

= 2009 Sony Ericsson Open =

The 2009 Sony Ericsson Open ( also known as 2009 Miami Masters ) was a men 's and women 's tennis tournament held from March 23 to April 5 , 2009 . It was the 25th edition of the Miami Masters event and was played on outdoor hard courts at the Tennis Center at Crandon Park in Key Biscayne , Florida , located near Miami . The tournament was part of 2009 ATP World Tour and 2009 WTA Tour , classified as ATP World Tour Masters 1000 and Premier Mandatory event respectively .

The men 's singles event was won by British player Andy Murray , who defeated Novak Djokovic in the final . Victoria Azarenka of Belarus won the women 's singles event by defeating defending champion Serena Williams . Both Murray and Azarenka were first @-@ time winners at the tournament and also the first to win from their respective countries . In the doubles events , Max Mirnyi and Andy Ram won the men 's title by defeating the team of Ashley Fisher and Stephen Huss . The women 's doubles title was won by Svetlana Kuznetsova and Amélie Mauresmo who overcame Kv?ta Peschke and Lisa Raymond in the final match .

= = Tournament = =

The 2009 Sony Ericsson Open was the 25th edition of the Miami Masters tournament and was held at Tennis Center at Crandon Park , Key Biscayne near Miami , Florida . The tournament was a joint event between the Association of Tennis Professionals ( ATP ) and the Women 's Tennis Association ( WTA ) and was part of the 2009 ATP World Tour and the 2009 WTA Tour calendars . The tournament consisted of both men 's and women 's singles and doubles events which were played on 12 Laykold Cushion Plus hard courts . The total prize money for the tournament was US \$ 9 @, @ 000 @, @ 000 with \$ 4 @, @ 500 @, @ 000 assigned equally to ATP and WTA events . Singles winners received \$ 605 @, @ 500 each and doubles winning teams received \$ 225 @, @ 000 each .

The tournament was conducted from March 23 to April 5 , with qualifying draws played on March 23 ? 24 and main draws from March 25 to April 5 . Both the men 's and women 's singles draws consisted of 96 players and the doubles draws consisted of 32 teams . The qualifying draw consisted of 43 men and 42 women who competed for 12 positions each in the men 's and women 's final draw .

= = Players = =

47 of the top 50 players in the ATP rankings entered the men 's singles event at the tournament with Rafael Nadal seeded first , followed by Roger Federer , Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray . Defending champion Nikolay Davydenko withdrew ahead of the tournament due to a foot injury . Richard Gasquet , who was initially going to play , withdrew prior to his first match after suffering from right shoulder injury . Gasquet was replaced by lucky loser Björn Phau . 12 players progressed from the qualifying draws to the main draw and six players , including Lleyton Hewitt and Marcos Baghdatis , were given wildcard entries .

In the women 's singles field , defending champion Serena Williams was top seeded , with number two Dinara Safina only 311 points behind her in the WTA rankings at the start of the tournament . Maria Sharapova was expected to return to singles tennis at this tournament after playing doubles matches in the previous tournament , the 2009 BNP Paribas Open . Sharapova , who had not played singles matches since August 2008 , withdrew due to a continued lack of fitness . Jelena Doki? , Sania Mirza and Alexa Glatch were among the eight players who received wildcard entries . 12 players progressed from qualifying draws to main draw .

The doubles draws were led by defending champions Bob and Mike Bryan on the men 's side and Cara Black and Liezel Huber on the women 's side . Katarina Srebotnik , one of the women 's doubles defending champions , had not recovered from an injury picked up in December 2008 and did not participate . Her partner from the previous year , Ai Sugiyama partnered with Russian Daniela Hantuchová . Marina Erakovic ? Sun Tiantian and Francesca Schiavone ? Chan Yung @-@

Jan withdrew from the tournament due to respective injuries to Erakovic and Chan . The doubles draws included five wildcard entries in total .

