



Press release
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Rachik "flew" in a solo race for the winning hat-trick. Fisikovici won after the drama with Twell

The tenth edition of the Mattoni Olomouc Half Marathon, a RunCzech race awarded the IAAF Road Race Gold Label, was dominated by the Italian Yassine Rachik (1:04:26), who won the third race of EuroHeroes series. The women's race was decided in the last few kilometers when Lilia Fisikovici from Moldova ran away from her rival to grab the victory (1:13:32).

Twenty-five-year-old Italian Yassine Rachik proved again his great form and previous victories, thus becoming the first athlete to win three times in a row in the EuroHeroes Challenge. The man who finished ninth at this year's London Marathon performed a good time of 1:04:26 in hot weather conditions. Rachik left behind his rivals from the very beginning and ran most of the race alone.

The second to finish was Ukrainian Roman Romanenko (1:06:01). The bronze medal belongs to the Irish representative Paul Pollock, who in the second half of the race managed to overtake Camilo Raul Santiago from Spain, and crossed the finish line in 1:06:12. "It was hard to run alone, and it wasn't easy to fight with that heat, too," said the winner.

The women's race was led for a long time by British Olympic champion Stephanie Twell, but Moldavian Lilia Fisikovici sped up at the last kilometers and triumphed with the time of 1:13:32. "I tried to hold on to Stephanie, but I didn't feel well at the eighth kilometer, so I was lagging behind. From the twelfth kilometer I began to approach her again and at the end managed to speed up and win. I am so happy about my victory," Fisikovici said.

The second among women was Olha Kotovska (1:14:35) from Ukraine and the third her compatriot Darya Mykhailova (1:14:57).

The best Czechs were Vít Pavlišta (1:08:09) and Marcela Joglová (1:17:55).

The EuroHeroes Challenge, dedicated solely to European athletes, continued with clear triumphs, and race winners are close to overall victory in the series. The last event of this year's EuroHeroes Challenge will be the Mattoni Ústí nad Labem Half Marathon, another IAAF Gold Label race, held on [September 21](#).

A total of 10,078 runners took part in the Mattoni Olomouc Half Marathon event with 6481 runners in the main race and 3597 participants in non-competitive dm family run.



Results

Men:

1. Yassine Rachik (ITA)	1:04:26
2. Roman Romaněnko (UKR)	1:06:01
3. Paul Pollock (IRL)	1:06:12
4. Camilo Raul Santiago (ESP)	1:08:05
5. Vít Pavlišta (CZE)	1:08:09
6. Roman Prodius (MDA)	1:08:35
7. Igor Olefirenko (UKR)	1:09:07
8. David Flynn (IRL)	1:09:26
9. Brad Kahlefeldt (NZL)	1:09:50 1:17:55
10. Blazej Brzezinski (POL)	1:11:01

Women:

1. Lilia Fisikovici (MDA)	1:13:32
2. Olha Kotovska (UKR)	1:14:35
3. Darya Mykhailova (UKR)	1:14:57
4. Matea Parlov (CRO)	1:15:18
5. Stephanie Twell (GBR)	1:15:57
6. Katsiaryna Karneyenka (BLR)	1:16:15
7. Aleksandra Brzezinska (POL)	1:16:35
8. Yulia Shmatenko (UKR)	1:17:27
9. Marcela Joglová (CZE)	
10. Hana Homolková (CZE)	1:20:02

EUROHEROES CHALLENGE RANKING AFTER 3rd RACE:

TOP 5 MEN:

1. Yassine Rachik (ITA)	2 220 bodů
2. Roman Romaněnko (UKR)	2 171 bodů
3. Paul Pollock (IRL)	2 156 bodů
4. Mykola Iukhymchuk (UKR)	2 149 bodů
5. Igor Olefirenko (UKR)	2 060 bodů

TOP 5 WOMEN:

1. Lilia Fisikovici (MLD)	2 242 bodů
2. Darya Mykhailova (UKR)	2 192 bodů
3. Olha Kotovska (UKR)	2 187 bodů
4. Olga Skrypak (UKR)	2 172 bodů
5. Yulia Shmatenko (UKR)	2 028 bodů

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