

PRESS GUIDE

MATTONI
RUNNING FESTIVAL
ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE
31. 5. 2025

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ALL RUNNERS
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FOREWORD

OPENING WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE RUNCZECH ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, CARLO CAPALBO

Dear friends,

We are gathered here for another edition of the Mattoni Running Festival České Budějovice. Why is this event called a festival? Because it's not only about running races – it also includes a variety of side events suitable for all generations and all levels of runners.

We are deeply grateful to our partners, the Statutory City of České Budějovice, and the South Bohemian Region for their continued support, which allows us to organize this unique celebration of sport and community year after year. The entire running program kicks off at 3:00 PM on Přemysl Otakar II Square with the Vodafone 5 k Run, followed by the dm family runs, and culminating in the evening with the traditional Mattoni Half Marathon. This main event is taking place here for the thirteenth time, and its participants not only enjoy the thrill of the race, but also have the chance to take in the magical sights of České Budějovice.

The Half Marathon in České Budějovice also continues this year's EuroHeroes series, which started – as usual – in Karlovy Vary. EuroHeroes is a RunCzech initiative that aims to support European athletes, and I am delighted that the starting list includes not only previous champions of this series but also RunCzech course record holders.

On behalf of the entire organizing committee, I wish all participants and visiting fans a fantastic experience at the Mattoni Running Festival České Budějovice, and many pleasant, memorable moments in the heart of South Bohemia.



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PRESS CENTRUM

Friday	30.5.	1. patro, Clarion Congress Hotel České Budějovice	1 PM - 8 PM
Saturday	31.5.	Přemysl Otakar II Square 1, České Budějovice (Room 103 – 1 st floor)	10 AM - 10.30 PM

RUNNING EXPO

Bib pick-up for runners takes place at OC IGY:

- Friday: 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- Saturday: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- 5 k until 2:00 PM
- dm family mile & dm bambini run until 4:00 PM

PROGRAM

FRIDAY, MAY 30

- 12:00 – 19:00 Running Expo České Budějovice
- 17:00 Pre-race warm-up run

SATURDAY, MAY 31

- 10:00 – 17:00 Running Expo České Budějovice
- 10:00 Press Center opens
- 11:30 Start of side events
- 14:00 Technical area opens for 5 k
- **15:00 Start of Vodafone 5 k Run**
- 16:50 Technical area closes for 5 k
- **17:00 Start of dm Family Mile**
- **17:45 Start of dm Bambini Run**
- 18:00 Technical area opens for 21.1 k
- **19:00 Start of Mattoni Half Marathon České Budějovice + Relay, 2Run, Rector's Cup Run (JČU)**
- 20:02 Expected arrival of first male finisher
- 20:10 – 20:15 Expected arrival of first female finisher
- 20:20 Award Ceremony
- 22:00 End of the race
- 23:00 Technical area closes

MATTONI HALF MARATHON ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE 2025

