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NADAL, DJOKOVIC, FEDERER IN TOP 3 YEAR-END ATP RANKINGS FOR RECORD 8TH TIME, SECOND IN A ROW; FIVE NEW NAMES IN THE TOP 10

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FLORIDA — The ATP today published the **2019 year-end ATP Rankings** on **ATPTour.com** after a season full of milestones, records and breakthroughs. Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer finished in the Top 3 ATP Rankings for a record eighth time. It is also the first back-to-back Top 3 year-end finishes from the trio since five in a row from 2007-11.

There are five (or more) new faces in the Top 10 from the previous season for the third year in a row, including first-timers No. 5 Daniil Medvedev, No. 6 Stefanos Tsitsipas, who captured his biggest career title at the Nitto ATP Finals, No. 8 Matteo Berrettini and No. 9 Roberto Bautista Agut. Tenth-ranked Gael Monfils finished in the Top 10 for the second time in his career (also 2016).

Four players aged 23 & under finished in the Top 10 for the first time since 2009, led by 21-year-old Tsitsipas and 22-year-old Zverev, who was the 2018 Nitto ATP Finals champion. Berrettini (23) and Medvedev (23) were the others in the quartet.

The Top 10 of 2019

1. Rafael Nadal (ESP) – Finishes No. 1 for the fifth time and is the oldest year-end (33) No. 1 in history of ATP Rankings (since 1973). It was his 15th straight year in the Top 10, the second-best behind Jimmy Connors (16) for most consecutive Top 10 finishes. The Spaniard became the sixth player with 200 weeks at No. 1 (as of this week).

2. Novak Djokovic (SRB) – No. 2 for the third time (2013, 2016) and eighth overall Top 2 finish. Has ranked No. 1 for 275 weeks, the third-most behind Federer (310) and Pete Sampras (286).

3. Roger Federer (SUI) – Oldest (38) to finish No. 3 and record 15th time in Top 3 (five times at No. 1, six times at No. 2, four times at No. 3). Also record 17th time in Top 10, surpassing Andre Agassi, Connors (16).

4. Dominic Thiem (AUT) – Finishes at a year-end best ATP Ranking and fourth straight year in Top 10, just behind countryman Thomas Muster, who had five year-end Top 10 rankings.

5. Daniil Medvedev (RUS) – First Russian in year-end Top 10 since No. 10 Mikhail Youzhny in 2010 and in the Top 5 since No. 5 Nikolay Davydenko in 2008.

6. Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE) – First player from Greece to finish in the Top 10 and youngest in yearend Top 10 since No. 4 Zverev (20) in 2017.

7. Alexander Zverev (GER) – Youngest (22) to finish in Top 10 for three straight seasons since Djokovic from 2007-09. Also the first German to finish in Top 10 for three consecutive years since Boris Becker from 1994-96.

8. Matteo Berrettini (ITA) – Made biggest jump into Top 10 from previous season (from No. 54) and is the first Italian in year-end Top 10 since No. 10 Corrado Barazzutti in 1978.

9. Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP) – Finishes in Top 10 for first time in his career and is the 16th Spaniard to finish in year-end Top 10.

10. Gael Monfils (FRA) – Second year-end Top 10 finish (No. 7 in 2016) and oldest Frenchman (33) to finish in Top 10.

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2019 Year-End ATP Rankings Quick Facts

* There was only one change at No. 1 during the season after seven changes last year. Nadal regained the top spot on 4 November after Djokovic held No. 1 for 52 consecutive weeks. It was the seventh time in this decade that there was only one No. 1 ranking change during the season (except for 2012, 2015-none, 2018).

* France led all countries with 12 players in the Top 100, the most since 2016, followed by Spain with 10 – for the second straight year – and Italy and the United States, with eight each. The eight Italians in the Top 100 is the most in ATP Rankings history. France, Spain and the United States each had the most players in the Top 50 with five.

