FRIDAY PREVIEW – TOP FOUR SEEDS ADVANCE TO QUARTERS FOR SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR

- The top four seeds are in the quarter-finals at the Aircel Chennai Open on Friday. It's the second year in a row the top four are in the quarters. Top seed **Tomas Berdych**, No. 2 **Janko Tipsarevic** and No. 3 **Marin Cilic** are playing on Centre Court while No. 4 **Stanislas Wawrinka** is on Court 1.

- First up is **Cilic** of Croatia against No. 5 seed **Benoit Paire** of France in a first-time meeting. Cilic, a two-time champion (2009-10), rallied from a set down in his opening match of the 2013 season to defeat Sergiy Stakhovsky. Cilic fired 15 aces and broke serve three times to claim his 14th win in 16 matches in Chennai. In the shortest match this week, Paire rolled past Dudi Sela 61 60 in 40 minutes and converted five of seven break point chances. The Frenchman was one of most improved players of season, jumping from No. 95 (with five match wins) previous year to No. 47 (with 26 match wins)

- Next on is a rematch of the 2012 semi-finals with No. 8 seed **Go Soeda** of Japan facing last year's finalist **Tipsarevic**. Soeda will be looking to avenge last year's 61 64 defeat to the Serb in the semi-finals. Soeda battled past Indian qualifier Prakash Amritraj in three sets. Soeda advanced to his first career ATP World Tour semi-final last year. Tipsarevic reached the quarters with a straight-sets win over Edouard Roger-Vasselin on Wednesday. Last year he reached the quarter-finals or best 14 times on the ATP World Tour and went 8-6 in quarter-final matches.

- In the final singles match, top seed and wild card **Tomas Berdych** of the Czech Republic takes on **Roberto Bautista Agut** of Spain in a first-time meeting. World No. 6 Berdych won his season debut on Thursday cruising past Somdev Devvarman. Last year he reached the quarter-finals or better 14 times on ATP World Tour with two titles and went 8-6 in QF matches. Bautista Agut is playing in Chennai for the first time and he advanced to his second career ATP World Tour quarter-final with his win over Matthias Bachinger on Thursday. Bautista Agut was one of 13 Spaniards to finish in the Top 100 in 2012. This is the Spaniard's first career match against a Top 10 opponent.

- Court 1 features the final quarter-final match as Slovenian **Aljaz Bedene** meets Swiss and No. 4 seed **Stanislas Wawrinka** in a first-time meeting. Bedene the youngest player left in the draw at 23 years 5 months, has an 0-3 career record vs. Top 50 opponents. **Wawrinka**, the 2011 champion, was the only player in year-end Top 20 not to reach an ATP World Tour final last season.

FRIDAY QUARTER-FINALS FedEx ATP Head 2 Heads – In Order of Play

Centre Court

(3) Marin Cilic (CRO) vs (5) Benoit Paire (FRA) First Meeting

Cilic FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
W(2): London / Queen's Club (d Nalbandian); Umag (d Granollers); **F**: Munich (l Kohlschreiber); **SF**: Hamburg (l Haas); **QF(4)**: ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Cincinnati (l Djokovic); US Open (l Murray); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Shanghai (l Federer); Valencia (l Dodig)
YTD W-L: 39-19
YTD Titles: 2
Career Titles: 8
Date of Birth: September 28, 1988
Emirates ATP Ranking: 15

- **Cilic**, 24, the two-time Chennai champion ('09 & '10), improved his record to 14-2 here with a 46 62 63 win over Sergiy Stakhovsky to reach his fourth QF at the tournament. He also reached the SF in '08 (l. to Youzhny)
- Last year he was QF or better nine times on the ATP World Tour (4-5 in QF matches)
- The top Croat finished in Top 20 and won two titles for third time in four years, winning on grass at London/Queen's Club (d. Nalbandian) and on clay in Umag (d. Granollers)
- Missed first eight weeks with a left knee injury before returning Feb. 27 in Delray Beach
- After 3-5 start, reached final in Munich (l. to Kohlschreiber). From May-on, compiled a 36-14 match record and in final 16 tournaments only lost 3 times in opening match

- In Grand Slam play, reached 3R at Roland Garros (l. to del Potro), 4R at Wimbledon (l. to Murray) and QF at US Open (l. to Murray)
- Compiled records of 16-7 on clay, 14-10 on hard and 9-2 on grass (4-0 in 5 sets). Went 1-8 vs. Top 10 opponents (d. No. 10 Isner, Madrid)
- Has finished in Top 25 for five years in a row (2008-12) while winning at least one title during that span

