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Pavlišta has reached a double! Almost 4 thousand runners participated in the tenth Mattoni České Budějovice Half Marathon

Vít Pavlišta has been dominating the RunCzech races outside Prague so far. After Karlovy Vary he also won the annual 10th Mattoni České Budějovice Half Marathon. He managed to deal best with the difficult conditions, as it was raining heavily just before the start. *"I am glad that I confirmed my form from the last race. I didn't mind the colder weather, the rain was refreshing,"* Pavlišta said. On the other hand, Tereza Hrochová scored her first triumph this year and thanks to her performance she became the third fastest woman on the half-marathon course in the Czech Republic. *"It is my best personal performance. But it was very difficult, at the beginning I ran with the boys, then alone,"* Hrochová said. Apart from the race boasting a five-star European Athletics certificate, on Saturday the runners also had a chance to participate in the dm Family Run, the relay race or the 2Run. *"In total, we brought almost four thousand people to run today. The atmosphere was great, so I believe that everyone had a great time,"* RunCzech Project manager Igor Murko mentioned.

The Mattoni České Budějovice Half Marathon started traditionally at the square Přemysla Otakara II., accompanied by heavy rain and lightning at the horizon. However, the stormy weather had calmed down ten minutes later. As expected, Vít Pavlišta was the most successful athlete in the streets of the South Bohemian capital, with the winning time of 1:08:18. *„As the torn up parts of the road got wet, it had become more challenging. Running shoes don't really suit the road, it was a bit slippery,"* said Pavlišta, who had been in lead of the race from the very beginning. He was followed by Ondřej Fejfar (time of 1:09:42) and Pavel Kubričan (1:11:58).

The fastest woman was Tereza Hrochová, while Eva Vrabcová Nývltová did not attend as she announced earlier this week. *"I didn't mind the rain, heat is worse for me."*



The cubes are always unpleasant, so the rain didn't bother me that much," Hrochová described. She triumphed with her best time on this course, 1:12:04. Markéta Gajdorušová crossed the finish line seven minutes later, followed by the third Petra Pastorová (1:19:21) who won the previous race in Karlovy Vary.

2500 runners participated in the annual Mattoni České Budějovice Half Marathon, among them, for example, Deputy Mayor Ivo Moravec who had participated already for the tenth time. The runners also had a chance to register for the 2Run, relay race or the popular dm family run, enjoyed by many families with children. The Deputy Minister of the South Bohemian Region Lucie Kozlová started this race: *"I am very glad that through this event, we can motivate children to move, sports are important in life. We are happy to support this race."*

The popular Mattoni České Budějovice Half Marathon once again attracted many running enthusiasts and tourists from 36 countries to South Bohemia. *"It is incredible that the Mattoni Half Marathon in České Budějovice took place for the tenth time already. I thank to the city representatives for the perfect cooperation and look forward to the next year,"* said Carlo Capalbo, the President of the RunCzech Organizing Committee. The series of the races outside Prague is now moving to Moravia, in the east part of the Czech Republic. The Mattoni Olomouc Half Marathon will take place on June 18th. It is still possible to register for this race on the RunCzech.com website.



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: <https://bit.ly/2X83DLD>



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