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## **Commonwealth Games 2022 Team England marathon runners selected at Therme Manchester Marathon**

MANCHESTER, UK: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April saw over 150 of the best of British endurance athletes compete in the UK's largest Spring marathon, the Therme Manchester Marathon, for a coveted place with Team England in the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

The famous 26.2 mile course through iconic Greater Manchester, known for its flat and fast route, allowed England Athletics to set a tight qualification standard with qualifying times of 2:14 for male athletes and 2:34 for female athletes.

Competition was tight for the position of first finisher with Jonny Mellor taking first place with a time of 2:10:46. He was closely followed by Ross Millington and Kevin Seaward with respective times of 2:11:38 and 2:11:54. Joining her compatriots as first female finisher was Becky Briggs, who finished with a record-breaking time of 2:29:04, closely followed by Naomi Mitchell (2:30:54) and Georgina Schwiening (2:31:37).

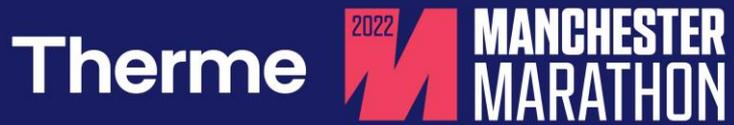
The Elite Wheelchair Athletes continued to showcase their strong athletic abilities with Polish athlete Samuel Kolek claiming the coveted first finisher place with a time of 1:48:24. Martyna Snopek, the sole Elite Female Wheelchair Athlete, also stormed across the finish line with a time of 2:40:24.

Therme Manchester Marathon also hosted the trials for British athletes eligible to compete in the qualifiers for the 2022 European Athletics Championships.

Nick Rusling, CEO of event organisers Human Race, says

"2022 is shaping up to be a fantastic summer of sport, with the Commonwealth Games taking place right here in the UK in Birmingham. For us at Therme Manchester Marathon, to be asked to host the England marathon trial, alongside the British Athletics European Athletics Championships qualifiers, is a testament to how big our marathon event has become. The atmosphere on the route today was electric and we could see how hard these athletes have trained to achieve one of these treasured places for Team England."

Tom Craggs, England Athletics Road Running Manager, added: "We are delighted to see such tight competition today, with the athletes pushing themselves to place within the top 3 in order to join Team England this year for the Commonwealth Games 2022. 2022 is an incredibly exciting year for home nations athletes with three major championships taking place, and we were delighted to have worked with the team at Therme Manchester Marathon to support athletes to have the best possible experience at the England Commonwealth Games and British Athletics European Championship trials."



The elite athletes were joined by over 24,000 runners at the start line, all of whom were running to achieve their own goal of completing the 26.2 mile challenge. The Therme Manchester Marathon's continued growth has seen it become the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest marathon in the UK and the 4<sup>th</sup> largest marathon in Europe, challenging heavyweights like London, Paris and Berlin marathon. With a rich history dating back to 1908, the Therme Manchester Marathon is hugely popular due to its fast, flat course, and the unrivalled supportive and welcoming Mancunian atmosphere.

Places in next year's Manchester Marathon, which is set to return on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023, are available to secure now. To find out more about how to run or volunteer at the next event, visit [www.manchestermarathon.co.uk](http://www.manchestermarathon.co.uk).

**Image highlights can be downloaded here:** [<https://we.tl/t-XRxhfYjsML>]

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### **About Therme Manchester Marathon**

The Therme Manchester Marathon is Europe's fourth biggest marathon and one of the UK's premier running events attracting upwards of 30,000 runners each year. Famous for its fast, flat and friendly route, the Therme Manchester Marathon is run by some of the world's greatest elite runners, right through to those who thought completing a marathon would never be possible. Many regular runners find this the ideal event to get a personal best time, whilst everybody finds the incredible Mancunian support throughout the course unforgettable. For more information and to enter the event please visit [manchestermarathon.co.uk](http://manchestermarathon.co.uk)

### **About Human Race**

Human Race is the UK's leading mass participation events company, putting on over 15 events each year in triathlon, cycling, running, and duathlon. Part of Amaury Sport Organisation (A.S.O.), owners of the Tour de France and the leader in the French running and sportive market, Human Race's prestigious portfolio includes the Dragon Ride, Royal Windsor Triathlon, the Cancer Research UK London Winter Run and the Manchester Marathon. The company also specialises in delivering bespoke corporate events, working with businesses such as JLL.

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Human Race's events bring together an active community of people taking part in sporting events for reasons ranging from fitness, competition, charity, health, fun or to simply finish. The participants vary from nervous first timers of all ages through to World Champions. Collectively, the events raise millions of pounds for hundreds of charities each year. [www.humanrace.co.uk](http://www.humanrace.co.uk)

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Therme Group is a global wellbeing leader, driven by an inclusive vision of 'Wellbeing for All'. Therme's landmark entertainment and wellbeing destinations are a unique immersive environment, based in ancient traditions of thermal bathing combined with modern technology. This unique blended experience includes water-based activities with fitness programming, attractions, wellbeing therapies, art and culture, botanics, food and nutrition. As much as a fun and relaxing experience, Therme's projects benefit mental and physical health, rejuvenating all who visit, and making a positive economic and social impact for the communities they serve. Environmental consciousness is at the heart of Therme, using sustainable design and technology to create affordable and inclusive environments which welcome many millions of visitors every year. With more than 20 years' experience, Therme Group and its strategic partners operate four facilities in Europe and have multiple destinations in development worldwide including the UK, mainland Europe, North America and Asia Pacific.