Paire FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
F: Belgrade (l Seppi); **SF**: s-Hertogenbosch (l Ferrer); **QF(3)**: Auckland (l Rochus); Casablanca (l Cipolla); Basel (l Federer)
YTD W-L: 26-26
YTD Titles: 0
Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: May 8, 1989
Emirates ATP Ranking: 47

- **Paire,** 23, playing in Chennai for the second consecutive year, advanced to the QF for the first time with a 61 60 win over Dudi Sela in 40 minutes (converted five of seven break points). Last year lost in the 2R (l. Sela). Has 3-1 career record in Chennai
- Last year reached QF or better five times on ATP World Tour; 2-3 in QF matches, with best result first career final in Belgrade (l. to Seppi)
- The Frenchman was one of most improved players of season, jumping from No. 95 (with five match wins) in 2011 to No. 47 (with 26 match wins)
- Also SF in 's-Hertogenbosch (l. to Ferrer) and QF in Auckland (l. to Rochus), Casablanca (l. to Cipolla) and Basel (l. to Federer)
- In Grand Slam play, reached 3R at Wimbledon (l. to Baker) and 2R at Roland Garros (d. Ramos, l. to Ferrer) and US Open (d. Dimitrov, l. to Kohlschreiber in 5th setTB)
- Compiled records of 12-10 on clay, 9-14 on hard and 5-2 on grass. Went 0-5 vs. Top 10 opponents and highest-ranked win came over No. 21 Dolgopolov at Wimbledon.
- Earned a career-high $502,783

(8) Go Soeda (JPN) vs (2) Janko Tipsarevic (SRB) — Tipsarevic Leads 1-0

12 Chennai (India) — Hard — SF — Janko Tipsarevic — 6-1 6-4

A Look Back at Last Year's Meeting – Tipsarevic / Soeda Chennai SF Stats:

	Tipsarevic	**Soeda**
1st Serve	70% (31/44)	54% (33/61)
1st Serve Points Won	80% (25/31)	63% (21/33)
2nd Serve Points Won	69% (9/13)	35% (10/28)
Break Points Converted	66% (4/6)	100% (1/1)

Soeda FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
SF(2): Chennai (l Tipsarevic); Atlanta (l Muller)
YTD W-L: 13-21
YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: September 5, 1984
Emirates ATP Ranking: 58 (year-end), 60 (this week)

- **Soeda**, 28, improved his career record to 5-2 at Chennai with a 76(2) 36 64 win over Indian's Prakash Amritraj in two hours and 29 minutes to reach his second career QF at the tournament. Last year lost in the semi-finals to Tipsarevic
- Last year reached QF or better two times on ATP World Tour (2-0 in QF matches), subsequently lost in SF both times
- The No. 2 Japanese player (behind No. 19 Nishikori) finished a year-end best No. 58 after breaking into Top 50 and getting to career-high No. 47 on July 23. Reached 2 ATP SF in Chennai (d. Dodig, No. 17 Wawrinka, l. to No. 9 Tipsarevic) and Atlanta (d. Nishikori in 1st ATP QF between Japanese players, l. to Muller)
- Early in season compiled a 22-5 match record on Challenger circuit with three titles. In first Challenger in Honolulu, captured title (d. Ginepri) and played in 1R Davis Cup home tie vs. Croatia, defeating Dodig in five sets in opener (l. to Karlovic in decisive fifth rubber)
- In March, reached final at Singapore Challenger (l. to Lu) and two weeks later won Pingguo Challenger title (d. Jaziri). Following month, won title at Kaohsiung (d. countryman Ito)

- In May, defeated Roddick in ATP World Team Championship in Düsseldorf. Followed with 1R loss at Roland Garros (l.to Tursunov) and on grass reached 2R at London / Queen's Club (d. Phau, l. to Dodig) and Wimbledon (d. Kunitsyn, l. to No. 9 del Potro in four sets), lone Slam win of year
- Career 0-8 vs. Top 10; last year went 0-4 vs. Top 10 opponents and had Top 20 wins over No. 17 Wawrinka (Chennai) and No. 19 Nishikori (Atlanta).
- Earned a career-high $299,072
- The veteran from Japan is among active career Challenger title leaders with 12 titles while boasting a 191-102 record. Also owns six titles with a 91-51 record in Futures

