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Entertaining final set to close out Medibank International Sydney 2010

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Former top ten players **Marcos Baghdatis** and **Richard Gasquet** will both have their chance to cement their comebacks to world class tennis tomorrow night when they line up in the men's singles final at the **Medibank International Sydney**.

Cypriot entertainer Baghdatis and talented Frenchman Gasquet will meet each other for the first time at **7.30pm** on **Saturday** at **Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre**.

World No. 42 Baghdatis booked his place in the final after a 2 hour and 57 minute marathon 6-4 6-7(7) 7-6(5) win over American **Mardy Fish**.

Gasquet, currently ranked No. 53 on the ATP World Tour, defeated compatriot **Julien Benneteau** 6-4 7-5 to reach his first Tour final since Stuttgart in July 2008.

Baghdatis, a popular figure in Australia since his incredible run to the Australian Open final in 2006, is on the comeback trail after two seasons of injuries.

While Gasquet spent two months out of professional tennis in 2009 after an enforced lay-off.

A semi-finalist on two previous occasions (2007 and 2009) Gasquet will be seeking his first title since September 2007 (Mumbai).

Baghdatis' most recent title came in October last year in Stockholm where he defeated **Robin Soderling** and **Arnaud Clement** on his way to the final where he beat **Olivier Rochus**.

The men's doubles final will feature top seeds **Daniel Nestor** and **Nenad Zimonjic** against **Ross Hutchins** and **Jordan Kerr**.

Tickets to the men's singles final at the Medibank International Sydney 2010 are available and on sale now through Ticketek and can be purchased online at www.ticketek.com.au or 1300 888 104.

The Medibank International Sydney will be held at Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre from Sunday 10 January to Saturday 16 January 2010.

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Medibank International Sydney 2010, proudly supported by **Medibank**, in association with **APIA**, **South African Airways** and **Events NSW**, on behalf of the **NSW Government**, will take place at the Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre from 10 to 16 January 2010.

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