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TOURNAMENT PREVIEW – MURRAY DEFENDS TITLE, RAONIC MAKES DEBUT, HEWITT RETURNS

- The 2013 ATP World Tour season officially gets underway Sunday at the Brisbane International with two doubles matches, including top seeds **Eric Butorac** and **Paul Hanley** against the Aussie wild card duo of **Chris Guccione** and **Lleyton Hewitt** on Pat Rafter Arena.

- This is the fifth year the tournament has been held in Brisbane. The 28-player field is led by World No. 3 and reigning champion **Andy Murray**, who is the top seed for the second year in a row. The 25-year-old Scotsman won his first ATP World Tour title Down Under last year (d. Dolgopolov). Murray broke through to capture his first Grand Slam crown at the US Open (d. Djokovic in five sets) and also earned the gold medal at the London Olympics (d. Djokovic in SF, Federer in F).

- Murray is joined by top Canadian **Milos Raonic**, who makes his Brisbane debut and is the No. 2 seed. The 22-year-old won two ATP World Tour titles last season (Chennai, San Jose) en route to finishing a year-end best No. 13. Other seeds in the field are: No. 3 **Gilles Simon** of France, who reached the semi-finals last year, No. 4 **Alexandr Dolgopolov** of Ukraine, last year's runner-up, No. 5 **Kei Nishikori** of Japan, who finished in the Top 20 for the first time at No. 19, No. 6 **Florian Mayer** of Germany, No. 7 **Jurgen Melzer** of Austria and No. 8 **Martin Klizan** of Slovak Republic. Klizan, who is making his debut, was the lone first-time winner on the ATP World Tour last season.

- Along with Murray, former champions in the field are **Radek Stepanek** of the Czech Republic (2009), and Aussie wild card **Lleyton Hewitt** (1998, 2000). They play each other in the first round. Hewitt, who also was runner-up in 1999, is 22-6 lifetime at the tournament. This is the first time he's playing in Brisbane. Two of the top up-and-coming players who finished in the Top 50 last season are unseeded **David Goffin** of Belgium and **Grigor Dimitrov** of Bulgaria. Both are making their main draw debut.

- There are a tournament-high four Australians in the main draw field (not including qualifiers), with the country's top player **Marinko Matosevic** leading the way. Matosevic was last season's ATP Most Improved Player of the Year, jumping from No. 201 in 2011 to No. 49.

TOURNAMENT QUICK FACTS

CITY:	Brisbane, Australia
VENUE:	Queensland Tennis Centre
DATE:	December 30, 2012-January 6, 2013
CATEGORY:	ATP World Tour 250
PRIZE MONEY:	$436,630
DRAW:	28 singles / 16 doubles
SURFACE:	Hard
SINGLES FINAL:	Sunday, January 6 after doubles
DOUBLES FINAL:	Sunday, January 6 at 1 p.m.
FIRST HELD:	1956 (in Adelaide), fifth year in Brisbane

2012 FINALS

Singles – (1) **Andy Murray** (GBR) d. (3) **Alexandr Dolgopolov** (UKR) 6-1, 6-3
Doubles – (1) Mirnyi-Nestor d. (2) **Melzer**-Petzschner 6-1, 6-2

RECENT CHAMPIONS/FINALISTS (since 2000)

2012 **Andy Murray/Alexandr Dolgopolov**
2011 Robin Soderling/Andy Roddick
2010 Andy Roddick/**Radek Stepanek**
2009 **Radek Stepanek**/Fernando Verdasco
2008 Michael Llodra/**Jarkko Nieminen**
2007 Novak Djokovic/Chris Guccione
2006 Florent Serra/Dominik Hrbaty
2005 Joachim Johansson/Taylor Dent
2004 Dominik Hrbaty/Michael Llodra
2003 Nikolay Davydenko/Kristof Vliegen
2002 Tim Henman/Mark Philippoussis
2001 Tommy Haas/Nicolas Massu
2000 **Lleyton Hewitt**/Thomas Enqvist
*Bold denotes past champions / runners-up in 2013 draw

A LOOK AT THE DRAW

Seeded Players (Tournament record, best finish - year)

1. Andy Murray	6-1 **W** - 2012
2. Milos Raonic	Debut
3. Gilles Simon	4-4 SF - 2012
4. Alexandr Dolgopolov	6-3 F – 2012
5. Kei Nishikori	3-2 QF - 2009
6. Florian Mayer	5-6 QF - 2011
7. Jurgen Melzer	3-7 QF - 2005
8. Martin Klizan	Debut

