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Spain takes over top spot on ITF Davis Cup Nations Ranking

Spain has taken over the No. 1 position on the latest ITF Davis Cup Nations Ranking for the first time since the Ranking was launched in December 2001. Spain climbs two places following its 4-1 semifinal victory over France over the weekend of 24-26 September. USA moves up one place to No. 5 after defeating Belarus 4-0 in the other semifinal. The ITF Davis Cup Nations Ranking is published after every Davis Cup by BNP Paribas weekend. For further information, visit www.daviscup.com.

Rank	Nation	Points	Played	19 Jul Ranking	Rank	Nation	Points	Played	19 Jul Ranking
1	SPAIN	24850.00	12	[3]2+	51	POLAND	293.75	12	[52]1+
2	FRANCE	23625.00	13	[1]1-	52	DENMARK	273.75	10	[54]2+
3	AUSTRALIA	22500.00	13	[2]1-	53	PORTUGAL	260.00	9	[49]4-
4	RUSSIA	17138.75	10	[4]0	54	HONG KONG, CHINA	234.85	9	[55]1+
5	U.S.A.	16482.50	10	[6]1+	55	BULGARIA	230.63	11	[56]1+
6	ARGENTINA	10625.00	11	[5]1-	56	SLOVENIA	215.00	9	[53]3-
7	SWITZERLAND	9414.06	9	[7]0	57	LEBANON	210.00	10	[57]0
8	BELARUS	8209.38	10	[8]0	58	KUWAIT	160.00	11	[58]0
9	SWEDEN	6875.00	9	[9]0	59	CUBA	145.00	11	[59]0
10	NETHERLANDS	4875.00	9	[10]0	60	COTE D'IVOIRE	140.00	11	[60]0
11	CROATIA	4043.75	8	[11]0	61	UKRAINE	138.75	8	[61]0
12	CZECH REPUBLIC	3475.00	8	[12]0	62	PHILIPPINES	138.75	11	[62]0
13	AUSTRIA	2935.00	9	[16]3+	63	ALGERIA	130.75	17	[63]0
14	ROMANIA	2893.75	8	[13]1-	64	IRELAND	122.50	8	[64]0
15	CHILE	2865.00	9	[20]5+	65	IRAN	90.00	11	[65]0
16	SLOVAK REPUBLIC	2602.50	8	[24]8+	66	NETHERLANDS ANTILLES	85.63	11	[66]0
17	THAILAND	2505.00	11	[14]3-	67	KAZAKHSTAN	83.75	14	[67]0
18	INDIA	2187.50	11	[17]1-	68	JAMAICA	80.00	17	[68]0
19	CANADA	1857.50	9	[19]0	69	COLOMBIA	75.00	11	[69]0
20	PARAGUAY	1756.25	10	[23]3+	70	HAITI	73.94	15	[70]0
21	JAPAN	1740.00	9	[25]4+	71	GEORGIA	65.25	17	[71]0
22	GREAT BRITAIN	1712.50	8	[15]7-	72	EGYPT	61.25	10	[72]0
23	GERMANY	1600.00	8	[21]2-	73	LATVIA	61.25	14	[73]0
24	MOROCCO	1550.00	8	[18]6-	74	GHANA	52.50	13	[74]0
25	BELGIUM	1525.00	8	[22]3-	75	MALAYSIA	40.00	11	[75]0
26	VENEZUELA	1310.63	11	[27]1+	76	TUNISIA	40.00	14	[77]1+
27	UZBEKISTAN	1272.50	9	[28]1+	77	PACIFIC OCEANIA	37.75	20	[76]1-
28	ZIMBABWE	1240.00	10	[26]2-	78	GUATEMALA	37.50	14	[78]0
29	ECUADOR	1230.00	9	[30]1+	79=	HONDURAS	33.75	20	[79=]0
30	LUXEMBOURG	1025.94	10	[31]1+	79=	EL SALVADOR	33.75	20	[79=]0
31	PERU	1018.75	10	[40]9+	81	ARMENIA	33.00	14	[81]0
32	BRAZIL	1000.00	9	[29]3-	82	MONACO	32.50	14	[82]0
33	ISRAEL	905.00	9	[35]2+	83	MACEDONIA, F.Y.R.	30.00	19	[83]0
34	PAKISTAN	826.25	11	[36]2+	84	TURKEY	28.75	16	[86]2+
35	INDONESIA	818.75	9	[32]3-	85	CYPRUS	28.75	18	[87]2+
36	FINLAND	806.25	8	[33]3-	86	LITHUANIA	28.75	19	[88]2+
37	CHINESE TAIPEI	788.44	10	[34]3-	87	QATAR	27.50	20	[84]3-
38	SOUTH AFRICA	783.44	9	[42]4+	88	BAHRAIN	26.50	20	[85]3-
39	ITALY	747.50	9	[37]2-	89	ESTONIA	26.25	15	[89]0
40	SERBIA & MONTENEGRO	730.00	10	[43]3+	90	PUERTO RICO	25.00	17	[90]0
41	NEW ZEALAND	625.00	9	[38]3-	91	BOLIVIA	25.00	20	[91]0
42	CHINA, P.R.	605.00	11	[44]2+	92	TAJKISTAN	23.75	17	[92]0
43	MEXICO	585.00	11	[45]2+	93	ICELAND	23.50	18	[93]0
44	KOREA, REP.	500.00	11	[39]5-	94	VIETNAM	21.00	9	[94]0
45	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	462.19	13	[46]1+	95	MOLDOVA	19.75	14	[96]1+
46	GREECE	420.00	10	[41]5-	96	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	19.75	20	[95]1-
47	BAHAMAS	360.00	9	[47]0	97	NAMIBIA	18.75	18	[97]0
48	NORWAY	348.13	10	[48]0	98	PANAMA	18.50	21	[98]0
49	HUNGARY	311.25	12	[50]1+	99	BOSNIA/HERZEGOVINA	17.50	19	[99]0
50	URUGUAY	305.00	10	[51]1+	100	SRI LANKA	16.00	17	[100]0

