FRIDAY PREVIEW – TOP TWO SEEDS, FORMER CHAMPION, QUALIFIER IN SEMI-FINALS

- The semi-finals on Friday at the Qatar ExxonMobil Open feature the top two seeds, the 2010 champion and a qualifier trying to reach his first career ATP World Tour final. This is the fourth straight year the top two seeds are in the semi-finals and the first time since '06 two unseeded players are in the semis.

- In the first semi-final, German qualifier **Daniel Brands** takes on No. 2 seed **Richard Gasquet,** who won the previous meeting on clay in Gstaad in July 2010. The No. 153rd-ranked Brands won five main draw matches on the ATP World Tour last season and in his Doha debut, he's won three qualifying and three main draw matches. He is the first qualifier to reach the semi-finals in Doha since Czech Bohdan Ulihrach advanced to the final in 2001 (l. to Rios). Brands is appearing in his third career ATP World Tour semi-final. He is the first German in the semis here since Tommy Haas in 2006. Gasquet is also in his first Doha semi-final and it's the fourth time in the past five years at least one Frenchman has reached the semis. Last year Jo-Wilfried Tsonga defeated Gael Monfils in an all-French final. In 2012, Gasquet won his seventh career title in Bangkok (d. Simon) and finished in the Top 10 for the first time since 2007. He is playing in Doha for the first time since 2006.

- In the next match, top seed and World No. 5 **David Ferrer** looks to even his career record (2-3) against 2010 champion **Nikolay Davydenko**, who has a 24-8 career record in Doha and he's appearing in his sixth semi-final. He's the only player remaining who has yet to lose a set. In fact, he's not been broken, holding all 27 service games. Along with his title three years ago, reached the final in 2011 (l. to Federer) and semi-finals in 2005, '07-08. Ferrer won the last meeting in the quarter-finals of Valencia in November 2011. The 31-year-old Russian is trying to break a 15-match losing streak vs. Top 10 opponents. His last Top 10 win came here in the semi-finals two years ago over No. 1 Rafael Nadal. The 30-year-old Ferrer is coming off a career-best season in which he led the ATP World Tour with seven titles and 76 match wins. A Spaniard has never won the singles title in the tournament's 20-year history. In 2010, Rafael Nadal l. to Davydenko, and in 2002, Felix Mantilla l. to Younes El Aynaoui.

Friday Semi-finals FedEx ATP Head 2 Heads – In Order of Play
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(Q) Daniel Brands (GER) vs (2) Richard Gasquet (FRA) — Gasquet Leads 1-0

10 Gstaad (Switzerland)	Clay	R16	Richard Gasquet	6-7(5) 6-3 6-0

Brands FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
QF: Bucharest (l Bachinger)
YTD W-L: 5-8
YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: July 17, 1987
Emirates ATP Ranking: 117 (year-end), 153 (this week)

- **Brands**, 25, has won three qualifying and three main draw matches en route to the semi-finals. He's the first qualifier to reach the semi-finals in Doha since 2001 when Czech Bohdan Ulihrach advanced to the final (l. to Rios). Two of his three qualifying wins came in three sets and he then in the main draw, defeated No. 5 seed Jeremy Chardy 64 64, Egyptian wild card Mohamed Safwat 46 63 62 and two-time Doha finalist Gael Monfils 61 75. The last German finalist here is Rainer Schuettler in 2000 (won in '99)
- No. 2 this week in first serve pts. won (79%) and No. 4 in service games won (31 of 34, 91%) and aces (20). Has converted 10 of 16 break points (63%)
- Came in ranked No. 153 and will jump to around No. 121, to around No. 106 with final and around No. 83 if he wins the title
- Last season finished at No. 117 and his best ATP World Tour result was quarter-finals in Bucharest (l. to Bachinger). Qualified at US Open (d. Ungur, l. to No. 13 Cilic 7-5 in fifth set)
- In Vienna, lost to No. 8 del Potro in three tie-breaks (without service break) in 2nd Rd. and fired 32 aces
- On Challenger circuit, won title on home soil in Eckental (d. Gulbis) in November and reached QF three times
- His best year-end ranking is No. 92 in 2009 and reached his first ATP World Tour SF in Munich (l. to Youzhny). Best Grand Slam result is 4th Rd. at Wimbledon in 2010 (d. No. 5 Davydenko, l. to No. 13 Berdych in four sets) and afterwards ranked a career-high No. 66 on July 5

