

A record year, An exceptional vintage

Spectators turned up in record numbers for the seventy-third 24 Heures du Mans. Well ahead of the event, all available grandstand seats had been reserved, as had all the hospitality centres.

By 11.00 am on Saturday June 18, all the parking areas were full and the Automobile Club de l'Ouest had to open overflow parks in order to deal with all the spectators' vehicles.

In terms of attendance, a 24 Heures that once again took place under cloudless skies and in heat wave conditions attracted as many spectators as the record-setting 1974 event. The figure of 230,000 represented an increase of 15% over the 2004 figure.