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RACES 5 AND 6

JULY 21, 22, 23
CIRCUIT MONT-TREMBLANT

**KEVIN KING MID-SEASON
CHAMPION!**

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XAVIER COUPAL AND **KEVIN KING** **CLAIM VICTORY IN THE NISSAN MICRA CUP** AT CIRCUIT MONT-TREMBLANT

– Kevin King is the mid-season champion after two spectacular races in front of fans and Nissan Micra owners –

The Nissan Micra Cup drivers were back in action this weekend to compete in the fifth and sixth races of the 2017 season, as part of the Summer Classic at Quebec's Circuit Mont-Tremblant. Two spectacular races crowned Xavier Coupal, the series' 2016 champion, the winner of Saturday's race and Kevin King, the championship leader, the winner of Sunday's race.

The drivers competed under a hot sun and put on a great show for the many spectators who were onsite for the event. Among the spectators were nearly 80 Canadian Nissan Micra owners who enjoyed the races and took part in a parade lap of the Circuit Mont-Tremblant during the lunchtime break.

Starting in pole position on Saturday, Xavier Coupal saw last season's Rookie of the Year, Stéfan Gauthier, pass him on the first lap. Coupal retook the lead shortly after, getting him closer to claiming his second victory of the season. Even though he was in the lead for most of the race, his win was tough due to an incident that took place between Stefan Rzadzinski, Valérie Limoges and Stéfan Gauthier. The incident resulted in a caution period less than ten minutes before the end of the race, which ended up erasing Coupal's entire lead.

Restarting for two final laps, the end of the race brought the spectators to their feet as they witnessed an exciting battle for second place (between Kevin King, Olivier Bédard and Jean-Michel Isabelle) as well as other battles further back on the track. King, Bédard, Isabelle and Australian Keishi Ayukai finished in that order, ahead of the first two in the senior class, Metod Topolnik and Normand Boyer, who finished less than a second apart.

With identical and practically stock Nissan Micra racecars, close battles are expected but the skill level of the drivers is also quite high. On Saturday, skill level played a big role in the eighth place finish, which went to the race's top novice driver Nicolas Barrette. He crossed the finish line ahead of Marc-Antoine Cardin, who executed an excellent climb back up the leaderboard after suffering from an incident early on in the race, as well as Stéfan Gauthier, Ontarian Peter Dyck, and novice Vincent Doyle. As for Michel Barrette, he held his own on the track. In his second Nissan Micra Cup race, he finished in fifteenth overall, and fifth in the senior class.

It was another beautiful summer day for Sunday's race, which saw Xavier Coupal, who started in pole position, Jean-Michel Isabelle, Olivier Bédard and Kevin King fight for victory from the first to the last lap. Once in the lead, King overcame the pressure put on by his competitors and won the race. This increased his lead in the championship standings ahead of Bédard, Coupal and Isabelle, who finished the race in this order.

Metod Topolnik rounded out the top five and once again finished first in the senior class. He was followed by Ayukai, Albertan Stefan Rzadzinski, who made his return to the series this weekend, Normand Boyer and Valérie Limoges, who climbed 15 spots after being forced to make a pit stop. Marc-Antoine Cardin finished tenth, ahead of the top novice driver Jake Exton of the UK. It was a disappointing finish for Michel Barrette, whose race ended prematurely during the fourth lap.

For more information on the Nissan Micra Cup, please go to the website www.nissan.ca/micracup. Don't miss series news and updates on the [Coupe Nissan Micra Cup Facebook page](#) and live tweets/results during practice, qualifying, and races on [Twitter: @micracup](#), on [Instagram: nissanmicracup](#)



THE WORLD OF THE NISSAN MICRA CUP



MARIO CHARETTE, A NEWCOMER TO THE SERIES!

Every year, the Mont-Tremblant Summer Classic welcomes the arrival of new drivers to the series. This year, the newcomer at the July event is Mario Charette. Mario is passionate about motorsports and started his own team to race in the Nissan Micra Cup. He is also registered in the senior class. For his debut this weekend, he qualified 23rd before competing both races in 19th place, which means also 6th and 5th in the Senior standings, and 7th and 6th in the rookies.



A GREAT INITIATIVE...

We often say that the Nissan Micra Cup is one big happy family, which can be witnessed through the multiple activities that take place in the paddocks. One of the most compassionate ideas that has come out of the Nissan Micra Cup was initiated by Catherine Bernier, the daughter of driver Frédéric Bernier. She asked drivers, crew members and spectators to hand over their empty cans. The value of these recycled items will be donated to the cause of autism. «I started collecting the cans last year, because I found it disappointing that people throw them out during the race weekends,» says Catherine. Her idea was so successful that she went from one box to retrieve cans last year to five boxes this year. The 10-year-old hopes to be able to donate «the biggest check possible» to the cause of autism during the Nissan Micra Cup banquet at the end of the year.

