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TUESDAY PREVIEW – AMRITRAJ, DEVVARMAN, PAES HIGHLIGHT CENTRE COURT SCHEDULE

- There are eight first round matches on Tuesday's schedule at the Aircel Chennai Open with three home country players leading the way on Centre Court.

  Leading off on Centre Court is Indian qualifier **Prakash Amritraj** against **Guillaume Rufin** of France in a first-time meeting. Amritraj defeated James Ward in the final round of qualifying. This is Amritraj's ninth main draw singles appearance (2-8 record) and the second time he's qualified in Chennai, the last coming three years ago. Amritraj played mainly on the Futures circuit in 2012, going 13-3 all on hard courts with one title at India F14 in October. His best career ATP result was a runner-up in Newport (l. Santoro) in 2008. Last season Rufin recorded his first Top 100 year-end ranking by reaching four Challenger finals, winning a title at Villa Allende (d. Marti). He compiled a 34-18 Challenger record. His best ATP result was reaching the quarter-finals in Montpellier (d. Pospisil, F. Lopez l. to Simon). Rufin is playing in Chennai for the first time in his career.

- In the second match on, **Jan Hajek** takes on wild card **Somdev Devvarman** for the first time. The veteran from the Czech Republic has accrued more than 100 wins at both the Challenger and Futures level in over a decade of play. He is 174-110 with nine titles in Challengers and 103-49 with eight titles in Futures. In 2012, Hajek compiled a 29-14 match record in Challengers and won the title at Marburg (d. Haider-Maurer). Devvarman notched his best week on the ATP World Tour here in 2009 when he reached the final as a wild card. His dream run ended when he lost to No. 3 seed Marin Cilic 6-4, 7-6. Last year he was sidelined for nearly seven months with a right shoulder injury. He made his season debut at the London Olympics at the end of July.

- The final match on is a first round doubles match featuring the No. 2 seeds **Leander Paes** of India and **Edouard Roger-Vasselin** of France taking on **Sanchai Ratiwatana** and **Sonchat Ratiwatana** of Thailand. Paes, who has 51 career doubles, won four doubles titles in 2012, three with Stepanek including his seventh career Grand Slam doubles title at the Australian Open. Paes is 29-7 lifetime in Chennai with five titles, including the past two years – 2011 (w/Bhupathi) and 2012 (w/Tipsarevic). He also won the crown from 1997-99 (w/Bhupathi). Roger-Vasselin has three career doubles titles all coming in 2012 and all with Nicolas Mahut. Ratiwatana and Ratiwatana have two career doubles titles including capturing the doubles title here in 2008.

- Court 1 features **Matthias Bachinger** of Germany against No. 7 seed **Yen-Hsun Lu** of Chinese Taipei, followed by **Flavio Cipolla** of Italy and No. 5 seed **Benoit Paire** of France; then **Dudi Sela** of Israel against qualifier **Rajeev Ram** of the United States.

Tuesday FedEx ATP Head 2 Head – In Order of Play by Court

Centre Court

(Q) Prakash Amritraj (IND) vs Guillaume Rufin (FRA) First Meeting

Amritraj FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
YTD W-L: 0-0
YTD Titles: 0
Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: October 10, 1983
Emirates ATP Ranking: 547 (year-end), 551 (this week)

- **Amritraj**, 29, is playing in Chennai for the ninth time in his career (2-8 main draw record). He won first round matches in 2004 (d. Mankad, l. to Ascione) and '06 (d. Mello, l. to Stepanek).
- Last year played mainly Futures events, going 13-3 on hard, winning title at India F14 in October
- Has career ATP World Tour level record of 18-31, 73-97 in Challengers and 50-24 in Futures
- Reached career singles ranking of No. 154 in June 2009
- Best career ATP result was runner-up in Newport in 2008 (l. Santoro)
- He is the son of Indian tennis great Vijay Amritraj and cousin of former pro Stephen Amritraj
- Played college tennis at the University of Southern California

Rufin FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
QF: Montpellier (l. Simon)
YTD W-L: 3-7
YTD Titles: 0
Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: May 26, 1990
Emirates ATP Ranking: 90 (year-end), 92 (this week)

- **Rufin**, 22, is playing in Chennai for the first time
- In 2012, the Frenchman recorded his first Top 100 season by reaching four Challenger finals, winning title at Villa Allende (d. Marti)
- Best ATP result was QF in Montpellier (d. Pospisil, F. Lopez l. to Simon)
- Qualified into ATP World Tour events four times in six tries, including at Wimbledon and reached 2R (d. Darcis, I. to Almagro)
- Reached SF or better in eight Challengers with 34-18 overall record
- Finalist at Challengers in Timisoara (l. to Hanescu), Quito (I. to Souza) and Buenos Aires (I. to Schwartzman)
- Earned a career high $173,897

