

RAKUTEN JAPAN OPEN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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DAY THREE NOTES: Wednesday, October 3, 2012

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WEDNESDAY PREVIEW - MONACO & TIPSAREVIC OPEN, MURRAY CONTINUES

- The first round wraps up and the second round begins Wednesday at the Rakuten Japan Open Tennis Championships, with three current Top 10 players and two former Top 10 players in action.
- First on Centre Court is No. 4 seed **Juan Monaco** of Argentina against Bulgarian qualifier **Grigor Dimitrov** in a first round match. Monaco won Kuala Lumpur last week, his seventh ATP World Tour title (and first on hard courts). He also moved back to a career-high No. 10 this week by virtue of the victory and now he tries to keep his momentum going in Tokyo. He beat Dimitrov in their only previous meeting and Dimitrov is 1-11 against Top 10 players (beating No. 7 Tomas Berdych in Miami in March). Dimitrov is a three-time semi-finalist on the ATP World Tour this season.
- Next up is No. 3 seed **Janko Tipsarevic** of Serbia against France's **Gilles Simon** in another first round match. The two played last Saturday in the semi-finals of Bangkok, with Simon coming out on top - and the Frenchman has come out on top a lot against Tipsarevic, leading their head-to-head series, 5-1 (including 4-0 on hard courts). Simon lost in the final of that tournament to Gasquet and can the former World No. 6 rebound here? Tipsarevic enters with a 50-20 match record on the season and he's the only player with at least 20 wins on hard (24-10) and clay (21-7) courts this year. Simon comes in with a 38-21 record and he captured his 10th career ATP World Tour title in Bucharest in April.
- Next on is No. 7 seed and Swiss No. 2 **Stanislas Wawrinka** against France's **Jeremy Chardy** in a second round match. Both players played Japanese wild cards in the first round with Wawrinka going three sets against Horiko Moriya while Chardy prevailed 61 75 over Yuichi Sugita. Wawrinka won both previous matches in straight sets on clay, including a quarter-final in Acapulco in March. The No. 16-ranked Wawrinka is a four-time semi-finalist this season. Chardy has climbed from No. 103 at the end of last year to No. 31 this week with a semi-final and four quarter-finals in 2012. He is one of six Frenchmen ranked in the Top 50.
- Last up is top seed and World No. 3 **Andy Murray** against Slovakia's **Lukas Lacko**. In his first match since winning the US Open, Murray beat the big-serving Ivo Karlovic in straight sets, a perfect start to his title defense here in Tokyo. Now the 25-year-old Scot takes on Lacko for the second time. Murray won in straight sets in the first round at the US Open two years ago. Murray is 48-11 on the season with three titles. He is trying to reach his 11th quarter-final this year. Lacko is 0-9 against Top 10 players (and 1-24 in sets - he won a bagel middle set on Rafael Nadal at Doha in 2011, but went down 6-3 in the third set). Lacko advanced to his first career ATP World Tour final in Zagreb in February (l. to Youzhny).

WEDNESDAY SECOND ROUND FEDEX ATP HEAD 2 HEADS – In Order of Play

Centre Court

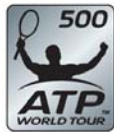
(Q)Grigor Dimitrov (BUL) vs (2) Juan Monaco (ARG)

11 Barcelona (Spain)

Clay R64 Juan Monaco

Monaco Leads 1-0

6-4 6-1



Dimitrov FastFacts:

2012 Highlights:

SF(3): London / Queen's Club (l Nalbandian); Bastad (l Ferrer); Gstaad (l Bellucci)

YTD W-L: 20-15 (6-7 on hard)