DISCOVERY DAY: AUGUST 20 AT ICAR CIRCUIT

Initially planned for June, the Nissan Micra Cup Discovery Day is now scheduled to take place on August 20. This event will give attendees the chance to experience the thrill that the Nissan Micra Cup drivers feel when they are on the track, behind the wheel! Don't miss this exciting opportunity on August 20 at the ICAR Circuit in Mirabel. The Total team drivers, Valérie Limoges, Olivier Bédard and Xavier Coupal will be the instructors during the event. To participate, you need to register on the series' website. The cost is \$295 for a 20-minute session. In addition to driving a real Nissan Micra Cup racecar, participants will get the opportunity to sit in the passenger seat of a Nissan GT-R, and their assigned instructors will take them on an exceptional lap at high speed!



GILLES VILLENEUVE... AND GILLES VILLENEUVE!

Mrs. Joann Villeneuve, widow of the legendary Canadian driver Gilles Villeneuve, was at Circuit Mont-Tremblant this weekend enjoying her time in the paddocks. She even made a stop at the Nissan Micra Cup section and had the opportunity to have her picture taken with two... Gilles Villeneuve! One (pictured to the left) is the general manager of the Nissan Micra Cup, and the other a fan.



NEXT EVENT: THE GRAND PRIX DE TROIS-RIVIÈRES

The next event of the 2017 season is taking place on August 11, 12 and 13 during the Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières, which is celebrating its 50th year of inception this year. The organizers as well as Nissan Canada, the main automotive partner, have a number of exciting activities planned for the weekend. On the track, the Nissan Micra Cup drivers will be in action on Friday, August 11 for practice and qualifying rounds. The seventh race of the 2017 season is take place on Saturday, August 12, starting at 10:45 a.m. and the second race is taking place on Sunday, August 13 at 11:15 a.m.



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(NISSAN MICRA CUP PROJECT MANAGER)

For the third consecutive year, the Nissan Micra Cup drivers return to the famous Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières race track, which is taking place from August 11-13. As in previous years, the event's main automobile partner, Nissan, will offer a range of on-site activities. Didier Marsaud, director, corporate communications, Nissan Canada, tells us about it...

For the 2017 season, Nissan has broadened its partnership with the Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières to showcase the brand off the track by hosting a free show: «From the Race Track to the Nissan Stage». Can you share some details about this exciting activity?

The Nissan Micra Cup and the Nissan brand are a big family. We wanted to organise a unique family-friendly event to bring Nissan owners together around the Nissan Micra Cup, to thank them for supporting the brand. We are thrilled to welcome Michel Barrette and Kevin Bazinet, two very popular celebrities from Quebec for an original and unique show that combines humour and music. Free and open to everyone, the «From the Race Track to the Nissan Stage» show will be held in Parc Portuaire in downtown Trois-Rivières on Saturday, August 12 at 8:30 p.m. A special section of front-row seats will be reserved exclusively for Nissan owners. All they have to do is show their Nissan car keys to get access. They will also get a perfect view point

to watch the Magic Lights fireworks display that will take place immediately after the show.

So, Nissan Micra Cup driver Michel Barrette will switch from track to stage to kick off the evening at 8:30 p.m. On the heels of Barrette, Kevin Bazinet, the grand prize winner of «La Voix 3», is on the bill for the second-half of the show and accompanied by four musicians. The public will have the chance to listen to and enjoy some of his compositions and cover songs. A talented and dynamic artist, Kevin will undoubtedly charm the Nissan guests.

Furthermore, Nissan customers who visit the Nissan hospitality tent on the GP3R site will also receive an exclusive invitation to take part in the «Grand Nissan BBQ», which will be held on Saturday, August 12 at 6:00 p.m., close to the main stage located in Parc Portuaire.

And on the Grand Prix site, will there be privileges for Nissan owners?

Absolutely. All they have to do is show their



Nissan car keys to get access to the Nissan hospitality tent and its lounge area located inside the Nissan Micra Cup paddock. They will also get the chance to drive a Nissan GT-R on a race simulator, enter exclusive contests, enjoy refreshments and much more. Visitors will also be able to enter the Nissan Micra Cup team paddock and have the opportunity to meet the series drivers.

Retaining and meeting our customers is important to us and this is why we have organized all of these activities on and off the track, which will surely please everyone.

And for those who will not have the opportunity to attend the Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières?

We have a new opportunity for all fans who will be not at the Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières: the Nissan Micra Cup races will be streamed live on the series' Facebook page, a unique opportunity to enjoy the show put on by the series drivers on the track from your living room.



