TUESDAY PREVIEW – BUSY DAY TWO FEATURES MELZER, KING-TURNER, MONFILS ON CENTRE

- The first round concludes on Tuesday at the Heineken Open with two wild cards and four qualifiers featured on Centre Court. Overall there are eight main draw singles matches on the schedule.

- The day session kicks off with **Robin Haase** of The Netherlands taking on qualifier and fellow countryman **Igo Sijsling** in a first-time meeting. The 25-year-old Haase, the top Dutchman, finished just outside Top 50 at No. 56 last season highlighted by a repeat title performance in Kitzbuhel, rallying to defeat top seed Kohlschreiber in three sets. Sijsling, also 25 years old, the No. 2 Dutchman, finished in the Top 100 at No. 69 for the first time in his career last year and put together his best results on the Challenger circuit going 26-8 and capturing three titles. He also was a two-time ATP quarter-finalist.

- The second match on features qualifier **Greg Jones** of Australia and Austrian No. 6 seed **Jurgen Melzer** in a first-time meeting. The 23-year-old Jones is making his Auckland and 2013 season debut. He is looking for first career ATP World Tour win (0-5 mark). Melzer finished in the Top 35 for the fifth year in a row last year, highlighted by his fourth career ATP World Tour title in Memphis (d. No. 13 Isner in QF, Raonic in F) in February. The 31-year-old Austrian was one of five 30-over winners (Federer-6, Ferrer-4, Haas-1, Nieminen-1) on the ATP World Tour last year.

- The third singles match on is Canadian qualifier **Jesse Levine** taking on local wild card **Daniel King-Turner** for the first time. Levine, who was born in Ottawa and resides in Boca Raton, Florida, played last week for the first time under the Canadian flag. He finished a career-high No. 102 after reaching as high as No. 69 in October. King-Turner is looking for his first career ATP World Tour main draw win. He is 0-5 lifetime in Auckland in the main draw and 0-2 in qualifying draws.

- The evening session kicks off with qualifier **Benjamin Becker** of Germany taking on wild card **Gael Monfils** of France for the fourth time. Monfils has won all three previous meetings. Becker rebounded back from an elbow injury in 2011 to jump 240 ranking spots from No. 305 in '11 to No. 65 last season. His best result was the semi-finals in Memphis. Monfils opened 2013 by reaching the quarter-finals in Doha (l. to Brands). Last year he was hampered by a knee injury, finishing outside the Top 20 for the first time since 2007 at No. 78. He comes in this week ranked No. 99 and this is the Frenchman's first appearance in Auckland in six years (l. to Alberto Martin in 1R).

- The last match of the day features 29-year-old **Yen-Hsun Lu** of Chinese Taipei and 23-year-old Frenchman **Benoit Paire** in a first-time meeting. Lu, the top player from his country, finished in the Top 100 for a fifth straight year last season at No. 60, highlighted by a season-best quarter-finals at the Queen's Club in London (l. to eventual champ Cilic) in June. Paire began 2013 in Chennai reaching the semi-finals (d. No. 15 Cilic in QF, l. to Bautista Agut). He was one of most improved players of last season, jumping from No. 95 (with five match wins) previous year to No. 47 (with 26 match wins)

- **TOP 100 RANKING BREAKTHROUGH** – Six players who improved their ranking at least 100 positions from 2011 into the year-end Top 10 last season are in the main draw this week (**in bold**):

Player	**Ranking Jump**	**2012**	**2011**
Paul-Henri Mathieu (FRA)	1,541	59	Unranked
Brian Baker (USA) (d. Janowicz in 1R)	397	61	458
Benjamin Becker (GER) (playing Monfils in 1R)	240	65	305
Jerzy Janowicz (POL) (l. to Baker 1R)	195	26	221
Tommy Haas (GER) (first round bye)	184	21	205
Marinko Matosevic (AUS)	152	49	201
Guillaume Rufin (FRA)	146	90	236
Andrey Kuznetsov (RUS)	143	79	222
Igor Sijsling (NED) (playing Haase in 1R)	130	69	199
David Goffin (BEL) (l. to Bellucci in 1R)	128	46	174

TUESDAY FIRST ROUND FedEx ATP Head 2 Head – In Order of Play by Court

Centre Court

Robin Haase (NED) vs (Q) Igor Sijsling (NED) First ATP Meeting

Other meeting:

06 Saransk CH (Russia)	Clay	SF	Igor Sijsling	6-7(4)	6-4	6-2

Haase FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
W: Kitzbuehel (d Kohlschreiber); **QF(3)**: Zagreb (l Lacko); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (l Djokovic); Estoril (l Wawrinka)
YTD W-L: 19-28 (1-1 this year)
YTD Titles: 1/Career Titles: 2
Date of Birth: April 6, 1987
Emirates ATP Ranking: 56 (year-end), 54 (this week)

