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Rare sports-prototype Ferrari comes to the market



Ferrari 512M/F chassis '1022' was a works entry at the 1970 Daytona 24 Hours classic driven by Sicilian teacher Nino Vaccarella and promising young Italian Ignazio Giunti. There followed two years of intense racing, including being the first Ferrari to have won an international race in the land of the Rising Sun. This car is now offered to the market as a Private Treaty Sale by Genevabased consultants Kidston SA.

In 1970 the car also saw service at that year's **Le Mans test weekend** with Belgian ace **Jacky Ickx** at the wheel where it achieved the second best time of the session. Sold soon afterwards to **Corrado Manfredini's Scuderia Picchio Rosso** and renumbered as '1032' for carnet purposes, the car contested the **Monza 1000Km** with owner **Manfredini** seconded by his business associate **Giampiero - MoMo steering wheels - Moretti** and the charismatic, chain smoking **Arturo Merzario**. Still in Italy, a month later the big Ferrari then took overall honours at the fabled **Trieste-Opicina** mountain climb.



Driven at the **1970 Le Mans 24 Hours** under the **Scuderia Filipinetti** banner by Manfredini and Moretti it was a DNF, followed by three Interserie outings for Moretti before an historic 1st overall at September's **Mount Fuji Golden Race**, the first major victory for a Ferrari in Japan.

Back in Europe, finishes at the **Imola 500Km** and minor **Coppa del Chianti Classico** were followed by disappointment at **Hockenheim** and the **Paris 1000Km** at **Montlhery**. Moretti was 5th at the **Interlagos 1,000 Miles** and 2nd overall at Sao Paulo, rounding off a busy 1970 season.



The 512 was then sold to Geneva based, works assisted **Scuderia Filipinetti** and returned to Maranello for updating to the latest 'M' specification, its first outing in new 'S/M' guise coming on 25th April at **Monza** for the **1,000Km** event where, after qualifying on the front row driven by factory collaudatore **Mike Parkes** and Swedish veteran **Jo Bonnier**, it retired with a faulty fuel pump.

Responding to the threat from Porsche's formidable 917, for **Le Mans** the car was further modified to 'F' specification with a distinctive narrow windscreen to improve high speed aerodynamics, this work supervised by Mike Parkes and carried out by Carrozzeria Silinghardi in Modena as labour unrest crippled the nearby Ferrari factory. Strike action prevented the 512 making it to Le Mans, so instead Scuderia Filipinetti sold the car into private ownership, in which it has remained ever since.

Recently restored to race ready condition and certified as authentic by **Ferrari Classiche**, this unique 512 sports-prototype is not only the first Ferrari to have won an international race in the land of the Rising Sun; it is above all a charismatic survivor from the Golden Age of sports car racing and a potential front runner in world class historic events.

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