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MIAMI OPEN PRESENTED BY ITAÚ – FINAL

[1] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #1) vs. [8] BIANCA ANDREESCU (CAN #9)

First meeting

*This is the third final of the season between Grand Slam champions... **Barty** bidding to become sixth woman to defend Miami title... **Andreescu** is playing a reigning World No.1 for the first time... **Barty** saved a match point in her opening match of the tournament... Eight of **Andreescu's** 11 matches this season have gone to three sets... **Barty** is on a 11-match winning streak in Miami... **Andreescu** owns 33-1 record in North America since start of 2019*

A LOOK AT THE FINALISTS

PLAYER	RANK	AGE	NAT	MIAMI (MD) W/L*	SEASON (MD) W/L*	CAREER (MD) W/L*	CAREER PRIZE \$^	CAREER TITLES
[1] Ashleigh Barty	1	24	AUS	14-2	13-2	165-67	18,030,248	9
[8] Bianca Andreescu	9	20	CAN	8-1	9-2	49-14	6,835,466	3

*Includes current tournament / ^ Does not include current tournament

FINAL RECORDS

PLAYER	BEST MIAMI RESULT	LAST FINAL REACHED (final result)	CAREER F W/L
[1] Ashleigh Barty	WON (1): 2019 Final (1): 2021	2021 Yarra Valley Classic (WON)	9-5
[8] Bianca Andreescu	Final (1): 2021 R16 (1): 2019	2019 US Open (WON)	3-1

MIAMI OPEN 10-YEAR FINAL HISTORY

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SCORE
2020	<i>Tournament not played</i>		
2019	[12] Ashleigh Barty (AUS #11)	[5] Karolina Pliskova (CZE #7)	7-6(1) 6-3
2018	[13] Sloane Stephens (USA #12)	[6] Jelena Ostapenko (LAT #5)	7-6(5) 6-1
2017	[10] Johanna Konta (GBR #11)	[12] Caroline Wozniacki (DEN #14)	6-4 6-3
2016	[13] Victoria Azarenka (BLR #8)	[15] Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUS #19)	6-3 6-2
2015	[1] Serena Williams (USA #1)	[12] Carla Suárez Navarro (ESP #12)	6-2 6-0
2014	[1] Serena Williams (USA #1)	[2] Li Na (CHN #2)	7-5 6-1
2013	[1] Serena Williams (USA #1)	[3] Maria Sharapova (RUS #2)	4-6 6-3 6-0
2012	[5] Agnieszka Radwanska (POL #4)	[2] Maria Sharapova (RUS #2)	7-5 6-4
2011	[8] Victoria Azarenka (BLR #8)	[16] Maria Sharapova (RUS #13)	6-1 6-4

FINAL QUICK-HITS

- **Ashleigh Barty** is contesting her second Miami Open final, while **Bianca Andreescu** is appearing in the championship match here for the first time
- **Barty** was champion at Miami Gardens in 2019 and is bidding to become the sixth woman to defend the title, following in the footsteps of Stefanie Graf (1987-88, 1994-96), Monica Seles (1990-91), Arantxa Sánchez-Vicario (1992-93), Venus Williams (1998-99) and Serena Williams (2002-04, 2007-08, 2013-15)
- **Andreescu** is looking to be the youngest Miami champion since a 19-year-old Victoria Azarenka triumphed in 2009
- This is the third final of the season between Grand Slam champions, following on from **Barty's** win over Garbiñe Muguruza at the Yarra Valley Classic and Petra Kvitová's victory versus Muguruza at Doha
- **Barty** saved one match point at 5-4 down in the final set of her second-round match against Kristina Kučová. **Andreescu** has not saved a match point, but her journey to the final has been more arduous. Each of her last four matches have gone to three sets, including a comeback from 4-2 down in the decider of her semifinal with Maria Sakkari
- **Barty** is also attempting to become the first top seed to win in Miami since S.Williams in 2015. Barty is the only No.1 seed to walk away with the title so far in 2021, having done so at the Yarra Valley Classic
- This is **Barty's** 15th career final, with nine of these coming since the start of 2019. All five of **Andreescu's** career finals have come since the start of 2019
- **Barty** will stay at No.1 following the conclusion of the tournament. Regardless of the result in the final, **Andreescu** is projected to move to No.6

ROAD TO THE FINAL

BARTY			ANDREESCU	
		Bye	First round	Bye
[Q] Kristina Kučová (CZE #149)	6-3 4-6 7-5		Second round	[Q] Tereza Martincová (CZE #105) 7-6(5) 6-2
Jelena Ostapenko (LAT #54)	6-3 6-2		Third round	[28] Amanda Anisimova (USA #32) 7-6(4) 6-7(2) 6-4
[14] Victoria Azarenka (BLR #15)	6-1 1-6 6-2		Fourth round	[12] Garbiñe Muguruza (ESP #13) 3-6 6-3 6-2
[7] Aryna Sabalenka (BLR #8)	6-4 6-7(5) 6-3		Quarterfinals	Sara Sorribes Tormo (ESP #58) 6-4 3-6 6-3
[5] Elina Svitolina (UKR #5)	6-3 6-3		Semifinals	[23] Maria Sakkari (GER #25) 7-6(7) 3-6 7-6(4)