Wildcards: Matthew Ebden, Lleyton Hewitt, Benjamin Mitchell
Youngest: Benjamin Mitchell (20 years, 1 month)
Oldest: Radek Stepanek (34 years, 1 month)
*Top Country Breakdown: Australia 4, Colombia 2, France 2, Japan 2
Former Champions in Draw (3): Andy Murray (2012), Radek Stepanek (2009), Lleyton Hewitt (2000, '98)
Former Finalists in Draw (4): Alexandr Dolgopolov (2012), Radek Stepanek (2010), Jarkko Nieminen (2008), Lleyton Hewitt (1999)
2012 ATP World Tour Winners in Draw (8): Andy Murray-3, Milos Raonic-2, Alexandr Dolgopolov, Martin Klizan, Jurgen Melzer, Jarkko Nieminen, Kei Nishikori, Gilles Simon

* Does not include qualifiers

ATP RANKINGS POINTS / PRIZE MONEY

Singles	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Rankings Pts.	250	150	90	45	20	0
Prize Money	$78,800	41,540	22,500	12,810	7,550	4,770

Doubles	W	F	SF	QF	R16
Rankings Pts.	250	150	90	45	0
Prize Money	$23,950	12,590	6,820	3,900	2,290

Seeded Doubles Teams: (Team record, best finish - year)

1. Butorac/Hanley	Debut
2. Fleming/J. Murray	Debut
3. Cabal/Farah	Debut
4. Elgin/Istomin	Debut

RECENT CHAMPIONS (since 2000)
2012 Max Mirnyi/Daniel Nestor
2011 Lukas Dlouhy/**Paul Hanley**
2010 Jeremy Chardy/Marc Gicquel
2009 Marc Gicquel/Jo-Wilfried Tsonga
2008 Martin Garcia/**Marcelo Melo**
2007 Wesley Moodie/Todd Perry
2006 Jonathan Erlich/Andy Ram
2005 Xavier Malisse /**Olivier Rochus**
2004 Bob Bryan/Mike Bryan
2003 Jeff Coetzee/Chris Haggard
2002 Wayne Black/Kevin Ullyett
2001 David Macpherson/Grant Stafford
2000 Todd Woodbridge/Mark Woodforde
* Bold denotes past champions in 2013 draw

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SUNDAY MAIN DRAW MATCHES – Order of Play by Court

Pat Rafter Arena

[1] E Butorac (USA) / P Hanley (AUS) vs [WC] C Guccione (AUS) / L Hewitt (AUS)

SHOW COURT 1 start 11:00 am

G Dimitrov (BUL) / K Nishikori (JPN) vs [4] M Elgin (RUS) / D Istomin (UZB)

FIRST ROUND FEDEX ATP Head 2 Heads - In Draw Order (to be played Mon.-Tues.)

Radek Stepanek (CZE) vs (WC) Lleyton Hewitt (AUS) **Hewitt Leads 3-1**

03 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	R32	Lleyton Hewitt	6-3	6-2	6-0		
03 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Lleyton Hewitt	6-1	3-0	ret		
09 Wimbledon (Great Britain)	Grass	R16	Lleyton Hewitt	4-6	2-6	6-1	6-2	6-2
12 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai	Hard	R64	Radek Stepanek	7-5	6-1			

Stepanek FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
SF: Memphis (l Melzer); **QF(3)**: Brisbane (l Dolgopolov); Halle (l Youzhny); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Shanghai (l Murray)
YTD W-L: 24-26
YTD Titles: 0
Career Titles: 5
Date of Birth: November 27, 1978
2012 ATP Ranking: 31

Hewitt FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
F: Newport (l Isner); **QF**: Stockholm (l Almagro)
YTD W-L: 16-14
YTD Titles: 0
Career Titles: 28
Date of Birth: February 24, 1981
2012 ATP Ranking: 83

Denis Istomin (UZB) vs (8) Martin Klizan (SVK) **First Time Meeting**
Other meeting:

09 Tashkent CH (Uzbekistan)	Hard	R32	Denis Istomin	2-0	ret

Istomin FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
F: San Jose (l Raonic); **SF**: Sydney (l Nieminen); **QF**: Brisbane (l Tomic); Eastbourne (l Harrison)
YTD W-L: 30-32
YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: September 7, 1986
2012 ATP Ranking: 43

Klizan FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
W: St. Petersburg (d Fognini); **SF**: Kitzbuehel (l Haase)
YTD W-L: 19-15
YTD Titles: 1
Career Titles: 1
Date of Birth: July 11, 1989
2012 ATP Ranking: 30

