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Anderson East**

Holiday Heartbreak **MIRANDA DUMPED!**

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Friends say Anderson, who is five years younger than Miranda, was never a good match for her. "He's a cute boy toy, but not the right guy for a long-term relationship" says an insider.

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"Miranda never expected she'd get cut loose like this. She's devastated!"

— an insider tells *Star*

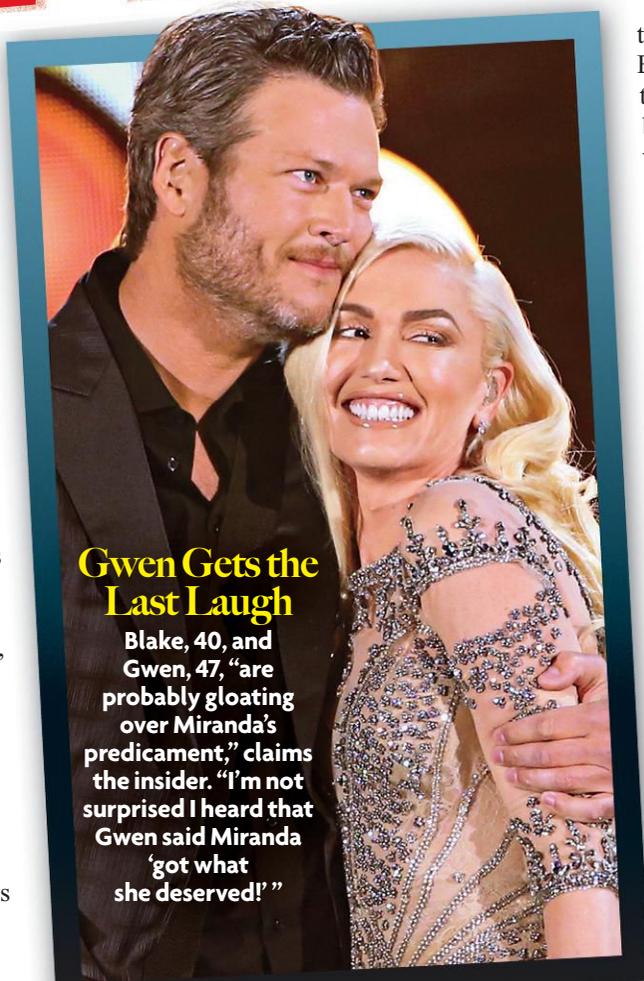
BEING DUMPED BY BLAKE SHELTON WAS BAD ENOUGH. NOW, JUST ONE YEAR INTO HER ROMANCE WITH HUNKY, YOUNG ANDERSON EAST, MIRANDA LAMBERT IS ON HER OWN AGAIN.



Miranda's HOLIDAY ARTBREAK

THIS could have been the merriest Christmas ever for **Miranda Lambert**. Her latest album, *The Weight of These Wings*, has been riding the top of the country music charts, and judging from her lyrics, it seemed like Miranda had healed after her devastating split from ex-hubby **Blake Shelton** and had found true love with her hunky boyfriend, R&B/country crooner **Anderson East**. “You already know me well,” she sings in “Pushin’ Time,” a tender duet with her beau about a lifelong romance. “If it has to end in tears, I hope it’s in 60 years.”

But their love has turned out to be anything but enduring: Sources say that after just one year together, Anderson has suddenly called it quits with the country superstar! “He decided to leave Miranda because he feels



Gwen Gets the Last Laugh

Blake, 40, and Gwen, 47, “are probably gloating over Miranda’s predicament,” claims the insider. “I’m not surprised I heard that Gwen said Miranda ‘got what she deserved!’”

that she’s never really gotten over Blake, and he’s fed up,” an insider tells *Star*. “Now Miranda has been dumped again, just like she was when Blake filed for divorce. She couldn’t feel more alone and miserable.”

