

Race to top World Rugby Rankings








Wales has ousted New Zealand as the world's top-ranked rugby team to end almost a decade at the top for the *All-Blacks*, a boost for the northern hemisphere side ahead of the Rugby World Cup in Japan

Alun Wyn Jones

Wales captain

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WORLD RANKINGS: TOP 16

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|----|---|---------------|
| 1 |  | Wales |
| 2 |  | New Zealand |
| 3 |  | Ireland |
| 4 |  | South Africa |
| 5 |  | England |
| 6 |  | Australia |
| 7 |  | France |
| 8 |  | Scotland |
| 9 |  | Japan |
| 10 |  | Fiji |
| 11 |  | Argentina |
| 12 |  | Georgia |
| 13 |  | Italy |
| 14 |  | United States |
| 15 |  | Tonga |
| 16 |  | Samoa |

WORLD CUP PARTICIPANTS

- | | | |
|----|--|---------|
| 19 |  | Uruguay |
| 20 |  | Russia |
| 21 |  | Canada |
| 23 |  | Namibia |

KEY WORLD CUP WARM-UPS

Aug 24

Scotland v France

England v Ireland

Aug 30: France v Italy

Aug 31: Wales v Ireland

Sep 6: Japan v South Africa

England v Italy

Sep 7

N. Zealand v Tonga

Australia v Samoa

Ireland v

Wales

Sep 20-Nov 2: Rugby World Cup 2019