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**MATTONI
RUNNING FESTIVAL
ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE
30. 5. 2026**

PRESS GUIDE



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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 3:30 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 fourteenth 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, thanks to Mattoni, the partner of the RunCzech drinking regime.

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	29.5.	1. patro, Clarion Congress Hotel České Budějovice	13:00 - 20:00
Saturday	30.5.	Přemysl Otakar II Square 1, České Budějovice (Room 103 – 1 st floor)	13:00 - 22:30

RUNNING EXPO

Výstaviště, pavilon H, Husova tř. 523, 370 05 České Budějovice 5

Bib pick-up for runners takes place:

Friday: 12:00 – 19:00

Saturday: 9:30 – 17:00

5K until 14:00

dm family mile & dm bambini run until 16:00

PROGRAM

FRIDAY, MAY 29

12:00 – 20:00 Running Expo České Budějovice

17:00 Pre-race warm-up run with elite athletes

SATURDAY, MAY 30

9:30 – 17:00 Running Expo České Budějovice

13:00 Press Center opens

14:00 Start of accompanying events

14:30 Technical area opens for 5K

15:30 Start of Vodafone 5K Run

16:45 Technical area closes for 5K

17:00 Start of dm family mile

17:30 Technical area opens for 21.1K

17:45 Start of dm bambini run

19:00 Start of Mattoni Half Marathon České Budějovice + Relay, 2Run, Rector's Cup Run (JČU)

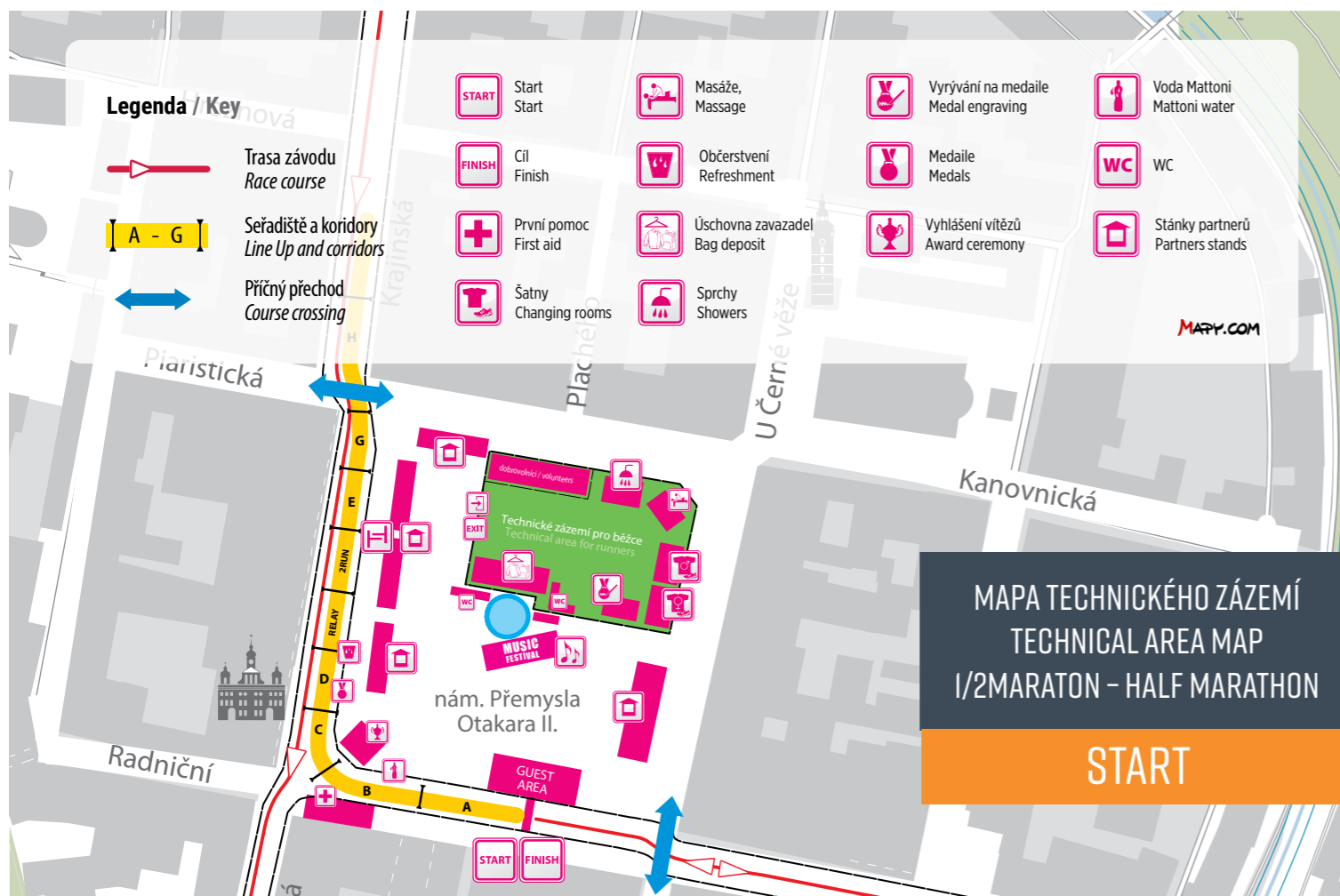
20:02 Expected arrival of first male finisher

