2 September 2011

# MURRAY BECOMES THIRD PLAYER TO QUALIFY FOR 2011 BARCLAYS ATP WORLD TOUR FINALS

LONDON – For the fourth straight year Andy Murray has qualified for the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals. After his second round win on Friday at the US Open, the *British No. 1* became the third player to qualify for the season finale, to be held November 20-27 at The O2 in London, featuring the world's Top 8 players. Murray joins Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal as the other qualifiers.

"Each year, one of my goals is to qualify for the season finale in London, so it's great to have made it again," said Murray, who reached the semi-finals last year, falling to No. 1 Nadal in a third-set tie-break. "I've had some really good matches at The O2 in the past, especially my semi-final against Nadal last year. Hopefully I can do even better this time around. The support I get from the home crowd has always been incredible and I'm really looking forward to playing there again."

Murray captured his 17th career title last month at the Western & Southern Open in Cincinnati, his seventh ATP World Tour Masters 1000 crown. He defeated World No. 1 Novak Djokovic in the final. He opened the season with his third career Grand Slam runner-up finish at the Australian Open and in June, he won his second career AEGON Championships title at Queen's Club in London (d. Tsonga). Murray also advanced to the semi-finals at Roland Garros for the first time and at Wimbledon for the third straight year.

The 24-year-old Murray has a 7-4 career mark in the season-ending championships. Along with his semi-final showing last year, he reached the semis in his debut in 2008.

The top three teams in the 2011 ATP Doubles Team Ranking also have qualified for the year-end finale: Bob and Mike Bryan, Michael Llodra-Nenad Zimonjic and Max Mirnyi-Daniel Nestor. All six players are past champions in the season-ending tournament.

The Bryans have finished as the No. 1 team in six of the past eight years. This season they have won six titles, including the Australian Open and Wimbledon. Llodra-Zimonjic are a first-time team this year and they have won two ATP World Tour titles (Washington, Montreal). They also reached the semi-finals at Roland Garros and Wimbledon. Mirnyi-Nestor teamed briefly 11 years ago and this season they have reunited to capture titles in Memphis and Roland Garros.

The Barclays ATP World Tour Finals is the world's biggest indoor tennis event, where each of the top eight players and top eight doubles teams are drawn to play a minimum of three round-robin matches to determine which four players and teams advance to the knockout semi-finals. Tickets are available online through www.BarclaysATPWorldTourFinals.com.

TITLE SPONSOR

BARCLAYS

PLATINUM SPONSORS

Corona Extra

South African Airways

RICOH

FedEx.

**Barclays ATP World Tour Finals - The Contenders**
(Based on Year-to-Date South African Airways 2011 ATP Rankings points as of Monday, 29 August, 2011.)

| Pos. | Name | YTD Points | Pos. | Team | YTD Points |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | **Novak Djokovic (SRB)** | 11,295 | 1. | **Bryan-Bryan** | 9,120 |
| 2. | **Rafael Nadal (ESP)** | 7,785 | 2. | **Llodra-Zimonjic** | 5,340 |
| 3. | **Andy Murray (GBR)** | 4,730 | 3. | **Mirnyi-Nestor** | 4,990 |
| 4. | Roger Federer (SUI) | 4,450 | 4. | Bhupathi-Paes | 3,970 |
| 5. | David Ferrer (ESP) | 3,420 | 5. | Lindstedt-Tecau | 3,165 |
| 6. | Mardy Fish (USA) | 2,505 | 6. | Bopanna-Qureshi | 2,590 |
| 7. | Nicolas Almagro (ESP) | 2,270 | 7. | Butorac-Rojer | 2,340 |
| 8. | Tomas Berdych (CZE) | 2,260 | 8. | Melzer-Petzschner | 1,920 |
| 9. | Robin Soderling (SWE) | 2,080 | 9. | Isner-Querrey | 1,780 |
| 10. | Jo-Wilfried TsongaFRA | 2,080 | 10. | Kas-Peya | 1,575 |

**Bold** denotes qualification

**For media enquires please contact:**
Nicola Arzani (narzani@atpworldtour.com)
Simon Higson (shigson@atpworldtour.com)

# # #

**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 $1.6m 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.

TITLE SPONSOR

BARCLAYS

PLATINUM SPONSORS

Corona Extra

SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS

RICOH

FedEx.