Gasquet FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
W: Bangkok (d Simon); **F(2)**: Estoril (l Del Potro); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Toronto (l Djokovic); **SF**: Basel (l Del Potro); **QF(5)**: Sydney (l Istomin); Montpellier (l Kohlschreiber); Rotterdam (l Davydenko); Marseille (l Del Potro); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Rome (l Ferrer)
YTD W-L: 42-22
YTD Titles: 1/Career Titles: 7
Date of Birth: June 18, 1986
Emirates ATP Ranking: 10

- **Gasquet**, 26, has reached the semi-finals in Doha for the first time with a 63 64 victory over Czech qualifier Jan Hernych, 67(7) 64 76(3) win over Slovenian Grega Zemlja (trailed 2-5 in third set) and 61 63 triumph over Lukas Lacko. In previous visit in 2006, lost in the first round to Tim Henman 64 64
- Leads the tournament in aces (28) and No. 3 in service games won (32 of 35, 91%), saving 13 of 16 break points (82%). Has converted 10 of 20 break points
- A Frenchman has now reached the semi-finals or better in Doha in four of past five years (except '10)
- Last season the No. 2 Frenchman (behind No. 8 Tsonga) finished in the Top 10 for first time since 2007. Won 42 matches, second-most in career (49 in '07), and reached third career ATP Masters 1000 final in Toronto (l. to Djokovic)
- Looking to reach 18th career ATP World Tour final (7-10). Last season compiled a 1-2 record in finals, winning his seventh ATP World Tour title in Bangkok (d. countryman Simon), his first since May 2010 (Nice). Also finalist on clay in Estoril in May (l. to del Potro).
- Reached 4R of each Grand Slam for first time: Australian Open (l. to No. 5 Ferrer), Roland Garros (l. to No. 4 Murray), Wimbledon (d. No. 11 Almagro, l. to F. Mayer) and US Open (l. to No. 5 Ferrer)
- Played well indoors (12-5 record), winning Bangkok title, SF in Basel (l. to del Potro) and three QF. Went 3-9 vs. Top 10 opponents with wins over No. 9 Tipsarevic (Aust. Open), No. 4 Murray (Rome) and No. 7 Berdych (Toronto)
- In doubles, won bronze medal at London Olympics (w/Benneteau)

(1)David Ferrer (ESP) vs Nikolay Davydenko (RUS) — Davydenko Leads 3-2

04 Palermo (Italy)	Clay	QF	David Ferrer	6-2	2-6	6-4
07 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (USA)	Hard	QF	Nikolay Davydenko	6-2	6-4	
09 Hamburg (Germany)	Clay	SF	Nikolay Davydenko	7-5	7-6(2)	
10 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (USA)	Hard	R16	Nikolay Davydenko	4-6	6-3	7-5
11 Valencia (Spain)	Hard (I)	QF	David Ferrer	6-3	6-4	

Ferrer FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
W(7): Auckland (d Rochus); Buenos Aires (d Almagro); Acapulco (d Verdasco); s-Hertogenbosch (d Petzschner); Bastad (d Almagro); Valencia (d Dolgopolov); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Paris (d Janowicz); **F**: Barcelona (l Nadal); **SF(4)**: ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Rome (l Nadal); Roland Garros (l Nadal); US Open (l Djokovic); Kuala Lumpur (l Benneteau); **QF(4)**: Australian Open (l Djokovic); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Miami (l Djokovic); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Madrid (l Federer); Wimbledon (l Murray)
YTD W-L: 76-15
2012 Titles: 7/Career Titles: 18
Date of Birth: April 2, 1982
Emirates ATP Ranking: 5

