



PREVIEW NOTES: MIAMI OPEN PRESENTED BY ITAU
 MIAMI, FL, USA | MARCH 19 – 31, 2019 | \$9,035,428 PREMIER

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MIAMI OPEN – QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates: Tuesday, March 19 – Sunday, March 31, 2019
Singles Final: Saturday, March 30 – 1:00pm
Doubles Final: Sunday, March 31 (following Men’s Singles which starts at 1:00pm)
Venue: Hard Rock Stadium
Status: WTA Premier Mandatory
Staging: Tournament’s 35th year
Draw sizes: 96 singles / 32 doubles / 48 singles qualifying (12 qualifiers)
Surface: Hardcourt (Laykold) / Outdoors
Tennis Ball: Penn Tour Regular Duty
Total prize money: USD \$9,035,428
2018 Singles Final: [13] Sloane Stephens (USA) d. [6] Jelena Ostapenko (LAT) 7-6(5) 6-1
2018 Doubles Final: Ashleigh Barty/ Coco Vandeweghe (AUS/USA) d.
 [6] Barbora Krejčíková/Katerina Siniakova (CZE/CZE) 6-2 6-1

PRIZE MONEY & RANKING POINTS

Prize money at the 2019 Miami Open Tennis totals USD\$9,035,428

SINGLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	1,354,010	1000
Runner-Up	686,000	650
Semifinalist	354,000	390
Quarterfinalist	182,000	215
Round of 16	91,205	120
Round of 32	48,775	65
Round of 64	26,430	35
Round of 128	16,425	10

DOUBLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	457,290	1000
Runner-Up	223,170	650
Semifinalist	111,860	390
Quarterfinalist	57,000	215
Round of 16	30,060	120
Round of 32	16,090	10

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT NAME HISTORY

2015-present: Miami Open presented by Itaú; **2007-14:** Sony Ericsson Open; **2002-06:** NASDAQ-100 Open; **2000-01:** Ericsson Open; **1993-99:** Lipton Championship; **1985-92:** Lipton International Players Championships



MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

- **Youngest singles player:** Cori Gauff, 15 years old (March 13, 2004)
- **Oldest singles player:** Venus Williams, 38 years old (June 17, 1980)
- **Singles withdrawals:** Ekaterina Makarova (left ankle), Maria Sharapova (right shoulder)
- **Main draw debutantes:** Ekaterina Alexandrova (RUS), Bianca Andreescu (CAN), Olga Danilovic (SRB), Cori Gauff (USA), Ons Jabeur (TUN), Viktoria Kuzmova (SVK), Vera Lapko (BLR), Catherine McNally (USA), Mari Osaka (JPN), Sara Sorribes Tormo (ESP), Wang Xinyu (CHN), Wang Xiyu (CHN), Dayana Yastremska (UKR), Tamara Zidansek (SLO)
- For the first time in WTA history, the year's first 13 events have produced 13 different champions, all of whom are in the main draw here: Karolina Pliskova (Brisbane), Aryna Sabalenka (Shenzhen), Julia Goerges (Auckland), Petra Kvitova (Sydney), Sofia Kenin (Hobart), Naomi Osaka (Australian Open), Kiki Bertens (St. Petersburg), Dayana Yastremska (Hua Hin), Elise Mertens (Doha), Belinda Bencic (Dubai), Alison Van Uytvanck (Budapest), Wang Yafan (Acapulco), Bianca Andreescu (Indian Wells)

MIAMI HONOR ROLL

This is the 35th year of the WTA tournament at Miami. Some facts and figures since 1985:

Youngest Champion	1990, Monica Seles (16 years, 3 months)
Oldest Champion	2015, Serena Williams (33 years, 6 months)
Lowest-Ranked Champion	2005, Kim Clijsters (No.38)
Most Singles Titles	S.Williams: 8 (2002-04, 2007-08, 2013-15)
Most Doubles Titles	Jana Novotna: 7 (1989, 1990, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999)
Last 3-set Final	2013, S.Williams d. Sharapova 46 63 60; 10 of 34 finals were 3 sets
Previous Champions in Field	Venus Williams (1998-1999, 2001), Serena Williams (2002-2004, 2007 - 2008, 2013-2015), Victoria Azarenka (2009, 2011, 2016), Johanna Konta (2017), Sloane Stephens (2018)