- **Haase**, 25, returns to Auckland for the second time (1-1 record). Two years ago he lost in 2R to Isner
- Opened the 2013 season in Chennai with 2R showing (d. Bhambri, l. to Bedene)
- The top Dutchman finished just outside Top 50 highlighted by a repeat title performance in Kitzbuehel, rallying to defeat top seed Kohlschreiber in three sets
- Also reached three QF in Zagreb (l. to Lacko), Monte-Carlo (I. to Djokovic), his best career ATP Masters 1000 result, and Estoril (l. to Wawrinka)
- In Grand Slam play, won his only match at Roland Garros (d. Dodig, I. to Youzhny)
- Compiled records of 12-11 on clay, 7-13 on hard and 0-4 on grass. Went 0-3 vs. Top 10 opponents and his highest ranked win came over No.14 Monaco who retired with an ankle injury in 1R in Monte-Carlo
- The Dutchman has finished in Top 75 past three seasons after coming back from a knee injury in 2009

Sijsling FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
QF(2): s-Hertogenbosch (l Ferrer); Kuala Lumpur (l Ferrer)
YTD W-L: 8-10 (0-1 this year)
YTD Titles: 0
Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: August 18, 1987
Emirates ATP Ranking: 69 (year-end), 70 (this week)

- **Sijsling**, 25, who qualified into the main draw with three matches, is making his Auckland debut, and looking for first win of the 2013 season. Last week he lost in 1R Chennai (l. Stebe)
- Last season the No.2 Dutchman (behind No. 56 Haase) finished in Top 100 for first time in his career and put together his best results on Challenger circuit. Compiled a 26-8 record and won three titles
- Quimper (d. Jaziri) and Wolfsburg (d. Janowicz) in February along with Vancouver (d. Bubka) in July. Also runner-up in Granby (I. to Pospisil)
- On home soil, reached his lst ATP World Tour QF in 's-Hertogenbosch on grass (d. Nieminen, Rochus, I. to eventual champ Ferrer). In September, advanced to QF in Kuala Lumpur (d. F. Lopez, I. to Ferrer)
- In Grand Slam play, qualified at Roland Garros (l. to Muller 8-6 in 5th set) and at US Open (d. Gimeno-Traver, I. to Ferrer)
- Went 0-4 vs. Top 10 opponents with three losses to No.5 Ferrer and one loss to No.9 Tipsarevic. His highest-ranked win came over No. 32 F. Lopez in Kuala Lumpur. Earned a career-high $239,460

(Q) Greg Jones (AUS) vs (6) Jurgen Melzer (AUT) First Meeting

Jones FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
YTD W-L: 0-1 (0-0 this year)
YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: January 31, 1989
Emirates ATP Ranking: 371 (year-end), 373 (this week)

- **Jones**, 23, qualified into the main draw with a third-set tie-break win over top seed Victor Hanescu on Monday. He is making his Auckland and 2013 season debut. He is looking for first career ATP World Tour win (0-5 mark)
- Last year played just one ATP World Tour match – Australian Open 1R (l. to Dolgopolov in five sets winning first two). Fell in qualifying six times (Brisbane – Q2, Sydney – Q2, ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Indian Wells – Q1, Roland Garros – Q3, Eastbourne – Q1, Newport – Q1)
- First career ATP World Tour match against a left-hander; career 8-6 vs. left-handers on Challenger tour and 8-4 on ITF Futures
- Last year played mainly Challengers, going 18-18;with best result runner-up at Caloundra (l. Matosevic)
- Has career ATP World Tour level record of 0-5, 65-61 in Challengers and 88-49 in Futures events
- Reached career-high ranking of No. 179 in April 2010

Melzer FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
W: Memphis (d Raonic); **SF**: Valencia (l Dolgopolov); **QF(2)**: Zagreb (l Berrer); Beijing (l Djokovic)
YTD W-L: 20-25 (2-1 this year)
YTD Titles: 1/Career Titles: 4
Date of Birth: May 22, 1981
Emirates ATP Ranking: 29 (year-end, this week)

- **Melzer**, 31, returns to Auckland for the third time (3-2 record), best result QF in 2010 (l. to Clement)
- Opened the 2013 season by reaching QF in Brisbane (d. Kudla, Goffin, l. to Dimitrov)
- The top Austrian finished in Top 35 for fifth year in a row, highlighted by his fourth career ATP World Tour title in Memphis (d. No. 13 Isner in QF, Raonic in F) in February
- Also made SF in Valencia (l. to Dolgopolov) and QF in Zagreb (l. to Berrer) as a qualifier and Beijing (l. to Djokovic)
- In Grand Slam play, three of his four losses came in five sets and won only match at Wimbledon (d. Wawrinka 8-6 in fifth, l. to Lacko in five)
- Helped his country to Davis Cup QF with two wins in 1R tie vs. Russia (l. to Spain)
- Compiled records of 16-16 on hard, 2-3 on grass and 2-6 on clay. Went 0-3 vs. Top 10 opponents and his highest-ranked win came over No. 13 Isner in Memphis
- Has reached at least one singles final in seven of the past eight seasons and at least one doubles final in 10 of the past 11 seasons. Has compiled 11 straight Top 100 seasons in singles. Owns two Grand Slam doubles titles