- **Ferrer**, 30, is playing in the semi-finals for the first time after defeating a pair of German qualifiers, rallying in his season opener 57 63 62 over Dustin Brown, and following with a 63 62 victory over Tobias Kamke. On Thursday, beat Italian Paolo Lorenzi 63 60
- Leads the tournament in return games won (41%, 12 of 29 games) and has held serve 29 of 32 games (91%), saving nine of 12 break points (75%). No. 3 in second serve pts. won (61%)
- This is the first time since 2005 the Spaniard is playing in the opening week of the season. From 2006-12 began the year in Auckland. Eight years ago here lost in the first round to Federer. In his other appearance in '03, lost in the second round (d. Sluiter, l. to Gambill).
- The No. 2 Spaniard (behind Nadal) put together a career-best season, leading the ATP World Tour with seven titles (in eight finals) and 76 match wins. Became first player since Nadal in '07 to win at least 30 matches on clay (32) and hard (33) courts. Finished in Top 10 for third year in a row (fourth overall)
- Captured titles on three surfaces: Auckland, Valencia and ATP Masters 1000 Paris on hard, Buenos Aires, Acapulco and Båstad on clay, and 's-Hertogenbosch on grass. Also runner-up on clay in Barcelona (l. to Nadal)
- Only player during year to win multiple titles on clay and hard. Overall reached QF or better in 16 tournaments and had career-best 11-match winning streak twice

- Led his country to Davis Cup final for fourth time in past five years (l. to Czech Republic 3-2) with 6-0 singles record
- Played in most singles matches (91) on tour and in his career (previous high 84 in ’07 and ‘10)
- During European indoor circuit, won back-to-back titles in his hometown Valencia (d. Dolgopolov) and his 1st ATP Masters 1000 crown in Paris (d. Janowicz). Oldest 1st-time ATP Masters 1000 winner since Ivan Ljubicic (31) in Indian Wells in 2010
- Compiled a career-best 18-4 record in Grand Slam tournaments, reaching SF at Roland Garros (l. to Nadal) and US Open (l. to Djokovic) along with QF at Australian Open (l. to Djokovic) and Wimbledon (l. to Murray). It was first time he reached all four QF (or better) in a season
- Posted records of 32-5 on clay and 33-8 on hard courts (14-2 indoor). Also personal-best 11-2 on grass. Had best match winning percentage (.938) in decisive-set matches (15-1). Went 2-1 in RR play in Barclays ATP World Tour Finals in London. Earned a career-high $4,409,340

Davydenko FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
SF(3): Rotterdam (l Federer); Nice (l Baker); Metz (l Tsonga); **QF**: Kuala Lumpur (l Nishikori)
YTD W-L: 24-23
YTD Titles: 0
Career Titles: 21
Date of Birth: June 2, 1981
Emirates ATP Ranking: 44

- **Davydenko**, 31, the lone champion in this year’s field (2010, d. Nadal), is appearing in the semi-finals for the sixth time (2-3 record). He opened on Monday with a 62 63 win over Victor Hanescu ,followed with a 75 63 victory over No. 4 seed/countryman Mikhail Youzhny and 61 61 triumph over Simone Bolelli. He is making his 10th appearance in Doha (24-8 record). Also runner-up in 2011 (l. to Federer), semi-finalist in 2005, ’07-08 and quarter-finalist in ‘06
- Has not been broken this week, winning all 27 service games (saving five break pts.) and No. 2 in second serve pts. won (63%) and break pts. converted (10 of 14, 71%)
- Posted three Top 20 wins over No. 16 Gasquet (Rotterdam), No. 11 Isner (Nice) and No.16 Dolgopolov (Cincinnati). Went 0-9 vs. Top 10 opponents
- Looking to break 15-match losing streak vs. Top 10 opponents since defeating No. 1 Nadal in SF here two years ago (36-67 career record)
- Last season the Russian finished in Top 50 for 10th straight year, highlighted by three SF results- Rotterdam (I. to Federer), Nice (I. to Baker) and Metz (I. to Tsonga)
- Has a 21-6 career record in ATP World Tour finals and last title came in Munich in May 2011 (d. Mayer)
- Streak of nine straight years with an ATP World Tour title came to an end (from 2003-11)
- Compiled records of 18-14 on hard, 5-7 on clay and 1-2 on grass