START LIST MEN

START LIST	BIB	NAME	NATIONALITY	PB	BEST SINCE 2023
1	SEBASTIAN	SEBASTIAN HENDEL		1:01:52 - BERLIN 2023	1:01:52 - BERLIN 2023
2	PAULOS	PAULOS SURAFEL		1:01:21 - GENTBRUGGEN 2024	1:01:21 - GENTBRUGGEN 2024
3	CHAKIB	CHAKIB LACHGAR		1:01:45 - AZPEITIA 2023	1:01:45 - AZPEITIA 2023
4	LAHSENE	LAHSENE BOUCHIKHI		1:02:28 - VALENCIA 2023	1:02:28 - VALENCIA 2023
5	KHALID	KHALID CHOUKOUD		1:01:53 - BREDA 2013	-
6	PATRIK	PATRIK VEBR		1:03:24 - VALENCIA 2024	1:03:24 - VALENCIA 2024
7	GÁSPÁR	GÁSPÁR CSERE		1:03:39 - BERLIN 2023	1:03:39 - BERLIN 2023
8	MAXIM	MAXIM RAILEANU		1:03:09 BOULOGNE-BILLANCOURT 2022	1:03:48 - WARSAW 2024
9	BOHDAN	BOHDAN IVAN HORODYSKYI		1:00:40 - GDYNIA 2020	1:04:32 - KHUST 2025
10	MYKOLA	MYKOLA MEVSHA		1:04:44 ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE 2024	1:04:44 ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE 2024
11	DMITRIJS	DMITRIJS SERJOGINS		1:04:43 - BARCELONA 2021	1:04:45 - BARCELONA 2024
12	JIRKA	JIŘÍ HOMOLÁČ		1:03:23 - PRAGUE 2017	1:05:43 - PRAGUE 2024
13	ABEL	ABEL CASALI		1:06:09 - BARCELONA 2022	1:06:19 - SEVILLA 2023
14	STEFAN	STEFAN IULIUS GAVRIL		1:04:17 - ÚSTÍ NAD LABEM 2022	1:06:46 - BUCHAREST 2024
15	JOSH	JOSH LUNN		1:04:54 - HOUSTON 2022	-
16	TOMÁŠ	TOMÁŠ KŘIVOHLÁVEK		1:07:10 - PARDUBICE 2022	-
17	DAVID	DAVID VAŠ		1:07:43 - PRAGUE 2019	1:09:37 - PARDUBICE 2023



START LIST WOMEN

START LIST	BIB	NAME	NATIONALITY	PB	BEST SINCE 2023
F1	ALINA	ALINA REH		1:08:42 - SEVILLA 2023	1:08:42 - SEVILLA 2023
F2	MERITXELL	MERITXELL SOLER		1:10:21 - SANTA POLA 2024	1:10:21 - SANTA POLA 2024
F3	NÓRA	NÓRA SZABÓ		1:10:49 - PARIS 2025	1:10:49 - PARIS 2025
F4	MARYNA	MARYNA NEMCHENKO		1:11:13 - WARSAW 2024	1:11:13 - WARSAW 2024
F5	VIKTORIJA	VIKTORIJA KALIUZHNA		1:11:16 - WARSAW 2024	1:11:16 - WARSAW 2024
F10	LYSANNE	LYSANNE WILKENS		1:13:12 - VALENCIA 2024	1:13:12 - VALENCIA 2024
F12	TEREZA J.	TEREZA JAGOŠOVÁ		1:19:29 - BERLIN 2022	1:20:20 - BERLIN 2025
F13	GABRIELA	GABRIELA VEIGERTOVÁ		1:16:10 - ÚSTÍ NAD LABEM 2022	1:20:01 - PARDUBICE 2023
F14	LUCIE	LUCIE SEKANOVÁ		1:17:39 - PRAGUE 2014	-
F15	DANKA	DANKA TRUKSOVÁ		1:22:52 - KARLOVY VARY 2025	1:22:52 - KARLOVY VARY 2025
F16	BARBORA	BARBORA HAVLÍČKOVÁ		1:20:03 - PRAGUE 2025	1:20:03 - PRAGUE 2025
F17	EVA	EVA FILIPOVÁ		1:17:52 - PRAGUE 2025	1:17:52 - PRAGUE 2025
F18	MARIJA	MARIJA MAZURENKO		1:11:35 - VALENCIA 2024	1:11:35 - VALENCIA 2024
F19	NATASHA	NATASHA WILSON		1:10:06 - SANTA POLA 2024	1:10:06 - SANTA POLA 2024

EuroHeroes is a RunCzech project created under the patronage of European Athletics, and it was established with three main goals:

- To increase the competitiveness of European athletes on the global stage.
- To celebrate their outstanding performances.
- To build a fan base for European runners, with the hope of inspiring a new generation to follow in their footsteps.

With this vision in mind, four of our half marathons have been designated as part of the EuroHeroes series, open exclusively to elite European runners.

Each race in the series has been awarded the World Athletics Road Race Label and is certified by European Athletics. Following the successful launch of the 2025 EuroHeroes series in Karlovy Vary, we now look forward to more exceptional performances in České Budějovice. Let's see if any course records will be broken.