YTD Titles: 0

Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: May 16, 1991

South African Airways ATP Ranking: 60

- **Dimitrov**, 21, qualified into the main draw with a pair of wins over the weekend...He comes in with a 20-15 match record this season (6-7 on hard), already surpassing his match wins total of last year (18) ...Reached a career-high ranking No. 52 on Aug. 22 and is No. 60 this week
- The top Bulgarian in on pace to improve his year-end ranking for a fourth straight year,
- His best stretch came in June-July when he advanced to three semi-finals, at Queen's Club in London on grass (l. to Nalbandian) and back-to-back in Bastad (l. to Ferrer) and Gstaad (l. to Bellucci) on clay ...He won 11 of 15 matches during the stretch
- In Grand Slam play, reached second round at Australian Open (d. Chardy, l. to Almagro in 5 sets), Roland Garros (d. Young, l. to Gasquet) and Wimbledon (d. Anderson, l. to Baghdatis)
- Has compiled an 1-11 career mark vs. Top 10 opponents (1-4 this season) and posted first win over No. 7 Berdych in Miami en route to 4R (l. to Tipsarevic), his best ATP Masters 1000 result

Monaco FastFacts:

2012 Highlights:

W(4): Vina del Mar (d Berlocq); Houston (d Isner); Hamburg (d Haas); Kuala Lumpur (d Benneteau); **F:** Stuttgart (l Tipsarevic); **SF:** ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Miami (l Djokovic)

YTD W-L: 37-15 (10-6 on hard)

YTD Titles: 4

Career Titles: 7

Date of Birth: March 29, 1984

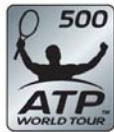
South African Airways ATP Ranking: 10

- **Monaco**, 28, is making his sixth appearance (2-5 record) in Tokyo and his best result was the third round in 2006...Also reached second round in '09...Playing here for fourth year in a row
- The No. 2 Argentine (behind No. 8 del Potro) is coming off his career-best fourth ATP World Tour title of the season in Kuala Lumpur on Sunday (d. Benneteau), his first on hard courts...In semi-finals, rallied from a 2-5 third set deficit and saved one match point in his 62 26 76(4) win over Kei Nishikori...Back in Top 10 after title, first time since week of Aug. 6 (fourth week overall) ...Broke the Top 10 for the first time on July 23 after Hamburg and spent three weeks at No. 10
- He is 4-1 in finals, earning clay titles in Vina del Mar (d. Berlocq) in February, Houston (d. Isner) in April and Hamburg (d. Haas) in July...Also runner-up in Stuttgart (l. to Tipsarevic)
- Has a 37-15 match record on the season (10-6 on hard, 24-7 on clay)
- Has a 7-9 career record in ATP World Tour finals...Last November reached his first final on hard courts in Valencia (l. to Granollers)

(3) Janko Tipsarevic (SRB) vs Gilles Simon (FRA)

Simon Leads 5-1

08 Rotterdam (The Netherlands)	Hard	R16	Gilles Simon	7-6(4) 7-6(4)
11 ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Miami	Hard	R16	Gilles Simon	4-6 7-6(3)6-2
11 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (USA)	Hard	R32	Gilles Simon	6-7(3) 6-2 6-3
12 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo	Clay	R16	Gilles Simon	6-0 4-6 6-1
12 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain)	Clay	R16	Janko Tipsarevic	7-6(3) 5-7 6-1



12 Bangkok (Thailand) Hard SF Gilles Simon 6-4 6-4

Tipsarevic FastFacts:

2012 Highlights:

W: Stuttgart (d Monaco); **F(2):** Chennai (l Raonic); Gstaad (l Bellucci); **SF(4):** Marseille (l Llodra); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Madrid (l Federer); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Toronto (l Djokovic); Bangkok (l Simon); **QF(4):** Dubai (l Djokovic); ATP Masters 1000 Miami (l Murray); Barcelona (l Nadal); US Open (l Ferrer)

YTD W-L: 50-20 (24-10 on hard)

YTD Titles: 1/Career Titles: 3

Date of Birth: June 22, 1984

South African Airways ATP Ranking: 9

- **Tipsarevic**, 28, is looking for his first match win in Tokyo in his fourth visit...Lost in the first round in 2004 (l. to Bogomolov Jr.), '05 (l. to Baghdatis) and last year (l. to Tursunov)
- He is coming off his seventh ATP World Tour semi-final of the year in Bangkok where he lost to Simon
- The No. 2 Serb (behind No. 2 Djokovic) won his third title in Stuttgart (d. Monaco) in July and was runner-up in first week in Chennai (l. to Raonic) and in Gstaad (l. to Bellucci) in July
- Has a 50-20 match record this season, his second straight 50-match wins campaign (54-26 last year)
- He is the only player to post at least 20 match wins on hard (24-10) on and clay (21-7) courts this year

