

Belgium retain year-end No. 1 spot in FIFA rankings

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Belgium retain top spot after winning all their games in 2019 (Source: Reuters file photo)

Zurich: Belgium will end the year as FIFA's top-ranked team after winning all 10 of its games in 2019. Retaining its year-end No. 1 spot, Belgium extended its lead over World Cup champion France going into a four-month break for the top national teams.

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Spain, Argentina and Colombia complete the top 10.

Mexico, at No. 11, is the best-ranked CONCACAF team. The United States is No. 22.

Senegal is Africa's top team at No. 20. No. 28 Japan replaces Iran as Asia's highest-ranked team.

World Cup host Qatar moved up two spots to No. 55 after winning its latest qualifying game for the 2023 Asian Cup.

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