This year's field includes several returning athletes from last year, as well as new faces – for example, Meritxell Soler from Spain, and Nóra Szabó, who delivered an outstanding performance in Karlovy Vary this year, finishing with a victory. Leading the men's field is Sebastian Hendel from Germany, with Paulos Surafel from Great Britain and Chakib Lachgar from Spain hot on his heels.

EuroHeroes WINNERS

2019	Yassine Rachik	ITA	2019	Darya Mykhailova	UKR
2023	Sebastian Hendel	GER	2023	Tereza Hrochová	CZE
2024	Sebastian Hendel	GER	2024	Maryna Nemchenko	UKR

Previous winners of Mattoni Half Marathon České Budějovice:

Men:

2012	Daniel Chebil	KEN	59:49
2013	Tamirat Tola	ETH	1:02:04
2014	Geoffrey K. Kamworor	KEN	1:00:09
2015	Abraham Cheroben	KEN	1:01:24
2016	Barselius Kipyego	KEN	1:00:30
2017	Justus Kangogo	KEN	1:02:47
2018	Luke Traynor	GBR	1:03:40
2019	Yassine Rachik	ITA	1:03:02
2021	Vít Pavlišta	CZE	1:06:50
2022	Vít Pavlišta	CZE	1:08:18
2023	Tomasz Grycko	POL	1:04:01
2024	Sebastian Hendel	GER	1:03:38

Women:

2012	Tadelech Bekele	ETH	1:10:54
2013	Hurtesa Kedija	ETH	1:12:10
2014	Viola Jelagat	KEN	1:14:38
2015	Rose Chelimo	KEN	1:12:01
2016	Ashete Bekere	ETH	1:10:40
2017	Agnes Jeruto Barsorio	KEN	1:09:53
2018	Lilia Fiskovici	MDA	1:13:20
2019	Lilia Fiskovici	MDA	1:13:29
2021	Hana Homolková	CZE	1:18:51
2022	Tereza Hrochová	CZE	1:12:04
2023	Militsa Mircheva	BGR	1:14:56
2024	Maryna Nemchenko	UKR	1:11:26

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6 TOP WOMEN



ALINA REH

1:08:42 - SEVILLA 2023

23rd of May 1997

Nationality: German

Achievements: 3rd place at EC 10 000 m (2018); 8th place at EC 10 000 m (2022); 4th place at HEC 3000 m (2019); 8th place at HEC 3000 m (2017); 1st place at EP 10 000 m (2023); 1st place at EC U23 10 000 m (2019); 2nd place at EC U23 5000 m (2019); 2nd place at EC U23 5000 m (2017); 1st place at ECJ 3000 m (2015); 1st place at ECJ 5000 m (2015); 5x German champion (5000 a 10 000 m)

Season 2025: 2nd place at road 10 k (Dreikönigslauf, GER) 34:27

1:10:21 - SANTA POLA 2024

MERITXELL SOLER

20th of July 1992

Nationality: Spanish

Achievements: Spanish champion in Half Marathon 2022

Season 2025: 7th place at Marathon (Sevilla) 2:26:05; 9th place at Half Marathon (Sevilla) 1:10:55

EuroHeroes 2025: 2nd place at Karlovy Vary 1:11:47

Season 2025: 2nd place at road 10 k (Dreikönigslauf, GER) 34:27



NÓRA SZABÓ

1:10:49 - PARIS 2025

1st of March 1988

Nationality: Hungarian

Achievements: 5 times Hungarian champion (10 000 m, Half Marathon, marathon)

Season 2025: Hungarian champion in Marathon; 1st place at Mattoni Half Marathon Karlovy Vary;

4th place at Half Marathon Paris; 54. ME 10 k silnice; 2nd place at Hungarian championship 10 000 m

EuroHeroes 2025: 1st place at Karlovy Vary 1:11:00

1:11:13 - WARSAW 2024

MARYNA NEMCHENKO

9th May 1996

Nationality: Ukrainian

Achievements: 2 times Ukraine champion (10 000 m a marathon)

Season 2025: 3rd place at Half Marathon Poznan; 7th place at Mattoni Half Marathon Karlovy Vary

