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Winners Guido Barcella  
and Ombretta Ghidotti  
in their 1938 Fiat 508C

# Fiats keep cool in the Italian north

From 19-22 January the 35th Winter Marathon, based in the ski resort of Madonna di Campiglio in the north of Italy, drew 124 crews to brave freezing conditions along the challenging 300-mile route.

The first leg started amid heavy snowfall, at the end of which Alberto and Federico Riboldi in their 1937 Fiat 508C held a slender, one-point lead ahead of the 1963

Porsche 356C piloted by Nicola Barcella and Michele Vecchi. Lorenzo and Mario Turelli (1937 Lancia Aprilia) were just four points further back in third.

It was an early afternoon start for Friday's second leg that finished after midnight and coincided with yet more snow. It was during this section that Guido Barcella and Ombretta Ghidotti, in a 1938 Fiat

508C, found their form. They were 20 marks off the lead in sixth after the first leg, but fought back to take victory, as they had in 2019.

Father-and-son Fabio and Marco Salvinelli, in yet another 508C, battled back from seventh place in leg one to finish second, bettering their 2021 performance by a single position. And it was a first event podium for another father-and-



British Cooper 'S' team performed well

son crew, the Turellis, who hung on to their third-place spot, less than a point adrift.

The top non-Italian equipe was the 1960 Austin Mini Cooper 'S' of British duo Massimiliano and Edoardo Ottochian, who were repeating their success in the 2022 event. Unfortunately, the usual finale on a frozen lake had to be cancelled on safety grounds.

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