

## CHINA OPEN

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DAY TWO NOTES: Tuesday, October 2, 2012

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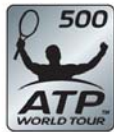
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### TUESDAY PREVIEW – FIVE SEEDS, LED BY TOP TRIO DJOKOVIC, FERRER, TSONGA, IN ACTION

- The remaining nine first round matches are on Tuesday's schedule at the China Open, with five seeds leading the way. The top three will be on the National Tennis Stadium.
- In the first men's match on Stadium, **Denis Istomin** of Uzbekistan looks for his first win (0-3) against No. 3 seed and top Frenchman **Jo-Wilfried Tsonga**. In their last meeting in the first round at the Australian Open in January, the Frenchman won in four sets. Istomin comes in with a 28-28 match record and No. 45 ranking. He's trying to finish in the Top 50 for the second time in three years (No. 40 in 2010). In February he reached his second ATP World Tour final in San Jose (l. to Raonic). He is 1-13 lifetime vs. Top 10 opponents (1-4 this year) with his lone win coming over No. 5 David Ferrer in March in Indian Wells. Tsonga, who reached the semi-finals here last year (l. to Berdych), is a two-time winner on the ATP World Tour this season (Doha, Metz). He comes in with a 45-17 match record this year.
- In the next match, top seed and World No.2 **Novak Djokovic**, who won the Beijing title in 2009-10, takes on German qualifier **Michael Berrer**. Djokovic won the previous meeting in the first round at Wimbledon in 2008. Djokovic is playing in his first tournament since a runner-up showing at the US Open on Sept. 10 (l. to Murray in five sets). The 25-year-old Serb finished No. 1 last season and he was the top player for 53 consecutive weeks until Roger Federer took over on July 9 after Wimbledon. In the 2012 ATP Race to London standings Djokovic has a 990-point lead over No. 2 Federer. Djokovic is 3-5 in finals this year, repeating titles at the Australian Open and ATP Masters 1000 Miami and Toronto. He enters with a 60-11 match record and ATP World Tour-best 35-4 on hard courts (most wins). Berrer is 2-17 against Top 10 opponents and his last win came here two years ago over No. 7 Tomas Berdych. The 32-year-old German is ranked No. 123 with a 5-8 match record on the season. His best result was the semi-finals in Zagreb in February (l. to Youzhny).
- In the evening session, **Yen-Hsun Lu** of Chinese Taipei meets No. 2 seed and World No. 5 **David Ferrer** for the second time. Two years ago Ferrer defeated Lu here in the second round in three sets en route to the final. Lu is 4-11 lifetime against Top 10 opponents and one of his wins came here in the Beijing Olympics in 2008 (d. No. 6 Murray). Ferrer is putting together the best season of his career with a 62-13 match record and five ATP World Tour titles. He is trying to join Janko Tipsarevic as the only players this year to win 20 matches on clay and hard courts. Ferrer is 32-5 on clay and 19-6 on hard.

**NOVAK RETURNS** – Top seed and World No. 2 Novak Djokovic is looking to win his third Beijing Open title in four years after missing last season. Djokovic addressed the media on Monday in advance of the first round: "It's nice to see you all here. Nice to be again back in Beijing, in China, after 2010. Unfortunately I haven't played here last year because of the injury, so I'm excited. I won this tournament 2009 and 2010, and as I said, I skipped the last year...I really, really want to do well here. I have been playing well. I won the bronze medal in these courts, so really nicest memories from this tournament. I really look forward to the start of the tournament. I came here a couple of days ago, so I think I'm ready enough to perform my best."

(on trying to finish No. 1) "Obviously I will try to dedicate myself and focus to every tournament that I play, try not to think about what's going to happen in the end of the season because there is still, you know, more than a few tournaments to go, you know, here in Asia and then after, indoor season in Europe. So as I said, everything is possible, but I will try to not think about calculations, not think about any other players' results, and just concentrate on my own game."



**RACE TO LONDON** -- There are four positions remaining for the season-ending Barclays ATP World Tour Finals in London. On Tuesday, three players in contention (among Top 16) are in action, Ferrer, Tsonga and Richard Gasquet . Here is a look at the 2012 points leaders going into this week:

**2012 Points**

<b>1 Novak Djokovic-X</b>	9,910	9 Janko Tipsarevic	2,720	
<b>2 Roger Federer-X</b>	8,920	10 Nicolas Almagro	2,415	
<b>3 Rafael Nadal-X</b>	6,840	11 Richard Gasquet	2,325	
<b>4 Andy Murray-X</b>	6,730	11 Juan Monaco	2,325	
5 David Ferrer	4,780	13 John Isner	2,250	
6 Juan Martin del Potro	3,820	14 Milos Raonic	1,990	
7 Tomas Berdych	3,720	15 Marin Cilic	1,970	
8 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	2,905	16 Gilles Simon	1,760	<b>X-Qualified</b>

