	9-3	414	Idle	Idle	24
23	Pittsburgh	8-3	346	Beat West Virginia 19-15	at Connecticut	25
24	Mississippi	8-4	239	Beat Mississippi State 45-0	Idle	NR
25	Oregon State	8-4	211	Lost to No. 19 Oregon 65-38	Idle	17

Number of first place votes shown in parentheses.

Other teams receiving votes: Tulsa 87; Virginia Tech 71; Iowa 60; Florida State 30; Nebraska 20; California 18; Rice 12; North Carolina 9; West Virginia 9; Kansas 6; Connecticut 5; Western Michigan 4; LSU 3; Maryland 2.

Dropped out of Top 25: Florida State.

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

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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