- Fifteen different players have won the singles title at Miami. Aside from **Serena Williams** who has won a record eight singles titles, other multiple title winners are **Stefanie Graf** (5), **Venus Williams** (3), **Victoria Azarenka** (3), **Monica Seles** (2), **Arantxa Sánchez Vicario** (2), **Martina Hingis** (2) and **Kim Clijsters** (2)
- The title has been won 10 times by the current WTA No.1 ranked player and 29 times by a player who held the No.1 ranking at some point during their career. Of the former champions at Miami, only five have not held the No.1 ranking: **Gabriela Sabatini** (1989), **Svetlana Kuznetsova** (2006), **Agnieszka Radwanska** (2012), **Johanna Konta** (2017) and **Sloane Stephens** (2018)
- The final has featured the Top 2 seeds seven times (1985, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1993, 2001, 2014) with the top seed winning six of those finals; the No.1 seed has won the final 13 times overall
- Serena Williams is the most successful player in the tournament's history, winning more matches (75) and reaching more finals (10) than any other player:

PLAYER	WINS	LOSSES
Serena Williams	75	9
Venus Williams	64	15
Stefanie Graf	59	6
Gabriela Sabatini	45	11
Victoria Azarenka	35	7
Svetlana Kuznetsova	34	15
Maria Sharapova	33	10
Jennifer Capriati	33	13
Monica Seles	32	7
Lindsay Davenport	32	11