== Events ==

=== Men 's singles ===

All the seeded players received a bye into the second round . Wildcards Marcos Baghdatis and Lleyton Hewitt were among the players progressing into the second round , while Germans Philipp Kohlschreiber and former World no . 2 Tommy Haas were the major upsets . Most seeded players continued their progress into the third round with eighth seed Fernando Verdasco winning his 200th ATP tour match in his career . Ivo Karlović and David Nalbandian were among the seeded players defeated in second round . Lucky loser Björn Phau was promoted into the third round after his opponent Albert Montañés suffered a hamstring injury during the second set of the match and was forced to withdraw . Frenchman Gaël Monfils took a hard @-@ fought win over 22nd seed and former world number 1 Marat Safin in a third round match played for nearly three hours . Qualifier Taylor Dent continued his successful run by defeating Tommy Robredo in the third round . Czechs Tomáš Berdych and Radek Štěpánek overcame higher seeded players James Blake and Fernando González en route to the fourth round .

Top seed Rafael Nadal faced an uphill battle against Stanislas Wawrinka in the fourth round match , facing a tiebreak in each set and eventually defeating him . Second seed Roger Federer defeated Dent in the fourth round to set up a quarterfinal match with longtime rival Andy Roddick , who overcame Gaël Monfils in a two @-@ set match . Novak Djokovic , Andy Murray , Juan Martín del Potro , Verdasco and Jo @-@ Wilfried Tsonga made it into the quarterfinals . Del Potro defeated Nadal in the three @-@ set quarterfinal match to reach the first ATP Masters semifinal of his career . Del Potro took the final set on a tiebreak after losing the second set . Murray faced Verdasco in the second quarterfinal in a rematch of 2009 Australian Open fourth round . Verdasco suffered an injury in the second game of the match and had to be seen by his physio . He was not in good enough shape to compete with Murray and eventually lost . Federer defeated Roddick while Djokovic moved past Tsonga to advance to the semifinals . Djokovic rallied back to defeat Federer in the first semifinal after losing the first set . The third seed however kept his consistency in the next two sets and won them . Murray edged past del Potro in the second semifinal to enter his second straight Masters final . Murray faltered in the second set of the match conceding two service breaks . However he recovered in the final set , gaining an early break of serve , to win the match .

Djokovic and Murray appeared in their seventh and fourth Masters final and 19th and 17th career finals respectively . Djokovic led the head @-@ to @-@ head tally against Murray , but Murray had won the last two encounters between them . In the match , Murray moved into a 4 ? 0 lead in the first set . Djokovic improved his serve from that point but lost the set . A role reversal in the second set saw Djokovic move into a 4 ? 1 lead . Murray fought back , however , to level the score to 5 ? 5 and won the set to secure the victory . This was Murray 's third title win of the season and eleventh of his career . It was also his third Masters win of the career . Murray credited his improved fitness for his win . Djokovic , who had struggled with excessive heat in the past , struggled once again to assimilate with the temperature . He admitted that he was impatient early in the match , which resulted in him making too many unforced errors .

Final score

Andy Murray defeated Novak Djokovic , 6 ? 2 , 7 ? 5 .

=== Women 's singles ===

All the seeded players received a bye into the second round . Seven seeded players were ousted from the second round including third seed Jelena Janković , who was defeated by Gisela Dulko , and eighth seed Marion Bartoli , who lost to qualifier Anastasiya Yakimova . Second seed Dinara

Safina , Vera Zvonareva and Ana Ivanovic were among the nine seeded players who were eliminated in the third round . Three times former champion and fifth seed Venus Williams faced stiff competition from Agnieszka Radwańska in fourth round . Williams lost the first set but prevailed in later sets to win the match . Li Na and Ekaterina Makarova also fought hard for a place in the quarterfinals , with Li coming out strong in the three set match , winning .

Svetlana Kuznetsova beat Caroline Wozniacki in the first of the quarterfinals . Kuznetsova looked good to win the match in straight sets after building a big lead , however Wozniacki fought back to win the second set on a tiebreak . Kuznetsova ultimately won . Victoria Azarenka defeated Samantha Stosur in the second quarterfinal . Williams sisters Serena and Venus set up the second semifinal after defeating Li Na and Iveta Benešová respectively . The Williams sisters had met 19 times before their semifinal meeting , Venus leading the head -to-head tally 10 ? 9 . Serena won this time in a closely fought match . Azarenka came on top in the second semifinal defeating Kuznetsova .

