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Scrutineering's Over – Now the action moves to the circuit.

The people's festival that is the 'Pesage' for the 24 Heures du Mans finished as it began – with a Ferrari. The first car through technical inspection on Monday was the Ferrari 550 Maranello of Cirtek Motorsport, The last one to undergo the detailed checks of car and drivers was the Ferrari 575 GTC of JMB racing, which lined up for a team photo after successfully passing through just before 16:00 hrs this afternoon, Tuesday, June 14.

Between the two coupés from Maranello were forty-seven other cars – one out of the original 50 entries was withdrawn – who will fight it out over the Le Mans circuit between 16:00 hrs on Saturday and 16:00 hrs on Sunday. They will be submitting themselves to the toughest test in motor sport, with the winners covering the same distance in a day that a Formula 1 car does over a complete season. The teams and drivers will be competing for international fame, incalculable PR value, a career-enhancing entry in the CV, or just the sheer satisfaction of completing 'Les 24 Heures'

The Pescarolos, Courages, Domes and Audis that were checked over today and yesterday will be fighting for overall victory, but for the crowds that thronged the area in the shadow of Le Mans' superb cathedral, four cars were particularly applauded. Yesterday it was the bright yellow Corvettes, the epitome of American muscle. Today it was the elegant Aston Martins, painted in the same shade of metallic green that last appeared here on the winning car in 1959. The Brits and the Americans will be fighting it out in the GT class, with a bunch of Ferraris racing alongside them. It's a battle that the British and American fans, who will make this part of France an English-speaking colony over the weekend, will be cheering through the day and through the night.