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DJOKOVIC BECOMES 25th PLAYER IN HISTORY TO HOLD WORLD No. 1 RANKING

- Serb ends Nadal-Federer reign atop South African Airways ATP Rankings

LONDON – Serbia's Novak Djokovic, who has won 48 of his 49 matches in 2011, took over the No. 1 position in the South African Airways ATP Rankings on Monday, replacing Rafael Nadal, who had held the top spot since June 7, 2010.

Djokovic was guaranteed to move to No. 1 as a result of his semi-final win over Jo-Wilfried Tsonga at Wimbledon on Friday. Nadal had been No. 1 for the past 56 weeks since June 7, 2010, and 102 weeks overall. Djokovic, who had ranked No. 2 behind Nadal since March 21, is the first Serbian male to rank No. 1 in the history of South African Airways ATP Rankings (since Aug. 23, 1973).

The last player to rank No. 1 before Nadal and Roger Federer was American Andy Roddick, the week of January 26, 2004.

"This is an amazing achievement to get to the top spot, especially with rivals such as Rafa and Roger," said Djokovic. "They made me work so hard and made me improve every day. There are no words to express how good they are but I always thought that I could become No. 1 one day. Both the belief and the hard work took me there."

At 24 years, 1 month, 12 days, the Belgrade native is the 25th player in the history of the South African Airways ATP Rankings (since 1973) to hold the No. 1 position in the official rankings in men's tennis. He is the 14th European player to rank No. 1.

Djokovic leads the ATP World Tour with a career-best eight titles in 2011, including his second Australian Open crown in January and his first Wimbledon trophy on Sunday. He also captured four ATP World Tour Masters 1000 titles (Indian Wells, Miami, Madrid, Rome). His overall 43-match winning run, dating back to last year's Davis Cup final, is the third-longest streak in the Open Era, behind Guillermo Vilas (46) and Ivan Lendl (44).

ATP Executive Chairman & President Adam Helfant said: "Novak's results over the past year have been remarkable. His 43-match winning streak is one of sport's greatest stories of the year, not to mention his triumphs at the Australian Open, Wimbledon, and six ATP World Tour events. His phenomenal success has come during an incredibly competitive era in men's tennis and he is a truly deserving new ATP World Tour No.1."

In May, Djokovic became the first player to qualify for the season-ending Barclays ATP World Tour Finals in London. It is the fifth straight year that he has qualified for the elite eight-player tournament.

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THE NUMBER ONES
Following is a list of the 25 players who have ranked No. 1 in the history of the South African Airways ATP Rankings (since 1973):

Player (Country)	***Reached No. 1***	***Age***	***Total Weeks***
Novak Djokovic (SRB)	July 4, 2011	24 years, 1 months	1
Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Aug. 18, 2008	22 years, 2 months	102
Roger Federer (SUI)	Feb. 2, 2004	22 years, 5 months	285
Andy Roddick (USA)	Nov. 3, 2003	21 years, 2 months	13
Juan Carlos Ferrero (ESP)	Sept. 8, 2003	23 years, 6 months	8
Lleyton Hewitt (AUS)	Nov. 19, 2001	20 years, 8 months	80
Gustavo Kuerten (BRA)	Dec. 4, 2000	24 years, 2 months	43
Marat Safin (RUS)	Nov. 20, 2000	20 years, 9 months	9
Patrick Rafter (AUS)	July 26, 1999	26 years, 8 months	1
Yevgeny Kafelnikov (RUS)	May 3, 1999	25 years, 2 months	6
Carlos Moya (ESP)	Mar. 15, 1999	22 years, 6 months	2
Marcelo Rios (CHI)	Mar. 30, 1998	22 years, 3 months	6
Thomas Muster (AUT)	Feb. 12, 1996	28 years, 4 months	6
Andre Agassi (USA)	Apr. 10, 1995	24 years, 11 months	101
Pete Sampras (USA)	Apr. 12, 1993	21 years, 8 months	286
Jim Courier (USA)	Feb. 10, 1992	21 years, 5 months	58
Boris Becker (GER)	Jan. 28, 1991	23 years, 5 months	12
Stefan Edberg (SWE)	Aug. 13, 1990	24 years, 9 months	72
Mats Wilander (SWE)	Sept. 12, 1988	24 years, 1 month	20
Ivan Lendl (CZE)	Feb. 28, 1983	22 years, 11 months	270
John McEnroe (USA)	Mar. 3, 1980	21 years, 15 days	170
Bjorn Borg (SWE)	Aug. 23, 1977	21 years, 2 months	109
Jimmy Connors (USA)	July 29, 1974	21 years, 11 months	268
John Newcombe (AUS)	June 3, 1974	30 years, 11 days	8
Ilie Nastase (ROM)	Aug. 23, 1973	27 years, 1 month	40

COUNTRIES AT NO. 1
Djokovic is the 25th player to hold No. 1 in the history of the South African Airways ATP Rankings (since 1973) and he is the first male player from Serbia to hold the top position. Following is a breakdown of the 13 countries at No. 1:

Country	***#***	***Player***
United States	6	(Connors, McEnroe, Courier, Sampras, Agassi, Roddick)
Australia	3	(Newcombe, Rafter, Hewitt)
Spain	3	(Moya, Ferrero, Nadal)
Sweden	3	(Borg, Wilander, Edberg)
Russia	2	(Kafelnikov, Safin)
Austria	1	(Muster)
Brazil	1	(Kuerten)
Chile	1	(Rios)
Czech Republic	1	(Lendl)
Germany	1	(Becker)
Romania	1	(Nastase)
Serbia	1	**(Djokovic)**
Switzerland	1	(Federer)

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