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## Audi beaten... in terms of top speed

While dominant in qualifying, the three works Audis were not the fastest in the long straight during the sessions.

The radar gun in the Mulsanne straight, between the Terre-Rouge and the Playstation chicane, reveals the truth. The fastest car in terms of top speed is the #16 Dome Judd driven by Jan Lammers and clocked at 332.7 km/h.

Yet, by the end of the 13.650 km track, the Dane was only able to post the 5th quickest time. The #8 Bentley, thanks to its particularly slick aerodynamics, topped out at 327.3 km/h, followed by the two Dallara Judd's from Team Oreca, the #14 in front of the #15, at 326.1 and 324.3 km/h respectively.

The top Audi is only the 5th fastest, with a top speed of 318.6 km/h for the #1, ahead of the #2 car by 0.5 km/h. The #3 Audi is down in 13th at only 311.4 km/h.

Despite their lower top speeds, they're able to complete a lap around the track much quicker than their competition. "Several cars are quicker than us in the straight, explains Franck Biela (#1 Audi), and I don't see what good it does them. They're so focused on their top speed, but we go much quicker in the corners, which is much more important".

An identical performance for the Courage cars. The #13 car with the Judd motor and the #17 with the Peugeot from Pescarolo Sport topped out at 312.5 km/h in the Mulsanne straight.

The two cars from the "Michel Vaillant" film were clocked at 303.5 km/h for the Leader, and 287.5 km/h for the Vaillante.

In the LMP 675 class, the #26 MG was the quickest, at 306.1 km/h.

The #58 Ferrari dominated the LM GTS class, by posting the quickest time in class as well as the highest speed (309.3 km/h). The speed is 8 km/h quicker than the fastest Corvette.

Logic also followed in the LM GT class. The two quickest Porsches were also the fastest in the Mulsanne straight. 285.7 km/h for the #81 Racers Group car and 283.0 km/h for the #80 from Freisinger Motorsport.

When not in use during the week of the 24 Hours race, the Mulsanne straight is a section of the National 138 public road between Le Mans and Tours, where the speed limit is 90 km/h.

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