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101	NIGERIA	15.50	13	[101]0	124	MAURITIUS	6.50	17	[124]0
102	SAN MARINO	15.00	19	[103]1+	125	TOGO	6.00	8	[125]0
103	SINGAPORE	14.50	18	[104]1+	126	SENEGAL	6.00	11	[126]0
104	OMAN	14.50	19	[105]1+	127	IRAQ	6.00	14	[127]0
105	AZERBAIJAN	13.50	15	[106]1+	128	MALTA	6.00	17	[128]0
106	SAUDI ARABIA	13.50	19	[107]1+	129	BURKINA FASO	5.50	9	[129]0
107	ANGOLA	13.00	14	[108]1+	130	MYANMAR	5.00	8	[130]0
108	ST. LUCIA	13.00	21	[109]1+	131	EASTERN CARIBBEAN	5.00	21	[131]0
109=	MADAGASCAR	12.50	17	[110]1+	132	MALI	4.50	11	[132]0
109=	SYRIA	12.50	17	[102]7-	133	GABON	3.50	13	[133]0
111	U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS	12.00	21	[111]0	134	ZAMBIA	3.00	7	[134]0
112	KENYA	11.50	16	[112]0	135	BRUNEI	2.50	18	[135]0
113	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	11.25	17	[113]0	136	UGANDA	2.00	19	[136]0
114	COSTA RICA	11.00	17	[115]1+	137	ETHIOPIA	1.50	8	[137]0
115	RWANDA	11.00	19	[116]1+	138=	FIJI	1.00	5	[138=]
116	BARBADOS	10.00	21	[117]1+	138=	LIECHTENSTEIN	1.00	5	[138=]
117	KYRGYZSTAN	9.75	14	[114]3-	140	LESOTHO	0.50	5	[140]0
118	ANDORRA	9.50	15	[118]0	141	ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	0.50	6	[141]0
119	BOTSWANA	9.50	19	[119]0	142	LIBYA	0.00	4	[142]0
120	JORDAN	8.50	15	[120]0	143=	TURKMENISTAN	0.00	5	[143=]0
121	BANGLADESH	8.50	17	[121]0	143=	SUDAN	0.00	5	[143=]0
122	BERMUDA	8.00	20	[122]0	145	DJIBOUTI	0.00	11	[145]0
123	BENIN	7.50	9	[123]0					

Davis Cup Nations Ranking

The Davis Cup Nations Ranking measures the success of all Nations participating in the Competition over a four year period with recent performance weighted more heavily. Only winning teams can receive points to advance and there are bonus points for any Nation that defeats a higher-ranked Nation. Unique to tennis, there are additional bonus points for any Nation that is able to win on the opponent's home ground.

	Round Points				Bonus Points	
	World Group	Discounted			Nations Ranking	Bonus Points
		25%	50%	75%		
Final	8000	6000	4000	2000	1-2	100
Semifinal	6000	4500	3000	1500	3- 4	90
Quarterfinal	4000	3000	2000	1000	5-8	75
1 ST Round	2000	1500	1000	500	9-16	50
Play-off	1000	750	500	250	17-32	40
					33-64	25
	Group I					
2 ND Round	600	450	300	150		
1 ST Round	400	300	200	100		
Relegation/Play-off	320	240	160	80		
	Group II					
3 RD Round	200	150	100	50		
2 ND Round	120	90	60	30		
1 ST Round	80	60	40	20		
Play-off	40	30	20	10		
Group III (per win)	5 (5 ties)	3.75	2.5	1.25		
Group IV (per win)	2	1.5	1	0.5		

Notes:
 * Only Winning Nations receive the above cumulative Round Points.
 * Davis Cup Nations Bonus Points as shown above for defeating higher Davis Cup ranked Nations will be added when appropriate to each Tie in World Group, Group I and Group II;
 * Davis Cup Bonus Points do not apply in Groups III and IV.
 * A 25% "Away Bonus" is added to the total of Davis Cup Round and Bonus Points for each Tie won away in World Group, Group I and Group II; Away Bonus Points do not apply in Group III and IV.