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FEDERER QUALIFIES FOR RECORD-EXTENDING 17TH NITTO ATP FINALS

LONDON – Roger Federer has qualified for the Nitto ATP Finals for a record-extending 17th time after winning his first-round match against qualifier Sumit Nagal on Monday night at the US Open. Federer will attempt to capture a seventh season-ending crown alongside five-time former titlist Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal, who have already clinched their places, at The O2 in London from 10-17 November.

"I really look forward to returning to London to play at The O2," said Federer. "It is always one of the main goals to qualify for the year-end event. I love competing there among the other top players."

The 38-year-old Federer competed at the elite eight-player event in 2002-15 and 2017-18, with a 57-15 match record (.792), including titles in 2003-04, 2006-07, 2010-11. He also reached the final on four other occasions, finishing runner-up to David Nalbandian in 2005 and to Djokovic in 2012, 2014-15.

Federer has compiled 1,224 match wins and 102 titles across his 22 seasons as a pro, trailing only Jimmy Connors' marks of 1,274 match wins and 109 titles. He has won three ATP Tour titles in 2019, capturing the 100th trophy of his illustrious career with an eighth Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships (d. Tsitsipas) in March, followed by his fourth Miami Open presented by Itau title (d. Isner) — his 28th ATP Masters 1000 trophy. In June, the Swiss earned a 10th title in Halle (d. Goffin) at the Noventi Open, which saw him become the oldest tour-level champion since 43-year-old Ken Rosewall at Hong Kong in 1977.

Additionally, Federer reached a 12th career Wimbledon final at the All England Club (l. to Djokovic), where he became the first player to record 100 match wins at a Grand Slam championship with victory over Kei Nishikori in the quarter-finals. He also reached a ninth BNP Paribas Open final in Indian Wells (l. to Thiem).

Federer is currently in third position in the 2019 ATP Race To London, and in the running to become year-end ATP Tour No. 1 for a sixth time (2004-07, '09), which would equal Pete Sampras' record of year-end top spot finishes (1993-98). Three-time qualifier Dominic Thiem is next in line to qualify for the season finale in November, followed by Daniil Medvedev, 2018 Next Gen ATP Finals champion Stefanos Tsitsipas, Roberto Bautista Agut and Kei Nishikori, who feature in the top eight. Alexander Zverev, the 2018 Nitto ATP Finals champion, is currently in 10th position.

The ATP's crown jewel event is to be held at The O2 in London through to 2020, where it has been staged to wide acclaim since 2009. The event has successfully established itself

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The Nitto ATP 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 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 to 2020 before moving to Turin in 2021. For more information, please visit www.NittoATPFinals.com.

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