**TUESDAY FIRST ROUND FEDEX ATP HEAD 2 HEADS – In Order of Play by Court Stadium**

**Denis Istomin (UZB) vs (3) Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA) Tsonga Leads 3-0**

09 Johannesburg (South Africa)	Hard	R16	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	6-1	6-4		
11 Eastbourne (Great Britain)	Grass	R32	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	6-2	7-5		
12 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	R128	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	6-4	3-6	6-2	7-5

**Istomin FastFacts:**

**2012 Highlights:**

**F:** San Jose (l Raonic); **SF:** Sydney (l Nieminen); **QF(2):** Brisbane (l Tomic); Eastbourne (l Harrison)

YTD W-L: 28-28 (15-13 on hard)

YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: September 7, 1986

South African Airways ATP Ranking: 45

- **Istomin**, 26, is making his second appearance in Beijing...Two years ago lost in the first round to David Ferrer 64 61
- The top player from Uzbekistan comes in with a 28-28 match record on the season (15-13 on hard) and in February he advanced to his second career ATP World Tour final in San Jose (l. to Raonic)...Also a semi-finalist in Sydney (l. to Nieminen) and quarter-finalist in Brisbane (l. to Tomic) and Eastbourne (l. to Harrison)
- His best Grand Slam result was 4<sup>th</sup> Rd. at Wimbledon where he lost to Mikhail Youzhny 7-5 in fifth set
- Has a 1-13 career mark vs. Top 10 opponents (1-4 this year) and his lone win came over No. 5 David Ferrer in Indian Wells in March

**Tsonga FastFacts:**

**2012 Highlights:**

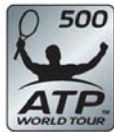
**W(2):** Doha (d Monfils); Metz (d Seppi); **SF(3):** Marseille (l Del Potro); Wimbledon (l Murray); Winston-Salem (l Isner); **QF(6):** Dubai (l Del Potro); ATP Masters 1000 Miami (l Nadal); ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (l Simon); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Rome (l Djokovic); Roland Garros (l Djokovic); London Olympics (l Djokovic)

YTD W-L: 45-17 (26-8 on hard)

YTD Titles: 2/Career Titles: 9

Date of Birth: April 17, 1985

South African Airways ATP Ranking: 7



- **Tsonga**, 27, is making his fourth appearance at the Beijing Open (5-3 record), reaching the semi-finals last year (l. to Berdych) and falling in the second round in 2004 and '07
- In his last tournament on Sept. 23, repeated title in Metz (d. Seppi) for ninth career ATP World Tour crown ...In the opening week of the season, captured title in Doha (d. Monfils)
- One of three French winners on the ATP World Tour this year – Richard Gasquet in Bangkok on Sunday and Gilles Simon in Bucharest in April
- Put together a 13-4 record in Grand Slam play with repeat semi-final at Wimbledon (l. to Murray) and quarter-finals at Roland Garros...Also quarter-finalist at London Olympics (l. to Djokovic in both)
- Trying to qualify for the season-ending Barclays ATP World Tour Finals for the third time...Last year lost in the final to Federer

**(1)Novak Djokovic (SRB) vs Michael Berrer (GER)**

08 Wimbledon (Great Britain)

Grass R128 Novak Djokovic

**Djokovic Leads 1-0**

7-5 2-6 6-3 6-0

**Djokovic FastFacts:****2012 Highlights:**

**W(3):** Australian Open (d Nadal); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Miami (d Murray); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Toronto (d Gasquet); **F(5):** ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (l Nadal); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Rome (l Nadal); Roland Garros (l Nadal); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Cincinnati (l Federer); US Open (l Murray); **SF(4):** Dubai (l Murray); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Indian Wells (l Isner); Wimbledon (l Federer); London Olympics (l Murray); **QF:** ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Madrid (l Tipsarevic)

YTD W-L: 60-11 (35-4 on hard)

