

Lakers face Heat in NBA Finals showdown

LeBron James, formerly Heat's "Most Valuable Player", appears in his 10th NBA Finals, leading the Los Angeles Lakers against a resurgent Miami team inspired by the mercurial **Jimmy Butler**



LEBRON JAMES Play-off averages

Points: **26.7**
Assists: **8.9**
Rebounds: **10.3**
Field goal %: **54.7**

JIMMY BUTLER Play-off averages

Points: **20.7**
Assists: **4.5**
Rebounds: **5.7**
Field goal %: **45.7**

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Los Angeles Lakers

Coach: Frank Vogel

2019-20 season

W52-L19 (1st)

Play-offs: First round

v Portland 4-1

Conference semi-finals

v Houston 4-1

Conference Finals

v Denver 4-1

16-time champions in Finals for first time since 2010 – in-form forward **Anthony Davis** hit 156pts in series win over Denver

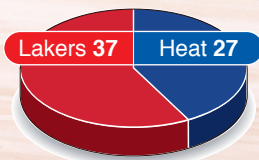
Game Schedule

At Lakers: Sep 30, Oct 2, 9*, 13*

At Heat: Oct 4, 6, 11*

All games played at Walt Disney World, Orlando, Florida

HEAD-TO-HEAD: All-time wins



Lakers triumphed in last four meetings, including 113-110 victory in Dec 2019

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Miami Heat

Coach: Erik Spoelstra

2019-20 season

W44-L29 (5th)

Play-offs: First round

v Indiana 4-0

Conference semi-finals

v Milwaukee 4-1

Conference Finals

v Boston 4-2

Winners in 2006, 2012 and 2013 – with trio of **Goran Dragic**, **Bam Adebayo** and breakthrough star **Tyler Herro** supporting Butler