

Davies back on top of world rankings

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European Para table tennis champion Rob Davies has regained the ITTF PTT world No 1 ranking in men's class 1.

The 31-year-old Welshman first held the position in October 2013 after winning gold at the European Championships and his successful defence of his European title in Denmark in October this year, in which he beat the then world No 1 Jean-Francois Ducay in the final, has taken him back to the top of the rankings.

"I'm really happy to be back at World No 1," said Davies, "it's like an early Christmas present. I was number two before so it doesn't make that much difference in terms of seeding for competitions but it will give me confidence and spur me on to prove that I am top of my class and give me motivation to train harder to try and stay there."

The new rankings mean that the GB Para Table Tennis Team will go into Paralympic year with two of its athletes on top of the rankings as world champion Will Bayley also currently heads the list for men's class 7.

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