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Fiats on Franciacorta form

It was a second Franciacorta Historic win for Federico and Alberto Riboldi (left), four years after their first, but this time they swapped seats. On 2025's 4-5 April edition in northern Italy, son Federico drove, his father Alberto navigated.

As is often the case on this event, it was an all-Fiat 508C podium. In second, 9.69 penalty points adrift, were Guido Barcella and Ombretta Ghidotti (below left), while Alberto Aliverti and Yuri Merlo, winners of January's Winter Marathon (*Sport*, April), were third, a further 2.64 marks back.

Michel Decremer, Rallye Monte-Carlo Historique winner in 2024 and '25, paired this time with fellow Belgian Marie-Claire Martens, had to settle for second in the battle to be the highest-finishing non-Italian pairing, coming 58th in a LaSalle 303 Roadster behind Americans John Daniel and Julie Sneed Herlihy (BMW 328) in 55th. The rally drew 124 crews, 34 of which were in pre-war cars.