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Winter warriors

Heavy snow and freezing temperatures gave the 25th Winter Marathon's 160 entrants plenty to get to grips with

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Arctic conditions around its Italian Alps setting made sure this year's Winter Marathon more than lived up to its name – but that didn't deter first-timers Luca Patron and Massimo Casale, who finished a fine 7th overall in their 1925 Bentley 3-litre, the oldest car on the event.

Top honours went to two slightly younger British cars, again with Italian crews, as you can read in our motor sport news report on page 15.





Margiotta/Pin Mini took home overall honours

Brit Classics blitz Italy

Jaguar and Mini pip Lancias to the post in closely fought Winter Marathon

A PAIR of iconic British classics – a Mini Cooper S and a Jaguar SS100 – beat all home-grown opposition on the gruelling 2013 Winter Marathon.

The 40-stage rally, running from Folgarida in the foothills of the Marilleva over the Italian Alps to Cortina d'Ampezzo and back, favoured the secure handling of the front-wheel-drive 1965 Morris Mini Cooper S of Sicilians Antonio Margiotta and Bruno Pin in the battle for both the TAG Heuer Barozzi ice-driving Trophy and overall rally victory.

The low-slung chassis of Luigino Gennaró and Giancarlo Giacomello's 1938 Jaguar SS100 helped them outmanoeuvre their rivals to claim the Trophy MotorStorica



Trophy MotorStorica won by Jaguar crew

for vintage cars. Italian cars were never far behind, though. A trio of Lancia Aprilias were hot on the Mini's heels, with the 1940 car of Alberto Aliverti leading a 2-3-4 Lancia finish ahead of the 1938 car of Giuliano Cane and Lucia Galliani, and Ezio and Francesca Salvato's 1939 Aprilia in fourth.

Binding brakes and overheating engines affected many of the cars, especially given the often swift juxtaposition of icy high-altitude roads, slow-moving city crossings and, at Cortina, a set of autotests on a frozen lake. On the mountain passes of Pordoi, Gardena and Valparola drifting snow often narrowed the roads to a single lane, and the average temperature was -15°C.