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## Book Review: 'Ferrari 375 Racing in Argentina'

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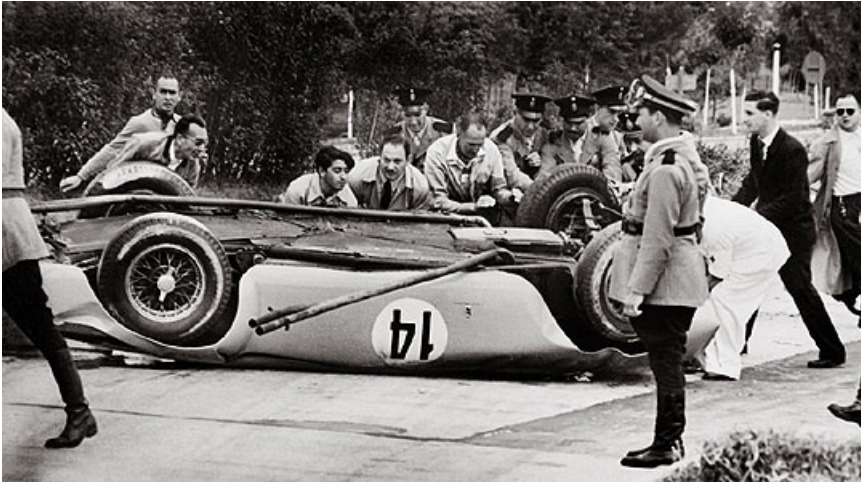
**1955 #0398AM: First win for local drivers at the 1000km de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires**

**The latest in the series of books on the Argentine racing scene of the 50s and 60s is dedicated to just four examples of one model: the Ferrari 375.**

This soft-cover, 144-page volume is a result of the research that went into *Ferrari Argentina | Sports Cars*, and includes many of the photographs of these highly potent cars that did not make it into the first book.

Four individual chassis are explored in incredible depth: #0358AM Pinin Farina *Berlinetta*; #0370AM Pinin Farina *Spyder*; #0374AM Pinin Farina *Spyder*, and #0398AM Plus Pinin Farina *Spyder*.

Very often, European racing cars such as **Ferraris** and **Maseratis** arrived in Argentina after the main European racing season had finished, or following straight on from competing in the **Mexican Carrera Panamericana**.



They were, after all, just old, obsolete racing cars.

Alternatively, as in chassis #0370AM, it was a works entry (for **Farina/Maglioli**) that won the **1954 1000km de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires**, the first round of that year's sportscar World Championship. It immediately left Argentina to continue its racing career elsewhere. The star Italian pairing's main opposition came from local man **José María Ibáñez**, driving #0374AM, his newly delivered 375MM.

The latter was overturned [see above] by **Ibáñez's** less talented co-driver, but then went on to a famous career in several owners' hands throughout the 1950s.

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1954: Carlos R. Najurieta in #0374AM next to César Rivero in a  
7-litre Mercedes-Benz

1954: José María Ibáñez  
driving #0374AM

The last chassis is the 5-litre 375 Plus, #0398AM. This was purchased by the 1954 **Campeón Argentino Sport, Enrique Díaz Sáenz Valiente** who had won the title driving #0374AM and imported - via **José Froilán González** - the very special, big-engined car for 1955. It was another chassis that was to see hard racing action in South America right up to 1967.

Written in English-only this time, the book is well up to the standard of previous **Whitefly** editions and a useful bookshelf addition for the Ferrari collector and motor-racing enthusiast alike. There is an appendix listing all the Argentinean events entered by these cars.

'**Ferrari 375 Racing in Argentina**' costs \$100.00 including shipping. It is a limited-edition (of 400 copies) book written by **Cristián Bertschi** and **Estanislao Iacona**. 144 pages, 120 pictures (58 unpublished). For orders, payment by Paypal, and all other enquiries, please email [info@whitefly.cc](mailto:info@whitefly.cc).

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