

DJOKOVIC QUALIFIES FOR 2010 BARCLAYS ATP WORLD TOUR FINALS

LONDON - US Open finalist Novak Djokovic has qualified for the 2010 Barclays ATP World Tour Finals, to be held at The O2 in London from 21-28 November. Djokovic clinched his place in the season finale after advancing to the final of the China Open in Beijing with a 7-6(1), 6-2 win over John Isner on Saturday.

The Serb, a winner of the season-ending event in 2008, has been a model of consistency throughout the season, reaching the quarter-finals or further at each of the four Grand Slams, as well as capturing his 17th career title in Dubai in February.

"I was really happy to hear the news. It's four consecutive years for me to get to the Finals, so this achievement means a lot. Of course I will do my best to get even further than I did last year to try to pass the group stage, but there's still a way to go. It was incredible how many people came out and watched us last year. I really look forward to playing in front of that crowd in The O2 again."

Djokovic joins Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer as the first three players to qualify for the event. Five more places are up for grabs as the likes of Andy Murray, Andy Roddick and Robin Soderling continue to battle for South African Airways 2010 ATP Rankings points in order to secure their places in the coming weeks.

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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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