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Ferrari 250 GT 'TdF' leads the way at the RM Sotheby's London sale

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While the Marrone Colorado Ferrari Daytona Spider failed to meet its reserve on the night, the other star lot of the RM Sotheby's London sale, the Ferrari 250 GT 'Tour de France', was hammered away at a below-estimate but nevertheless strong £4.25m...

A mixed bag





On a night where a significant percentage of the 55 lots sold went below their low estimates, there were few 'highlights' to speak of. On the contrary, we're sure many successful bidders will have been suitably pleased. The Ronald McDonald-spec Bugatti EB110 SS we recently featured sold for £560,000 (hammer, excl. premium), £40,000 below its low estimate, the silver Aston Martin DB5 sold at its £700,000 lower estimate and, after a lengthy bidding war, the one-owner Ferrari F40 sold to a phone bidder for £755,000. a job well done on auctioneer Max Girardo's part.

We were sad to see the black Bizzarrini GT 5300 Strada fail to sell, although, given its lack of really substantial history, the £495,000-700,000 estimate was admittedly quite optimistic. It joined several other significant non-sellers, including the tin-top Maserati Mistral (the ex-Diana Dors Spyder sold just below estimate at £470,000) and the Mercedes 300 SL Roadster.

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