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## Winners of the Mattoni Karlovy Vary Half Marathon are Petra Pastorová and Vít Pavlišťa

One of the most beautiful Czech running races, which has a European Athletics Five Stars Certificate, knows its winners. The new king of Mattoni Karlovy Vary Half Marathon is Vít Pavlišťa, with the time of 1:08:16, and the best Czech woman is Petra Pastorová, with a time of 1:17:41. The popular event, which took place in the beautiful West Bohemian City for the ninth time this Saturday, was a celebration of Czech athletes. "The atmosphere of the race was great. The fans pushed me to the finish line with all their support, and it helped me a lot," said the women's champion. "I really like racing in Karlovy Vary. It was confirmed once again that the local races fit me. I am satisfied also with my time," added Vít Pavlišťa.

The unique atmosphere of the spa town belonging to the UNESCO World Heritage List has once again enchanted thousands of domestic runners. The 9th year of the Mattoni Karlovy Vary Half Marathon started from the nábřeží Osvobození on Saturday at 6 p.m. and the picturesque course traditionally led along the Teplá River and the spa colonnade or passed the world-famous Hotels - Thermal and Pupp.

Czech favorite Vít Pavlišťa and the rather surprise woman winner Petra Pastorová managed the course best. "I didn't believe in this at all. I haven't run for two weeks since the Prague Marathon, so I didn't know what to expect from myself and thought that I would be happy just to finish.," said the winner of the women's race. "I was hoping it might work out that way somehow. I really enjoyed it, the atmosphere was great. All the many fans were driving me forward. The city has lived the race tonight," Vít Pavlišťa added.

However, the Mattoni Karlovy Vary Half Marathon was not just about the fastest times, but mainly about the joy of running. The acrobatic aviator Petr Kopfstein also enjoyed the event with all its pleasures. "My wife and I ran the relay, and we had a lot of fun," described Kopfstein, who is a native resident of Karlovy Vary.



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The important aspect for the organizers is that All Runners can enjoy the race. In addition to the half marathon, runners also had the opportunity to take part in a relay, 2Run or dm Family Run. "We tried to design a race which would be suitable for everyone. The spectators in Karlovy Vary also create an amazing atmosphere every year. The weather was also good this year and it is an important part for the result. I am already looking forward for the next year, when we will celebrate our tenth edition," added Carlo Capalbo, President of the RunCzech Organizing Committee.



## Note for editors

- All five events hold World Athletics Elite Road Race Labels.
- Each of the five races are certified by AIMS, have been awarded a 5 Star Road Race standard by European Athletics or have hosted the IAAF (World Athletics) Half Marathon Championships.
- SuperHalves races have played host to World Record performances (2 in Lisbon, 2 in Prague, 1 in Copenhagen and 3 in Valencia).
- 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")/RunCzech 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.
- 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!
- 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".
- 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: [here](#).



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