

Classic and Clubman, Pre-war Le Mans, Round 2, May 2022.

In the looming darkness a candle could be seen fluttering in some unfelt breeze, little but a yellow glow some way off. Suddenly it is joined by a second and both seem to get brighter then larger. Then a rumble and clanking can be heard that grows louder as the light brightens. Hoardings appear in a channel towards the lights, offering oil tyres or other engine parts. Now figures can be seen in the gloom their eyes lit up as they stare out towards the car. Then it arrives in dust, exhaust and oil. A grimed devil behind its grimy wheel. The Engine roars as brakes squeal to slow the beast. The lights dip and rubber protests and the beast rounds the corner sprinkling grit and pebbles along with the odour and heat of oil and tyre.

It is gone two tiny red glows and the rumble recedes, the garçon swigs back his fortifying brandy and prays for dawn.

The Cars Continue into the fresh days light, three of the field have now completed the second half of the race and set a full race distance. Monkman, Tetley and Sykes struggled on with 10 minutes on each of their last three lanes, The MG of Monkman kept up a hot pace to challenge the others, Giovani's car was playing up in the early heats and seemed to struggle holding the road. Sykes Bentley was much improved which allowed him to pace and pass the Alfa for some of this night. After some frenetic pit work along with a stiff brandy and talking to the mechanics returned the Alfa to form which started to chase down the Bentley

So is that it all over then. Can good old Bertram never finish the race, Will Herman no longer ride the White Monster. Nay lad still yourself. There are two more chances for cars and drivers to set a time, improve their current runs or even start out upon this great adventure for after all Le Mans is not a sprint..

Current Lap totals.

Position	Driver	Laps	Lane 1	Lane 2	Lane 3	Lane 4	Lane 5	Lane 6
1	Russ Monkman	315.009	49.287	53.99	51.288	51.981	55.187	53.276
2	Dave Sykes	261.585	46.996	48.215	37.205	41.233	40.095	47.841
3	John Tetley	287.023	48.397	45.443	41.34	47.672	53.562	50.609
2	Allan Inwood	158.434	51.808	53.808	52.818	0	0	0
4	Craig Whittle	123.718	0	44.902	40.743	38.073	0	0

Heat two and one Lap times.

	Fastest Lap	Avg. Lap	Median Lap	Fastest Lap	Avg. Lap	Median Lap
Russ Monkman	10.592	11.58	11.062	10.369	11.159	11.026
Dave Sykes	11.372	12.509	12.208	11.678	15.125	12.6
John Tetley	10.48	13.292	11.122	10.356	11.741	10.936
Allan Inwood				10.453	11.301	10.899
Craig Whittle				10.985	14.371	11.858