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## Ethiopian Worku Is the King of the Birell Prague Grand Prix, Italian Yaremchuk Set a European Course Record

**Ethiopian Tadesse Worku has become the champion of the Birell Prague Grand Prix. One of the most extraordinary talents in world athletics won the Birell 10K race in 27:35. Among the women, Kenya's Janeth Chepngetich managed to get first to the finish line in 30:21. At the same time, Italy's Sofia Yaremchuk set the European course record of 32:14, just two seconds behind the Italian national record. The Czech winners were Damián Vích (29:31) of RunCzech Racing, and Tereza Hrochová (33:49). More than 6 500 runners enjoyed both the Birell 10K race and adidas women's race 5k, which held the auspices of the First Lady Eva Pavlova.**

"I don't know which performance to applaud more. Here, we have a new women's European course record and many other fast times. The first five men were under 28 minutes, and the first three women were under 31 minutes! It turns out that speeding up the course has been good for us. I hope everyone enjoyed both races in the beautiful evening atmosphere," said Carlo Capalbo, President of the RunCzech Organising Committee.

As expected, Tadesse Worku shot out of the starting gate like an arrow and showed everyone his back. "It was a tough race. The spectators drove us to the finish line, which helped me a lot. I'm thrilled with the win. I'm very happy," said Worku. The twenty-one-year-old Ethiopian, who holds the world record of 26:56, was challenged by Kenya's Alexander Mutiso (27:48), the king of this year's Prague International Marathon. Vincent Kigen, a member of the RunCzech Racing team, finished third and established his new PB with 27:50.



Records were broken in the women's category, with all three top women breaking their personal bests. Kenya's Janeth Chepngetich dominated, improving her personal best by seven seconds and reaching the sixth-best time in the world this year. "I am pleased.

Everything here

and the atmosphere was amazing," said the second woman in this year's Prague Half Marathon. 24 seconds behind the winner was Cintia Chepngeno (30:45), and the third was also Kenya's Vivian Melly (30:58).

Italian Sofii Yaremchuk broke the European course record and missed the Italian national record by two seconds. "Every record is very pleasing. The course here is very fast, and the spectators are fantastic," said the native Ukrainian, who only got her Italian passport two years ago. The Czech female endurance runner, Tereza Hrochova (33:49), was just three seconds behind. "I could improve at running in Prague, but I didn't feel comfortable, although the atmosphere was beautiful. I love RunCzech races, and whenever I can, I gladly come," said Hrochová. Marcela Joglová was the second Czech finisher (35:06), followed by Tereza Novotná (35:42).

Speeding up the race course proved to be a game changing decision. Three out of five top male athletes improved their personal bests. On the women's side, three out of five did the same. Czech Olympian Marcela Joglova beat her personal best after returning to road racing after the injury.

All the fantastic results only confirms that the tracks in Prague are fast, competitive, and world-class, with most prominent athletes frequently coming back.

## Notes for editors

- RunCzech organizes running events in cities across the Czech Republic and in Italy, with Napoli Running, and in Japan and China supported by local entities.
- Prague International Marathon spol. s.r.o. ("PIM") was established in 1995 by Carlo Capalbo, President of the Organizing Committee, with the aim of staging a world-class international marathon in Prague.
- Nearly 1.2 million runners have participated in RunCzech events since its inception. In 2019, we welcomed over 120 000 finishers from 101 different countries.



- In 2021, RunCzech introduced the unique running invention called The Battle of the Teams. “Professional marathoners competing in teams, strategically drafted based on their collective personal bests, giving each team a serious chance to win gold”.
- ALL RUNNERS ARE BEAUTIFUL is our way of welcoming everyone to the world of running.
- Initiatives like RunCzech Running League and SuperHalves were created to motivate casual runners. To support elite European athletes, we created the EuroHeroes Challenge.
- RunCzech Racing is dedicated to the development of young athletes, community ties, and sporting excellence.
- Eight World records so far and over 150 podium finishes for our team!
- We host other events such as our Bambini Runs, Family Runs and Junior Marathon Championship to encourage youth participation.
- Our FreeRun courses form a network of running trails across the Czech Republic.
- Our Running Mall serves as the epicenter of the running world in Prague.
- ● All accompanying information regarding RunCzech can be found at this link:  
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