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TOURNAMENT PREVIEW – TOP 10 TRIO BERDYCH, TIPSAREVIC, GASQUET LEADS STRONG FIELD

- The Open Sud de France, one of two indoor hard court tournaments (Zagreb) this week kicking off the ATP World Tour European circuit, features an outstanding field with three of the Top 10 players in the Emirates ATP Rankings. The tournament was held for the first time in Montpellier three years ago after being held in Lyon from 1987-2009. It was not held in 2011 due to moving to early in the season on the ATP World Tour calendar.

- The top seed is reigning champion **Tomas Berdych**, who is coming off a memorable Davis Cup weekend in Geneva. The World No. 6 lifted the Czech Republic to a 3-2 victory over Switzerland by accounting for all three wins over the weekend. On Saturday he and Lukas Rosol won a 7:01 marathon doubles match, 24-22 in the fifth set over Marco Chiudinelli and Stanislas Wawrinka. It was the second longest match in tennis history (behind Isner-Mahut 11:05 at Wimbledon in 2010).

- The No. 2 seed is Serb **Janko Tipsarevic**, who has finished No. 9 the past two years. Tipsarevic is playing in Montpellier for the first time. He lost in the first round in Lyon in 2007. The No. 3 seed is **Richard Gasquet**, one of 10 Frenchmen in the main draw (not including qualifiers). Gasquet won the title in 2006 in Lyon (d. Gicquel). Other seeds are: No. 4 **Gilles Simon**, a three-time semi-finalist (2008-09, '12), No. 5 **Nikolay Davydenko** of Russia, No. 6 **Julien Benneteau**, a finalist in 2008, No. 7 **Viktor Troicki** of Serbia, and No. 8 **Benoit Paire** of France.

- On Monday's opening schedule, there are four final round qualifying matches, with four of the eight players Frenchmen. In the evening session, French veterans **Florent Serra** and **Marc Gicquel**, who was runner-up in 2006-07, square off. Russian **Dmitry Tursunov**, a seven-time title winner on the ATP World Tour, plays the first match on Court Central against Spaniard **Guillermo Olaso**.

- There are also three doubles matches, including top seeds **Colin Fleming** and **Jonathan Marray** against the French wild card duo of **Gael Monfils** and **Josselin Ouanna** in the final match on Central.

TOURNAMENT QUICK FACTS

CITY:	Montpellier, France
VENUE:	Arena Montpellier
DATE:	February 4-10, 2013
CATEGORY:	ATP World Tour 250
PRIZE MONEY:	€ 467,800
DRAW:	28 singles / 16 doubles
SURFACE:	Hard
SINGLES FINAL:	Sunday, February 10, at 2:30 p.m.
DOUBLES FINAL:	Sunday, February 10, at 12:30 p.m.
FIRST HELD:	1987 (in Lyon)

2012 FINALS
Singles – (1) **Tomas Berdych** (CZE) d. (3) **Gael Monfils** (FRA) 6-2, 4-6, 6-3
Doubles – Mahut-**Roger-Vasselin** -(3) **Hanley- J. Murray** 6-4, 7-6(4)

RECENT CHAMPIONS/FINALISTS (since 2000)
2012 **Tomas Berdych/Gael Monfils**
2011 Not Held
2010 **Gael Monfils**/Ivan Ljubicic
2009 Ivan Ljubicic/**Michael Llodra**
2008 Robin Soderling/**Julien Benneteau**
2007 Sebastien Grosjean/Marc Gicquel (final round of qualifying)
2006 **Richard Gasquet**/Marc Gicquel (final round of qualifying)
2005 Andy Roddick/**Gael Monfils**
2004 Robin Soderling/Xavier Malisse
2003 Rainer Schuettler/Arnaud Clement
2002 **Paul Henri-Mathieu/**Gustavo Kuerten
2001 Ivan Ljubicic/Younes El Aynaoui
2000 Arnaud Clement/Patrick Rafter

