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RACES 7 AND 8

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GRAND PRIX TROIS-RIVIÈRES

ON TRACK AND DOWNTOWN ACTION!

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STEFAN RZADZINSKI AND XAVIER COUPAL CLAIM THE GRAND PRIX DE TROIS-RIVIÈRES

– 28 drivers on the track and plenty of action in town entertained tens of thousands of spectators –

This past weekend, as part of the Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières' 50th anniversary, the Nissan Micra Cup held its seventh and eighth races of the 2017 season. Two action-packed races saw Albertan Stefan Rzadzinski and Quebecker Xavier Coupal take the victories, while in the paddock, Nissan Canada provided multiple activities for the excited spectators.

Both on and off the track, the Nissan Micra Cup stood out at the Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières. Following the practice sessions and qualifying on Friday and Saturday, the drivers found themselves on the stage in the heart of downtown Trois-Rivières for a public event, just ahead of the free show that Nissan Canada provided, featuring comedian Michel Barrette and winner of "La Voix 3" (The Voice 3) Kevin Bazinet. Thousands of people were on hand to enjoy the show.

Michel Barrette was not only a star on the stage, he was also behind the wheel in the Nissan Micra Cup, finishing third in the Novice class during Sunday's race, much to the excitement of Nissan Canada's 400 invited guests.

At the front of the pack, Olivier Bédard earned both pole positions, but neither resulted in victory for the 2015 champion. On Saturday, Stefan Rzadzinski won the race, only one second ahead of Bédard. The podium was completed by Kevin King, championship leader heading into this event, who was able to pass Coupal after an intense battle that kept the spectators on the edge of their seats from the start straight through until the end of the race.

Normand Boyer, first in Senior class, Jean-Michel Isabelle, Stéfán Gauthier, Valérie Limoges, Englishman Jake Exton (first among the Novices) and Marc-Antoine Cardin rounded out the Top 10.

With 28 drivers on the track, the Nissan Micra Cup was the series with the highest number of entries in the entire Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières program this past weekend. With such exceptional drivers on the starting grid, a little bit of contact during the peloton is expected. While Saturday's race start went unscathed, two small incidents took place at the start of Sunday's race, as well during another a few laps before the finish.

The second race was just as spectacular as the first. At the start, Coupal overtook Bédard and carried that through to victory. Having passed Rzadzinski, Valérie Limoges completed a three-for-three for the Total Team as she earned another Nissan Micra Cup podium.

Metod Topolnik finished in fifth overall, and first in Senior class, ahead of Normand Boyer, Stéfán Gauthier, Frédéric Bernier, Jean-Michel Isabelle and Mario Berthiaume.

Kevin King would rather forget Sunday's race, as he was forced to retire after two incidents. As a result, his top spot in the championship was then earned by Olivier Bédard, but with small margins - an interesting end to the season is definitely in store.

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



COMEDIAN JEFF BOUDREULT IS BACK!

Jeff Boudreault, who raced five times in 2015, and six times last year with Total, was back in the series for the Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières. Busy with his acting career, Jeff cannot participate in a full season this year. "I haven't lost the passion for racing," says Jeff, "I am now on vacation and I seized this opportunity to race again in the Nissan Micra Cup at the GP3R." Boudreault raced in Stefan Rzdzinski's previous car, finishing 22nd and 24th. Jeff returned to the series in the #2 Micra Cup race car, and representing IMPÉC Racing Team - new medical service which will be launching September 6th.

DOUBLE-HEADER FOR STEFAN RZDZINSKI!

Alberta's Stefan Rzdzinski was back on the circuit of Trois-Rivières, one year since his first of two Nissan Micra Cup victories clinched in the 2016 season. Success was again in store for the "Race of Champions" driver on Saturday. Stefan was also in the IMSA Prototype Challenge series behind the wheel of a powerful LMP3 (powered by Nissan), a category created by the 24 Hours of Le Mans organizers. Thus, Rzdzinski disputed four races during this GP3R, completing both Nissan Micra Cup challenges in 1st and 4th positions, while ending the IMSA races in 5th and 3rd place.



NEXT EVENT: BACK IN ONTARIO...

The next 2017 meeting will be during the Labour Day weekend on September 1st, 2nd and 3rd. For a second time this year, it is the famed Canadian Tire Motorsport Park in Bowmanville hosting the Nissan Micra Cup. The 9th and 10th Championship races will be held there, along with the NASCAR Camping World Truck series. Once again, Nissan Micra owners are invited by Nissan Canada to attend this prestigious event for free. Owners can sign up here: <http://www.micracup.com/eventregistration/>

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FROM THE TRACK TO THE STAGE...

