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MIAMI OPEN PRESENTED BY ITAU TALKING POINTS

- Defending champion **Hubert Hurkacz** seeks his 11th straight Miami Open singles victory against 18-year-old sensation **Carlos Alcaraz** in the semi-finals on Friday. Hurkacz, 25, is two wins from becoming the fifth man to win back-to-back Miami titles, joining **Novak Djokovic**, **Roger Federer**, **Andre Agassi** and **Pete Sampras**.
- Hurkacz is already through to Saturday's doubles final alongside 2018 Miami singles champion **John Isner**. The Pole has won his last 13 Miami matches overall since losing in the 2021 doubles second round with **Felix Auger-Aliassime**. No player has ever reached the Miami men's singles and doubles finals in the same year.
- Alcaraz is the third-youngest men's semi-finalist and bids to become the second-youngest finalist and youngest champion in the 37-year history of the Miami Open presented by Itau (1985-2019, 2021-22). He would be the fifth-youngest finalist and third-youngest champion in ATP Masters 1000 history (1990-2022).

Youngest Miami Open Semi-finalists		Age	Finish
1	Felix Auger-Aliassime 2019	18 years, 8 months	Semi-finalist (l. to John Isner)
2	Rafael Nadal 2005	18 years, 10 months	Runner-up (l. to Roger Federer)
3	Carlos Alcaraz 2022	18 years, 11 months	<i>TBD</i>
4	Lleyton Hewitt 2000	19 years, 1 month	Semi-finalist (l. to Pete Sampras)
5	Jannik Sinner 2021	19 years, 8 months	Runner-up (l. to Hubert Hurkacz)

Youngest ATP Masters 1000 Finalists		Age	Finish
1	Michael Chang 1990 Toronto	18 years, 157 days	Champion (d. Jay Berger)
2	Rafael Nadal 2005 Miami	18 years, 304 days	Runner-up (l. to Roger Federer)
3	Rafael Nadal 2005 Monte Carlo	18 years, 318 days	Champion (d. Guillermo Coria)
4	Richard Gasquet 2005 Hamburg	18 years, 331 days	Runner-up (l. to Roger Federer)
5	Rafael Nadal 2005 Rome	18 years, 339 days	Champion (d. Guillermo Coria)

NOTE: Alcaraz will be 18 years, 333 days old when final of 283rd ATP Masters 1000 event is played on Sunday (1990-2022)

- Francisco Cerundolo's** dream debut in an ATP Masters 1000 main draw continues against World No. 8 **Casper Ruud** in Friday's semi-finals. No. 103 Cerundolo is the lowest-ranked Miami semi-finalist in history.

LOWEST-RANKED Miami Semi-finalists	Miami Finalists	Miami Champions
No. 103 Francisco Cerundolo (2022)	No. 74 Grosjean (1999)	No. 45 Mayotte (1985)
No. 74 Sebastien Grosjean (1999)	No. 55 Canas (2007)	No. 37 Hubert Hurkacz (2021)
No. 57 Felix Auger-Aliassime (2019)	No. 46 David Wheaton (1991)	No. 18 Jim Courier (1991)
No. 55 Guillermo Canas (2007)	No. 45 Tim Mayotte (1985)	No. 17 John Isner (2018)

- Cerundolo is the first player to reach the semi-finals in his ATP Masters 1000 main draw debut since 2012 Paris runner-up **Jerzy Janowicz**. The 23-year-old lost to **Shang Juncheng**, 17, in his ATP Masters 1000 qualifying debut at Indian Wells on 8 March and entered Miami with an 0-2 tour-level record on hard courts.
- Cerundolo bids to become the ninth Argentine to reach an ATP Masters 1000 final and the fourth to do so at Miami, joining runners-up **Guillermo Canas** (2007), **Guillermo Coria** (2004) and **Alberto Mancini** (1992). Cerundolo would be the first unseeded finalist at Miami since Canas qualified en route to the 2007 title match.
- Ruud would be the first Norwegian in an ATP Masters 1000 final. He is appearing in his fourth ATP Masters 1000 semi-final (0-3) after defeating No. 4 **Alexander Zverev** for the biggest win of his career on Wednesday.

ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES SEMI-FINALS (FRIDAY)

Francisco Cerundolo (ARG) vs [6] Casper Ruud (NOR)

First Meeting

Francisco Cerundolo | Age: 23 | World No. 103 | Career-High No. 76 | 2022: 10-4 (Rio, Miami SFs) | Miami: 5-0
 > Broke into Top 100 and achieved career-high No. 76 in February 2022, joining little brother J. Cerundolo in Top 100.
 > Playing in his hometown, earned 7 wins to reach 1st ATP Tour final at 2021 Buenos Aires as Q.
 > Lost to countryman Schwartzman in 2021 Buenos Aires final, 2022 Buenos Aires QF and 2022 Rio de Janeiro SF.
 > Owns 73-36 Challenger record (5-1 in finals), highlighted by 17-2 run to end 2020 season with 3 titles.
 > Father, Alejandro, also played pro tennis; younger brother, Juan Manuel, won 2021 Cordoba title; sister, Constanza, played for Argentine field hockey team that won gold medal at 2018 Youth Olympics.

