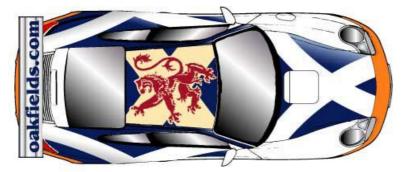
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Ecurie Ecosse on Track for a Return to Le Mans



This weekend sees Ecurie Ecosse return to GT racing, with its first assault on Sebring for 45 years. Back in 1958, the legendary Scottish team ran its Le Mans winning D-type Jaguar in the American endurance race but, for Sebring 2003, Ecurie Ecosse is running a Ricardo-prepared Porsche GT3-R. The drivers are Bart Hayden, <u>lan Donaldson</u> and <u>Gregor Fisken</u>.

Last year saw Ecurie Ecosse's successful return to the track, under the patronage of Hugh McCaig, with a third place podium finish in the Group C2 class at the Nurburgring 24 Hours in a BMW M3. The team looks forward to a successful Sebring 2003 and, in partnership with PK Sport, aims to follow this up with an entry for the Le Mans 24 Hours in June.

Ecurie Ecosse - Past and Present -

The history of Ecurie Ecosse is deeply woven into the rich history of Scotland. Its extraordinary list of drivers includes such great names as Jim Clark, Sir Jackie Stewart and Roy Salvadori, as well as recent icons Alan McNish and David Coulthard. Some selected highlights from the Scottish privateers' history are:

- 1956 Winners, Le Mans 24 Hours
- 1957 Winners and Runners-Up, Le Mans 24 Hours
- 1986 Winners, C2 World Sports Car Championship
- 1987 Winners, Index of Performance, Le Mans
- 1988 Winners, British Thunder Saloons Championship
- 1995 Winners, British Touring Car Championship



At Sebring 2003, the honour of the Scottish team will be carried by three highly experienced drivers. Bart Hayden raced predominantly Caterhams between 1990 and 2000, winning the Superlight Championship in 1999. In 2001 he competed successfully in the European Le Mans series and the American Le Mans series. Gregor Fisken is well known for racing Historic cars, notably winning the RAC TT Celebration race at Goodwood when he paired up with Emanuele Pirro in the lightweight Jaguar '4 WPD'. In 2001 he drove the Porsche 962 Group C to 2nd overall in the British Empire Trophy and, for Ecurie Ecosse in 2002, a modern BMW M3 at the Nurburgring. Ian Donaldson, who shared the M3 with Fisken, has a lengthy motorsport career which encompasses rallying the Group B Metro 6R4s.

Meanwhile, patron Hugh McCaig is overseeing the progress of the junior Ecurie Ecosse drivers Alasdair McCaig and Andrew Smith who, in 2003, are competing in the Scottish Caterham Roadsport Championship, the British Caterham Roadsport Championship and the all-new Scottish Mini Cooper Challenge Cup.

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