EuroHeroes 2025: 7th place at Karlovy Vary 1:18:25



VIKTORIYA KALIUZHNA

1:11:16 - WARSAW 2024

11th of June 1994

Nationality: Ukrainian

Achievements: 3rd place at EC U23 5000 m (2015); 8 times Ukraine champion (5000 a 10 000 m)

Season 2025: Ukraine champion 10 000 m; 1st place at EP 10 000 m Paris; 1st place at Half Marathon Poznan;

2nd place at Half Marathon Warsaw; 3rd place at Mattoni Half Marathon Karlovy Vary

EuroHeroes 2025: 3. Karlovy Vary 1:13:05

1:17:52 - PRAGUE 2025

EVA FILIPOVÁ

26th of May 1986

Nationality: Czech

Personal best: 1:17:52 (Prague 2025)

Achievements: Czech champion Half Marathon 2023

Season 2025: 3rd place at Czech marathon championship; 5th place at Czech championship Half Marathon (10th place at Orlen Prague Marathon); Best Czech woman at Generali Half Marathon Prague 1:17:52 (7th place)



6 TOP MEN

1:01:52 - BERLIN 2023

SEBASTIAN HENDEL

1st of December 1995

Nationality: German

Achievements: 2x Champion Německa (5000 a 10 000 m)

Season 2025: 2nd best european runner at adizero: Road to Records na 10 k (Herzogenaurach, GER) 29:33



PAULOS SURAFEL

1:01:21 - GENTBRUGGEN 2024

12th of January 1997

Nationality: British

Season 2025: 5th place at Mattoni Half Marathon Karlovy Vary;

48th place at Marathon Sevilla 2:17:49

EuroHeroes 2025: 5th place at Karlovy Vary 1:06:20

1:01:45 - AZPEITIA 2023

CHAKIB LACHGAR

21st of March 1989

Nationality: Spanish

Achievements: 1st place at MS v ultramarathon 50 k (2023);
2nd place at Half Marathon Azpeitia ESP (2023); 4th place at Mattoni Half Marathon Karlovy Vary (2024);

6st place at Mattoni Half Marathon České Budějovice (2024)

Season 2025: 5th place Half Marathon Warsaw 1:04:36 (30th of April)



LAHSENE BOUCHIKHI

1:02:28 - VALENCIA 2023

1st of June 1993

Nationality: Belgium

Achievements: Champion of Belgium (10 000 m)

Season 2025: 3rd place at Mattoni Half Marathon Karlovy Vary;

7th place at Half Marathon Leiden, NED

EuroHeroes 2025: 3rd place at Karlovy Vary 1:05:36

1:01:53 - BREDA 2013

KHALID CHOUKoud

23rd of March 1986

Nationality: Dutch

Achievements: 7th place at EC 10 000 m (2012);

5x Champion of Netherlands (10 000 m marathon)

Season 2025: 4th place at Leiden Marathon (Leiden, NED) 2:16:31;

1st Groet uit Schoorl Run, 30 k silnice (Schoorl, NED) 1:33:46



PATRIK VEBŘ

1:03:24 - VALENCIA 2024

19th of November 1998

Nationality: Czech

Achievements: 3 times Champion of Czech Republic

(Half Marathon 2025; 5 k road race in 2025; 5000 m in 2022)

Season 2025: 2 times Champion in Czech Republic (Half Marathon; 5 k road race);

best czech man Generali Half Marathon Prague 1:05:40; 3. Citylauf 10 k (Dresden) 35:24

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1/2MARATON ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE

31. 5. 2025
START 19:00

km Předpokládaný čas prvního a posledního běžce (časový limit)
Estimated time of the first and the last runner (cutoff time)