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CIRCUIT MONT-TREMBLANT RACE 5 AND 6 RESULTS

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QUALIFICATION RACE 1

- 1) Xavier Coupal No.1
- 2) Kevin King No.40
- 3) Stéfan Gauthier No.96
- 4) Olivier Bédard No.99
- 5) Jean-Michel Isabelle No.86
- 6) Valérie Limoges No.220
- 7) Keishi Ayukai No.59
- 8) Stefan Rzdzinski No.59
- 9) Metod Topolnik No.78
- 10) Marc-Antoine Cardin No.4
- 11) Frédéric Bernier No.28
- 12) Normand Boyer No.11
- 13) Vincent Doyle No.43
- 14) Jake Exton No.00
- 15) Nicolas Barrette No.427
- 16) Martin Barrette No.875
- 17) Peter Dyck No.73
- 18) Austin Riley No.20
- 19) Alex Habrich No.75
- 20) Fadi Mourad No.77
- 21) Michel Barrette No.57
- 22) Michael Habrich No.88
- 23) Mario Charette No.728

QUALIFICATION RACE 2

- 1) Xavier Coupal No.1
- 2) Kevin King No.40
- 3) Olivier Bédard No.99
- 4) Jean-Michel Isabelle No.86
- 5) Metod Topolnik No.78
- 6) Keishi Ayukai No.59
- 7) Stefan Rzdzinski No.69
- 8) Normand Boyer No.11
- 9) Vincent Doyle No.43
- 10) Jake Exton No.00
- 11) Marc-Antoine Cardin No.4
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RACE 1

- 1) Xavier Coupal 12 laps
- 2) Kevin King -0.257
- 3) Olivier Bédard -1.341
- 4) Jean-Michel Isabelle -1.892
- 5) Keishi Ayukai -2.224
- 6) Metod Topolnik (S) -4.920
- 7) Normand Boyer (S) -5.941
- 8) Nicolas Barrette (R) -8.524
- 9) Marc-Antoine Cardin -9.396
- 10) Stéfan Gauthier -10.250
- 11) Peter Dyck (S) -10.585
- 12) Vincent Doyle (R) -11.790
- 13) Alex Habrich (S) -12.705
- 14) Fadi Mourad (R) -13.400
- 15) Michel Barrette (S+R) -13.593
- 16) Austin Riley (R) -14.695
- 17) Jake Exton (R) -15.117
- 18) Michael Habrich (R) -20.173
- 19) Mario Charette (S+R) -20.672
- 20) Stefan Rzdzinski -5 laps
- 21) Martin Barrette (R) -11 laps
- 22) Frédéric Bernier (S) -12 laps
- 23) Valérie Limoges Excluded

RACE 2

- 1) Kevin King 13 laps
- 2) Olivier Bédard -0.811
- 3) Xavier Coupal -1.250
- 4) Jean-Michel Isabelle -2.943
- 5) Metod Topolnik (S) -4.603
- 6) Keishi Ayukai -5.822
- 7) Stefan Rzdzinski -6.121
- 8) Normand Boyer (S) -9.190
- 9) Valérie Limoges -9.529
- 10) Marc-Antoine Cardin -9.931
- 11) Jake Exton (R) -11.035
- 12) Stéfan Gauthier -11.095
- 13) Vincent Doyle (R) -15.997
- 14) Nicolas Barrette (R) -22.522
- 15) Peter Dyck (S) -26.792
- 16) Fadi Mourad (R) -28.643
- 17) Alex Habrich (S) -38.325
- 18) Michael Habrich (R) -43.000
- 19) Mario Charette (S+R) -53.144
- 20) Austin Riley (R) -1:15.543
- 21) Frédéric Bernier (S) -10 laps
- 22) Martin Barrette (R) -10 laps
- 23) Michel Barrette (S+R) -10 laps

DRIVERS STANDINGS

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|---|---|
| 1) Kevin King 208 points | 15) Austin Riley (Rookie) 35 points |
| 2) Xavier Coupal 193 points | 17) Alex Habrich (Senior) 34 points |
| 3) Olivier Bédard 186 points | 18) Nicolas Touchette (Senior) 24 points |
| 4) Jean-Michel Isabelle 162 points | 19) Stefan Rzdzinski 21 points |
| 5) Keishi Ayukai 143 points | 20) Michael Habrich (Rookie) 19 points |
| 6) Normand Boyer (Senior) 118 points | 20) Fadi Mourad (Rookie) 19 points |
| 7) Valérie Limoges 116 points | 22) Martin Barrette (Rookie) 18 points |
| 8) Stéfan Gauthier 83 points | 22) Michel Barrette (Sen.+Rookie) 18 points |
| 9) Metod Topolnik (Senior) 82 points | 24) Luc Richard 17 points |
| 10) Marc-Antoine Cardin 72 points | 24) Edward Wong (Senior) 17 points |
| 11) Nicolas Barrette (Rookie) 52 points | 26) Vic Simone (Senior) 14 points |
| 12) Peter Dyck (Senior) 50 points | 27) Mario Charette (Sen.+Rookie) 6 points |
| 13) Vincent Doyle (Rookie) 45 points | 28) Brian Makse (Senior) 3 points |
| 14) Jake Exton (Rookie) 37 points | 29) Samuel Rowe (Rookie) 0 points |
| 15) Frédéric Bernier (Senior) 35 points | |



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