Julien Benneteau (FRA) vs Jarkko Nieminen (FIN) **Nieminen Leads 5-0**

07 Marseille (France)	Hard	QF	Jarkko Nieminen	6-2	1-6	6-3
07 ATP Masters Series Montreal (Canada)	Hard	R64	Jarkko Nieminen	6-3	6-4	
09 Basel (Switzerland)	Hard	R32	Jarkko Nieminen	7-5	6-2	
11 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo	Clay	R64	Jarkko Nieminen	4-6	6-3	7-6(3)
12 Sydney (Australia)	Hard	F	Jarkko Nieminen	6-2	7-5	

Benneteau FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
F: Sydney (l Nieminen); Kuala Lumpur (l Monaco); **SF**: San Jose (l Istomin)
YTD W-L: 27-23
YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: December 20, 1981
2012 ATP Ranking: 35

Nieminen FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
W: Sydney (d Benneteau); **SF**: Bangkok (l Gasquet); **QF**: Montpellier (l Monfils); Rotterdam (l Federer); Belgrade (l Paire)
YTD W-L: 26-27
YTD Titles: 1/Career Titles: 2
Date of Birth: July 23, 1981
2012 ATP Ranking: 41

Marinko Matosevic (AUS) vs (5) Kei Nishikori (JPN) **First Meeting**

Matosevic FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
F: Delray Beach (l Anderson); **SF**: Los Angeles (l Berankis); **QF**: Munich (l Kohlschreiber); Eastbourne (l Darcis); Vienna (l Del Potro)
YTD W-L: 17-19
YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: August 8, 1985
2012 ATP Ranking: 49

Nishikori FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
W: Tokyo (d Raonic); **SF**: Kuala Lumpur (l Monaco); **QF**: Australian Open (l Murray); Buenos Aires (l Wawrinka); Barcelona (l Verdasco); Newport (l Ram); Atlanta (l Soeda); London Olympics (l Del Potro)
YTD W-L: 37-18
YTD Titles: 1/Career Titles: 2
Date of Birth: December 29, 1989
2012 ATP Ranking: 19

(6) Florian Mayer (GER) vs Santiago Giraldo (COL) **First Meeting**

Mayer FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
SF: Beijing (l Djokovic); **QF**: Wimbledon (l Djokovic); Hamburg (l Haas); Metz (l Seppi)
YTD W-L: 23-26
YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 1
Date of Birth: October 5, 1983
2012 ATP Ranking: 28

Giraldo FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
SF: Acapulco (l Ferrer); **QF**: Brisbane (l Simon)
YTD W-L: 21-21
YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: November 27, 1987
2012 ATP Ranking: 57

(WC) Benjamin Mitchell (AUS) vs Marcos Baghdatis (CYP) **First Meeting**

Mitchell FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
YTD W-L: 0-2
YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: November 30, 1992
2012 ATP Ranking: 326

Baghdatis FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
SF: Sydney (l Benneteau); Zagreb (l Lacko); Tokyo (l Nishikori); Stockholm (l Tsonga); **QF**: Brisbane (l Murray); Munich (l Haas)
YTD W-L: 35-25
YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 4
Date of Birth: June 17, 1985
2012 ATP Ranking: 36

(WC) Matthew Ebden (AUS) vs David Goffin (BEL) **Goffin Leads 1-0**

11 Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)	Hard	R32	David Goffin	6-4	7-6(4)	
Other meeting:						
10 Loughborough CH (Great Britain)	Carpet	R32	Matthew Ebden	3-6	6-1	7-5

Ebden FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
QF: Atlanta (l Muller)
YTD W-L: 17-23
YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: November 26, 1987
2012 ATP Ranking: 105

Goffin FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
QF: Chennai (l Tipsarevic); Winston-Salem (l Isner); Valencia (l Melzer)
YTD W-L: 17-14
YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: December 7, 1990
2012 ATP Ranking: 46

Grigor Dimitrov (BUL) vs Brian Baker (USA) **First Meeting**

Dimitrov FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
SF: London / Queen's Club (l Nalbandian); Bastad (l Ferrer); Gstaad (l Bellucci); **QF**: Basel (l Mathieu)
YTD W-L: 24-19
YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: May 16, 1991
2012 ATP Ranking: 48

Baker FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
F: Nice (l Almagro)
YTD W-L: 11-13
YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: April 30, 1985
2012 ATP Ranking: 61