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 2026



START LIST MEN

START NUMBER	BIB NAME	NAT	NAME	YEAR OF BIRTH	PERSONAL BEST - PB	BEST PERFORMANCE SINCE 2024
1	JORGE		ESP Jorge Blanco	1993	1:01:45 – Valencia 2024	1:01:45 – Valencia 2024
2	MIGUEL		POR Miguel Borges	1994	1:01:54 – Barcelona 2025	1:01:54 – Barcelona 2025
3	POL		ESP Pol Espinosa	1997	1:02:51 – Berlin 2026	1:02:51 – Berlin 2026
4	MYKOLA M.		UKR Mykola Mevsha	1994	1:02:51 – Warsaw 2025	1:02:51 – Warsaw 2025
5	LAHSENE		BEL Lahsene Bouchikhi	1993	1:02:28 – Valencia 2023	1:03:02 – Gentbrugge 2024
6	ARTUR		ESP Artur Bossy	1994	1:03:23 – Barcelona 2024	1:03:23 – Barcelona 2024
7	PATRIK		CZE Patrik Vebr	1998	1:03:24 – Valencia 2024	1:03:24 – Valencia 2024
8	KHALID		NED Khalid Choukoud	1986	1:01:53 – Breda 2013	1:03:31 – Den Haag 2024
9	JORIS		BEL Joris Keppens	1993	1:03:48 – Gentbrugge 2024	1:03:48 – Gentbrugge 2024
10	AZIZ		FRA Aziz Boukebal	1995	1:03:54 – Barcelona 2022	1:04:22 – Grue 2026
11	MYKOLA N.		UKR Mykola Nyzhnyk	1995	1:03:14 – Belaya Tserkva 2018	1:04:42 – Brussels 2025
12	DMITRIJS		LAT Dmitrijs Serjogins	1993	1:04:43 – Barcelona 2021	1:04:45 – Barcelona 2024
13	AMADEO		ESP Amadeo Abal	1995	1:05:41 – Entre Rías 2026	1:05:41 – Entre Rías 2026
14	JIRKA		CZE Jiří Homoláč	1990	1:03:23 – Prague 2017	1:06:22 – Prague 2024
15	DAVID		CZE David Vaš	1990	1:07:11 – Prague 2026	1:07:11 – Prague 2026
16	PETR		CZE Petr Pechek	1983	1:06:33 – Vienna 2012	1:09:01 – České Budějovice 2024
17	KUBA		CZE Jakub Zemaník	1995	1:06:23 – Ústí nad Labem 2021	1:09:24 – Pardubice 2026
18	MAX		CZE Maximilian Matolín	2003	debut	debut
19	MATĚJ		CZE Matěj Hřebačka	2003	debut	10,000m – 29:47.35 – Azusa 2025
20	KAREL		CZE Karel Tyrpekl	1999	1:10:06 – Prague 2026	1:10:06 – Prague 2026
21	MARTIN		CZE Martin Kučera	1980	1:08:38 – Pardubice 2011	1:10:48 – Olomouc 2024

