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**UNLEASH THE BEAST – JAGUAR GALORE AND THE BEST OF BRITISH
AT CHRISTIE’S SUMMER SALE OF MOTOR CARS**



**Exceptional Motor Cars & Automobilia
Saturday, 11th June 2005**

London – Christie’s International Motor Car Department is pleased to announce their summer sale, which is led by a car representing the halcyon days of British motor racing. The ex-Ian Stewart Ecurie Ecosse Jaguar C-Type (estimate: £1,200,000-1,500,000) is the first C-Type Jaguar to be delivered to the famous Scottish racing outfit, and gained a string of victories across Europe. This represents the first time in over 12 years that a C-Type Jaguar has been offered on the British market, this example being one of only 49 still in existence.

The Ecurie Ecosse team was founded in 1952 by an Edinburgh-based chartered accountant called David Murray. Based out of a small mews garage in Edinburgh, the team began competing with Jaguar XK120s, before moving on to C-Type, and then D-Type Jaguars. It was with the D-Type Jaguar that the team cemented their legacy in motor racing history, winning the Le Mans 24-Hour Endurance race as an amateur team in both 1956 and 1957. The C-Type Jaguars were the first to be painted with the distinctive livery of Flag Metallic Blue with white stripes.

The example to be offered at Christie’s was the first C-Type Jaguar delivered to the Ecurie Ecosse team, as they upgraded from the less powerful XK120 Jaguars. The car, chassis number of XKC 006, was driven by Ian Stewart and has an impressive racing history. In 1952, this car had 7 victories, with 4

further victories in 1953. These included wins at the Jersey Road Race, Turnberry, Castle Combe, and Snetterton. A victory at Charterhall in 1952 saw Ian Stewart beat Stirling Moss *and* Salvadori, as well as setting the fastest lap of the race. The car was then sold to the Netherlands, where it was successfully campaigned by Hans Davids, who won at both Spa and Zandvoort. The car passed to the present owners in the early 1970s, and was comprehensively restored by a marque specialist. The car has been used sparingly since, and is in full running order – ready to race!

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Images available on request

- Christie's hold the current World Record Price for a Jaguar at auction. In November 1999, *the 1956 24 Hour Le Mans Grand Prix d'Endurance Winner*, 1955 Ecurie Ecosse Jaguar D-Type realized £1,706,500 at auction in London.

- Christie's International Motor Cars was established in 1972, and hold regular sales in London, Paris, Monterey and New York. Top prices for a motor car at Christie's are as follows:

1.	November 1987	1931 Bugatti Royale Berline Sports Coupé by Kellner	£5,500,000
		WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR A MOTOR CAR AT AUCTION	
2.	August 2000	1966 ex-Scuderia Ferrari 330 P3	\$5,616,000
		WORLD RECORD PRICE AT AUCTION FOR THE MODEL	£3,744,000
3.	July 2004	1930 Bentley Speed Six Tourer	€4,188,250
		WORLD RECORD PRICE AT AUCTION FOR THE MARQUE	£2,789,375
4.	August 1999	Alfa Romeo 8c 2900b Cabriolet	\$4,072,500
		WORLD RECORD PRICE AT AUCTION FOR THE MARQUE	£2,563,255
5.	May 1989	1957 Aston Martin DBR2 Sports-Racing Two-Seater	F.Fr 23,310,000
		WORLD RECORD PRICE AT AUCTION FOR THE MARQUE	£2,178,504
6.	November 1999	<i>The 1956 24 Hour Le Mans Grand Prix d'Endurance Winner</i> 1955 Ecurie Ecosse Jaguar D-Type	£1,706,500
		WORLD RECORD PRICE AT AUCTION FOR THE MARQUE	