Tipsarevic FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
W: Stuttgart (d Monaco); **F(2)**: **Chennai** (l Raonic); Gstaad (l Bellucci); **SF(5)**: Marseille (l Llodra); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Madrid (l Federer); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Toronto (l Djokovic); Bangkok (l Simon); Vienna (l Zemlja); **QF(6)**: Dubai (l Djokovic); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Miami (l Murray); Barcelona (l Nadal); US Open (l Ferrer); Tokyo (l Raonic); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Paris (l Janowicz)
YTD W-L: 57-28
YTD Titles: 1/Career Titles: 3
Date of Birth: June 22, 1984
Emirates ATP Ranking: 9 (year-end)

- **Tipsarevic,** 28, advanced to the Chennai QFs for the fifth consecutive year with a 62 63 win over Edouard Roger-Vasselin. Won 81 percent of his service points, did not face a break point and broke the Frenchman four of five chances. Playing in Chennai for the sixth time (12-5 record); finalist last year (l. to Raonic), semi-finalist in 2011 (l. Malisse) and 2010 (l. Cilic) and quarter-finalist in '09
- Last year QF or best 14 times on ATP World Tour (8-6 in QF matches)
- The No.2 Serb (behind Djokovic) compiled a career-best 57-28 match record and reached three finals (1-2).One of two players (Ferrer) to win at least 20 matches on clay (21-7) and hard courts (31-18)
- Put together his second straight Top 10 season by reaching QF or better in 14 tournaments, including SF at ATP Masters 1000 events in Madrid (l. to Federer) and Toronto (l. to Djokovic)
- Won first ATP clay title in Stuttgart (d. Monaco). Finalist here (l. to Raonic) and Gstaad (l. to Bellucci)
- Went 11-4 in Grand Slams with QF at US Open (l. to Ferrer in 5th set TB)
- Finished No.9 with career-best 632 aces (7.8 avg.)
- Was 24-15 in TBs and had 3-10 record vs. Top 10 opponents, including win over No.1 Djokovic in QF of Madrid

(1-WC)Tomas Berdych (CZE) vs Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP) First Meeting

Berdych FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
W(2): Montpellier (d Monfils); Stockholm (d Tsonga); **F(2)**: ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Madrid (l Federer); Winston-Salem (l Isner); **SF(4)**: Rotterdam (l Del Potro); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (l Djokovic); US Open (l Murray); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Shanghai (l Djokovic); **QF(6)**: Australian Open (l Nadal); Dubai (l Murray); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Rome (l Nadal); Halle (l Haas); Tokyo (l Nishikori); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Paris (l Simon)
YTD W-L: 61-23
YTD Titles: 2/Career Titles: 8
Date of Birth: September 17, 1985
Emirates ATP Ranking: 6

- **Berdych**, 27, won his opening match of the 2013 season and advance the Chennai QFs for the second time with a 63 61 win over local wild card Somdev Devvarman. Won 82 percent of his service points, did not face a break point and converted four of his nine break points to advance in 65 minutes. Now is 4-1 and is looking to reach Chennai semi-finals for second time (l. to Wawrinka in 2011)
- Last year was QF or better 14 times on ATP World Tour with two titles (for first time in career) and went 8-6 in QF matches
- Became first Czech Republic native with three straight Top 10 seasons since Ivan Lendl had 13 in a row (1980-92). Also first Czech to win 60 or more matches since Petr Korda (61) in 1992
- Won indoor titles in Montpellier (d. Monfils) and Stockholm (d. Tsonga) with finals at ATP Masters 1000 Madrid to Federer) and Winston-Salem (l. to Isner, held three MPs)
- Led Czech Republic to first Davis Cup title since 1980, putting together records of 6-1 in singles and 4-0 in doubles (w/Stepanek). Defeated Spain 3-2 in Prague in final
- Reached SF at US Open (d. No.1 Federer in QF, l. to Murray) and QF at Australian Open (l. to Nadal)
- Compiled records of 41-15 on hard courts (18-5 indoor), 19-5 on clay and 1-3 on grass. Went 7-14 vs. Top 10 opponents

Bautista Agut FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
QF: St. Petersburg (l Fognini)
YTD W-L: 3-10
YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: April 14, 1988
Emirates ATP Ranking: 80

- **Bautista Agut**, 24, playing in Chennai for the first time and he advanced to his second career QF on the ATP World Tour with a 76(4) 63 win over Matthias Bachinger. Other QF was in St. Petersburg (l. Fognini) last September indoors
- The Spaniard finished in the Top 100 for the first time with a strong effort at Challenger level, winning three titles while compiling a 28-8 match record. In ATP World Tour play, won three matches – one in Miami (d. Seppi) and two in St. Petersburg (d. Lu, Gabashvili)
- One of an ATP World Tour-high 13 Spaniards to finish in the Top 100 last season
- Qualified in six of the 10 ATP level tournaments he played, including his first Grand Slam event at Australian Open to Mello). Lost in last round of qualifying at Wimbledon and US Open
- Two of his three Challenger titles came on Italian clay, in Rome (d. Machado) and Orbetello (d. Lajovic). Also won on home soil on hard courts in Pozoblanco (d. Brugues-Davi) and afterwards broke Top 100 on Aug.13 (at No. 95)
- Earned a career-high $180,358

