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Rudy Leading Presidential Straw Poll

Thanksgiving Weekend Straw Poll

Pat Ruffini is on a special mission with the RNC, rumored to be somewhere in cyberspace designing the Republican Party's newest secret weapon.

In the meantime, High Hewitt has taken the charge of maintaining the regular Presidential Straw Poll. It's the second in about a month and early results show that Rudy Giuliani is claiming an even stronger hold on the top Republican spot for 2008.

It's too early to tell but these results appear to be knocking John McCain out of the box -- and over 41 percent voted for Condoleezza Rice as they "fantasy ballot" candidate.

With only 3,000 votes cast (and an entire holiday for these results to change) Rudy Giuliani is on top with 27.8 percent and George Pataki is again on the bottom with 0.3 percent.

Batting second is George Allen (19.3 percent), then Newt Gingrich (13.6) and Mitch Romney (10.5).

8.3 percent are so far undecided (most of these numbers will change) and John McCain is so far coming in at sixth with 5.1 percent.

Jeb Bush, Dick Cheney, Condoleezza Rice, Mark Sanford and Fred Thompson were listed as potential fantasy ballots. Condoleezza Rice has 41.1 percent in the fantasy contest, followed by Giuliani with 9.7 percent. She is garnering the same percentage of votes in New York; Giuliani had 24 percent in this improvised ballot.

Early tabulations for New York again showed Giuliani way out in front -- and one surprise.

Main Ballot:

Giuliani	43 (55.1%)
Allen	9 (11.5%)
McCain	8 (10.3%)
Gingrich	6 (7.7%)
Romney	5 (6.4%)
Frist	2 (2.6%)
Undecided	1 (1.3%)
Tancredo	1 (1.3%)
Barbour	1 (1.3%)
Hagel	1 (1.3%)
Brownback	1 (1.3%)