START LIST WOMEN

START NUMBER	BIB NAME	NAT	NAME	YEAR OF BIRTH	PERSONAL BEST - PB	BEST PERFORMANCE SINCE 2024
F1	TEREZA H.		CZE Tereza Hrochová	1996	1:11:09 – Pardubice 2026	1:11:09 – Pardubice 2026
F2	OLGA		UKR Olga Nyzhnyk	1990	1:11:29 – Warsaw 2026	1:11:29 – Warsaw 2026
F3	MONICA		POR Monica Silva	1983	1:11:37 – Valencia 2024	1:11:37 – Valencia 2024
F4	KRISTINA		GER Kristina Hendel	1996	1:10:38 – Istanbul 2022	1:12:31 – Berlin 2024
F5	MÍŠA		CZE Michaela Čepová	2000	1:13:07 – Prague 2026	1:13:07 – Prague 2026
F6	CRISTINA		ESP Cristina Silva	1987	1:13:20 – Barcelona 2024	1:13:20 – Barcelona 2024
F7	BÁRA S.		CZE Bára Styblová	1999	1:14:25 – Pardubice 2025	1:14:25 – Pardubice 2025
F8	TEREZA L.		CZE Tereza Lajdová	1993	1:17:21 – Prague 2026	1:17:21 – Prague 2026
F9	ELIŠKA		CZE Eliška Poborská	2003	1:19:25 – Plzeň 2026	1:19:25 – Plzeň 2026
F10	LUCKA		CZE Lucie Sekanová	1989	1:17:39 – Prague 2014	1:19:35 – Prague 2026
F11	EVA		CZE Eva Vrabcová Nývltová	1986	1:11:01 – Prague 2018	1:19:52 – Prague 2025
F12	BÁRA H.		CZE Barbora Havlíčková	2000	1:20:03 – Prague 2025	1:20:03 – Prague 2025
F13	HANKA		CZE Hana Homolková	1996	1:18:08 – Berlin 2023	1:20:15 – Ústí nad Labem 2024
F14	BÁRA V.		CZE Barbora Vahalíková	2000	1:21:43 – Karlovy Vary 2024	1:21:43 – Karlovy Vary 2024



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EUROHEROES



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.

The first stop of this year's EuroHeroes took place in Karlovy Vary, where victory was claimed by local Damian Vích from the RunCzech Racing Team and Spaniard Caroline Robles. They recorded 1050 and 1114 points, respectively, according to the Hungarian scoring tables. However, neither of them will start in České Budějovice, so last year's winner Khalid Choukoud from the Netherlands or Spaniard Artur Bossy, who took third place in the spa town, have a chance to move to the front of the series. Among the women, Michaela Čepová is the only runner preparing for the second race, which guarantees her the provisional first place after half of the series.

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
2025	Khalid Choukoud	NED	2025	Nóra Szabó	HUN

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
2025	Khalid Choukoud	NED	1:04:08

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	BUL	1:14:56
2024	Maryna Nemchenko	UKR	1:11:26
2025	Mariia Mazurenko	UKR	1:12:16



Vyvážený obsah
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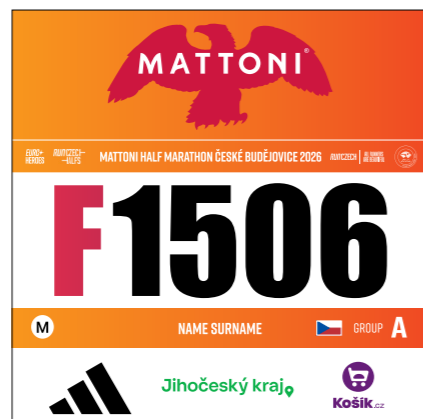
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ELITE AND START NUMBERS

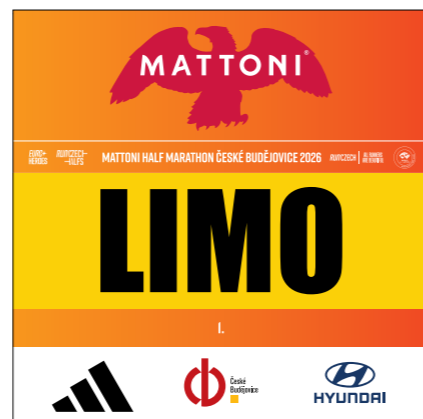
The 14th edition of the Mattoni HalfMarathon České Budějovice promises an exciting spectacle right from the first meters! At the start on Přemysl Otakar II Square, 35 elite runners from 9 different European countries will feature. The second stop of this year's EuroHeroes series will welcome as many as six athletes to the start with a personal best below the level of the race record, including two main favorites: Spain's Blanco and Portugal's Borges, who even have personal records under 1:02:00. The current European race record stands at 1:03:02, and there is a great chance that this time will be broken. And this might happen not only among the men, but also among the representatives of women! Indeed, the main favorite for the women's race is Tereza Hrochová, who, with her personal best of 1:11:09, is 17 seconds faster than the current leader of the rankings. But she's not the only one, who can break the record. Kristina Hendel, a German with Croatian roots, has covered the half-marathon distance best in 1:10:38, and the experienced Ukrainian Olga Nyzhnyk, bronze medalist from the 2012 European Championships, who trails the European race record by a mere 3 seconds, could also have a say in the battle for victory.