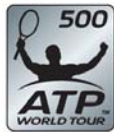
YTD Titles: 3

Career Titles: 31

Date of Birth: May 22, 1987

South African Airways ATP Ranking: 2

- **Djokovic**, 25, is playing in his first tournament since reaching the US Open final on Sept. 10 (l. to Murray in five sets)...Has a 3-5 record in finals this season and 60-11 match record (35-4 on hard, most wins)...All three titles have been repeat efforts from last year
- Has a 9-0 career record at the Beijing Open, winning 18 of 19 sets (lost only set vs. Verdasco in '09 quarter-finals)
- Although No. 2 in South African Airways ATP Rankings (behind Federer), stands No. 1 in 2012 ATP Race to London standings, 990 points ahead of Federer
- His repeat performances from last year came at the Australian Open (d. Nadal) on Jan. 29, ATP Masters 1000 Miami (d. Murray) on April 1 and ATP Masters 1000 Toronto (d. Gasquet) on Aug. 12 ...Has most wins this season in ATP World Tour Masters 1000 play (29-5) and Grand Slam tournaments (24- 3)
- Prior to Toronto, lost the bronze medal match 75 64 loss to Argentine Juan Martin del Potro...Lost in the semi-finals to eventual gold medalist Andy Murray
- En route to winning his fifth Grand Slam title (third in a row) Down Under (d. Murray and Nadal in back-to-back five-setters in SFs and final)...His 5:53 marathon win over Nadal was longest Slam final ever
- Prior to Miami, lost in the semi-finals to Isner 76 36 76, in Indian Wells, and to Andy Murray in Dubai
- Played well on clay with a 16-4 mark, reaching back-to-back finals at ATP Masters 1000 Rome and first at Roland Garros (l. to Nadal in both)...Then reached semi-finals at Wimbledon (l. to Federer)
- Held No. 1 for 53 consecutive weeks (from July 4, 2011 to July 8, 2012) before Federer regained it



**HARD COURT FINALS STREAK** – Djokovic has won the most hard court matches (35) on the ATP World Tour this season and he's reached the final in his past four hard court tournaments going back to Miami on April 1:

- Miami defeated Andy Murray
- Toronto defeated Richard Gasquet
- Cincinnati lost to Roger Federer
- US Open lost to Andy Murray

**Berrer FastFacts:**

**2012 Highlights:**

SF: Zagreb (l. Youzhny)

YTD W-L: 5-8 (4-5 on hard)

YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: July 1, 1980

South African Airways ATP Ranking: 123

- **Berrer**, 32, qualified into the main draw with a pair of wins (losing eight games) and he is appearing in Beijing for the third time (2-2 record)...In his previous two visits, lost in the second round in 2006 (l. to Lee) and '10 (l. to Simon), both in final set tie-breaks
- The Stuttgart native comes in with a 5-8 match record on the season (4-5 on hard) and his best result was the semi-finals in Zagreb in February (l. to Youzhny)...Also 6-5 in Challenger tournaments
- Has a 2-17 career mark vs. Top 10 opponents and his last win came over No. 7 Berdych here in the first round two years ago
- In his lone Grand Slam main draw of the year, qualified at Roland Garros and defeated Jurgen Melzer in five sets (from two sets down) before losing to Frenchman Nicolas Devilder in second round
- In his last tournament in Metz, qualified (d. Hajek) and lost in the second round to Jesse Levine

**Yen-Hsun Lu (TPE) vs (2) David Ferrer (ESP)**

10 Beijing (China)

Hard

R16

David Ferrer

**Ferrer Leads 1-0**

6-3 3-6 6-1

**Lu FastFacts:**

**2012 Highlights:**

QF: London / Queen's Club (l. Cilic)

YTD W-L: 10-16 (6-10 on hard)

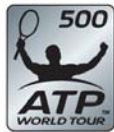
YTD Titles: 0

Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: August 14, 1983

South African Airways ATP Ranking: 64

- **Lu**, 29, is appearing in Beijing for the sixth time (3-5 record) and he lost in the second round three times -- in 2004, '08 and '10
- The Chinese Taipei native comes in with a 10-16 match record on the season (6-10 on hard) and his best result was the quarter-finals at the Queen's Club in London (l. to eventual champ Cilic)
- Has a 4-11 career mark vs. Top 10 opponents (1-1 this year) and his last win came over No. 8 Tipsarevic at Queen's...In '08 Beijing Olympics, defeated No. 6 Murray in the first round
- Has a 20-7 record in Challengers with a pair of titles in Singapore in March and Beijing-1 last month



**Ferrer FastFacts:**

**2012 Highlights:**

**W(5):** Auckland (d Rochus); Buenos Aires (d Almagro); Acapulco (d Verdasco); s-Hertogenbosch (d Petzschner); Bastad (d Almagro); **F:** Barcelona (l Nadal); **SF(3):** ATP Masters 1000 Rome (l Nadal); Roland Garros (l Nadal); US Open (l Djokovic); Kuala Lumpur (l Benneteau); **QF(3):** Australian Open (l Djokovic); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Miami (l Djokovic); ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (l Federer); Wimbledon (l Murray)  
 YTD W-L: 62-13 (19-6 on hard)  
 YTD Titles: 5/Career Titles: 16  
 Date of Birth: April 2, 1982  
 South African Airways ATP Ranking: 5