Jan Hajek (CZE) vs (WC) Somdev Devvarman (IND) First Meeting

Hajek FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
SF: Bastad (l. Almagro)
YTD W-L: 4-7
YTD Titles: 0
Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: August 7, 1983
Emirates ATP Ranking: 105 (year-end), 106 (this week)

- **Hajek**, 29, is playing in Chennai for the second time (1-1 record) with 2R in 2010 (d. Greul, l. to Giraldo)
- The Czech Republic native finished just outside the Top 100 (at No.105) with his best results coming on Challenger circuit. Compiled a 29-14 match record and won title at Marburg (d. Haider-Maurer)
- Broke through to reach his first career ATP World Tour SF in Bastad (l. to No.10 Almagro)
- His best results came in June and July. In a five-tourney stretch compiled a 14-3 record in Challengers and went 3-1 in ATP play, reaching final at Prostejov (l. to F. Mayer), SF in Kosice (l. to Bedene), title in Marburg, QF in Braunschweig and SF in Bastad. Improved ranking from No.128 to No. 90
- In lone Grand Slam main draw appearance at US Open, lost to Baker in straight sets

Devvarman FastFacts:
2012 Highlights:
SF(2): Chennai (l Tipsarevic); Atlanta (l Muller)
YTD W-L: 0-3
YTD Titles: 0
Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: February 13, 1985
Emirates ATP Ranking: 656 (year-end), 664 (this week)

- **Devvarman**, 27, is playing in Chennai for the third time in his career (4-2 mark). He was runner-up in 2009 (l. to Cilic) in first career ATP World Tour final. He lost to Tipsarevic in the 2R in last outing in ‘10
- Missed nearly seven months of last year due to a shoulder injury, returning for London Olympics on July 30. Lost to Nieminen in 1R; went 0-3 on ATP World Tour; with best result reaching QF at Challenger in Charlottesville, where he attended Univ of Virginia (l. to Kudla)
- In 2011 won a personal-best 20 matches, finished in Top 100 for first time at No. 84, with a career-high of No. 62 in July, highlighted by reaching his second career ATP World Tour final in Johannesburg (l. to Anderson) in February
- In November 2010, became the first player since Japan's Toshiro Sakai to win singles and doubles gold medals at the Asian Games
- Attended the University of Virginia from 2005-2008 and captured NCAA singles title in back-to-back seasons in 2007 (d. Georgia's John Isner) and 2008 (d. Tennessee's J.P. Smith) and All-American honors both times

Court 1

Matthias Bachinger (GER) vs (7) Yen-Hsun Lu (TPE)				**Lu Leads 1-0**		
11 Atlanta (USA)	Hard	R32	Yen-Hsun Lu	7-5	7-6(4)	
Other meetings:						
06 Caloundra CH (Australia)	Hard	R32	Yen-Hsun Lu	6-4	6-1	
08 Kyoto CH (Japan)	Carpet	SF	Matthias Bachinger	6-3	6-2	
Flavio Cipolla (ITA) vs (5) Benoit Paire (FRA)				**Tied 1-1**		
11 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	R128	Benoit Paire	6-1	7-5	6-1
12 Casablanca (Morocco)	Clay	QF	Flavio Cipolla	6-3	6-4	
Dudi Sela (ISR) vs (Q) Rajeev Ram (USA)				**First ATP Meeting**		
Other meetings:						
05 Aptos CH (USA)	Hard	R16	Rajeev Ram	2-6	7-5	6-4
06 Sacramento CH (USA)	Hard	R32	Rajeev Ram	6-3	3-6	6-3
11 Granby CH (Canada)	Hard	R16	Dudi Sela	6-4	6-2	

Court 2

Igor Sijsling (NED) vs (Q) Cedrik-Marcel Stebe (GER)				**First ATP Meeting**		
Other meeting:						
11 US Open Q (U.S.A.)	Hard	--	Igor Sijsling	6-2	6-3	
Blaz Kavcic (SLO) vs Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP)				**First Meeting**		
Ruben Bemelmans (BEL) vs Sergiy Stakhovsky (UKR)				**First ATP Meeting**		
Other meeting:						
08 Aachen CH (Germany)	Carpet	QF	Ruben Bemelmans	6-4	7-6(5)	