SPANIARDS in TOP 100 – Bautista Agut was one of an ATP World Tour-high 13 Spaniards to rank in the Top 100 last season:
No. 4 Rafael Nadal
No. 5 David Ferrer
No. 11 Nicolas Almagro
No. 24 Fernando Verdasco
No. 34 Marcel Granollers
No. 40 Feliciano Lopez
No. 42 Pablo Andujar
No. 50 Albert Ramos
No. 70 Daniel Gimeno-Traver
No. 76 Guillermo Garcia-Lopez
No. 80 Roberto Bautista Agut
No. 91 Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo
No. 96 Albert Montanes

Court 1
Aljaz Bedene (SLO) vs (4) Stanislas Wawrinka (SUI) First Meeting

Bedene FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
QF: Vienna (l Tipsarevic)
YTD W-L: 4-4
YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: July 18, 1989
Emirates ATP Ranking: 98 (year-end), 86 (this week)

- **Bedene**, 23, making his debut in Chennai, advanced to his second career ATP World Tour QF with a 75 63 win over No. 5 seed Robin Haase of The Netherlands. Last year reached QF at Vienna (l. to Tipsarevic) in October. Youngest player left in the draw at 23 years 5 months
- His countryman Grega Zemlja became first Slovenian to reach an ATP final last year in Vienna (l. to del Potro as a qualifier)
- The No. 3 player from Slovenia finished in Top 100 for first time with consistent results in Challenger play. Compiled a 32-10 match record and won four titles In limited ATP World Tour play, went 4-4, qualifying in Belgrade and reaching 2R (d. Klizan, l. to Nalbandian). Also reached 1st ATP Tour QF in Vienna (d. Garcia-Lopez, Young; l. to Tipsarevic)
- Of his four Challenger titles three came on clay, in Casablanca (d. Devilder) in March, Barletta (d. Starace) in April, Kosice (d. Greul) in June. The following month, won title on hard courts in Wuhan (d. Ouanna) and finished runner-up in An-Ning (l. to Zemlja)
- Tried to qualify in each Grand Slam tournament and lost in 2R at Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open

- Earned a career-high $108,616
- Career 0-3 vs Top 50; l. No. 38 Fabio Fognini in Davis Cup 2011, No. 49 David Nalbandian in 2012 Belgrade and No. 9 Janko Tipsarevic in 2012 Vienna

Wawrinka FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
SF(4); Buenos Aires (l. Almagro), Acapulco (l. Verdasco), Estoril (l. del Potro), Cincinnati (l. Federer); **QF(3)** Chennai (l Soeda), Monte-Carlo (l. Nadal), Tokyo (l. Murray)
YTD W-L: 35-20
YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 3
Date of Birth: March 28, 1985
Emirates ATP Ranking: 17 (year-end)

- **Wawrinka,** 27, advanced to the Chennia QF for the fourth consecutive year with a 64 63 win over Germany's Cedrik-Marcel Stebe. Playing here for the fifth consecutive year (11-3 mark); winner in 2011 (d. Malisse, finalist in 2010 (l. to Cilic), QF last year (l. to Sodea). Only lost in the 1R in '09 debut
- Last year reached QF or better seven times on the ATP World Tour (4-3 in QF matches) and best result SF four times. Also QF three times
- The Swiss No.2 (behind Federer) finished in Top 20 for second year in a row and third time in career ('08), advancing to four SF: Buenos Aires (l. to Almagro), Acapulco (l. to Verdasco) and Estoril (l. to del Potro) on clay and at ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (d. No.5 Ferrer, l. to Federer) on hard
- Only player in year-end Top 20 not to reach an ATP World Tour final during season
- In Grand Slam play, compiled an 8-4 record with 3R at Australian Open (l. to No.10 Almagro), 4R at Roland Garros (l. to No.5 Tsonga), 1R at Wimbledon (l. to Melzer in 5 sets) and 4R at US Open (ret. due to illness vs. Djokovic)
- Compiled records of 19-9 on clay, 16-9 on hard and 0-2 on grass
- Went 2-11 vs. Top 10 opponents, posting wins over No.8 Tipsarevic in Rome and No.5 Ferrer in Cincinnati