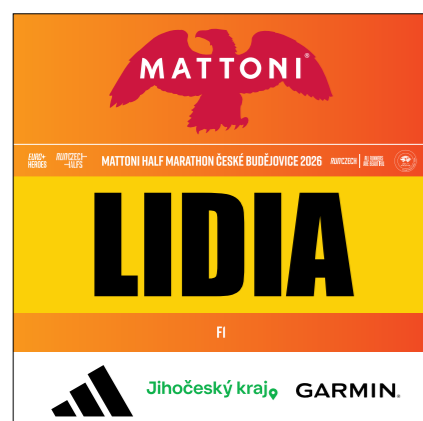
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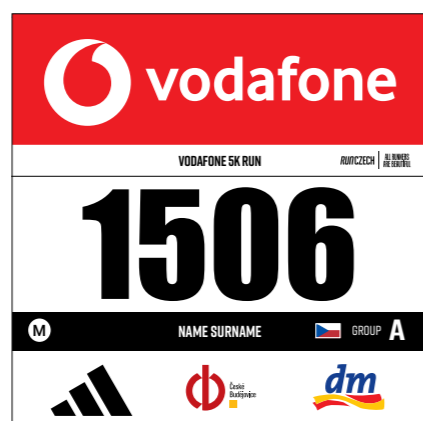
HALF MARATHON - WOMEN



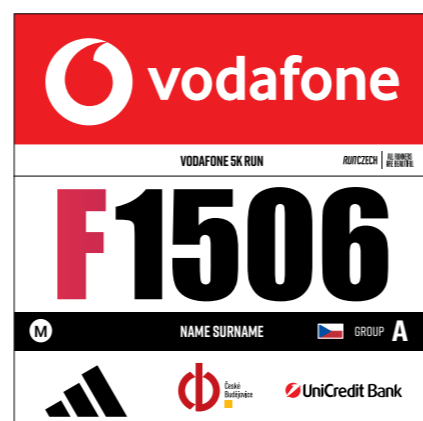
ELITE - MEN



ELITE - WOMEN



5K - MEN



5K - WOMEN

ELITES TO WATCH - MEN

1:01:45 - VALENCIA 2024 **JORGE BLANCO**

Age: 32
Nationality: Spain
Achievements: Spain champion in marathon (2022),
3rd place in Ibero-American Championship (2022) in half-marathon



MIGUEL BORGES 1:01:54 - BARCELONA 2025

Age: 31
Nationality: Portugal
Achievements: 3 times Portugal champion (2026 10 km, 2024 half-marathon, 2015 steeple)



1:03:24 - VALENCIA 2026 **PATRIK VEBR**

Age: 27
Nationality: Czech
Achievements: Czech race record holder in Mattoni 1/2Marathon České Budějovice (2025),
3 times Czech champion (2025 half-marathon, 2025 5 km road, 2022 5 km)



ELITE TO WATCH - WOMEN

TEREZA HROCHOVÁ 1:11:09 - PARDUBICE 2026

Age: 30
Nationality: Czech
Achievements: 22 times Czech champion, 26th in Paris OG 2024 Marathon,
10K National record holder 31:05 - Valencia 2026, Czech race record holder 1:12:04 - 2022



1:10:38 - ISTANBUL 2022 **KRISTINA HENDEL**

Age: 30
Nationality: Germany / Croatia
Achievements: 7 times Croatian champion
National record holder 3,000m steeplechase
Winner of Mattoni Half Marathon Ústí nad Labem 2020



OLGA NYZHNYK 1:11:29 - WARSAW 2026

Age: 35
Nationality: Ukraine
Achievements: 3rd place at European Championship (5 km 2012),
4 times Ukrainian champion (10 km road 2025, half-marathon 2023, 10 km 2015, 5 km 2011)



