







# 19-year-old tennis player Jakub Mensik revealed the meeting with Lionel Messi and the “lucky handshake” that helped him reach the Miami Open final. videoaa

Messi handshake brings luck? Mensik believes so after Miami Open upset

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Czech teenager Jakub Mensik secured a stunning victory over Taylor Fritz at the Miami Open, and he believes a chance encounter with Lionel Messi may have played a role in his success.

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Messi visited the locker rooms at Hard Rock Stadium to meet Djokovic after the Serbian's earlier win over Grigor Dimitrov, and Mensik had the unexpected opportunity to be introduced to the football legend.