* Nadal, who previously finished at the top in 2008, 2010, 2013 and 2017, is the first player to hold, lose and regain the year-end No. 1 on four occasions. The Mallorcan is also the first player to finish No. 1 five times in non-consecutive years. The 11-year gap between his first year-end No. 1 season (2008) and his last (2019) is also a record.

* Djokovic held No. 1 for 52 straight weeks before Nadal regained it on 4 November. The Serb has finished in the Top 2 in eight of the past nine years and in the Top 3 in 12 of the past 13 years (except 2017).

* Federer, 38, finished as the oldest player in the Top 3 and overall it was the Swiss superstar's record 15th Top 3 season on the ATP Tour. During the season, Federer won four titles, including his 100th career in Dubai. His 103 titles is second in the Open Era behind Connors (109).

* John Isner finished in the Top 20 at No. 19 for the 10th straight year and he joins Nadal (15 years), Djokovic (14) and Federer (19) as the only players to end 2019 with streaks of 10-more consecutive years. Isner has also finished as the top American in seven of the past eight years.

* There were three Russians in the year-end Top 25 for the first time since 2006 with No. 5 Medvedev, No. 17 Karen Khachanov and No. 23 Andrey Rublev. Khachanov also ranked in the Top 10 for 21 weeks during the season.

* Jo-Wilfried Tsonga made the biggest jump (230 spots) in the Top 50 from No. 259 at the end of 2018 to a year-end ranking of No. 29. The 34-year-old Frenchman came back from a knee injury in 2018 and he is a leading candidate for ATP Comeback Player of the Year. He is one 18 players 30 & over in the Top 50.

* #NextGenATP Canadians Denis Shapovalov, 20, and Felix Auger-Aliassime, 19, along with No. 1 Australian Alex de Minaur, 20, are the youngest players to finish in the Top 25. The trio finished with year-end best ATP Rankings, led by Shapovalov at No. 15, De Minaur at No. 18 and Auger-Aliassime at No. 21. De Minaur was the youngest three-time ATP Tour title leader during the season. Auger-Aliassime made the biggest jump in the Top 25, moving 88 spots from No. 109 to No. 21. Overall 13 #NextGen players (21 & under) finished in the Top 100 year-end rankings, the most since 2007.

* Next Gen ATP Finals champion Jannik Sinner, 18, is the youngest player in the year-end Top 100 since No. 91 Borna Coric (18) in 2014. Sinner made the biggest jump from last season, climbing 685 ranking positions from No. 763 to No. 78. Tsonga made the second-biggest jump in the Top 100 (230 spots, No. 259 to No. 29) followed by #NextGenATP Swede Mikael Ymer, who improved 207 spots from No. 281 to No. 74. Ymer was also the first Swede to finish in the Top 100 since No. 13 Robin Soderling in 2011.

* No. 95 Ivo Karlovic is the first 40-year-old to finish in the Top 100 since Jimmy Connors ranked No. 84 in 1992. There are 33 players aged 30 & over in the year-end Top 100 after last year (34) and from a record 43 in 2017. Kei Nishikori and Steve Johnson will turn 30 next month.

* Italians No. 8 Berrettini and No. 12 Fabio Fognini finished with year-end best ATP Rankings. It also marked the first time in ATP Rankings history (since 1973) that two Italians appeared in the year-end Top 15. Fognini broke into the Top 10 on 10 June and he ranked nine weeks in that group.

* Overall, there are 36 countries represented in the year-end Top 100 singles rankings (38 in 2018).

* Colombians Juan Sebastian Cabal and Robert Farah finished No. 1 in the ATP Doubles Rankings and they were the first South American duo as the top doubles team since 1986 with Hans Gildemeister of Chile and Andres Gomez of Ecuador.

* No. 1 Argentine Diego Schwartzman and No. 1 Canadian Shapovalov were the only players to finish in the Top 50 of both singles and doubles. Schwartzman was No. 14 in singles and a career-best No. 40 in doubles, while Shapovalov was No. 15 in singles and No. 50 in doubles.

* The 2020 ATP Tour season begins Friday 3 January with the ATP Cup in Brisbane, Perth and Sydney.

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