NOTE: Cerundolo seeks biggest win of career for 3rd time at this event after defeating No. 11 Sinner 4-1 RET in QF and No. 18 Opelka 6-1, 3-1 RET in 2R. His previous-biggest win was over No. 29 Paire in 2021 Buenos Aires 2R.

Lowest-Ranked ATP Masters 1000 Finalists

No. 191 Andrei Pavel	2003 Paris
No. 144 Harel Levy	2000 Toronto
No. 143 Roberto Carretero	1996 Hamburg
No. 105 Alberto Mancini	1991 Rome
No. 98 Mardy Fish	2008 Indian Wells

Lowest-Ranked ATP Masters 1000 Champions

No. 143 Roberto Carretero	1996 Hamburg
No. 95 Mikael Pernfors	1993 Montreal
No. 57 Chris Woodruff	1997 Montreal
No. 50 Tomas Berdych	2005 Paris
No. 47 Felix Mantilla	2003 Rome

Casper Ruud | Age: 23 | World No. 8 | Career-High No. 8 | 2022: 12-3 (Buenos Aires Title) | Miami: 4-2 (2022 SF)
 > Former World No. 1 junior earned personal-best 57 wins and 5 titles in 2021 to end season at career-high No. 8.
 > First Norwegian to break into Top 10, win an ATP Tour title (7) and qualify for Nitto ATP Finals (2021 SF).
 > Swept clay-court titles at Bastad, Gstaad and Kitzbuhel in July 2021 to become 1st player to win 3 titles in as many weeks since Murray at 2011 Bangkok, Tokyo and Shanghai.
 > Advanced to ATP Masters 1000 SFs at 2020 Rome (d. No. 8 Berrettini in QF), 2021 Monte Carlo (d. No. 9 Schwartzman in 2R), 2021 Madrid (d. No. 5 Tsitsipas in 3R) and 2022 Miami (d. No. 4 A. Zverev in QF).
 > Reached 2021 Australian Open 4R after qualifying at Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open in 2018.

NOTE: If Ruud defeats Cerundolo, Norway will become 33rd country to be represented in an ATP Masters 1000 final. Ruud seeks 10th ATP Tour final (7-2) and 2nd on a surface other than clay (2021 San Diego champion on hard court).

[8] Hubert Hurkacz (POL) vs [14] Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)

First Meeting

Hubert Hurkacz | Age: 25 | World No. 10 | Career-High No. 9 | 2022: 14-5 (Dubai, Miami SFs) | Miami: 12-1 ('21 Title)
 > Top Polish men's player in history owns 4-0 record in ATP Tour singles finals and improved year-end ranking in 7 straight seasons, ending 2021 at career-high No. 9.
 > Entered 2021 Wimbledon on 6-match losing streak, then defeated No. 2 Medvedev and 8-time champion Federer en route to 1st Grand Slam SF.
 > Upset 5 higher seeds to win biggest title at 2021 Miami as World No. 37, becoming lowest-ranked ATP Masters 1000 champion since No. 50 Berdych at 2005 Paris.
 > In 2nd event as a team, won 1st ATP Tour doubles title at 2020 ATP Masters 1000 Paris w/Auger-Aliassime.
 > Owns 6-1 singles record at ATP Cup, leading Poland to 2022 SF (l. to Spain 2-1).

NOTE: Hurkacz improved to 4-0 vs. Top 10 at Miami by beating No. 2 Medvedev in Thursday's QFs (7-17 elsewhere). Also defeated No. 4 Thiem in 2019 Miami 2R, No. 5 Tsitsipas in 2021 Miami QF and No. 8 Rublev in 2021 Miami SF. Hurkacz bids to become 1st player to reach first 2 ATP Masters 1000 singles finals of his career at Miami Open.

Carlos Alcaraz | Age: 18 | World No. 16 | Career-High No. 16 | 2022: 16-2 (Rio de Janeiro Title) | Miami: 4-1 ('22 SF)
 > Captured 2022 Rio de Janeiro title at age 18 to become youngest ATP 500 champion in series history (151 events since 2009) and youngest player to break into Top 20 since A. Medvedev, 18, in 1993.
 > Upset No. 3 Tsitsipas in 5th-set TB en route to 2021 US Open QF at age 18, becoming youngest quarter-finalist at US Open in Open Era and at a Grand Slam since Chang, 18, at 1990 Roland Garros
 > Became youngest player to advance to ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells and Miami SFs as 18-year-old in 2022.
 > Claimed 2021 Umag title to become youngest ATP Tour champion since Nishikori, 18, at 2008 Delray Beach and Spanish champion since Nadal, 18, was 8 days younger at 2004 Sopot.
 > Won Intesa Sanpaolo Next Gen ATP Finals title and posted 32-17 record in 2021, becoming youngest player to earn more than 30 wins in a season since A. Medvedev, 18, went 32-11 in 1992.

