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FEDERER QUALIFIES FOR BARCLAYS ATP WORLD TOUR FINALS FOR 10TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

LONDON – Reigning Barclays ATP World Tour Finals champion Roger Federer is the fourth 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. After advancing to the fourth round at the US Open on Saturday, Federer joins Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Andy Murray as the other qualifiers.

The 30-year-old Swiss native will be making his 10th straight appearance in the season finale, where he is a five-time champion. He won successive titles in 2003-04 when the tournament was held in Houston and in 2006-07 in Shanghai. He is the third player to qualify for the season finale for 10 or more consecutive years, joining Ivan Lendl (12) and Pete Sampras (11).

"It feels great to qualify once again," said Federer, who has a 34-7 career record in the season-ending championship. "I had a great week at The O2 last year so I look forward to defending my title. The atmosphere there is incredible."

Federer began the season by capturing his 67th career title on the ATP World Tour in Doha and he also was runner-up in Dubai and at Roland Garros, where he ended Djokovic's 43-match winning streak in the semi-finals. He also was a semi-finalist at the Australian Open and quarter-finalist at Wimbledon. He has the longest Grand Slam streak of 29 consecutive quarter-finals going into the US Open. Federer has finished in the Top 2 a record eight straight seasons, including No. 1 five times.

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.

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 Tsonga FRA | 2,080 | 10. | Kas-Peya | 1,575 |

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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 \$1.6m 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.

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