CAREER ACTIVE TITLE LEADERS – Davydenko and Ferrer are among the active title leaders on the ATP World Tour:

	No.
1 Roger Federer	76
2 Rafael Nadal	50
3 Novak Djokovic	34
4 Lleyton Hewitt	28
5 Andy Murray	24
6 Nikolay Davydenko	**21**
7 David Ferrer	**18**

POTENTIAL FINAL HEAD-TO-HEADS –

David Ferrer (ESP) vs Daniel Brands (GER) **First Meeting**

David Ferrer (ESP) vs Richard Gasquet (FRA) **Ferrer Leads 8-1**

04 Stuttgart (Germany)	Clay	R16	David Ferrer	6-4 6-2
07 Tokyo (Japan)	Hard	F	David Ferrer	6-1 6-2
07 Tennis Masters Cup (China)	Hard	RR	David Ferrer	6-1 6-1
08 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto	Hard	R16	Richard Gasquet	6-3 6-3
09 Dubai (U.A.E.)	Hard	SF	David Ferrer	6-2 6-2
09 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China)	Hard	R64	David Ferrer	6-4 6-3
12 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	R16	David Ferrer	6-4 6-4 6-1
12 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy)	Clay	QF	David Ferrer	7-6(4) 6-3
12 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	David Ferrer	7-5 7-6(2) 6-4

Nikolay Davydenko (RUS) vs Daniel Brands (GER)				**Brands Leads 1-0**			
10 Wimbledon (Great Britain)	Grass	R64	Daniel Brands	1-6	7-6(5)	7-6(8)	6-1

Nikolay Davydenko (RUS) vs Richard Gasquet (FRA)				**Gasquet Leads 3-2**			
05 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo	Clay	R16	Richard Gasquet	4-6	7-5	6-2	
05 RUS v. FRA WG QF (Russia)	Clay	RR	Nikolay Davydenko	6-2	4-6	6-2	6-1
10 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Richard Gasquet	6-3	6-4	6-2	
12 Montpellier (France)	Hard	R16	Richard Gasquet	6-3	6-4		
12 Rotterdam (The Netherlands)	Hard	QF	Nikolay Davydenko	7-5	6-3		

DOUBLES FINAL – GERMAN DUO TAKE ON NO. 2 SEEDS IN NEAR REPEAT FINAL

- The unseeded German duo of **Christopher Kas** and **Philipp Kohlschreiber** are back in the doubles final and they take on No. 2 seeds **Julian Knowle** of Austria and **Filip Polasek** of Slovakia. In last year's Doha final, Polasek and Lukas Rosol defeated the German tandem.

- Kas and Kohlschreiber are appearing in their fifth ATP World Tour doubles final together (2-2). They won the title in their debut in Stuttgart in July 2008 and also on home soil in Halle in June 2009. Along with last year's runner-up in Doha, they were finalists in Basel in '08. They have lost one set this week.

- Kas is 3-13 lifetime in finals and he's trying to break a losing streak of five finals in a row since last winning in Bangkok in October 2010. Kohlschreiber is appearing in his 10th ATP World Tour doubles final (6-3) and his last title came in Halle in '09.

- Knowle and Polasek first teamed up last August in Winston-Salem and they are 11-7 lifetime together. In their first Grand Slam at the US Open, they reached the quarter-finals (l. to Paes-Stepanek). In October, they were finalists in Vienna. Knowle's previous appearance in Doha was in 2007 and Polasek is making his third visit (8-1 record).

- Knowle is 14-18 lifetime in doubles finals on the ATP World Tour while Polasek is 9-12. He's won at least one title in each of the past five years.