NOTE: Alcaraz is 5-6 vs. Top 10, including 4R win over No. 5 Tsitsipas on Tuesday. 18-year-old Spaniard is youngest of 5 teens to reach SFs at both *Sunshine Double* events. Other 4 teens went on to become No. 1 in ATP Rankings.

Player	Indian Wells	Age	Miami	Age
Carlos Alcaraz	2022 Semi-finalist	18	2022 Semi-finalist	18
Rafael Nadal	2006 Semi-finalist	19	2005 Finalist	18
Novak Djokovic	2007 Finalist	19	2007 Champion	19
Andy Murray	2007 Semi-finalist	19	2007 Semi-finalist	19
Andre Agassi	1988 Semi-finalist	17	1990 Champion	19

ATP HEAD2HEAD: DOUBLES FINAL (SATURDAY)

**[6] Wesley Koolhof (NED) / Neal Skupski (GBR) vs
[WC] Hubert Hurkacz (POL) / John Isner (USA)**

First Meeting

Koolhof / Skupski Notes

- > Koolhof and Skupski are 23-4 in 1st year as a team, winning ATP 250 titles at Melbourne (d. Nedovyesov/Qureshi), Adelaide-2 (d. Behar/Escobar) and Doha (d. Bopanna/Shapovalov).
- > Defeated a Top-50 singles player in each of their 4 wins at 2022 Miami (d. No. 44 Harris/Middelkoop, No. 47 Martinez/No. 21 Sonogo, Bopanna/No. 14 Shapovalov and Bolelli/No. 34 Fognini).
- > As a team, Dutchman and Brit are No. 2 in ATP Doubles Team Rankings behind Kokkinakis/Kyrgios of Australia.
- > Individually, Koolhof is No. 17 (career-high No. 5 in 2020) and Skupski is No. 16 (career-high No. 14 in 2021).
- > Koolhof, 32, seeks 11th ATP Tour title, highlighted by 2020 Nitto ATP Finals w/Mektic (d. Melzer/Roger-Vasselin).
- > Skupski, 32, seeks 10th title, highlighted by ATP 500s at 2018 Vienna w/Salisbury and 2021 Acapulco w/K. Skupski.
- > Koolhof & Skupski are both 0-3 in ATP Masters 1000 finals (Koolhof: 2019 Miami w/Tsitsipas and 2019 Monte Carlo & 2019 Montreal w/Haase; Skupski: 2020 Cincinnati w/J. Murray and 2021 Miami & 2021 Monte Carlo w/Evans).

Hurkacz / Isner Notes

- > Hurkacz and Isner are 5-2 together, also teaming at 2019 Montreal and 2020 Cincinnati ATP Masters 1000 events.
- > Pole and American defeated 3 teams at 2022 Miami that have won Grand Slam doubles titles (d. Krawietz/Mies in 1R, Ram/Salisbury in QF and Kokkinakis/Kyrgios in SF).
- > Since 2019, Hurkacz has been coached by Craig Boynton, who coached Isner from 2009-12.
- > In doubles, Hurkacz is No. 81 (career-high No. 44 in 2021) and Isner is No. 52 (career-high No. 26 in 2012).
- > In singles, Hurkacz is No. 10 (career-high No. 9 in 2021) and Isner is No. 22 (career-high No. 8 in 2018).
- > Hurkacz, 25, seeks 3rd ATP Tour doubles title and 2nd ATP Masters 1000 (also 2020 Paris w/Auger-Aliassime).
- > Isner, 36, seeks 8th ATP Tour doubles title and 5th ATP Masters 1000, including 2022 Indian Wells w/Sock.
- > Isner bids to become 2nd men's player to complete *Sunshine Double* in doubles with different partners, joining Hlasek in 1989 (Indian Wells w/Becker, Miami w/Jarryd).
- > Hurkacz (2021) and Isner (2018) are former Miami singles champions and bidding to become 3rd and 4th men to win singles and doubles titles in tournament history. Federer won 2003 doubles title w/Mirnyi before capturing singles titles in 2005, 2006, 2017 and 2019. Krajicek won 1993 doubles title w/Siemerink before capturing 1999 singles title.

ATP HEAD2HEAD: POTENTIAL SINGLES FINALS (SUNDAY)

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First Meeting

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First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting

19 M15 Palmanova (Spain) Clay SF Francisco Cerundolo 6-2 6-4

[14] Carlos Alcaraz (ESP) vs [6] Casper Ruud (NOR)

Alcaraz Leads 1-0

21 Marbella (Spain) Clay QF Carlos Alcaraz 6-2 6-4