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YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SCORE	DOUBLES CHAMPIONS
1985	Martina Navratilova (USA #1)	Chris Evert (USA #2)	6-2 6-4	G.Fernandez/Navratilova
1986	Chris Evert (USA #2)	Stefanie Graf (GER #6)	6-4 6-2	Shriver/Sukova
1987	Stefanie Graf (GER #2)	Chris Evert (USA #3)	6-1 6-2	Navratilova/Shriver
1988	Stefanie Graf (GER #1)	Chris Evert (USA #3)	6-4 6-4	Graf/Sabatini
1989	Gabriela Sabatini (ARG #3)	Chris Evert (USA #4)	6-1 4-6 6-2	Graf/Sabatini
1990	Monica Seles (YUG #6)	Judith Wiesner (AUT #28)	6-1 6-2	Novotna/Sukova
1991	Monica Seles (YUG #1)	Gabriela Sabatini (ARG #4)	6-3 7-5	Novotna/Sukova
1992	Arantxa Sánchez Vicario (ESP #5)	Gabriela Sabatini (ARG #3)	6-1 6-4	Sánchez-Vicario/Neiland
1993	Arantxa Sánchez Vicario (ESP #4)	Stefanie Graf (GER #2)	6-4 3-6 6-3	Novotna/Neiland
1994	Stefanie Graf (GER #1)	Natasha Zvereva (BLR #14)	4-6 6-1 6-2	G.Fernandez/Zvereva
1995	Stefanie Graf (GER #2)	Kimiko Date (JPN #9)	6-1 6-4	Novotna/Sánchez Vicario
1996	Stefanie Graf (GER #1)	Chanda Rubin (USA #9)	6-1 6-3	Novotna/Sánchez Vicario
1997	Martina Hingis (SUI #2)	Monica Seles (USA #5)	6-2 6-1	Sánchez Vicario/Zvereva
1998	Venus Williams (USA #11)	Anna Kournikova (RUS #25)	2-6 6-4 6-1	Hingis/Novotna
1999	Venus Williams (USA #6)	Serena Williams (USA #16)	6-1 4-6 6-4	Hingis/Novotna
2000	Martina Hingis (SUI #1)	Lindsay Davenport (USA #2)	6-3 6-2	Halard-Decugis/Sugiyama
2001	Venus Williams (USA #3)	Jennifer Capriati (USA #5)	4-6 6-1 7-6(4)	Sánchez Vicario/Tauziat
2002	Serena Williams (USA #9)	Jennifer Capriati (USA #1)	7-5 7-6(4)	Raymond/Stubbs
2003	Serena Williams (USA #1)	Jennifer Capriati (USA #5)	4-6 6-4 6-1	Huber/Maleeva
2004	Serena Williams (USA #6)	Elena Dementieva (RUS #8)	6-1 6-1	Petrova/Shaugnessy
2005	Kim Clijsters (BEL #38)	Maria Sharapova (RUS #3)	6-3 7-5	Kuznetsova/Molik
2006	Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUS #14)	Maria Sharapova (RUS #4)	6-4 6-3	Raymond/Stosur
2007	Serena Williams (USA #18)	Justine Henin (BEL #1)	0-6 7-5 6-3	Raymond/Stosur
2008	Serena Williams (USA #8)	Jelena Jankovic (SRB #3)	6-1 5-7 6-3	Srebotnik/Sugiyama
2009	Victoria Azarenka (BLR #10)	Serena Williams (USA #1)	6-3 6-1	Kuznetsova/Mauresmo
2010	Kim Clijsters (BEL #16)	Venus Williams (USA #5)	6-2 6-1	Dulko/Pennetta
2011	Victoria Azarenka (BLR #8)	Maria Sharapova (RUS #13)	6-1 6-4	Hantuchova/A.Radwanska
2012	Agnieszka Radwanska (POL #4)	Maria Sharapova (RUS #2)	7-5 6-4	Kirilenko/Petrova
2013	Serena Williams (USA #1)	Maria Sharapova (RUS #3)	4-6 6-3 6-0	Petrova/Srebotnik
2014	Serena Williams (USA #1)	Li Na (CHN #2)	7-5 6-1	Hingis/Lisicki
2015	Serena Williams (USA #1)	Carla Suárez Navarro (ESP #12)	6-2 6-0	Hingis/Mirza
2016	Victoria Azarenka (BLR #8)	Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUS #19)	6-3 6-2	Mattek-Sands/Safarova
2017	Johanna Konta (GBR #11)	Caroline Wozniacki (DEN #14)	6-4 6-3	Dabrowski/Xu
2018	Sloane Stephens (USA #12)	Jelena Ostapenko (LAT #5)	7-6(5) 6-1	Barty/Vandeweghe



A SNAPSHOT OF 2019 – THE YEAR SO FAR

- **One Top 10 Debut:** Aryna Sabalenka (at No.10 on January 28)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title:** Kiki Bertens (32, St. Petersburg)
- **Lowest-ranked player to triumph:** No.65 Wang Yafan in Acapulco
- **Most finals:** Petra Kvitova: 3 (Sydney, W, Australian Open, R-Up, Dubai, R-Up); Sofia Kenin: 2 (Hobart, W, Acapulco, R-Up), Bianca Andreescu: 2 (Auckland, R-Up, Indian Wells, W)
- **Match points saved en route to a title:** Julia Goerges at Auckland (saved 1 mp vs. Eugenie Bouchard in QF), Belinda Bencic at Dubai (saved 6mp vs. Aryna Sabalenka in 3r), Alison Van Uytvanck at Budapest (saved 5mp vs. Ekaterina Alexandrova in SF)
- **Maiden titles:** Bianca Andreescu (Indian Wells), Sofia Kenin (Hobart), Wang Yafan (Acapulco)
- **Under 24s:** Nine of the 13 events played so far this year have been won by players aged 24 or younger – Aryna Sabalenka, 20 (Shenzhen), Sofia Kenin, 20 (Hobart), Naomi Osaka, 21 (Australian Open), Dayana Yastremska, 18 (Hua Hin), Elise Mertens, 23 (Doha), Belinda Bencic, 21 (Dubai), Alison Van Uytvanck, 24 (Budapest), Wang Yafan, 24 (Acapulco), Bianca Andreescu, 18 (Indian Wells)
- **Youngest title winner:** Dayana Yastremska, Hua Hin (18y 8m 14d)
- **Oldest title winner:** Julia Goerges, Auckland (30y 1m 4d)
- **Aces leaders:** Karolina Pliskova – 146, Kiki Bertens – 129, Petra Kvitova – 109
- **Match win leaders (main draw):** Bianca Andreescu – 17, Belinda Bencic – 17, Petra Kvitova – 17, Karolina Pliskova – 16, Sofia Kenin – 14, Aryna Sabalenka – 14
- **Most three-set matches played:** Karolina Pliskova – 13 (7-6 win-loss record)
- **Most doubles titles:** Latisha Chan and Chan Hao-Ching have won two titles so far in 2019 – triumphing together at Hobart and Doha

