

## **Mattoni half-marathon Olomouc brought a wonderful running day to thousands of runners.**

**After two years, the participants of the RunCzech running league could finally get back to their beloved race in Olomouc, which was a proud holder of the gold label for the last 8 years until 2019 and also a crucial part of EuroHeroes project under the badge of European Athletics. The start from the Holy Trinity column was divided into two waves due to health restrictions with an overall number of 2 791 runners, the overall number of race participants has reached up to 4 000.**

The eleventh race edition once again unified all long-distance enthusiasts who jointly filled the Horní náměstí. After a long coronavirus pause, elite and amateur runners attached their starting numbers and enjoyed a great race atmosphere with the huge support of local spectators along the track.

“I am so happy that this the event offers more than just a single-time race but it is also a social and well-being renaissance for Olomouc and the whole region; again we made thousands of people happy and active which is desperately needed in this period” Carlo Capalbo President of the organizing committee.

The main race brought an interesting and competitive show. Jirka Homoláč was on the top for a long time, but then he withdrew from the race on the 17th kilometre. Gerron Stewart utilised this opportunity and won the men's race with a time of 1:09:39. He was accompanied to the podium with Petr Hošna (1:11:26), who finished in second place and with Milan Janoušek (1:12:47), who finished in third place.

In the women's race, the finish line was ripped by an amazing Hana Homolková (1:20:24), who is in incredible shape which she has already shown two times this year in the Karlovy Vary half-marathon and at Generali Česká RedRun. The second place occupied Markéta Gajdorusová (1:20:38) and the third place was grabbed by Petra Kamínková (1:22:53).

Hot weather was not an obstacle for hundreds of families, who decided to run together a dm family run. This year's dm family run was attended by 917 runners. The governor of the Olomouc Region, Josef Suchánek was the starter of the three-kilometer race, and the mayor of Olomouc city, Miroslav Žbánek got actively participated together with his little son.

The RunCzech running adventure will carry on very soon in Ústí nad Labem. We are opening registration for this race on Monday 16th and be ready because the capacity will be again limited and we all know that the race in Ústí nad Labem is very competitive and with the great tradition of world record & amazing performances.

You can look forward to the race reportage at ČT sport on 23rd of August at 6.40PM.



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### NOTES FOR EDITORS: ABOUT RUNCZECH

- 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.
- 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.



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