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BERDYCH BECOMES SIXTH SINGLES PLAYER TO QUALIFY FOR 2012 BARCLAYS ATP WORLD TOUR FINALS

LONDON – Tomas Berdych has qualified for the 2012 Barclays ATP World Tour Finals, to be held at The O2 in London from 5-12 November. The Czech, who captured his eighth career title at the If Stockholm Open on Sunday, is now assured of his place alongside Novak Djokovic, Roger Federer, Andy Murray, Rafael Nadal and David Ferrer at the season-ending event. Just two singles berths remain up for grabs with two weeks remaining of the regular ATP World Tour season.

Berdych, who reached the semi-finals of the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals last year, will be making his third consecutive appearance at the season finale. In 2012, the Czech has captured ATP World Tour titles at the Open Sud de France in Montpellier and Stockholm. The current World No. 6 also reached the final of the Mutua Madrid Open and the Winston-Salem Open, as well as reaching the semi-finals of the US Open.

"London is always a goal every season. You have to play well the whole year to qualify. It will be special for me to play there for the third year in a row," said Berdych.

Brad Drewett, ATP Executive Chairman & President, said: "I'd like to congratulate Tomas on having qualified for the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals for a third consecutive season. In recent years, Tomas has firmly established himself at the highest level on the ATP World Tour and his qualification provides confirmation of another outstanding season in 2012."

The Race to London continues this week with two ATP World Tour 500 tournaments: the Valencia Open 500 and the Swiss Indoors Basel. Juan Martin del Potro (playing Basel) and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (Valencia) currently hold down the final two singles qualifying spots in the South African Airways ATP Rankings Race to London. Janko Tipsarevic (currently 9th in the Race exactly 500 points behind Tsonga) and Nicolas Almagro (10th, 885 points behind Tsonga) need big results this week in Valencia, where 500 points await the winner.

The season-ending event once again looks set to provide a thrilling finale to what has already been a remarkable season on the ATP World Tour, with the year-end World No.1 South African Airways ATP Ranking potentially coming down to the wire at the last event of the season in London.

With tickets still available for the 2012 Barclays ATP World Tour Finals, don't miss your chance to witness the world's top eight singles players and doubles teams competing for the world's biggest indoor tennis tournament. For more information, visit: 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 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 \$1.76m 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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