



so they've made their way round just about to hear a burst of sound as they come down the start finish straight as i look away to my right i can see the cars with the pace car leading them off the clock on the screen says twenty four hours to go in a few moments the lead car will pull away one of the cars coming into the pits that's not what you want to see at the very start of the race one of the cars down at the bottom end of the grid is coming in already but you'll hear the burst of noise as the cars come down the start finish straight they're at the head of the straight now the pace car has pulled away le mans two thousand and one is underway [...] the clock is counting down seven six five four three two one we've had the twenty four hours of le mans and the cars are coming down in formation on the mulsanne straight they've gone past the first chicane they now head down to the second chicane down to the mulsanne kink where we had some appalling weather during the night weather that the drivers simply couldn't anticipate it was dry coming down mulsanne you'd then take this tight right hander at the bottom head towards indianapolis and all of a sudden there would be sheets of water but now everything is dry the marshals are out waving multicoloured flags the clerk of the course is there ready to wave the chequered flag i can see him with chequered flag in hand

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