Serena and Azarenka met in their careers ' 46th and seventh career finals respectively , with Serena appearing in her third consecutive final at the event , having won on the last two occasions . Azarenka dominated the final match , as Serena was playing while nursing a leg injury . Azarenka won the match , securing third title of her career . Azarenka stated that she was very nervous in the final game of the match and described her win as " the biggest moment in [ her ] career " . Serena mentioned that it was difficult for her to move to the left , but she still played with maximum effort .

Final score

Victoria Azarenka defeated Serena Williams , 6 ? 3 , 6 ? 1 .

= = = Men 's doubles = = =

Four seeded teams were eliminated in the first round of the event . Daniel Nestor and Nenad Zimonjić were the highest ranked team to lose , falling to Nicolás Almagro and David Ferrer , along with third seeds Mahesh Bhupathi and Mark Knowles , who lost to French duo Julien Benneteau and Jo -Wilfried Tsonga . Benneteau and Tsonga continued their progress into the third round defeating Rik de Voest and Bobby Reynolds . They were joined by Julian Knowle and Jürgen Melzer , who triumphed over Almagro and Ferrer . Only two seeded teams , those of Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan and of Bruno Soares and Kevin Ullyett , made it into the quarterfinals , and faced each other in that round . The Bryan brothers , who were the defending champions , overcame Soares and Ullyett in a two @-@ set match . Ashley Fisher and Stephen Huss , Knowle and Melzer and Max Mirnyi and Andy Ram were the other teams who made it into the semifinals .

The Bryan brothers faced Fisher and Huss in the first semifinal and lost , ending their streak of winning 13 consecutive matches . Mirnyi and Ram encountered much harder competition against Knowle and Melzer and saved five match points before winning . In the final , there were no service breaks in the first set , with Fisher and Huss winning it in the tiebreak . Mirnyi and Ram came back strong to win the second set . The match @-@ tiebreak decided the outcome of the final , with Mirnyi and Ram winning the tiebreak and the match . It was Mirnyi 's 36th and Ram 's 16th men 's doubles title of the career and their second title as a team .

Final score

Max Mirnyi / Andy Ram defeated Ashley Fisher / Stephen Huss , 6 ? 7 ( 4 ? 7 ) , 6 ? 2 , [ 10 ? 7 ] .

= = = Women 's doubles = = =

Daniela Hantuchová and Ai Sugiyama , who lost to wildcard entrants Petra Martić and Coco Vandeweghe , were the only seeded pair to drop out in the first round . Another wildcard team of Svetlana Kuznetsova and Amélie Mauresmo defeated the top seeds Cara Black and Liezel Huber in the second round . Eighth seeds Maria Kirilenko and Flavia Pennetta were also eliminated in second round , losing to Chuang Chia @-@ jung and Sania Mirza . Chuang and Mirza continued their march into the semifinal defeating second seeds Anabel Medina Garrigues and Virginia Ruano Pascual . They were joined by Kuznetsova and Mauresmo , Anna @-@ Lena Grönefeld and Patty

Schnyder , and Kv?ta Peschke and Lisa Raymond , the only seeded team left in the draw .

Kuznetsova and Mauresmo defeated Grönefeld and Schnyder to enter their third final as a team . Peschke and Raymond overcame Chuang and Mirza to secure the second spot in the final . Kuznetsova and Mauresmo continued their winning streak in the final , defeating Peschke and Raymond . The title was Kuznetsova 's 14th , Mauresmo 's third and their second as a team .

Final score

Svetlana Kuznetsova / Amélie Mauresmo defeated Kv?ta Peschke / Lisa Raymond , 4 ? 6 , 6 ? 3 , [ 10 ? 3 ] .

= = Viewership = =

= = = Broadcasting = = =

The tournament was broadcast on television channels worldwide . The British television station Sky Sports held rights to broadcast the tournament from the first round through to the final . Both the men 's and women 's finals were shown on CBS in the United States . The tournament also had around 44 hours of live coverage in the United States . The tournament was broadcast for more than 2000 hours and seen by over 153 million people worldwide .

= = = Attendance = = =

According to the event organisers , 293 @, @ 228 people attended the 22 sessions across the 12 days of the tournament . This was the second highest attendance in the tournament 's history and four sessions were sellouts .