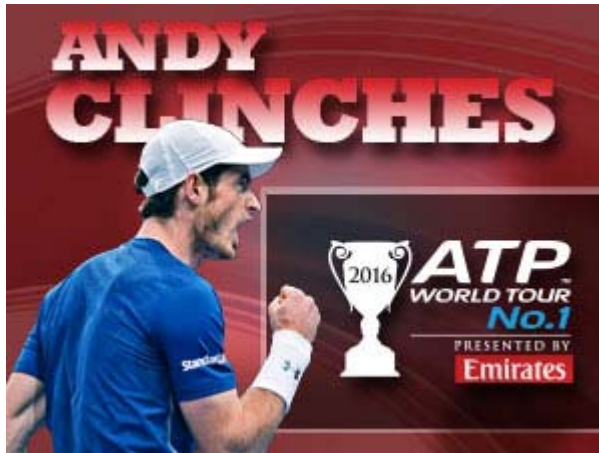




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MURRAY CLINCHES YEAR-END NO. 1 EMIRATES ATP RANKING FOR FIRST TIME



LONDON — Andy Murray has clinched year-end No. 1 in the Emirates ATP Rankings, the 17th different player to do so in history (since 1973). The milestone was achieved in dramatic fashion on Sunday when he beat his rival for top spot, Novak Djokovic, 6-3, 6-4 in the title match of the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals at The O2 in London. It was the first time in history that the year-end No. 1 ranking was on the line for both players in the final ATP World Tour match of the season.

It was also the first time since Lisbon in 2000 that the year-end No. 1 ranking was decided in the final. That year, Brazil's Gustavo Kuerten defeated Andre Agassi of the United States in the final to finish No. 1 ahead

of Russia's Marat Safin.

The 29-year-old Briton, who replaced Serbia's Djokovic at No. 1 on 7 November, has enjoyed a career-best season capturing nine titles – including Wimbledon, three ATP World Tour Masters 1000s and the Olympic gold medal – from 13 tour-level finals. It is the 13th straight season that the year-end World No. 1 ranking has been held by a member of the 'Big Four' – Roger Federer (2004-07, '09), Rafael Nadal (2008, '10, '13), Djokovic (2011-12, '14-15) or Murray (2016).

"It's a very special day, playing against Novak in a match like this," said Murray. "We've played in Grand Slam finals, Olympics and matches like this - it's been a tough rivalry. I've lost many of them, but I am happy to have got the win today to clinch the year-end No. 1. It's very special, it's something that I never expected. My team and family have been a great help, making a lot of sacrifices for me and my tennis. I'd like to congratulate Novak on everything he has achieved this year."

Chris Kermode, the ATP Executive Chairman and President, said, "What an amazing finish to the ATP World Tour season. To have the Top 2 players in the world battling it out for the No. 1 ranking in the final match of the year is unprecedented. Huge credit goes to both players for their phenomenal seasons, and congratulations to Andy on not only winning the season finale, but finishing as year-end No. 1 in the Emirates ATP Rankings for the first time. He joins an elite group of players to have achieved one of the greatest triumphs in sport in finishing the season as No.1."

Since losing to Djokovic in the Mutua Madrid Open final on 8 May this year, when he trailed the Serbian by 9,025 points in the Emirates ATP Rankings, Murray has compiled a 58-4 match record. During his remarkable run, Murray has lifted trophies at Wimbledon (d. Raonic), three ATP World Tour Masters 1000s at the Internazionali BNL d'Italia (d. Djokovic), Shanghai Rolex Masters (d. Bautista Agut) and the BNP Paribas Masters (d. Isner), three ATP World Tour 500s at the Aegon Championships in London (d. Raonic), China Open in Beijing (d. Dimitrov) and the Erste Bank Open 500 in Vienna (d. Tsonga). He also

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the Rio Olympics gold medal (d. del Potro), and finished runner-up at Roland Garros (l. to Djokovic) and the Western & Southern Open in Cincinnati (l. to Cilic).

Murray, who has won 44 titles – including 14 ATP World Tour Masters 1000 crowns, is currently riding a career-best 24-match winning streak dating back to 16 September 2016. He has a 78-9 match record in 2016, which includes a 16-5 record against Top 10 opponents. On Sunday, Murray secured his fifth successive trophy and his first title at the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals.

Earlier this week, Andy's older brother, Jamie Murray, was crowned year-end No. 1 in the Emirates ATP Doubles Team Rankings with Brazil's Bruno Soares. It is the first time in the history of the official rankings that two brothers have finished year-end No. 1 in singles and doubles in the same season.

ATP WORLD TOUR YEAR-END NO. 1 PRESENTED BY EMIRATES

Year	Player
2016	Andy Murray (Great Britain)
2015	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
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2013	Rafael Nadal (Spain)
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2010	Rafael Nadal (Spain)
2009	Roger Federer (Switzerland)
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2004	Roger Federer (Switzerland)
2003	Andy Roddick (U.S.)
2002	Lleyton Hewitt (Australia)
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2000	Gustavo Kuerten (Brazil)
1999	Andre Agassi (U.S.)
1998	Pete Sampras (U.S.)
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1993	Pete Sampras (U.S.)
1992	Jim Courier (U.S.)
1991	Stefan Edberg (Sweden)
1990	Stefan Edberg (Sweden)
1989	Ivan Lendl (Czech Republic)
1988	Mats Wilander (Sweden)
1987	Ivan Lendl (Czech Republic)
1986	Ivan Lendl (Czech Republic)
1985	Ivan Lendl (Czech Republic)
1984	John McEnroe (U.S.)
1983	John McEnroe (U.S.)
1982	John McEnroe (U.S.)

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1981 John McEnroe (U.S.)
1980 Bjorn Borg (Sweden)
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1978 Jimmy Connors (U.S.)
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1976 Jimmy Connors (U.S.)
1975 Jimmy Connors (U.S.)
1974 Jimmy Connors (U.S.)
1973 Ilie Nastase (Romania)

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