WTA PREMIER MANDATORY EVENTS

The Miami Open presented by Itau is one of four WTA Premier Mandatory tournaments, along with the events at Indian Wells, Madrid and Beijing, and is mandatory for all players ranked high enough for entry. The Premier Mandatory category came into existence in 2009 as part of the changes implemented under the Roadmap. The winners of these tournaments have been:

	INDIAN WELLS	MIAMI	MADRID	BEIJING
2009	Vera Zvonareva (RUS)	Victoria Azarenka (BLR)	Dinara Safina (RUS)	Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUS)
2010	Jelena Jankovic (SRB)	Kim Clijsters (BEL)	Aravane Rezai (FRA)	Caroline Wozniacki (DEN)
2011	Caroline Wozniacki (DEN)	Victoria Azarenka (BLR)	Petra Kvitova (CZE)	Agnieszka Radwanska (POL)
2012	Victoria Azarenka (BLR)	Agnieszka Radwanska (POL)	Serena Williams (USA)	Victoria Azarenka (BLR)
2013	Maria Sharapova (RUS)	Serena Williams (USA)	Serena Williams (USA)	Serena Williams (USA)
2014	Flavia Pennetta (ITA)	Serena Williams (USA)	Maria Sharapova (RUS)	Maria Sharapova (RUS)
2015	Simona Halep (ROU)	Serena Williams (USA)	Petra Kvitova (CZE)	Garbiñe Muguruza (ESP)
2016	Victoria Azarenka (BLR)	Victoria Azarenka (BLR)	Simona Halep (ROU)	Agnieszka Radwanska (POL)
2017	Elena Vesnina (RUS)	Johanna Konta (GBR)	Simona Halep (ROU)	Caroline Garcia (FRA)
2018	Naomi Osaka (JPN)	Sloane Stephens (USA)	Petra Kvitova (CZE)	Caroline Wozniacki (DEN)
2019	Bianca Andreescu (CAN)	TBC	TBC	TBC



2019 WILDCARDS

Catherine McNally (USA), Mari Osaka (JPN), Wang XinYu (CHN), Wang XiYu (CHN), Whitney Osuigwe (USA), Natalia Vikhlyantseva (RUS), Cori Gauff (USA), and Olga Danilovic (SRB) have been awarded main draw wildcards to the Miami Open in 2019. In 2010, Justine Henin became the first wildcard to reach the semifinals at Miami, a feat matched 12 months ago by Victoria Azarenka:

PLAYER	YEAR	ROUND
Justine Henin (BEL)	2010	SF
Victoria Azarenka (BLR)	2018	SF
Ginger Helgeson-Nielsen (USA)	1991	QF
Venus Williams (USA)	2012	QF
Daria Gavrilova (AUS)	2015	QF
Garbiñe Muguruza (ESP)	2013	R16
Ajla Tomljanovic (CRO)	2013	R16
Sabine Lisicki (GER)	2008	R16
Tatiana Golovin (FRA)	2004	R16
Sarah Taylor (USA)	2003	R16
Heather Watson (GBR)	2016	R16
Bethanie Mattek-Sands (USA)	2017	R16

BEST RESULT BY A QUALIFIER

The best result by a qualifier at Miami was achieved by **Danielle Collins** in 2018 (SF, I. Ostapenko). A qualifier has reached R16 or better nine times:

