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## DJOKOVIC BECOMES SECOND PLAYER TO QUALIFY FOR 2013 BARCLAYS ATP WORLD TOUR FINALS

LONDON – Novak Djokovic will attempt to retain his title at the 2013 Barclays ATP World Tour Finals, after becoming the second singles player to qualify for the event, to be held at The O2 in London from 4-11 November. He has secured his place at the season finale for the seventh straight year.

“[Being defending champion] adds a little bit of extra expectation and pressure,” said Djokovic. “Knowing that I can play that well on the centre stage gives me enough reason to believe that I can do it again. That is something that inspires me to prepare well and perform my best.”

The 26-year-old Serbian joins Spaniard Rafael Nadal as the first players to qualify for the event, having amassed sufficient Emirates ATP Rankings points to secure himself a place among the world’s Top 8 singles players in London. He has captured titles this season at the Australian Open, Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships and Monte-Carlo Rolex Masters, and also finished runner-up at Wimbledon.

Djokovic won the season-ending title in 2008 (d. Davydenko), when the event was held in Shanghai, and again last year with victory over Roger Federer. “My favourite memory is winning the title in 2012, when I won all five of my matches and I played some of my best tennis,” said Djokovic. “It was the best way to finish the season.”

Djokovic has ranked No. 1 in the Emirates ATP Rankings for 95 weeks, including the past 44 weeks. He first became No. 1 on 4 July 2011, following his first Wimbledon title.

The Barclays ATP World Tour Finals has welcomed more than a million fans to The O2 arena over the past four years, establishing itself as the biggest indoor tennis tournament in the world since moving to London in 2009. Tickets to the tournament, which takes place from 4-11 November, can be purchased at: [www.BarclaysATPWorldTourFinals.com](http://www.BarclaysATPWorldTourFinals.com).

### Barclays ATP World Tour Finals – The Contenders

(Based on the calendar-year Emirates ATP Race To London standings as of Monday, 19 August 2013.)

Pos.	Name	YTD Points
1.	<b>R. Nadal (ESP)</b>	9,010
2.	<b>N. Djokovic (SRB)</b>	6,770
3.	A. Murray (GBR)	5,430
4.	D. Ferrer (ESP)	4,540
5.	J. M. del Potro (ARG)	3,320
6.	T. Berdych (CZE)	3,225
7.	R. Federer (SUI)	2,875
8.	J. Tsonga (FRA)	2,455
9.	S. Wawrinka (SUI)	2,205

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10. R. Gasquet (FRA) 2,045

**Bold** denotes qualification

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**About the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals**

The Barclays ATP World Tour Finals is the year-end climax to the men's professional tennis season, featuring only the world's best eight qualified singles players and doubles teams as they battle it out for the last title of the season. Players compete for Emirates ATP Rankings points throughout the season in a bid to earn one of the eight coveted berths and a chance to win the \$1.92m prize money on offer for the winner. Played using a round-robin format, each player plays three matches as they compete for a berth in the knockout semi-finals and beyond. The prestigious tournament has been contested in major cities around the world with a rich history dating back to the birth of The Masters in 1970 in Tokyo. Since 2000 the event has taken place in cities such as Lisbon, Sydney, and Shanghai. In 2009 the tournament was moved to London, where it will be played through 2015.

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