ON THE FAST TRACK

It was a shocking turn of events for Miranda, 33, who had fallen hard for Anderson, 28, a rowdy bad boy who had been busted for driving while high on pot as a teenager. Shortly after going public with their relationship last December, Miranda was claiming that they were already as close as a married couple: “It’s not about a piece of paper or a diamond [but] the way you feel... and the commitment in your heart.”

By August — when she proudly wore her heart on her sleeve *and* her shirt, sporting the words “Anderson East!” during her concert in Irvine, Calif. — Miranda was ▶

KICKING HER WHEN SHE'S DOWN



Even though it's been almost a year and a half since Blake divorced Miranda, he can't seem to stop digging the knife in by constantly complimenting lover Gwen Stefani. During a Dec. 2 appearance on *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, Blake made a point of describing his "hot" gal pal as "the most normal person that I have ever met." The insider tells *Star*: "That comment was clearly meant to be a low blow aimed at Miranda by comparison — and I'm sure it's especially hurtful now."

even ready for a traditional ceremony, reportedly telling friends that she and Anderson had decided to tie the knot and that she couldn't wait to start a family. Determined to put her painful past behind her, she put the Nashville-area mansion she once shared with Blake up for sale one month later.

WARNING SIGNS

But friends say the country queen never realized that Anderson had already developed reservations about their relationship. "He began to feel that Miranda was still hung up on Blake — and was still in love with him," claims the insider. "He got angry and called her out on it. I even heard that she committed the ultimate sin — she accidentally called Anderson 'Blake' one night in bed! Unfortunately, I get the feeling Miranda will *always* be obsessed with Blake, to the point of it wreaking havoc on any other relationship."

And it isn't just Blake who's been holding Miranda's interest — she also can't stop fixating on his lover, *The Voice* judge **Gwen Stefani**, ever since they announced their romance just months after Blake divorced Miranda in July 2015. "She never puts her phone down because she's constantly

monitoring both their accounts on social media," says the insider. "She even did it right in front of Anderson, which was a real slap in the face!"

The insider also claims that "Miranda can be a wildcat when she gets her temper up and can really be a handful. I think Anderson got tired of dealing with her rages." Finally, says the insider, Miranda unwittingly sabotaged any last chance

of keeping their romance alive when she put their earlier, tentative wedding plans on hold in November, telling Anderson she was too busy traveling and promoting her new album. The insider adds: "I believe that gave him time to think everything over — and he realized it was probably time to bail."

WHAT GOES AROUND...

Miranda's checkered romantic history with Blake may also have come back to haunt her. As *Star* has reported, she allegedly had affairs with at least five men during their nine-year relationship — including Blake's friend, country star **Jamey Johnson**; a former tourmate, singer **Chris Young**; and pro baseball pitching star **Josh Beckett**. "It's almost like karma for Miranda," the insider says. "The thought of her cheating broke Blake's heart, but now she's the one who's crushed."

However, there may be a silver lining for Miranda. While she's nursing her wounds, friends are trying to convince her that the breakup, painful as it is, may be all for the better. "A lot of people think Anderson was just using her to get publicity for his career," says the insider. "If that's true, that alone would have made him a bad choice for Miranda to blindly get trapped with in a long relationship — let alone a husband!"

"Miranda's friends are there to support her, and everyone is hoping that once she gets past her heartbreak, she'll eventually realize that she's better off having him out of her life." ★



HIS 2007 MUG SHOT

WILD BY NATURE

Anderson was on the road to stardom when he hooked up with Miranda a year ago, but before that he took a detour in 2007 at age 18, when he was pulled over by the Tennessee Highway Patrol in Chattanooga and arrested for DUI after he admitted he'd been smoking marijuana. He spent an hour in the county jail and was released after posting a \$1,500 bond. "He clearly had a bit of the hell-raiser in him — and I'll bet he still does," says the insider. "That's something Miranda should have been thinking about."