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BBC TO AIR BARCLAYS ATP WORLD TOUR FINALS IN LONDON THROUGH 2013

LONDON – The BBC and the ATP have agreed a two-year extension to their Barclays ATP World Tour Finals broadcast agreement, the ATP announced on Wednesday. The new deal will see the BBC broadcast the next two editions of the event at The O2 in London in November 2012 and 2013.

The BBC will broadcast one live match every day of the tournament including the opening match, one semi-final and the final. The BBC iPlayer will offer all BBC broadcast matches.

Brad Drewett, ATP Executive President & Chairman, said: "We're very happy to continue our partnership with the BBC for a further two years. This agreement provides a fantastic platform for showcasing our jewel event to millions of people on terrestrial television in the UK. We look forward to the best players in the world putting on another fantastic show for fans worldwide."

The Barclays ATP World Tour Finals is the year-end culmination to the men's professional tennis season, featuring only the world's best eight singles players and doubles teams. Featuring a unique round robin format, and with only the world's elite players competing, the season-ending tournament guarantees more top eight match-ups than any other event throughout the season. In 2011, Roger Federer captured the season-ending title for a record sixth time. More than 250,000 fans have attended the tournament in each of the past three years.

Barbara Slater, BBC Director Sport, said: "The ATP World Tour Finals are a prestigious and fitting finale to the season and we're delighted that BBC viewers will continue to be able to see top quality tennis as the world's best players compete in London."

The BBC first broadcast the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals in 2009 when the event moved from Shanghai to London. This year's tournament takes place from 5-12 November.

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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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