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Havana, March 30 (PL)-- Kazakh tennis player Elena Rybakina, number four in the world ranking, will face today the American Danielle Collins in search of the crown at the Miami Open, WTA 1000 category.

It has not been an easy road for the winner of Wimbledon 2022 in a tournament full of surprises as the three best players on the planet were eliminated.

I've been luckier than usual," the Moscow native told the media after defeating in tough three-set battles against Greece's Maria Takkari in the quarterfinals and Russia's Victoria Azarenka in the semifinals.

Now she will have another chance to win the trophy in "The City of the Sun", after losing last year's final against Czech Petra Kvitova.

To do so, she will have to defeat the American Collins, who arrives at this stage after announcing her retirement from the courts at the end of the season.

The 30-year-old Floridian, ranked 53rd in the world, has had an outstanding tournament, defeating her fellow countrywoman Bernarda Pera in three sets and then sweeping all her opponents in two.

She eliminated the Russians Anastasiya Potapova and Elina Avanesyan, the Romanian Sorana Cirstea, the French Caroline Garcia and the Russian Ekaterina Alexandrova in the semifinals.

I don't want to reveal my secrets, I've been working on them for a long time throughout my career, but the main thing has always been to have more body control, she said in an interview after her latest triumph.

The historical duel between the two finalists favors the Kazakh, who has beaten her opponent three times in four meetings.

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