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## FERRER, MARRAY/NIELSEN QUALIFY FOR BARCLAYS ATP WORLD TOUR FINALS

LONDON – Spaniard David Ferrer and Wimbledon doubles champions Jonathan Murray and Frederik Nielsen have qualified for the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals, to be held at The O2 in London from 5-12 November, leaving just three singles and three doubles berths up for grabs with three weeks remaining in the regular ATP World Tour season.

World No. 5 Ferrer returns to the season-ending championships for a third straight year and a fourth time overall. He reached the final on his debut in 2007 at Shanghai, finishing runner-up to Roger Federer. This season, the 30-year-old Valencia native has won a career-high five titles on three different surfaces. He opened his 2012 campaign with the hard-court title at the Heineken Open in Auckland, triumphed on grass at the UNICEF Open in 's-Hertogenbosch, and won the clay-court tournaments at the Copa Claro in Buenos Aires, Abierto Mexicano Telcel in Acapulco and the SkiStar Swedish Open in Bastad.

“I am very happy because to qualify for the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals is a great achievement,” said Ferrer. “It’s always one of my goals at the beginning of each year. I look forward to coming back to The O2 in London to play against the best players in the world in November. The atmosphere in the stadium is incredible there.”

ATP Executive Chairman & President Brad Drewett added, “We’re delighted that David will be back to compete at this year’s Barclays ATP World Tour Finals. He is one of the toughest competitors in the sport and fully deserves his place among the world’s Top 8 at The O2.”

Murray and Nielsen clinched their first qualification to the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals by virtue of their Grand Slam victory and guaranteed Top 20 finish in the Doubles Team Race to London. The British-Danish duo stunned four seeded tandems, including defending champions Bob and Mike Bryan in the semi-finals, to claim the Wimbledon crown in their first tour-level appearance as a team. Murray, 31, became the first homegrown player to triumph in the doubles final at the All England Club since 1936, while the 29-year-old Nielsen became the first Danish man to win a Grand Slam title.

“To be able to cap off the season by competing against the world’s best doubles teams in front of a home crowd at The O2 in November will be incredible,” said Murray. “We had a great run at Wimbledon this summer, so hopefully we can reproduce some of that form in London this November.”

Nielsen said, “It will be amazing to get the experience of playing at The O2. It’s an unbelievable set-up, and an event I never thought I was going to be a part of as a player. So I will enjoy every second and can’t wait to get started.”

Brad Drewett added, “With their doubles win at Wimbledon this year, Jonathan Murray and Frederik Nielsen produced one of the great stories of the tennis summer. Their qualification is further great news for the home fans at The O2 who will now have a British representative in the doubles competition, as well as Andy Murray in singles.”

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Ferrer joins Novak Djokovic, Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Andy Murray in the eight-player singles field, while Murray and Nielsen join the Bryans, Max Mirnyi and Daniel Nestor, Robert Lindstedt and Horia Tecau, and Leander Paes and Radek Stepanek as doubles qualifiers.

The Race to London continues this week with three ATP World Tour 250 tournaments: the Kremlin Cup in Moscow, the If Stockholm Open and the Erste Bank Open in Vienna. Tomas Berdych, Juan Martin del Potro and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga currently hold down the final three qualifying spots in the South African Airways ATP Rankings Race to London.

The season-ending event once again looks set to provide a thrilling finale to what has already been a remarkable season on the ATP World Tour, with the year-end World No.1 South African Airways ATP Ranking potentially coming down to the wire at the last event of the season in London.

With tickets still available for the 2012 Barclays ATP World Tour Finals, don't miss your chance to witness the world's top eight singles players and doubles teams competing for the world's biggest indoor tennis tournament. For more information, visit: [www.BarclaysATPWorldTourFinals.com](http://www.BarclaysATPWorldTourFinals.com)

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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 South African Airways ATP Rankings points throughout the season in a bid to earn one of the eight coveted berths and a chance to win the \$1.76m prize money on offer for the winner. 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 2013.

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