(Q) Jesse Levine (CAN) vs (WC) Daniel King-Turner (NZL) First Meeting

Levine FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
QF: Metz (l Tsonga)
YTD W-L: 7-15 (0-1 this year)
YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: October 15, 1987
Emirates ATP Ranking: 102 (year-end), 104 (this week)

- **Levine**, 25, playing in Auckland main draw for second time (0-1 mark), qualified by winning three matches in straight sets (lost 16 games). In previous main draw in 2008 (l. to Ferrero as lucky loser); lost to Kamke in 1R qualifying last year. Qualified for season opener in Brisbane (l. to Falla in 1R)
- The Ottawa-born left-hander is competing under the Canadian flag
- Last season finished a career-high No. 102 after reaching as high as No. 69 in October
- Played in each Grand Slam tournament for the first time in his career, winning a round at Roland Garros (d. Becker, l. to Raonic) and Wimbledon (d. K. Beck, l. to Goffin). At US Open, lost to No. 15 Dolgopolov in five sets in 1R
- At Challenger level, won title in Dallas in February (d. Darcis) and only dropped a set during week.
- Later in season, advanced to back-to-back QF in ATP World Tour event in Metz (d. Germans Stebe, Berrer, l. to No. 7 Tsonga) and Orleans Challenger (l. to Goffin), losing to eventual champions in both
- Compiled 12-9 record in Challengers and earned a career-high $264,222.

King-Turner FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
YTD W-L: 1-1 (0-0 this year)
YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: May 15, 1984
Emirates ATP Ranking: 376 (year-end, this week)

- **King-Turner**, 28, playing in Auckland main draw for the sixth time (0-5 mark) and first time since 2010; looking for first ever win at Auckland, including qualifiers, and first win of the 2013 season.
- Currently ranked No. 376 and the second-highest ranked New Zealander on Emirates ATP Rankings behind No. 345 Jose (Rubin) Statham
- Played mainly on Challenger and Futures in 2012. On Challengers went 18-16; best results SF Binghamton (l. to Yani) and QF Kaohsiung (l. to Ito). On Futures went 12-5 and 1-1 in finals; Won title at Canada F4 (d. Reid) and F Chinese Taipei F1 (l. to Udomchoke)
- Has career record of 18-40 in Challengers and 184-103 in Futures with eight titles
- Reached a career-high singles ranking of No. 217 in July of 2010

(Q) Benjamin Becker (GER) vs (WC) Gael Monfils (FRA) — Monfils Leads 3-0

10 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai	Hard	R64	Gael Monfils	6-1 7-5
10 ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Paris	Hard	R32	Gael Monfils	7-6(4) 6-4
12 Doha (Qatar)	Hard	R16	Gael Monfils	7-5 4-6 7-5

Becker FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
SF: Memphis (l Raonic); **QF**: Newport (l Harrison)
YTD W-L: 10-14 (0-1 this year)
YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 1
Date of Birth: June 16, 1981
Emirates ATP Ranking: 65 (year-end, this week)

- **Becker**, 31, is making his Auckland debut after qualifying into the main draw with three straight-set wins
- Last week opened the season in Doha (l. to Youzhny in 1R)
- The German returned to Top 100 after an elbow injury in 2011, which sidelined him for six months
- Jumped 240 ranking positions from previous season, third biggest improvement in Top 100
- Compiled a combination of ATP World Tour and Challenger results with SF in Memphis (l. to Raonic) and QF in Newport (ret. vs. Harrison) while winning title at Nottingham Challenger (d. Tursunov) in June and Ortisei (d. Seppi) in November. Had 21-8 record in Challengers
- Went 7-10 on hard and 3-3 on grass courts
- The German has five career Top 100 seasons, and owns one ATP World Tour title and seven Challenger titles in 12 finals with an 95-42 Challenger record

Monfils FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
F: Doha (l Tsonga); Montpellier (l Berdych); **SF**: Metz (l Seppi); **QF**: Bangkok (l Simon)
YTD W-L: 19-10 (2-1 this year)
YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 4
Date of Birth: September 1, 1986
Emirates ATP Ranking: 78 (year-end), 99 (this week)