PLAYER	YEAR	ROUND
Danielle Collins (USA)	2018	SF
Marion Bartoli (FRA)	2003	QF
Marlene Weingartner (GER)	2003	R16
Catalina Castano (COL)	2005	R16
Eleni Daniilidou (GRE)	2006	R16
Vera Dushevina (RUS)	2007	R16
CoCo Vandeweghe (USA)	2014	R16
Risa Ozaki (JPN)	2017	R16
Wang Yafan (CHN)	2018	R16



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DEFENDING CHAMPIONS

Sloane Stephens defeated **Jelena Ostapenko** in the 2018 final, and is aiming to be the 12th player to successfully defend the Miami Open title:

YEAR	DEFENDING CHAMPION	MIAMI RESULT
1987	Chris Evert	R-Up
1988	Stefanie Graf	Won
1989	Stefanie Graf	DNP
1990	Gabriela Sabatini	QF
1991	Monica Seles	Won
1992	Monica Seles	QF
1993	Arantxa Sanchez Vicario	Won
1994	Arantxa Sanchez Vicario	QF
1995	Stefanie Graf	Won
1996	Stefanie Graf	Won
1997	Stefanie Graf	SF
1998	Martina Hingis	SF
1999	Venus Williams	Won
2000	Venus Williams	DNP
2001	Martina Hingis	SF
2002	Venus Williams	SF

YEAR	DEFENDING CHAMPION	MIAMI RESULT
2003	Serena Williams	Won
2004	Serena Williams	Won
2005	Serena Williams	QF
2006	Kim Clijsters	2r
2007	Svetlana Kuznetsova	4r
2008	Serena Williams	Won
2009	Serena Williams	R-Up
2010	Victoria Azarenka	R16
2011	Kim Clijsters	QF
2012	Victoria Azarenka	QF
2013	Agnieszka Radwanska	SF
2014	Serena Williams	Won
2015	Serena Williams	Won
2016	Serena Williams	R16
2017	Victoria Azarenka	DNP
2018	Johanna Konta	R16



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BACK-TO-BACK CHAMPIONS AT INDIAN WELLS AND MIAMI

In 2016, **Victoria Azarenka** became just the third player to win at both Indian Wells and Miami in the same year, after **Stefanie Graf** (1994, 1996) and **Kim Clijsters** (2005); 2019 Indian Wells champion **Bianca Andreescu** is bidding to emulate this feat in Miami this fortnight:

YEAR	INDIAN WELLS CHAMPION	MIAMI RESULT
1989*	Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere	R32
1990 *	Martina Navratilova	DNP
1991 *	Martina Navratilova	DNP
1992 *	Monica Seles	QF
1993 *	Mary Joe Fernandez	QF
1994 *	Stefanie Graf	WON
1995 *	Mary Joe Fernandez	DNP
1996 *	Stefanie Graf	WON
1997 *	Lindsay Davenport	R16
1998 *	Martina Hingis	SF
1999 *	Serena Williams	R-Up
2000	Lindsay Davenport	R-Up
2001	Serena Williams	QF
2002	Daniela Hantuchova	R64
2003	Kim Clijsters	R-Up

YEAR	INDIAN WELLS CHAMPION	MIAMI RESULT
2004	Justine Henin	DNP
2005	Kim Clijsters	WON
2006	Maria Sharapova	R-Up
2007	Daniela Hantuchova	R32
2008	Ana Ivanovic	R32
2009	Vera Zvonareva	R32
2010	Jelena Jankovic	R16
2011	Caroline Wozniacki	R16
2012	Victoria Azarenka	QF
2013	Maria Sharapova	R-Up
2014	Flavia Pennetta	R32
2015	Simona Halep	SF
2016	Victoria Azarenka	WON
2017	Elena Vesnina	R64
2018	Naomi Osaka	R64

