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NISHIKORI TO MAKE THIRD STRAIGHT APPEARANCE AT BARCLAYS ATP WORLD TOUR FINALS

LONDON – Kei Nishikori will make his third successive appearance at the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals after becoming the fifth player to qualify for the prestigious season-ending tournament, to be held from 13-20 November at The O2 in London.

The Japanese star sealed his berth at The O2 following results at the Shanghai Rolex Masters. He joins Novak Djokovic, Andy Murray, Stan Wawrinka and Milos Raonic. Nishikori reached the semi-finals on his debut at The O2 in 2014, falling to Djokovic, and returned as one of the elite eight last year.

“I am very excited to come back to London this year,” said Nishikori. “It’s been a very consistent year so far and I am excited to be part of this elite group again. Last year the atmosphere in London was incredible and I look forward to seeing a lot of Japanese support in the crowd again this year.”

The 26-year-old Nishikori has put together a 52-16 match record during 2016. The right-hander was a quarter-finalist at the Australian Open in January (l. to Djokovic) and in his next tournament captured his 11th ATP World Tour title at the Memphis Open (d. Fritz). He reached another two finals at the Sony Open in Miami (l. to Djokovic) and the Barcelona Open BancSabadell (l. to Nadal) and continued his good run on the clay with semi-finals at the Mutua Madrid Open and the Internazionali BNL d'Italia in Rome (l. to Djokovic both times).

Nishikori reached his second ATP World Tour Masters 1000 final of the year at the Rogers Cup in Toronto, falling to Djokovic, before going on a run to the US Open semi-finals, where he defeated Murray in the quarter-finals before losing to eventual champion Wawrinka.

The Barclays ATP World Tour Finals has welcomed more than 1.8 million fans to The O2 arena over the past seven years, establishing itself as the biggest indoor tennis tournament in the world since moving to London in 2009. A record 102 million broadcast viewers also tuned in across the eight days of competition in 2015. The ATP announced last year that the event would remain at The O2 through to 2018. The tournament’s partnership with the Lawn Tennis Association and the All England Club has also been extended for the same period. Tickets can be purchased at:

www.BarclaysATPWorldTourFinals.com.

EMIRATES ATP RACE TO LONDON – Top 10 (as of Tuesday, 11 October 2016)

Pos.	Name	YTD Points
1.	N. Djokovic (SRB)	10,330
2.	A. Murray (GBR)	8,685
3.	S. Wawrinka (SUI)	4,970
4.	M. Raonic (CAN)	4,600
5.	K. Nishikori (JPN)	4,360
6.	G. Monfils (FRA)	3,625
7.	R. Nadal (ESP)	3,290
8.	D. Thiem (AUT)	3,205

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9.	T. Berdych (CZE)	2,870
10.	M. Cilic (CRO)	2,590

EMIRATES ATP DOUBLES RACE TO LONDON – Top 10 (as of Tuesday, 11 October 2016)

Pos.	Name	YTD Points
1.	P. Herbert (FRA) / N. Mahut (FRA)	7,075
2.	J. Murray (GBR) / B. Soares (BRA)	7,070
3.	B. Bryan (USA) / M. Bryan (USA)	5,710
4.	I. Dodig (CRO) / M. Melo (BRA)	4,130
5.	F. Lopez (ESP) / M. Lopez (ESP)	3,990
6.	R. Klaasen (RSA) / R. Ram (USA)	3,600
7.	T. Huey (PHI) / M Mirnyi (BLR)	3,065
8.	H. Kontinen (FIN) / J. Peers (AUS)	2,710
9.	J. Rojer (NED) / H. Tecau (ROU)	2,680
10.	J. Cabal (COL) / R. Farah (COL)	2,320

Bold denotes qualification

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About the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals

The Barclays ATP World Tour Finals is the year-end climax to the men's professional tennis season, featuring only the world's best eight qualified singles players and doubles teams as they battle it out for the last title of the season. Players compete for Emirates ATP Rankings points throughout the season in a bid to earn one of the eight coveted berths and a chance to win the biggest indoor tennis tournament in the world. Played using a round-robin format, each player plays three matches as they compete for a berth in the knockout semi-finals and beyond. The prestigious tournament has been contested in major cities around the world with a rich history dating back to the birth of The Masters in 1970 in Tokyo. Since 2000 the event has taken place in cities such as Lisbon, Sydney, and Shanghai. In 2009 the tournament was moved to London, where it will be played through 2018. For more information, please visit www.BarclaysATPWorldTourFinals.com

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