1 19:03 / 19:14	8 19:23 / 20:12	15 19:43 / 21:10
2 19:06 / 19:22	9 19:26 / 20:20	16 19:46 / 21:18
3 19:09 / 19:30	10 19:28 / 20:28	17 19:48 / 21:26
4 19:11 / 19:39	11 19:31 / 20:36	18 19:51 / 21:34
5 19:14 / 19:47	12 19:34 / 20:45	19 19:54 / 21:43
6 19:17 / 19:55	13 19:37 / 20:53	20 19:57 / 21:51
7 19:20 / 20:03	14 19:40 / 21:01	21 20:00 / 22:00

trasa závodu / směr závodu
race course / direction of the race

Technické zázemí
Technical area

předávací místo štafety (5, 10, 15 km)
relay exchange (5, 10, 15 km)

km km vzdálenost
km distance

seřadisko
line-up

start / cíl
start / finish

občerstvovací stanice
refreshment point

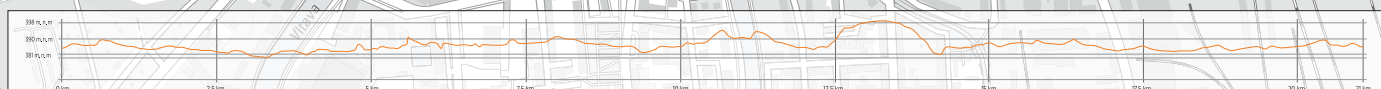
osvěžovací stanice
water point

první pomoc
first aid

hudební produkce
music point

toalety
toilets

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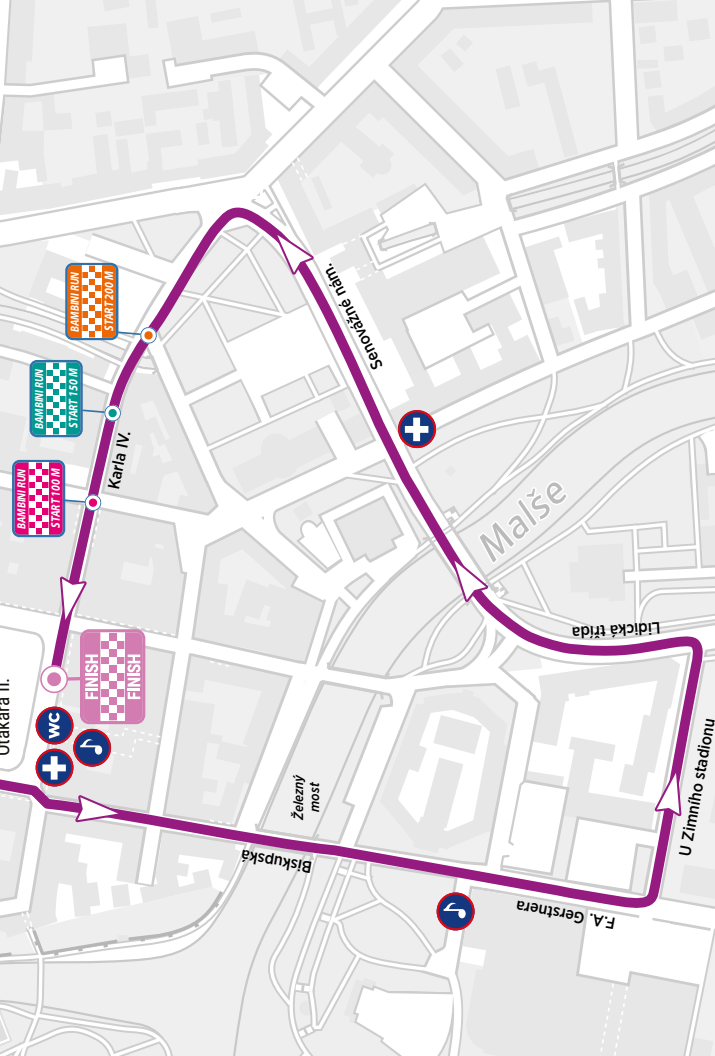
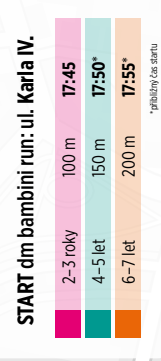
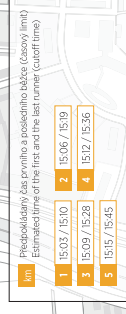


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**VODAFONE BĚH NA 5KM
ČESKÉ BUDEJOVICE**

31.5.2025
START 15:00



BOOKS

31. 5. 2025 / START 17.00
START/CÍL: NÁMĚSTÍ PŘEMYSLA OTAKARA III

INTERESTING FACTS

IMPORTANT
RACE INFO ONLINE
[RUNCZECH.COM/INFO](https://run Czech.com/info)



Year: 13.