* Indian Wells was a 64 draw from 1989-99; increased to a 128 draw in 2000

MIAMI QUARTERFINALISTS SINCE 2014

YEAR	WINNER	R-UP	SF	SF	QF	QF	QF	QF
2014	S.Williams	Li	Sharapova	Cibulkova	Kerber	Kvitova	A.Radwanska	Wozniacki
2015	S.Williams	Suárez Navarro	Halep	Petkovic	Lisicki	Stephens	V.Williams	Ka.Pliskova
2016	Azarenka	Kuznetsova	Bacsinszky	Kerber	Halep	Keys	Konta	Makarova
2017	Konta	Wozniacki	V.Williams	Ka.Pliskova	Kerber	Halep	Safarova	Lucic-Baroni
2018	Stephens	Ostapenko	Collins	Azarenka	V.Williams	Svitolina	Kerber	Ka.Pliskova



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SEEDS FOR 2019

Here is a look at the Top 32 seeds who will receive first-round byes this year at Miami:

SEED	PLAYER
1	Naomi Osaka (JPN)
2	Simona Halep (ROU)
3	Petra Kvitova (CZE)
4	Sloane Stephens (USA)
5	Karolina Pliskova (CZE)
6	Elina Svitolina (UKR)
7	Kiki Bertens (NED)
8	Angelique Kerber (GER)
9	Aryna Sabalenka (BLR)
10	Serena Williams (USA)
11	Anastasia Sevastova (LAT)
12	Ashleigh Barty (AUS)
13	Caroline Wozniacki (DEN)
14	Daria Kasatkina (RUS)
15	Julia Goerges (GER)
16	Elise Mertens (BEL)

SEED	PLAYER
17	Madison Keys (USA)
18	Wang Qiang (CHN)
19	Caroline Garcia (FRA)
20	Garbiñe Muguruza (ESP)
21	Anett Kontaveit (EST)
22	Jelena Ostapenko (LAT)
23	Belinda Bencic (SUI)
24	Carla Suárez Navarro (ESP)
25	Danielle Collins (USA)
26	Donna Vekic (CRO)
27	Hsieh Su-Wei (TPE)
28	Lesia Tsurenko (UKR)
29	Camila Giorgi (ITA)
30	Mihaela Buzarnescu (ROU)
31	Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (RUS)
32	Sofia Kenin (USA)

OSAKA ENTERS MIAMI AS TOP SEED

Naomi Osaka enters Miami as the No.1 seed for the first time in her career. The top seed has won the title here 13 times, most recently in 2015 when Serena Williams defeated No.12 seed Carla Suárez Navarro in the final. The earliest the top seed has lost is R32, in 1995 (Sánchez Vicario, I. Werdel Witmeyer) and 2018 (Halep, I. A.Radwanska).

NO.1 SEEDS' PERFORMANCES AT MIAMI

YEAR	NO.1 SEED	RESULT
1985	Martina Navratilova	Won
1986	Chris Evert	Won
1987	Martina Navratilova	SF
1988	Stefanie Graf	Won
1989	Gabriela Sabatini	Won
1990	Gabriela Sabatini	QF
1991	Stefanie Graf	SF
1992	Monica Seles	QF
1993	Stefanie Graf	R-Up
1994	Stefanie Graf	Won
1995	Arantxa Sánchez Vicario	R32
1996	Stefanie Graf	Won
1997	Martina Hingis	Won
1998	Martina Hingis	SF
1999	Martina Hingis	SF
2000	Martina Hingis	Won
2001	Martina Hingis	SF

YEAR	NO.1 SEED	RESULT
2002	Jennifer Capriati	R-Up
2003	Serena Williams	Won
2004	Serena Williams	Won
2005	Amelie Mauresmo	SF
2006	Amelie Mauresmo	SF
2007	Maria Sharapova	R16
2008	Justine Henin	QF
2009	Serena Williams	R-Up
2010	Svetlana Kuznetsova	R16
2011	Caroline Wozniacki	R16
2012	Victoria Azarenka	QF
2013	Serena Williams	Won
2014	Serena Williams	Won
2015	Serena Williams	Won
2016	Serena Williams	R16
2017	Angelique Kerber	QF
2018	Simona Halep	R32



WORLD NO.1 RANKING – TOP SPOT ON THE LINE

The fortnight of the Miami Open will be Naomi Osaka’s eighth and ninth weeks as World No.1.

