

Against the clock...

To the casual sports fan, motorsport is Formula One. Little else matters to many across the world who follow the ebb and flows of the World Championship, without worrying about the other layers of the motor sport pantheon. However, the sport is so much more than just a Grand Prix and this weekend sees the annual pilgrimage of many tens of thousands to La Sarthe region of France for the annual 24 hours of Le Mans endurance race.

Le Mans defines long distance sports car racing and the ensuing challenge of mating speed and consistency with strategy. For a team to win at Le Mans, it must conquer not only the clock but also the mechanical and human challenges thrown up by one of the world's oldest and most prestigious events.

While our sporting thoughts at MCT are very much focused on the Superleague season, some of us will be casting an interested eye across the Channel to events in France this weekend. Many of the team here at Leafield were pivotal in the famous Group C victories of Jaguar with TWR twenty years ago, and therefore we're extremely aware of the sheer effort, energy and hard work that goes into a Le Mans bid. To win requires all of those elements, as well as a rather generous helping of luck.

We wish all the entrants well – and will raise a glass to them from the comfort of our armchairs this weekend....