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ROUND ROBIN GROUPS, ORDER OF PLAY ANNOUNCED FOR BARCLAYS ATP WORLD TOUR FINALS

World No. 1 Nadal to meet Djokovic, Berdych and Roddick in Group A
Four-time titlist Federer faces Soderling, Murray and Ferrer in Group B
British hope Murray to play Soderling on Sunday

LONDON – The singles and doubles draws for the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals, the world's biggest indoor tennis tournament, have been made at La Galleria Pall Mall in London on Tuesday.

ATP World Tour No. 1 Rafael Nadal and 2008 titlist Novak Djokovic feature in Group A at the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals, while No. 2-ranked Roger Federer and Robin Soderling will headline Group B.

The full line-up for Group A sees Wimbledon finalist Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic and Andy Roddick of the United States join Nadal and Djokovic, while British hope Andy Murray and 2007 runner-up David Ferrer of Spain complete Group B with Federer and Soderling.

Group A
Rafael Nadal (ESP)
Novak Djokovic (SRB)
Tomas Berdych (CZE)
Andy Roddick (USA)

Group B
Roger Federer (SUI)
Robin Soderling (SWE)
Andy Murray (GBR)
David Ferrer (ESP)

Tennis fans will be treated to some compelling matches at the prestigious season finale at The O2 from 21-28 November. In Group A, Nadal comes face-to-face with Djokovic in a repeat of the US Open final and also Berdych in a re-match of the Wimbledon final. While in Group B, Federer will have a chance to avenge last month's Shanghai Rolex Masters final loss to Murray. The Swiss, who clinched four titles from five finals between 2003-2007, will also meet Ferrer in a repeat of the title match three years ago.

The world's top two doubles pairings Bob and Mike Bryan and Daniel Nestor and Nenad Zimonjic lead Groups A and B respectively.

Group A
Bob Bryan-Mike Bryan
Lukas Dlouhy-Leander Paes

Mariusz Fyrstenberg-Marcin Matkowski
Jurgen Melzer-Philipp Petzschner

Group B
Daniel Nestor-Nenad Zimonjic
Lukasz Kubot-Oliver Marach
Mahesh Bhupathi-Max Mirnyi
Wesley Moodie-Dick Norman

ORDER OF PLAY

SUNDAY, 21 NOVEMBER, 2010

CENTRE COURT Start At 12:15 PM
[1] B Bryan (USA) / M Bryan (USA) vs [8] J Melzer (AUT) / P Petzschner (GER)
Not Before 2:00 PM
[4] R Soderling (SWE) vs [5] A Murray (GBR)
Start At 6:15 PM
[4] L DLouhy (CZE) / L Paes (IND) vs [6] M Fyrstenberg (POL) / M Matkowski (POL)
Not Before 8:00 PM
[2] R Federer (SUI) vs [7] D Ferrer (ESP)

MONDAY, 22 NOVEMBER, 2010

CENTRE COURT Start At 12:15 PM
[3] M Bhupathi (IND) / M Mirnyi (BLR) vs [5] L Kubot (POL) / O Marach (AUT)
Not Before 2:00 PM
[3] N Djokovic (SRB) vs [6] T Berdych (CZE)
Start At 6:15 PM
[2] D Nestor (CAN) / N Zimonjic (SRB) vs [7] W Moodie (RSA) / D Norman (BEL)
Not Before 8:00 PM
[1] R Nadal (ESP) vs [8] A Roddick (USA)

The Barclays ATP World Tour Finals at The O2 from 21- 28 November is the world's biggest indoor tennis event, where each of the top eight players are drawn to play a minimum of three round-robin matches to determine which four players advance to the knockout semi-finals. Tickets are available online now at www.BarclaysATPWorldTourFinals.com.

To celebrate their participation at the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals, the eight singles qualifiers had created self-portraits for an “Art of Tennis” exhibition on display through 28 November in London at La Galleria Pall Mall and subsequently at The O2. The public will be able to bid on original works of art

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through www.BarclaysATPWorldTourFinals.com/ArtofTennis.The artworks will be put up for auction for staggered 10-day intervals throughout the month.

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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 South African Airways ATP Rankings points throughout the season in a bid to earn one of the eight coveted berths and a chance to win the $1.6m 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 2013.

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