Total time on court: 9h 13m

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MATCH STATS

PLAYER	ACES	DOUBLE FAULTS	SERVICE GAMES WON	RETURN GAMES WON
Ashleigh Barty	39	9	76.9%	38.5%
Bianca Andreescu	10	19	71.7%	32.8%

A SNAPSHOT OF 2021 SO FAR

- **Top 20 Debut (1):** Jennifer Brady (at No.13 on February 22)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title:** Iga Swiatek (22, Adelaide)
- **Lowest-ranked player to triumph:** Clara Tauson (No.139, Lyon)
- **Youngest title winner:** Clara Tauson, Lyon (18y 76d)
- **Oldest title winner:** Petra Kvitova, Doha (30y 363d)
- **Aces leaders:** Ashleigh Barty – 102 Veronika Kudermetova – 99, Ekaterina Alexandrova – 96
- **Most aces in a match (17):** Ekaterina Alexandrova (d. Watson 7-5 6-7(7) 6-3 – Abu Dhabi, 2r)
- **Match win leaders:** Garbiñe Muguruza – 20, Daria Kasatkina – 15, Sara Sorribes Tormo – 15
- **Most singles titles (2):** Daria Kasatkina (Phillip Island Trophy, St. Petersburg)
- **Most doubles titles (2):** Shuko Aoyama / Ena Shibahara (Abu Dhabi, Yarra Valley Classic), Alexa Guarachi (Adelaide, Dubai)
- **Most Top 10 wins (4):** Jessica Pegula (No.5 Svitolina at Australian Open, No.6 Ka.Pliskova at Doha, Dubai and Miami)
- **Longest match:** 3h 33m – Irina-Camelia Begu d. Johanna Konta 4-6, 7-6(10), 7-6(4) (Gippsland Trophy, 3r)

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Head-to-head: First meeting

BARTY		ANDREESCU	
Career Prize Money	\$18,030,248	Career Prize Money	\$6,835,466
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	April 24, 1996 (24)	Date of Birth (Age)	Jun. 16, 2000 (20)
Singles Titles	9	Singles Titles	3
Miami W-L (MD)	14-2	Miami W-L (MD)	8-1
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	13-2 / 165-67	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	9-2 / 49-14
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	5-1 / 52-20	3-Set (YTD / Career)	7-1 / 23-8
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	3-1 / 26-20	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	7-1 / 16-6
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	13-2 / 115-45	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	9-2 / 45-12
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 20-20	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 8-3
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	4-0 / 41-38	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 14-6
Coach	Craig Tyzzer	Coach	Sylvain Bruneau

BARTY:

Miami Open

- Making fourth appearance at the Miami Open, returning in 2021 as defending champion
- When the event was last held, in 2019, defeated three Top 10 players en route to the title (No.8 Bertens, No.2 Kvitova and No.7 Ka.Pliskova in F)
- At the time, was the biggest title of her career and the 1000 points earned proved to be a huge step for her becoming the World No.1, which she achieved three months later (June 24, 2019)
- Owner of nine singles titles overall, although has never successfully defended one
- Made debut here in 2017, making 2r (l. Stosur) and reached R16 in 2018 (l. Svitolina)
- Won doubles title here in 2018 (w/Vandeweghe, d. Krejckova/Siniakova in F)
- No.1 seed this fortnight – last World No.1 and top seed to win the title here was S.Williams in 2015 (who made it a three-peat that year, having also lifted the trophy in 2013 and 2014)
- Due to Osaka’s QF defeat on Wednesday, is guaranteed to remain World No.1 in next week’s rankings
- Playing her 16th Tour-level event as the top seed; has won four of the previous 15, at 2018 Nottingham, 2019 WTA Finals, 2020 Adelaide and 2021 Yarra Valley Classic
- One of three Australian women in the singles main draw – also Sanders and Tomljanovic (both fell 2r)
- After a 1r bye, saved a match point against qualifier Kucova in a match lasting 2h27m – her first match outside Australia since Doha in February 2020
- Reeled off the last six games to beat No.54 Ostapenko in 3r for 10th main draw win of the year; has now won all three of their match-ups on hard courts
- In R16, defeated the only other former Miami champion left in the draw, Azarenka in three sets; six previous winners began the main draw this fortnight (Azarenka, Barty, Konta, Kuznetsova, Stephens and V.Williams)
- Has made QF or better in six of her last seven tournaments contested (exception was 2r exit last month at Adelaide after 1r bye)
- Won all 16 service games to beat No.8 Sabalenka in QF – her first match against a Top 10 player since defeating No.8 Kvitova in QF at 2020 Australian Open