PLAYER	WEEKS AT No.1	DATE REACHED
Steffi Graf (GER)	377	August 17, 1987
Martina Navratilova	332	July 10, 1978
Serena Williams (USA)	319	July 8, 2002
Chris Evert (USA)	260	November 3,
Martina Hingis (SUI)	209	March 31, 1997
Monica Seles (USA)	178	March 11, 1991
Justine Henin (BEL)	117	October 20, 2003
Lindsay Davenport	98	October 12, 1998
Caroline Wozniacki	71	October 11, 2010
Simona Halep (ROU)	64	October 9, 2017
Victoria Azarenka (BLR)	51	January 30, 2012
Amélie Mauresmo	39	September 13,
Dinara Safina (RUS)	26	April 20, 2009
Tracy Austin (USA)	21	April 7, 1980
Maria Sharapova (RUS)	21	August 22, 2005
Kim Clijsters (BEL)	20	August 11, 2003
Angelique Kerber (GER)	20	September 12,
Simona Halep (ROU)	19*	October 9, 2017
Jelena Jankovic (SRB)	18	August 11, 2008
Jennifer Capriati (USA)	17	October 15, 2001
Ana Ivanovic (SRB)	12	June 9, 2008
Arantxa Sanchez-	12	February 6, 1995
Venus Williams (USA)	11	February 25, 2002
Naomi Osaka (JPN)	9*	January 28, 2019
Karolina Pliskova (CZE)	8	July 17, 2017
Garbiñe Muguruza	4	September 11,
Evonne Goolagong	2	April 26, 1976

**including weeks of March 18 and March 25, 2019*

However, her place at the summit could come under threat from Simona Halep, Petra Kvitova, Angelique Kerber or Elina Svitolina this fortnight. Osaka fell in the second round last year (35 pts), while Halep reached the third round (65 pts), Kvitova made the fourth round (120 pts) and Kerber and Svitolina both fell in the quarterfinals (215 pts).

- Kvitova and Halep need to reach the final to have chance at overtaking Osaka
- Kerber and Svitolina will need to win the title
- If Osaka wins her opening match, Svitolina is out of contention. While if the Japanese star reaches the quarterfinals, then only Halep or Kvitova can only overtake her by winning the title



TOP 20 DEFENDING RANKING POINTS

Miami is a Premier Mandatory event and any player who gains direct entry into the main draw must count the ranking points. Among the players in this year’s field, **Sloane Stephens** – last year’s champion – is defending the most ranking points (1000), followed by 2018 runner-up **Jelena Ostapenko** (650 points). Here is a look at the Top 20 and the number of points they are defending over the next two weeks:

RANK	PLAYER	RANK PTS	
		Week of Mar 18, 2019	2018 MIAMI
1	Naomi Osaka	5991	35
2	Petra Kvitova	5550	65
3	Simona Halep	5457	120
4	Angelique Kerber	5315	215
5	Elina Svitolina	5225	215
6	Sloane Stephens	5222	1000
7	Karolina Pliskova	5145	215
8	Kiki Bertens	4995	65
9	Aryna Sabalenka	3620	35
10	Serena Williams	3406	10
11	Ashleigh Barty	3395	120
12	Anastasija Sevastova	3270	65
13	Caroline Wozniacki	3007	10
14	Elise Mertens	2800	65
15	Julia Goerges	2780	10
16	Madison Keys	2726	10
17	Garbiñe Muguruza	2635	120
18	Wang Qiang	2607	10
19	Anett Kontaveit	2465	10
20	Belinda Bencic	2420	DNP



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Current Leader Board (as at March 18, 2019):

1. Petra Kvitova
2. Naomi Osaka
3. Belinda Bencic
4. Karolina Pliskova
5. Bianca Andreescu
6. Elina Svitolina
7. Angelique Kerber
8. Kiki Bertens
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9. Danielle Collins
10. Simona Halep