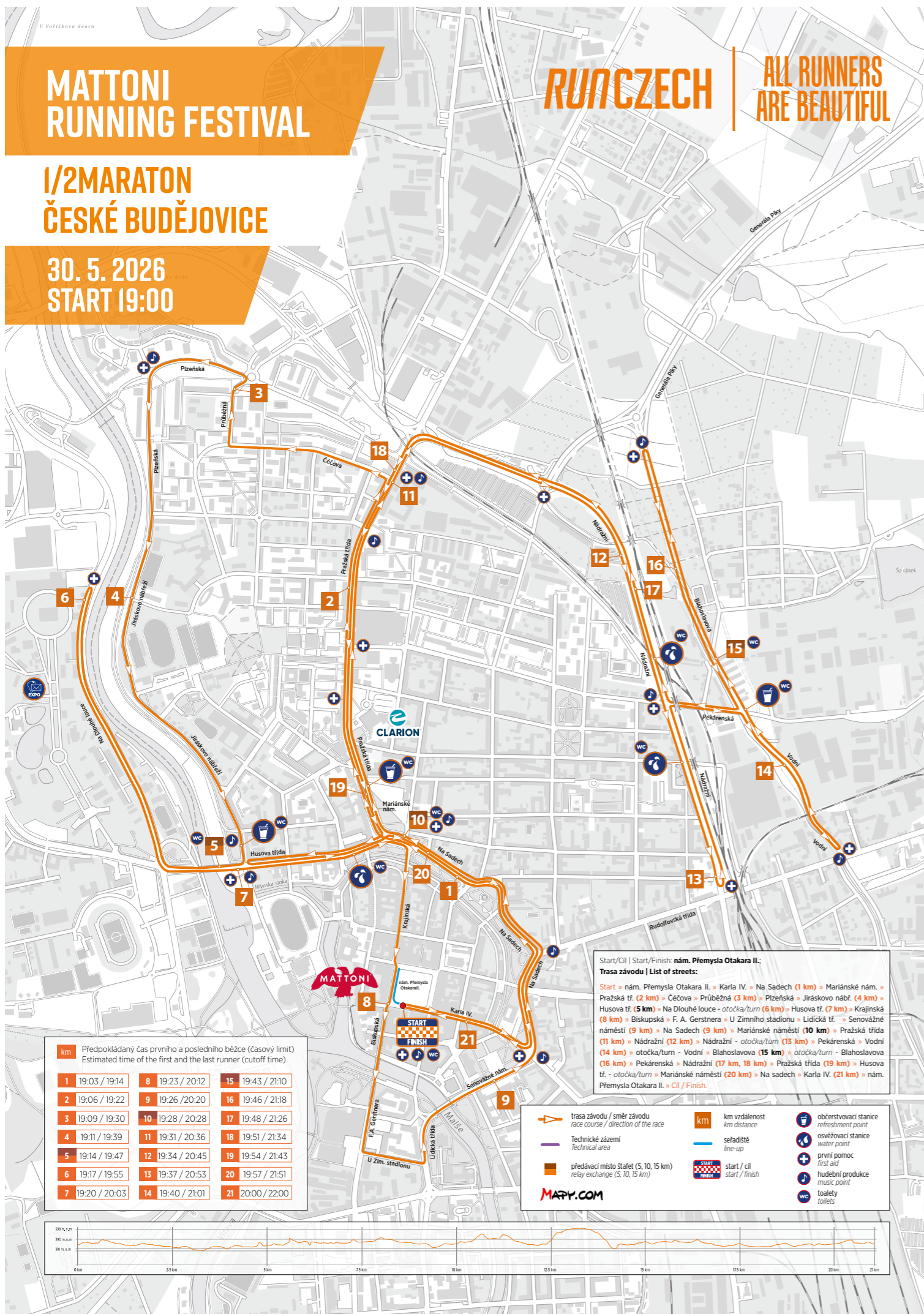
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1/2 MARATON ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE

30. 5. 2026
START 19:00

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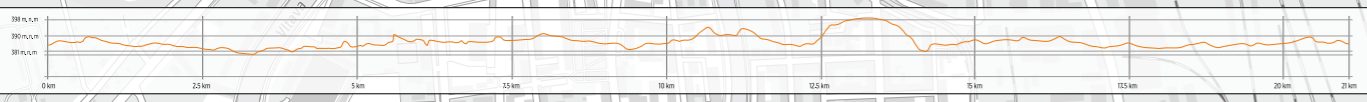
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Start/Cíl | Start/Finish: nám. Přemysla Otakara II.
Trasa závodu | List of streets:
Start » nám. Přemysla Otakara II. » Karla IV. » Na Sadech (1 km) » Mariánské nám. » Pražská tř. (2 km) » Čecova » Průběžná (3 km) » Plzeňská » Jiráskovo nábr. (4 km) » Husova tř. (5 km) » Na Dlouhé louce - otočka/turn (6 km) » Husova tř. (7 km) » Krajinská (8 km) » Biskupská » F. A. Gerstnera » U Zimního stadionu » Lidická tř. » Senovážné náměstí (9 km) » Na Sadech (9 km) » Mariánské náměstí (10 km) » Pražská třída (11 km) » Nádražní (12 km) » Nádražní - otočka/turn (13 km) » Pekařenská » Vodní (14 km) » otočka/turn - Vodní » Blahoslava (15 km) » otočka/turn - Blahoslava (16 km) » Pekařenská » Nádražní (17 km, 18 km) » Pražská třída (19 km) » Husova tř. - otočka/turn » Mariánské náměstí (20 km) » Na Sadech » Karla IV. (21 km) » nám. Přemysla Otakara II. » Cíl / Finish.

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

- trasa závodu / směry závodu
race course / direction of the race
- Technické zázemí
Technical area
- řada předávání štafet (5, 10, 15 km)
relay exchange (5, 10, 15 km)
- km vzdálenost
km distance
- seřaditě
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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VODAFONE BĚH NA 5KM
ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE

30. 5. 2026
START 15:30



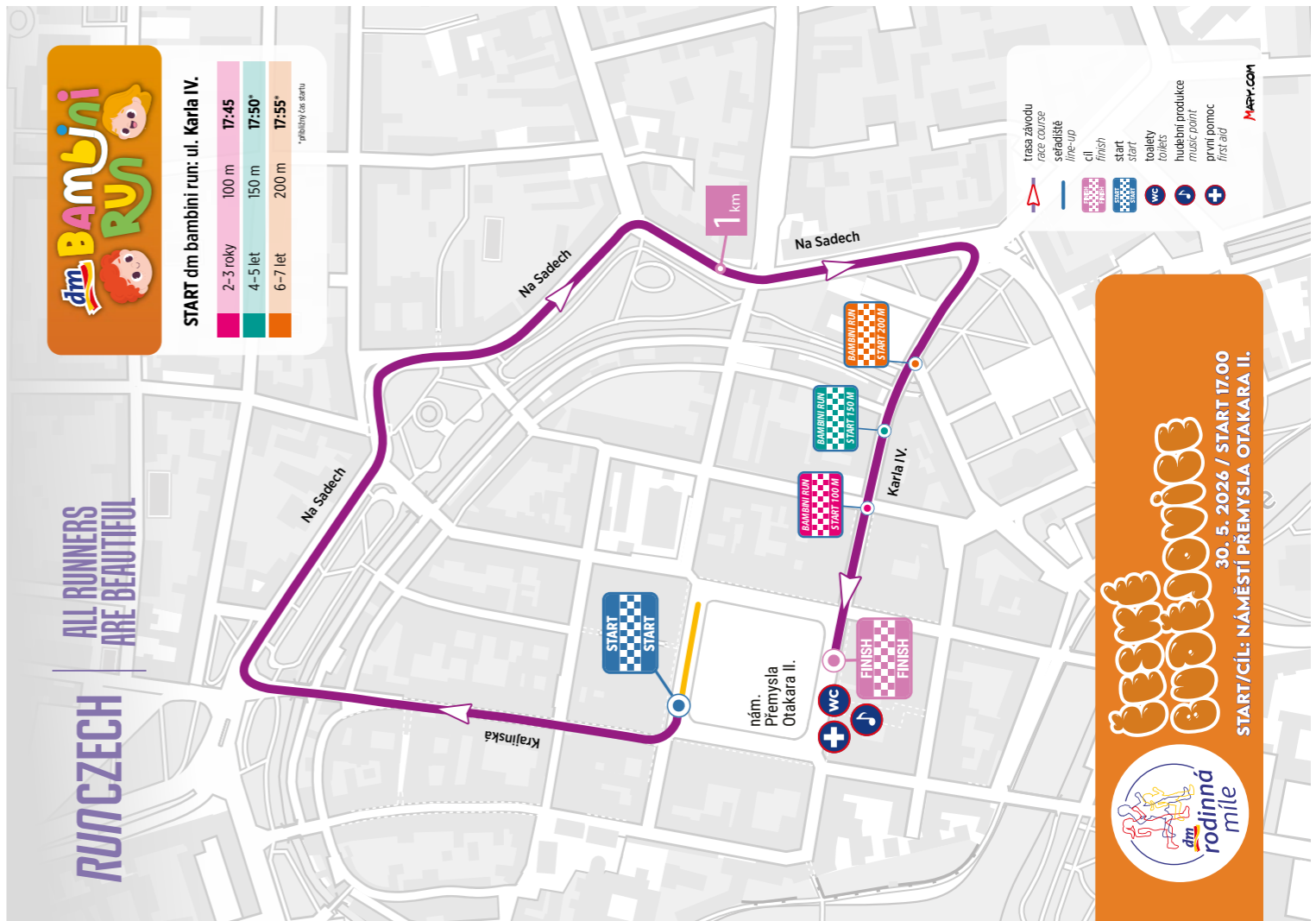
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1	15:37 / 15:40
2	15:36 / 15:48
3	15:39 / 15:58
4	15:42 / 16:06
5	15:45 / 16:15