- **Ferrer**, 30, who is playing in Beijing for the fourth time (4-3 record), reached the final two years ago in his last visit (l. to Djokovic)...In his other two appearances, lost in the opening round in 2008 (l. to Sela) and '09 (l. to Gonzalez)
- Last week reached the semi-finals in Kuala Lumpur (l. to Benneteau)
- The No. 2 Spaniard leads the ATP World Tour with 62 match wins and is second with a career-high five titles (Federer leads with six)
- His five titles have come on three different surfaces: Auckland on hard, Buenos Aires, Acapulco and Bastad on clay, and 's-Hertogenbosch on grass...Also runner-up on clay in Barcelona
- Compiled a career-best 18-4 record in Grand Slam tournaments, reaching the semi-finals at Roland Garros (l. to Nadal) and the US Open (l. to Djokovic) along with the quarter-finals at Australian Open (l. to Djokovic) and Wimbledon (l. to Murray)...It was first time he reached QFs-better at each in a year
- Has a 16-15 career record in ATP World Tour finals and won his lone Asian title in Tokyo in 2007

**Lotus Court**

**(7) Tommy Haas (GER) vs Mikhail Youzhny (RUS)**

**Haas Leads 3-2**

02 Munich (Germany)	Clay	QF	Mikhail Youzhny	6-2	2-0	ret
02 Vienna (Austria)	Hard	R32	Tommy Haas	6-2	2-6	7-5
06 Doha (Qatar)	Hard	QF	Tommy Haas	6-4	6-3	
07 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France)	Hard	R16	Mikhail Youzhny	6-4	1-6	6-3
08 ATP Masters1000 Cincinnati (USA)	Hard	R64	Tommy Haas	7-6(2)	2-6	6-4

**Haas FastFacts:**

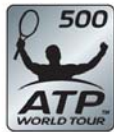
**2012 Highlights:**

**W:** Halle (d Federer); **F:** Hamburg (l Monaco); Washington (l Dolgoplov); **SF:** Munich (l Cilic); **QF:** ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Toronto (l Djokovic)  
 YTD W-L: 27-13 (12-8 on hard)  
 YTD Titles: 1/Career Titles: 13  
 Date of Birth: April 3, 1978  
 South African Airways ATP Ranking: 21

**Youzhny FastFacts:**

**2012 Highlights:**

**W:** Zagreb (d Lacko); **SF(2)** Halle (l Federer); St. Petersburg (l Klizan); **QF(4):** Doha (l Nadal); Dubai (l Federer); Munich (l Cilic); Wimbledon (l Federer)  
 YTD W-L: 27-16 (14-7 on hard)  
 YTD Titles: 1/Career Titles: 8  
 Date of Birth: June 25, 1982  
 South African Airways ATP Ranking: 28



**Ryan Harrison (USA) vs Feliciano Lopez (ESP)**

**First Meeting**

**Harrison FastFacts:**

**2012 Highlights:**

**SF(3):** San Jose (I Raonic); Eastbourne (I Seppi); Newport (I Isner); **QF:** Houston (I Russell)

YTD W-L: 23-22 (11-11 on hard)

YTD Titles: 0

Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: May 7, 1992

South African Airways ATP Ranking: 54

**Lopez FastFacts:**

**2012 Highlights:**

**SF(2):** Houston (I Isner); Munich (I Kohlschreiber); **QF(2):** Barcelona (I Ferrer); Gstaad (I Bellucci)

YTD W-L: 20-22 (9-11 on hard)

YTD Titles: 0

Career Titles: 2

Date of Birth: September 20, 1981

South African Airways ATP Ranking: 30

**Court 1**

**Jurgen Melzer (AUT) vs Pablo Andujar (ESP)**

**First Meeting**

**(Q) Matthew Ebden (AUS) vs (5) Richard Gasquet (FRA)**

10 Brisbane (Australia)	Hard	R16	Richard Gasquet
11 Sydney (Australia)	Hard	R32	Richard Gasquet

**Gasquet Leads 2-0**

6-3	6-4
6-4	6-3

**Nikolay Davydenko (RUS) vs (Q) Alex Bogomolov Jr. (RUS)**

**Davydenko Leads 2-0**

**Court 3**

**Julien Benneteau (FRA) vs Andreas Seppi (ITA)**

12 Sydney (Australia)	Hard	R32	Julien Benneteau
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**Benneteau Leads 1-0**

6-3	6-4
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**Other meetings**

08 Bergamo CH (Italy)	Hard	F	Andreas Seppi	2-6	6-2	7-5
11 Mons CH (Belgium)	Hard	F	Andreas Seppi	2-6	6-3	7-6(4)