- **Monfils**, 26, is playing in Auckland for the second time (0-1 record); Six years ago, lost in 1R (l. to Martin). Opened 2013 season in Doha and reached the quarter-finals (l. to Brands)
- The Frenchman finished outside Top 20 for first ime since 2007 as he struggled with a right knee injury on and off during season. Missed 3 1/2 months before returning week of Sept. 17 (played three events)
- His best results were runner-up showings in Doha (l. to Tsonga) in January and Montpellier (l. to Berdych) in February. Also a SF in Metz in September (l. to Seppi) and QF in Bangkok (l. to Simon)
- In his lone Grand Slam outing, reached 3R at Australian Open (l. to Kukushkin in five sets)
- Compiled records of 16-7 on hard and 3-3 on clay. Went 1-3 vs. Top 10 opponents with lone win over No. 2 Nadal in Doha SF
- The Frenchman has finished in the Top 50 in seven of the last eight seasons and has reached at least one final in each of those seasons (4-13 career record)

Yen-Hsun Lu (TPE) vs Benoit Paire (FRA) — First Meeting

Lu FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
QF: London / Queen's Club (l Cilic)
YTD W-L: 12-18 (0-1 this year)
YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: August 14, 1983
Emirates ATP Ranking: 60

- **Lu**, 29, returns to Auckland for the second time (1-1 mark); best result 2R in 2009 (l. to Almagro).
- Opened season with 1R loss in Chennai (l. to Bachinger)
- The top player from Chinese Taipei finished in Top 100 for a fifth straight year, highlighted by a season-best QF at London/Queen's Club (l. to eventual champ Cilic) in June
- Managed two Top 10 wins, defeating No.8 Tipsarevic at London/Queen's Club and No.5 Ferrer in Beijing when the Spaniard retired due to a stomach virus at 5-4 in the first set
- Had a 3-5 record in ATP Masters 1000 play, reaching 2R in Miami (ret. vs Monaco), Cincinnati (l. to Berdych) and Shanghai (d. Zhang, l. to Federer)
- At the Grand Slams, reached 3R at Australian Open (l. to No.11 del Potro) while losing in 1R in other three tournaments
- Had a 25-7 record in Challengers with titles in Singapore in March, Shanghai in September and Seoul in October
- Has won at least one Challenger title in nine consecutive seasons, including at least two in each of the past five seasons. Owns 18 Challenger titles in 32 finals with a 271-118 record overall

Paire FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
F: Belgrade (l Seppi); **SF**: s-Hertogenbosch (l Ferrer); **QF(3)**: Auckland (l Rochus); Casablanca (l Cipolla); Basel (l Federer)
YTD W-L: 26-26 (3-1 this year)
YTD Titles: 0
Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: May 8, 1989
Emirates ATP Ranking: 43

- **Paire**, 23, is playing in the main draw for the second consecutive year (2-1 record); best result QF last season (d. Ferrero, Chela, l. to. Rochus) as a qualifier
- Opened 2013 season in Chennai and reached SF (d. Cipolla, Sela, No. 15 Cilic, l. to Bautista Agut)
- The Frenchman was one of most improved players of season, jumping from No. 95 (with five match wins) previous year to No. 47 (with 26 match wins). Has improved year-end ranking past six seasons
- In May, advanced to first ATP World Tour final in Belgrade (l. to Seppi). Also SF in 's-Hertogenbosch (l. to Ferrer) and QF in Auckland (l. to Rochus), Casablanca (l. to Cipolla) and Basel (l. to Federer)
- In Grand Slam play, reached 3R at Wimbledon (l. to Baker) and 2R at Roland Garros (d. Ramos, l. to Ferrer) and US Open (d. Dimitrov, l. to Kohlschreiber in fifth set TB)
- Compiled records of 12-10 on clay, 9-14 on hard and 5-2 on grass. Went 0-5 vs. Top 10 opponents and highest-ranked win came over No. 21 Dolgopolov at Wimbledon. Earned a career-high $502,783

Court 4

Lukas Lacko (SVK) vs Paolo Lorenzi (ITA) **First Meeting**

Alejandro Falla (COL) vs Grega Zemlja (SLO) **First ATP Meeting**
Other meetings:

10 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati Q (USA)	Hard	--	Alejandro Falla	6-3 6-3
11 Nottingham-2 CH (Great Britain)	Hard	R16	Grega Zemlja	7-5 6-3

Court 2

Go Soeda (JPN) vs Santiago Giraldo (COL) **First ATP Meeting**
Other meetings:

07 Wimbledon Q (Great Britain)	Grass	--	Go Soeda	6-7(2) 6-2 6-3
09 Tiburon CH (USA)	Hard	QF	Go Soeda	6-4 6-0
09 Calabasas CH (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Go Soeda	6-7(4) 6-4 6-4