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# ROUND ROBIN GROUPS ANNOUNCED FOR BARCLAYS ATP WORLD TOUR FINALS

***Murray, Bryan twins attend draw ceremony at London Eye  
Four-time titlist Federer to face Murray, Del Potro, Verdasco in Group A  
Defending champion Djokovic to meet Nadal, Davydenko, Soderling in Group B***

London, England — British favourite Andy Murray and two-time former titlists Bob and Mike Bryan attended the draw ceremony for the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals, the world's biggest ever indoor tennis tournament, at the London Eye on Wednesday.

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

"It's going to be great," commented Murray. "Obviously I'm looking forward to it. It's a new tournament for London. To get a chance to play against Federer, maybe Nadal here, the crowd is going to be great with over 250,000 tickets sold so I'm really looking forward to it. It's a great group of players, probably the strongest we've had in quite a few years."

The full line-up for Group A sees US Open champion Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina and Spaniard Fernando Verdasco join Federer and Murray, while 2008 runner-up Nikolay Davydenko of Russia and Swede Robin Soderling complete Group B with Nadal and Djokovic.

### **Group A**

Roger Federer (SUI)  
Andy Murray (GBR)  
Juan Martin del Potro (ARG)  
Fernando Verdasco (ESP)

### **Group B**

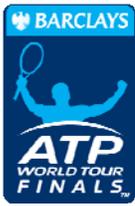
Rafael Nadal (ESP)  
Novak Djokovic (SRB)  
Nikolay Davydenko (RUS)  
Robin Soderling (SWE)

The strong line-up in Group A will treat fans at The O2 to some compelling match-ups. Four-time former winner Federer and Murray will meet at the prestigious season climax for the second time.

"Whoever you draw is going to be tough," said Murray, who reached the semi-finals in Shanghai last year. "Obviously I look forward to playing Roger. I've played Juan a few times on the tour recently and also had a close match recently with Verdasco indoors in Valencia. It's a tough group but if I play well I think I have a good chance of qualifying."

Federer, who captured four titles from five straight finals between 2003-2007, will also have the chance to avenge his US Open final defeat to Del Potro. Djokovic, this season's ATP World Tour match wins leader, faces stiff competition if he is to defend his title from Davydenko, in a repeat of the 2008 final, and Nadal, who the Serbian beat in the semi-finals of the BNP Paribas Masters in Paris last week. In another intriguing clash, Nadal will meet debutant Soderling for the first time since the Swede handed Nadal his first-ever defeat at Roland Garros in May.





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Federer and Nadal are in a battle to be crowned 2009 ATP World Tour Champion. Nadal currently trails Federer by 945 points in the South African Airways 2009 ATP Rankings, but with 1,500 points available for an undefeated champion at the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals there is all to play for.

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

### Group A

Daniel Nestor-Nenad Zimonjic  
Mahesh Bhupathi-Mark Knowles  
Frantisek Cermak-Michal Mertinak  
Mariusz Fyrstenberg-Marcin Matkowski

### Group B

Bob Bryan-Mike Bryan  
Lukas Dlouhy-Leander Paes  
Lukasz Kubot-Oliver Marach  
Max Mirnyi-Andy Ram

Nestor and Zimonjic and the Bryans are once again locked in a battle to be crowned ATP World Tour Champions. The Wimbledon champions Nestor and Zimonjic have a healthy lead of 830 points going into the season finale, but there are 1,500 points on offer for any undefeated champion.

"It was a spectacular place to do the draw with such an amazing view of London up there," said Bob Bryan. "We're really excited to be playing in the tournament at such a great venue. We went to see Beyonce on Monday night at The O2 and the place rocked. Every match from the first to the last is going to be really tough and we're looking forward to the challenge."

More than 250,000 tickets have been sold and only a limited number of tickets remain. The O2 is set to be a fantastic host for the eight-day singles and doubles tournament. Tickets are available online through [Ticketmaster](http://Ticketmaster) or by calling 0844 847 2495 within the UK. Overseas customers should call +44 161 372 0025. For more information please visit [www.BarclaysATPWorldTourFinals.com](http://www.BarclaysATPWorldTourFinals.com).

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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 2009 ATP Rankings and will also crown the official 2009 ATP World Tour Champion. 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, ensuring every match showcases tennis akin to the quality of at least a Grand Slam quarter-final. 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 most recently Shanghai. This year sees the tournament reborn as the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals to be held in the heart of London at The O<sub>2</sub> from 2009 to 2013.