Picking up bibs:

Running Expo České Budějovice, OC IGY, Pražská tř. 1247/24

Race record:

♂ **Daniel Chebii (KEN) 0:59:49 (2012)**

♀ **Agnes Jeruto (KEN) 1:09:53 (2017)**

European race record:

♂ **Yassine Rachik (ITA) 1:03:02 (2019)**

♀ **Maryna Nemchenko (UKR) 1:11:26 (2024)**

Czech race record:

♂ **Vít Pavlišta (CZE) 1:06:43 (2018)**

♀ **Tereza Hrochová (CZE) 1:12:04 (2022)**

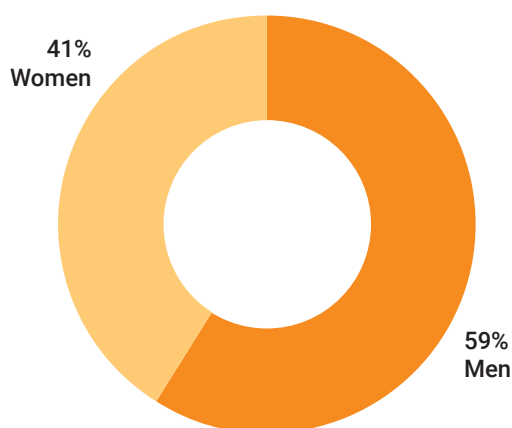


MATTONI HALF MARATHON RECEIVED ROAD RACE LABEL FROM WORLD ATHLETICS



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NATIONALITIES

GENDERS



OLDEST PARTICIPANTS:

♂ MEN: TREVOR WALLINGER (GBR) - 77 YEARS
♀ WOMEN: LIBUŠE VOLMANOVÁ (CZE) - 73 YEARS

MOST COMMON FIRST NAMES IN REGISTRATIONS:

♂ MEN: JAN 131X
♀ WOMEN: TEREZA 52X

NATIONALITIES

91% **CZECHS**
9% **FOREIGNERS**

TOP 10 EUROPEAN PERFORMANCES IN HISTORY MEN:

1:03:02	YASSINE RACHIK	ITA	2019
1:03:38	SEBASTIAN HENDEL	GER	2024
1:03:40	LUKE TRAYNOR	GBR	2018
1:04:01	TOMASZ GRYCKO	POL	2023
1:04:05	ROMAN ROMANENKO	UKR	2018
1:04:25	ROMAN ROMANENKO	UKR	2019
1:04:25	DANIELE D'ONOFRIO	ITA	2024
1:04:30	MAXIM RAILEANU	MDA	2023
1:04:37	JAUME LEIVA BEATO	ESP	2019
1:04:42	PAUL POLLOCK	IRL	2019

TOP 10 EUROPEAN PERFORMANCES IN HISTORY WOMEN:

1:11:26	MARYNA NEMCHENKO	UKR	2024
1:12:04	TEREZA HROCHOVÁ	CZE	2022
1:13:20	LILIA FISIKOVICI	MDA	2018
1:13:29	LILIANI FISIKOVICI	MDA	2019
1:13:56	DARIA MYKHAILOVA	UKR	2019
1:14:04	OLGA SKRYPAK	UKR	2019
1:14:14	OLHA KOTOVSKA	UKR	2018
1:14:23	GIOVANNA EPIS	ITA	2019
1:14:38	ROSARIA CONSOLE	ITA	2018
1:14:41	NINA LAUWERT	BEL	2019

LIVE STREAMING



Live Stream on runczech.com

- Watch the race live directly from the homepage of our website and experience the race-day atmosphere wherever you are
- Available with both Czech and English commentary
- The live broadcast of the Half Marathon starts on Saturday at 6:45 PM

In the RunCzech App

- Live tracking – follow runners in real time on the course
- Push notifications – stay up to date and don't miss anything

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