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## MELZER & PETZSCHNER JOIN TOP TWO DOUBLES TEAMS IN QUALIFYING FOR BARCLAYS ATP WORLD TOUR FINALS

**LONDON, ENGLAND** – Jurgen Melzer and Philipp Petzschner have qualified for the season-ending Barclays ATP World Tour Finals, scheduled to take place at The O2 in London from 21-28 November. The Austrian-German team joins the world's top 2 doubles teams, Bob Bryan & Mike Bryan and Daniel Nestor & Nenad Zimonjic, as the first three teams to qualify for the doubles event.

Melzer & Petzschner currently stand in 7th place in the 2010 ATP Doubles Team Rankings, but they are nevertheless assured of their place in London by virtue of their Wimbledon Grand Slam title combined with a guaranteed finish inside the world's top 20.

The team's qualification was confirmed following Bob and Mike Bryan's triumph over Rohan Bopanna and Aisam-Ul-Haq Qureshi in last weekend's US Open final. The Indian-Pakistani team represented the only remaining threat to the Wimbledon champions, but defeat for Bopanna and Qureshi at Flushing Meadows finally sealed qualification for Melzer & Petzschner regardless of whether they finish inside the Top 8 of the 2010 ATP Doubles Team Rankings.

The remaining 2010 Grand Slam winning teams – Bryan/Bryan (Australian Open & US Open) & Nestor/Zimonjic (Roland Garros) – have already qualified thanks to guaranteed finishes inside the year-end Top 8.

Following his qualification in doubles, Melzer has now set his sights on making history by becoming the first player to qualify in both singles and doubles at the season-ending event since Emilio Sanchez (w/Casal) in 1990. Currently lying in 11th place in the Year-To-Date South African Airways 2010 ATP Rankings, Melzer is poised to challenge for one of the elite eight singles berths as the season unfolds over the next two months.

"To qualify for the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals in London is one of the best things you can do. It's great to qualify in doubles already and we look forward to being there. Of course, it would be great to be there in singles as well – it would be a huge achievement. If you qualify in singles and doubles, it means you've had one hell of a season!" said the Austrian No.1.

Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer have already qualified for the season-ending singles event. The remaining six places are still up for grabs, as a chasing pack featuring the likes of Andy Murray, Novak Djokovic and Andy Roddick continue to battle for rankings points at ATP World Tour events during the remainder of the season in order to finish among the Top 8.

### Barclays ATP World Tour Finals - The Contenders Year-to-Date South African Airways 2010 ATP Rankings & 2010 ATP Doubles Team Rankings

Rank	Player	Points	Rank	Team	Points
1.	<b>R. Nadal (ESP)</b>	10,840	1.	<b>Bryan/Bryan</b>	9,875
2.	<b>R. Federer (SUI)</b>	6,025	2.	<b>Nestor/Zimonjic</b>	7,325
3.	N. Djokovic (SRB)	4,755	3.	Dlouhy/Paes	3,835
4.	A. Murray (GBR)	4,045	4.	Kubot/Marach	2,925

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5.	R. Soderling (SWE)	3,960	5.	Moodie/Norman	2,880
6.	T. Berdych (CZE)	3,535	6.	Bopanna/Qureshi	2,800
7.	A. Roddick (USA)	3,170	7.	Bhupathi/Mirnyi	2,745
8.	F. Verdasco (ESP)	3,140	7=.	<b>Melzer/Petzschner</b>	2,745
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9.	D. Ferrer (ESP)	3,000	9.	Aspelin/Hanley	2,690
10.	M. Youhzny (RUS)	2,510	10.	Lindstedt/Tecau	2,650

Players in **bold** have qualified.

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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. This spectacular season-ending tournament determines the official year-end South African Airways ATP Rankings and also crowns the official ATP World Tour Champion of the Year. Played using a round-robin format, the top eight ATP World Tour stars all play three matches as they battle 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 reborn as the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals and the event will stay in the heart of London at The O2 until 2013.

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