dim BAMBINI
RUN

START dim bambini run: ul. Karla IV.

2-3 roky	100 m	17:45
4-5 let	150 m	17:50*
6-7 let	200 m	17:55*

*realitní čas startu



- trasa závodu
race course
- seřaditě
line-up
- cíl
finish
- start
start
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ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE
rodinná
mile

30. 5. 2026 / START 17:00
START/CÍL: NÁMĚSTÍ PŘEMYSLA OTAKARA II.



INTERESTING FACTS

IMPORTANT
RACE INFO ONLINE
RUNCZECH.COM/INFO



Year: **14th**

Picking up bibs:

Running Expo Výstaviště, pavilon H, Husova tř. 523, 370 05 České Budějovice 5

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:

♂ Patrik Vebr (CZE) 1:06:29 (2025)

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

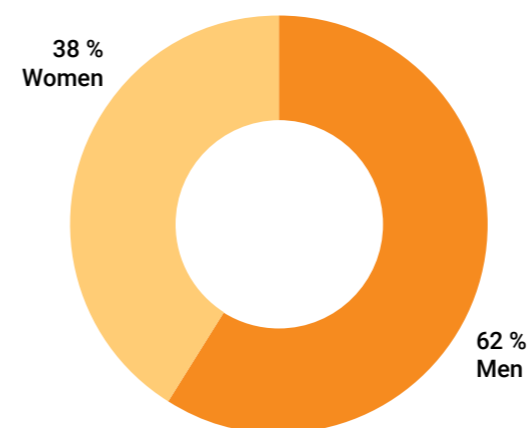
MATTONI HALF MARATHON RECEIVED ROAD RACE LABEL FROM WORLD ATHLETICS



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NATIONALITIES

GENDERS



OLDEST PARTICIPANTS:

- ♂ MEN: TREVOR WALLINGER (GBR) - 78 YEARS
- ♀ WOMEN: WENDY WALLINGER (GBR) - 74 YEARS

MOST COMMON FIRST NAMES IN REGISTRATIONS:

- ♂ MEN: JAN 226X
- ♀ WOMEN: TEREZA 113X

NATIONALITIES



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
1:04:08	KHALID CHOUKOU	NED	2025
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

TOP 10 EUROPEAN PERFORMANCES IN HISTORY WOMEN:

1:11:26	MARYNA NEMCHENKO	UKR	2024
1:12:04	TEREZA HROCHOVÁ	CZE	2022
1:12:16	MARIIA MAZURENKO	UKR	2025
1:12:29	MERITXELL SOLER	ESP	2025
1:12:43	NÓRA SZABÓ	HUN	2025
1:13:20	LILIA FISIKOVICI	MDA	2018
1:13:29	LILIA FISIKOVICI	MDA	2019
1:13:56	DARIA MYKHAILOVA	UKR	2019
1:14:04	OLGA SKRYPAK	UKR	2019
1:14:14	OLHA KOTOVSKA	UKR	2018

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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