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## MURRAY BECOMES 26TH PLAYER IN HISTORY TO HOLD NO. 1 IN EMIRATES ATP RANKINGS

### *Briton ends Djokovic's reign atop Emirates ATP Rankings*



LONDON – More than seven years after he first ranked No. 2, Great Britain's Andy Murray will take over the No. 1 position in the Emirates ATP Rankings on Monday, replacing Novak Djokovic, who has held the top spot since 7 July 2014. Murray will now battle Djokovic for the coveted year-end No. 1 at the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals.

Murray was guaranteed to move to No. 1 for the first time as a result of reaching the BNP Paribas Masters final in Paris on Saturday. Djokovic had been No. 1 for

the past 122 weeks since 7 July 2014, and 223 weeks overall. Murray, who has spent 76 weeks at No. 2 since first reaching the mark in 2009, is the first British male to rank No. 1 in the history of Emirates ATP Rankings (since 23 August 1973).

“To get to No. 1 isn't about today, but it's about 12 months of tournaments to get to this stage,” said Murray. “The last few months have been the best of my career and I am very proud to have reached No. 1. It has been a goal of mine for the past few years.”

On Monday, at 29 years, 5 months and 23 days, the Dunblane native will be the 26th player in the history of the Emirates ATP Rankings (since 1973) and the second-oldest player (John Newcombe, 30 years, 11 days, on 3 June 1974) to debut at No. 1 in the official rankings in men's tennis. He is the 15th European player to rank No. 1 and owns the ATP World Tour record for most time between becoming No. 2 and No. 1, having debuted at No. 2 on 17 August 2009.

Murray is tied first with Djokovic on the ATP World Tour with a career-best seven titles in 2016, including his second Wimbledon crown and second Olympic Games gold medal. He also captured two ATP World Tour Masters 1000 titles (the Internazionali BNL d'Italia in Rome, Shanghai Rolex Masters). He has a 73-9 record on the season and is currently riding a 19-match winning streak.

ATP Executive Chairman & President Chris Kermode said, “Andy has shown incredible dedication, determination and hard work in his bid to get to No.1. It's difficult to think of a player more deserving of this accolade, what is more in one of the toughest eras in the history of our sport. He has had a phenomenal season and fully deserves this latest recognition, which confirms his status as the best player in the world.”

This year, his brother, Jamie Murray, rose to No. 1 in the Emirates ATP Doubles Rankings for the first time on 4 April 2016 and held the top spot, in two stints, for a total of nine weeks.

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On 8 July, Murray became the second player to qualify for the season-ending Barclays ATP World Tour Finals to be held at The O2 in London from 13-20 November. It is the ninth straight year that he has qualified for the elite eight-player tournament.

Murray will receive the No. 1 trophy during the Official Launch of the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals at the Cutty Sark, the 19th century tea clipper ship, in London on 10 November.

### THE NUMBER ONES

Following is a list of the 26 players who have ranked No. 1 in the history of the Emirates ATP Rankings (since 1973):

<u>Player</u>	<u>Date Reached</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Total Weeks</u>
Andy Murray (GBR)	7 November 2016	29	1
Novak Djokovic (SRB)	4 July 2011	24	223
Rafael Nadal (ESP)	18 August 2008	22	141
Roger Federer (SUI)	2 February 2004	22	302
Andy Roddick (USA)	3 November 2003	21	13
Juan Carlos Ferrero (ESP)	8 September 2003	23	8
Lleyton Hewitt (AUS)	19 November 2001	20	80
Gustavo Kuerten (BRA)	4 December 2000	24	43
Marat Safin (RUS)	20 November 2000	20	9
Patrick Rafter (AUS)	26 July 1999	26	1
Yevgeny Kafelnikov (RUS)	3 May 1999	25	6
Carlos Moya (ESP)	15 March 1999	22	2
Marcelo Rios (CHI)	30 March 1998	22	6
Thomas Muster (AUT)	12 February 1996	28	6
Andre Agassi (USA)	10 April 1995	24	101
Pete Sampras (USA)	12 April 1993	21	286
Jim Courier (USA)	10 February 1992	21	58
Boris Becker (GER)	28 January 1991	23	12
Stefan Edberg (SWE)	13 August 1990	24	72
Mats Wilander (SWE)	12 September 1988	24	20
Ivan Lendl (CZE)	28 February 1983	22	270
John McEnroe (USA)	3 March 1980	21	170
Bjorn Borg (SWE)	23 August 1977	21	109
Jimmy Connors (USA)	29 July 1974	21	268
John Newcombe (AUS)	3 June 1974	30	8
Ilie Nastase (ROM)	23 August 1973	27	40

### COUNTRIES AT NO. 1

Murray is the 26th player to hold No. 1 in the history of the Emirates ATP Rankings (since 1973) and he is the first male player from Great Britain to hold the top position. Following is a breakdown of the 43 countries at No. 1:

<u>Country</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Players</u>
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

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Austria	1	Muster
Brazil	1	Kuerten
Chile	1	Rios
Czech Republic	1	Lendl
Germany	1	Becker
Great Britain	1	<b>Murray</b>
Romania	1	Nastase
Serbia	1	Djokovic
Switzerland	1	Federer

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