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- Struck seven aces to beat No.5 Svitolina in SF – has now hit a tournament-leading 39 aces this fortnight
- Now owns six Top-5 wins in her career, having previously overcome No.4 Ka.Pliskova (2017 Wuhan), No.3 Kerber (2018 Wuhan), No.1 Halep (2019 Sydney), No.2 Kvitova (2019 Miami) and No.2 Ka.Pliskova (2019 WTA Finals)
- Has won 11 straight matches in Miami, the longest streak since Azarenka won 11 in a row (2016 – WON, 2017 – DNP, 2018 – SF). The last player to post 12 or more was S.Williams, who went 20 matches unbeaten (2013 – WON, 2014 – WON, 2015 – WON, 2016 – R16)
- Faces Andreescu in today's final; record in WTA finals stands at 9-5 (6-4 on hard courts)
- Appearing in her ninth final since the start of 2019; has triumphed in six of the eight finals during this time span, winning 14 of 20 matches against Top 10 opposition over that span
- Withdrew prior to 1r match in doubles due to partner Brady's right thigh injury
- Coming off 2r loss at Adelaide (as defending champion, after 1r bye, I. Collins)
- Posted QF run at the Australian Open (I. Muchova) after winning her ninth career title at the Yarra Valley Classic (d. Muguruza in F) – her first tournament since 2020 Doha where she reached SF (I. eventual R-Up Kvitova)

Career Milestones

- Finished year-end No.1 for second year in a row in 2020, despite missing all tournaments held after the resumption of play in the summer
- Went 12-3 to start 2020 season, results highlighted by first title on home soil, and eighth overall at Adelaide (d. Yastremska in F). Followed up with SF runs at Australian Open (I. eventual champion Kenin) and Doha (I. Kvitova)
- Stellar season in 2019 brought four singles titles – including maiden major at Roland Garros (d. Vondrousova in F) and WTA Finals in Shenzhen (d. Svitolina in F); registered Tour-leading 57 match wins, with 11-6 record against Top 10 opponents
- Broke into Top 10 after defeating Ka.Pliskova in F at 2019 Miami (week of April 1) and became first Australian woman in 43 years to secure No.1 singles ranking after title run at Birmingham, where she defeated Goerges in F (June 24, 2019)
- Other highlights in 2019 included R-Up finishes at Sydney (scored first win over a reigning No.1, Halep, en route; I. Kvitova) and Beijing (I. Osaka) and reached SF at Cincinnati and Wuhan. In doubles, won Rome titles and was R-Up at US Open (both w/Azarenka)
- In 2019, spearheaded Australia to its first Billie Jean King Cup final since 1993, against France in Perth; went 1-1 in singles (d. Garcia, I. Mladenovic) and dropped decisive doubles (w/Stosur) as the French prevailed 3-2
- In 2018, won two singles titles and four doubles titles, finishing the season No.15 in singles and No.7 in doubles; was one of only two players to finish the year in the Top 20 in both disciplines (along with Mertens)
- Captured first Grand Slam doubles trophy at 2018 US Open (w/Vandeweghe, d. No.1 seeds Krejcikova/Siniakova in SF and No.2 seeds Mladenovic/Babos in F)
- Clinched career first WTA singles title at 2017 Kuala Lumpur (as qualifier, d. Hibino in F). Made Top 20 debut and became Australia's No.1 on October 23, 2017
- Qualified for WTA Finals in doubles in 2017 (w/Dellacqua) and 2018 (w/Vandeweghe)



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- After 2014 US Open, took a break from tennis that lasted almost two years. Returned to professional tennis in 2016, having enjoyed a successful stint as an allrounder for the Brisbane Heat cricket team in the 2015-16 Women's Big Bash League
- During doubles partnership alongside compatriot Dellacqua, reached three Grand Slam doubles finals in 2013 (Australian Open, Wimbledon, US Open) and was also R-Up at Roland Garros in 2017
- Presented with Tennis Australia's Newcombe Medal prize in 2018 and 2019
- Made WTA main draw debut as WC at 2012 Hobart
- Won 2011 Wimbledon girls' singles title; finished season as world No.2 ranked junior behind Khromacheva
- Played first ITF Circuit event in hometown of Ipswich, Queensland in April 2010



ANDREESCU:

Miami Open

- Making second appearance at Miami Open presented by Itaú, and has advanced to final for the first time
- Previously reached R16 on debut in 2019 (l. Kontaveit via ret. w/right shoulder injury)
- Playing on US soil for the first time since lifting debut Grand Slam crown at 2019 US Open
- Since the beginning of the 2019 season, owns an impressive 33-1 record when playing in North America - five wins en route to title at WTA 125K Series event at Newport Beach, seven wins at 2019 Indian Wells, three wins at 2019 Miami, six wins during title run at 2019 Toronto, seven wins at 2019 US Open, and five wins so far at 2021 Miami
- The only player to defeat her in North America during this period was Kontaveit at 2019 Miami, and that was via retirement. Last time she lost a completed match in North America was at in November 2018, falling to McNally at an ITF Circuit event in Kansas
- Sole entrant from Canada in the women singles draw this fortnight – is first Canadian player (man or woman) to appear in the Miami Open final
- After 1r bye, fended off a couple of set points in opening set against qualifier Martincova; has never lost a Tour-level match to a qualifier
- Overcame Anisimova in 3r in a close three set battle lasting 2h 44m – has now won her last eight matches against US opponents, last defeat coming to Kenin at 2019 Acapulco
- In R16, fired 34 winners to defeat No.13 Muguruza and register her first Top 20 win since ousting No.8 S.Williams, No.12 Bencic and No.19 Wozniacki during her run to the 2019 US Open title – prior to win over Muguruza, had lost her last three matches to players in the Top 20, falling to No.5 Halep and No.2 Ka.Pliskova at 2019 WTA Finals, and No.4 Osaka at 2019 Beijing
- Also beat Muguruza en route to her maiden career title, at 2019 Indian Wells
- In QF, broke serve nine times to see off the lowest-ranked player left in the draw, No.58 Sorribes Tormo, in 2h 35m. Finished the match with 42 winners and the same number of unforced errors
- Recovered from 4-2 down in the third set to beat Sakkari in SF. The match lasted 2h42m, taking her total time on court this fortnight to 12h4m – by contrast, Barty has played for 9h13m
- Faces No.1 Barty in today's final – the first time she has played a reigning World No.1 in her career
- Career record in WTA finals stands at 3-1, with all of these coming on hard courts
- Today's final is the third of the season between Grand Slam champions (also Barty d. Muguruza at Yarra Valley Classic and Kvitova d. Muguruza at Doha)
- Regardless of the result in the final is projected to rise to No.6 in next week's rankings
- Playing just her third tournament since the end of 2019; skipped entirety of 2020 season due to injury and opting out after return to play and opened 2021 with 2r exit at Australian Open (l. Hsieh) and SF showing at Philip Island Trophy (l. Bouzkova)
- Win over Buzarnescu in 1r of Australian Open in February was first professional match since 2019 WTA Finals, where she withdrew during the group stage due to a knee injury sustained during loss via ret. to Ka.Pliskova



Career Milestones

- Missed entire 2020 season due to injury and opting out after return to play
- Ended 2019 ranked at No.5 jumping a total of 173 spots from her 2018 year-end ranking of No.178
- Won WTA's 2019 Newcomer of the Year Award
- Lifted maiden Grand Slam title at 2019 US Open (d. S.Williams in F), becoming the first Canadian woman to win a major singles title in the Open Era and breaking into the Top 5 for the first time after the tournament on Sept. 9 – had not advanced past 2r at a Slam before then
- Was the first home representative to lift the women's singles title at 2019 Rogers Cup since 1969 when Urban d. Berner in all-Canadian final (d. S.Williams in F; ret. w/ upper back injury)
- Shoulder injury forced her to miss entire 2019 grass swing
- Won maiden career title at 2019 Indian Wells (d. No.6 Svitolina in SF and No.8 Kerber in F) - was fourth unseeded woman and first wildcard to lift the title at Indian Wells
- Made first WTA final at 2019 Auckland finishing R-Up (as qualifier, d. Wozniacki and V.Williams, I. Goerges)
- Produced first WTA QF run at 2017 Washington DC (I. Petkovic). As wildcard, defeated Giorgi and world No.13 Mladenovic in 2r to become first player born in 21st century to register a Top 20 win
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2017 Wimbledon coming through qualifying (I. Kucova in 1r) – later that year, earned first WTA win in 1r of Quebec City (d. Brady, I. Hradecka)
- Broke into Top 100 on January 28, 2019 and Top 20 on August 12, 2019
- Career best wins occurred over No.3 Wozniacki at 2019 Auckland and No.3 Ka.Pliskova at 2019 Toronto – win over No.3 Wozniacki was first Top 10 win of career
- Has qualified for WTA Finals on one occasion in 2019, went 0-2 in group play retiring from her final match with a knee injury
- Canadian Fed Cup Team 2017-20
- Made professional debut by finishing R-Up at \$25k ITF/Gatineau-CAN (I. Glatch in F); owns five singles and three doubles titles on ITF Circuit