Simon FastFacts:

2012 Highlights:

W: Bucharest (d Fognini); **F:** Bangkok (l Gasquet); **SF(4):** Brisbane (l Dolgoplov); Montpellier (l Monfils); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (l Nadal); Nice (l Almagro); **QF:** ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (l Isner)

YTD W-L: 38-21 (16-8 on hard)

YTD Titles: 1/Career Titles: 10

Date of Birth: December 27, 1984

South African Airways ATP Ranking: 18

- **Simon**, 27, is making his second appearance in Tokyo, the first in three years when he lost in the second round (d. Suzuki, l. to Youzhny)...Was ranked No. 10 at the time
- The No. 3 Frenchman (behind No. 7 Tsonga, No. 14 Gasquet) is coming off a runner-up effort in Bangkok on Sunday (l. to countryman Gasquet)...He is 10-3 lifetime in finals
- In late April, he captured his 10th career ATP World Tour title in Bucharest (d. Fognini)
- Also semi-finalist in four tournaments – Brisbane (l. to Dolgoplov) in January, Montpellier (l. to Monfils) in February, ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (l. to Nadal) in April and Nice (l. to Almagro) in May
- Has a 38-21 match record (16-8 on hard and 19-10 on clay) and an 18-42 career mark vs. Top 10 opponents (3-5 this year)

Jeremy Chardy (FRA) vs (7) Stanislas Wawrinka (SUI)

Wawrinka Leads 2-0

09 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain)	Clay	R32	Stanislas Wawrinka	6-4	7-5
12 Acapulco (Mexico)	Clay	QF	Stanislas Wawrinka	7-5	6-1

Chardy FastFacts:

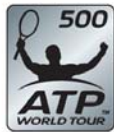
2012 Highlights:

SF: Vina del Mar (l Monaco); **QF(4):** Acapulco (l Wawrinka); Casablanca (l Ramos); Hamburg (l Monaco); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Cincinnati (l Del Potro)

YTD W-L: 23-17 (9-7 on hard)

YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 1

Date of Birth: February 12, 1987



South African Airways ATP Ranking: 31

- **Chardy**, 25, is one of six Frenchmen in the Top 50 South African Airways ATP Rankings and enters with a 23-17 match record (9-7 on hard, 12-8 on clay, 2-2 on grass)
- He is making his second appearance in Tokyo and two years ago lost in the second round (d. Roger-Vasselin, l. to No. 10 Roddick)
- His best result was the semi-finals in Vina del Mar in February (l. to eventual champ Monaco) and also a quarter-finalist in Acapulco, Casablanca and Hamburg, all on clay...In August as a lucky loser, reached the quarters at ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (l. to del Potro)
- Opened the season ranked No. 103 and won the New Caledonia Challenger title in January before working his way back into the Top 50...Comes in No. 31 and one spot off his career-high of No. 30 on Sept. 10 after personal-best third round at US Open (l. to Klizan)...This is his first tournament since

FRENCHMEN IN TOP 50 – Chardy is one of six Frenchmen in the Top 50 South African Airways ATP Rankings (Spain leads with eight players in Top 50):

No. 6 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga

No. 31 Jeremy Chardy

No. 14 Richard Gasquet

No. 33 Julien Benneteau

No. 18 Gilles Simon

No. 44 Gael Monfils

Wawrinka FastFacts:

2012 Highlights:

SF(4): Buenos Aires (l. Almagro); Acapulco (l. Verdasco); Estoril (l. Del Potro); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Cincinnati (l. Federer); **QF(2)**: Chennai (l. Soeda); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (l. Nadal)

YTD W-L: 31-16 (12-5 on hard)

YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 3

Date of Birth: March 28, 1985

South African Airways ATP Ranking: 16

- **Wawrinka**, 27, the Swiss No. 2, is trying to reach his second Tokyo quarter-final in as many visits... Three years ago lost to Gael Monfils in the quarters
- Has a 31-16 match record on the season (12-5 on hard) and his best results are four semi-finals – in Buenos Aires (l. to Almagro), Acapulco (l. to Verdasco) and Estoril (l. to del Potro) on clay and at ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (l. to Federer) on hard courts
- In Grand Slam play, has compiled an 8-4 mark with third round at Australian Open (l. to No. 10 Almagro), fourth round at Roland Garros (l. to No. 5 Tsonga), first round at Wimbledon (l. to Melzer in five sets) and fourth round at US Open (ret. due to illness vs. Djokovic)
- Has a 3-6 career mark in ATP World Tour finals and reached his lone ATP Masters 1000 final in Rome in 2008 (l. to Djokovic)

(1)Andy Murray (GBR) vs Lukas Lacko (SVK)

10 US Open (U.S.A.)

Hard R128 Andy Murray

Murray Leads 1-0

6-3 6-2 6-2

Murray FastFacts:

2012 Highlights:

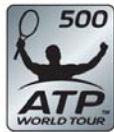
W(3): Brisbane (d. Dolgoplov); London Olympics (d. Federer); US Open (d. Djokovic); **F(3)**: Dubai (l. Federer); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Miami (l. Djokovic); Wimbledon (l. Federer); **SF**: Australian Open (l. Djokovic);

QF(3): ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (l. Berdych); Barcelona (l. Raonic); Roland Garros (l. Ferrer)

YTD W-L: 48-11 (27-5 on hard)

YTD Titles: 3/Career Titles: 24

Date of Birth: May 15, 1987



South African Airways ATP Ranking: 3

- **Murray**, 25, comes into the second round with a 48-11 match record on the season (27-5 on hard, 12-2 on grass, 9-4 on clay) and trying to reach his 11th quarter-final in 2012
- He is playing in his first tournament since winning his maiden Grand Slam title at the US Open (d. Djokovic in five sets) on Sept. 10...He became the first British Grand Slam tournament champion since Fred Perry in '36 US Chps.
- The British No. 1 also earned the gold medal at the London Olympics where he beat No. 2 Novak Djokovic in the semi-finals and No. 1 Roger Federer in the final, winning all five sets and never losing serve (saved 13 break points, nine vs. Federer)...He was the first British man to win the singles gold medal since 1908...Also earned silver medal in mixed doubles (w/Robson), losing to Azarenka-Mirnyi 10-8 in Match Tie-break
- Prior to Olympics, became first British man to reach the Wimbledon final since Bunny Austin in 1938, falling to Federer in four sets
- He opened the year with his 22nd career ATP World Tour title in Brisbane (d. Dolgoplov) and in March was runner-up in Dubai (l. to Federer)...On April 1 in Miami, reached the final (l. to Djokovic)...Also semi-finalist at Australian Open (l. to Djokovic)...Has advanced to the semi-finals or better in seven of last eight Grand Slam tournaments (QF at Roland Garros, l. to Ferrer)...Went 22-3 in Grand Slam play
- One of four players (Federer, Djokovic, Nadal) to qualify for Barclays ATP World Tour Finals in London

Lacko FastFacts:**2012 Highlights:**

F: Zagreb (l. Youzhny)

YTD W-L: 13-18 (10-11 on hard)

YTD Titles: 0

Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: November 3, 1987

South African Airways ATP Ranking: 65

- **Lacko**, 24, is making his Tokyo debut and opened with a 60 62 win over Spaniard Albert Ramos
- The No. 2 Slovak (behind No. 34 Klizan) has a 13-18 match record on the season (10-11 on hard) and reached a career-high No. 53 on July 9
- In February, advanced to his first ATP World Tour final in Zagreb (l. to Youzhny)
- Played well in Grand Slam tournaments with career-best third round at Australian Open (d. Ljubicic in five sets, Young, l. to Nadal) and Wimbledon (d. Melzer in five sets, l. to Tsonga)
- Has an 0-9 career mark against Top 10 players (and 1-24 in sets - he won a bagel middle set against Rafael Nadal at Doha in 2011, but lost 6-3 in the third set)