*Bold denotes past champions / runners-up in 2013 draw

A LOOK AT THE DRAW

Singles: Player Record Best Finish

1	Tomas Berdych (CZE)	4-0	**W**-'12
2	Janko Tipsarevic (SRB)	0-1	R32-'07
3	Richard Gasquet (FRA)	9-5	**W**-'06
4	Gilles Simon (FRA)	11-6	SF-'12,09,08
5	Nikolay Davydenko (RUS)	2-3	QF-'10
6	Julien Benneteau (FRA)	11-8	F-'08
7	Viktor Troicki (SRB)	Debut	
8	Benoit Paire (FRA)	0-1	R32-'10

Wildcards: Julien Benneteau, Adrian Mannarino, Lucas Pouille
Youngest: Lucas Pouille (18 years, 11 months)
Oldest: Michael Llodra (32 years, 8 months)
Top Country Breakdown: France 10, Belgium 2, Czech Republic 2, Romania 2, Serbia 2
Former Champions in Draw (4): Tomas Berdych (2012), Gael Monfils (2010), Richard Gasquet (2006), Paul-Henri Mathieu (2002)
Former Finalists in Draw (3): Gael Monfils (2012, 2005), Michael Llodra (2009), Julien Benneteau (2008)

* Does not include qualifiers

EMIRATES ATP RANKINGS POINTS / PRIZE MONEY

Singles	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R28
Rankings Pts.	250	150	90	45	20	0
Prize Money	€74,000	39,000	21,130	12,040	7,100	4,200

Doubles	W	F	SF	QF	R16
Rankings Pts.	250	150	90	45	0
Prize Money	€22,500	11,830	6,400	3,660	2,150

Doubles Seeded Teams (Tournament record, best finish - year)

1 Fleming / Marray	Debut
2 Butorac / Hanley	Debut
3 Huey / Inglot	Debut
4 Delgado / Skupski	Debut

RECENT CHAMPIONS (since 2000) – (in Lyon from 1987-2009, in Montpellier from 2010)

2012 Nicolas Mahut/**Edouard Roger-Vasselin**
2011 Not Held
2010 Stephen Huss/Ross Hutchins
2009 Julien Benneteau/Nicolas Mahut
2008 **Michael Llodra**/Andy Ram
2007 Sebastien Grosjean/Jo-Wilfried Tsonga
2006 Julien Benneteau/Arnaud Clement
2005 Michael Llodra/Fabrice Santoro
2004 Jonathan Erlich/Andy Ram
2003 Jonathan Erlich/Andy Ram
2002 Wayne Black/Kevin Ullyett
2001 Daniel Nestor/Nenad Zimonjic
2000 Paul Haarhuis/Sandon Stolle

* **Bold** denotes past champions in 2013 draw

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First Round FedEx ATP Head 2 Head – To be played Tuesday and Wednesday *

Edouard Roger-Vasselin (FRA) vs Tatsuma Ito (JPN) **First Meeting**

Sergiy Stakhovsky (UKR) vs Nikolay Davydenko (RUS) **Davydenko Leads 2-1**

04 Moscow (Russia)	Carpet	R32	Nikolay Davydenko	6-0	6-3
11 ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Cincinnati	Hard	R64	Nikolay Davydenko	6-2	7-6(5)
11 Winston-Salem (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Sergiy Stakhovsky	6-4	6-4

Gael Monfils (FRA) vs Ruben Bemelmans (BEL) **First Meeting**

Adrian Ungur (ROU) vs Julien Benneteau (FRA) **First Meeting**

Adrian Mannarino (FRA) vs Steve Darcis (BEL) **First ATP Meeting**

Other meeting:

10 Mons CH (Belgium)	Hard	F	Adrian Mannarino	7-5	6-2

Paul-Henri Mathieu (FRA) vs Mikhail Kukushkin (KAZ) **First ATP Meeting**

Other meeting:

10 New Haven Q (U.S.A.)	Hard	--	Mikhail Kukushkin	6-4	7-5

Viktor Troicki (SRB) vs Lucas Pouille (FRA) **First Meeting**

Jan Hajek (CZE) vs Dudi Sela (ISR) **First Meeting**

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