DOUBLES RACE TO SHENZHEN

Team standings as at March 18, 2019 with eight teams set to qualify for the 2019 event:

1. Chan/Chan
2. Stosur/Zhang
3. Mladenovic/Babos
4. Krejckova/Siniakova
5. Mertens/Sabalenka
6. Strycova/Hsieh
7. Riske/Brady
8. Xu/Dabrowski
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9. Strycova/Vondrousova
10. Peschke/Melichar

2019 MIAMI OPEN FIELD BREAKDOWN

- The field for the 2019 Miami Open contains 49 of the current Top 50; missing is **Sharapova**
- The draw features nine players who have held the No.1 ranking: reigning No.1 **Naomi Osaka, Simona Halep, Karolina Pliskova, Serena Williams, Victoria Azarenka, Angelique Kerber, Venus Williams, Caroline Wozniacki** and **Garbiñe Muguruza**
- There are five former Miami champions in the draw: **Stephens** (2018), **Konta** (2017), **S.Williams** (2002-04, 2007-08, 2013-15), **Azarenka** (2009, 2011, 2016) and **V.Williams** (1998-99, 2001)
- There are five former Miami runners-up in the draw: **Ostapenko** (2018), **Wozniacki** (2017), **Suárez Navarro** (2015), **V.Williams** (2010), **S.Williams** (1999, 2009),
- A total of 31 countries are represented, led by the USA with 11 players (not including qualifiers)
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Australia (4)	Ashleigh Barty, Daria Gavrilova, Samantha Stosur, Ajla Tomljanovic
Belarus (4)	Victoria Azarenka, Vera Lapko, Aryna Sabalenka, Aliaksandra Sasnovich
Belgium (3)	Kirsten Flipkens, Elise Mertens, Alison Van Uytvanck
Canada (1)	Bianca Andreescu
China (6)	Wang Qiang, Wang Xiyu, Wang Xinyu, Wang Yafan, Zhang Shuai, Zheng Saisai
Chinese Taipei (1)	Hsieh Su-wei
Croatia (2)	Petra Martić, Donna Vekić
Czech Republic (5)	Petra Kvitová, Karolína Plíšková, Katerina Siniaková, Barbora Strýcová, Markéta Vondroušová
Denmark (1)	Caroline Wozniacki
Estonia (1)	Anett Kontaveit
France (4)	Alizé Cornet, Caroline Garcia, Kristina Mladenovic, Pauline Parmentier
Germany (5)	Mona Barthel, Anna-Lena Freidsam, Julia Goerges, Angelique Kerber, Tatjana Maria
Great Britain (1)	Johanna Konta
Greece (1)	Maria Sakkari
Italy (1)	Camila Giorgi
Japan (2)	Mari Osaka, Naomi Osaka
Kazakhstan (1)	Yulia Putintseva
Latvia (2)	Jelena Ostapenko, Anastasija Sevastova
Netherlands (1)	Kiki Bertens
Puerto Rico (1)	Monica Puig
Romania (3)	Irina-Camelia Begu, Mihaela Buzarnescu, Simona Halep
Russia (6)	Ekaterina Alexandrova, Daria Kasatkina, Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Evgeniya Rodina, Natalia Vikhlyantseva
Serbia (2)	Olga Danilovic, Aleksandra Krunic
Slovakia (4)	Dominika Cibulková, Viktoria Kuzmova, Magdalena Rybariková, Anna Karolína Schmiedlová
Slovenia (1)	Tamara Zidansek
Spain (3)	Garbiñe Muguruza, Sara Sorribes Tormo, Carla Suárez Navarro
Sweden (2)	Johanna Larsson, Rebecca Peterson
Switzerland (1)	Belinda Bencic
Tunisia (1)	Ons Jabeur
United States (11)	Amanda Anisimova, Danielle Collins, Cori Gauff, Sofia Kenin, Madison Keys, Catherine McNally, Whitney Osuigwe, Alison Riske, Sloane Stephens, Serena Williams, Venus Williams
Ukraine (3)	Elina Svitolina, Lesia Tsurenko, Dayana Yastremska

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