



# MASTERFUL DJOKOVIC BECOMES FIRST PLAYER TO QUALIFY FOR 2011 BARCLAYS ATP WORLD TOUR FINALS

## Serb qualifies for London as 2011 unbeaten streak continues

LONDON, ENGLAND – Novak Djokovic has sealed his qualification for the 2011 Barclays ATP World Tour Finals following his win over Rafael Nadal in the final of the Internazionali BNL d'Italia Sunday.

Djokovic's win in Rome adds another 1000 South African Airways 2011 ATP Rankings points to his 2011 points tally, meaning that the Serb is assured of his place at the season-ending finale, set to take place at The O2 in London from 20-27 November. Only the world's Top 8 players based on results in 2011 qualify to compete in the season's final showdown in London.

Djokovic qualifies for the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals for a fifth successive year. He captured the season-ending title in 2008 when it was held in Shanghai. Last year, Djokovic reached the semi-finals in London before losing to Federer. He has not lost a match since.

The Serb has enjoyed a remarkable run of form in 2011, capturing seven successive titles including the Australian Open in January and four ATP World Tour Masters 1000 titles. He heads into Roland Garros later this week with an incredible 37-0 match record so far this season.

Djokovic becomes only the second player to qualify for the season-ending event before Roland Garros since 1990 (Nadal also qualified before Roland Garros in 2009). Nadal retains his World No.1 ranking (based on the past 52 weeks) ahead of his title defense at Roland Garros, yet Djokovic's results so far this year make him the current front runner to challenge for the 2011 year-end World No.1 crown, which could be determined at the last tournament of the season in London.

### Barclays ATP World Tour Finals – The Contenders

(Based on Year-to-Date South African Airways 2011 ATP Rankings points, as of Monday 16 May, 2011.)

Position	Player	YTD Points
1.	<b>N. Djokovic (SRB)</b>	6,975
2.	R. Nadal (ESP)	4,390
3.	D. Ferrer (ESP)	2,740
4.	R. Federer (SUI)	2,620
5.	A. Murray (GBR)	2,030
6.	R. Soderling (SWE)	1,630
7.	T. Berdych (CZE)	1,485
8.	N. Almagro (ESP)	1,440
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9.	J.M. del Potro (ARG)	1,375
10.	R. Gasquet (FRA)	1,090

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### **About the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals**

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