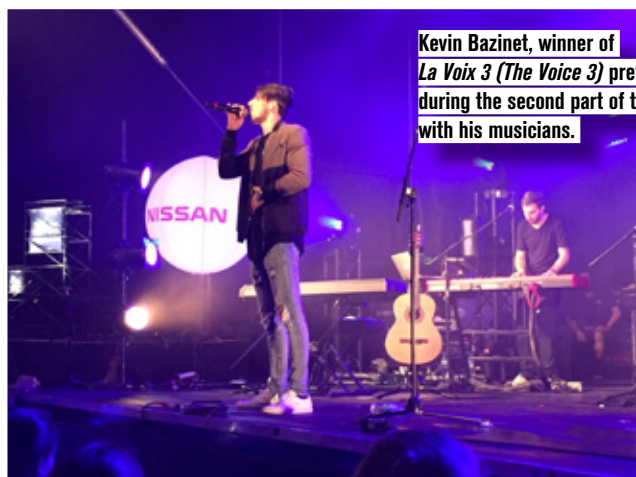
Michel Barrette at the track onboard his Nissan Micra...and on stage, for the enjoyment of thousand of fans who attended the show.



A great success for the show, *From the track to the stage*, held downtown Trois-Rivières Saturday night.



Kevin Bazinet, winner of *La Voix 3 (The Voice 3)* performed during the second part of the show with his musicians.

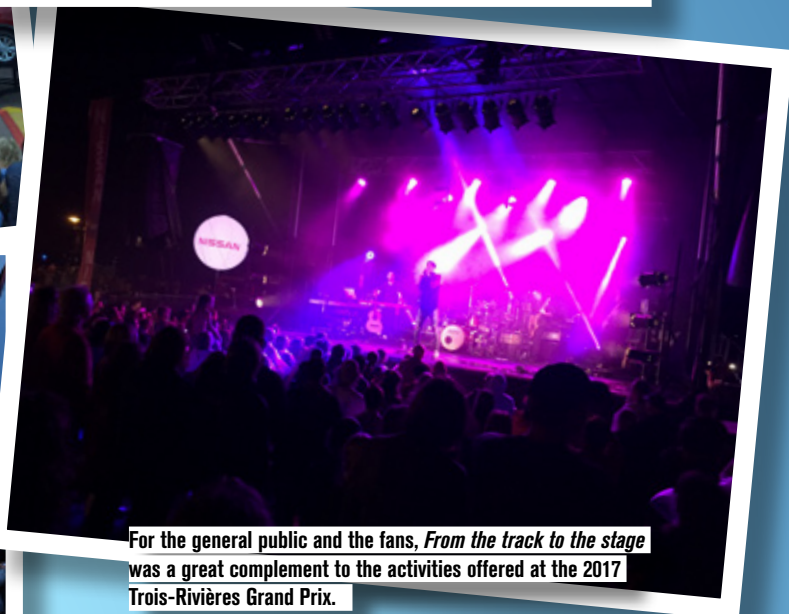


Humour, music and a wonderful summer ambiance during the show.



All the drivers of the Nissan Micra Cup opened up the show before leaving the stage to Michel Barrette.

For the general public and the fans, *From the track to the stage* was a great complement to the activities offered at the 2017 Trois-Rivières Grand Prix.





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GRAND PRIX TROIS-RIVIÈRES RACE 7 AND 8 RESULTS

QUALIFICATION RACE 1

- 1) Olivier Bédard No.99
- 2) Stefan Rzdzinski No.59
- 3) Xavier Coupal No.1
- 4) Jean-Michel Isabelle No.86
- 5) Valérie Limoges No.220
- 6) Kevin King No.40
- 7) Jake Exton No.00
- 8) Metod Topolnik No.78
- 9) Normand Boyer No.11
- 10) Stéfan Gauthier No.96
- 11) Nicolas Barrette No.427
- 12) Keishi Ayukai No.59
- 13) Martin Barrette No.875
- 14) Frédéric Bernier No.28
- 15) Mario Berthiaume No.7
- 16) Peter Dyck No.73
- 17) Marc-Antoine Cardin No.4
- 18) Luc Richard No.26
- 19) Jeff Boudreault No.2
- 20) Vincent Doyle No.43
- 21) Nicolas Touchette No.55
- 22) Sylvain Ouellet No.98
- 23) Fadi Mourad No.77
- 24) Austin Riley No.20
- 25) Alex Habrich No.75
- 26) Michel Barrette No.57
- 27) Michael Habrich No.88
- 28) Mario Charette No.728

QUALIFICATION RACE 2

- 1) Olivier Bédard No.99
- 2) Xavier Coupal No.1
- 3) Stefan Rzdzinski No.59
- 4) Valérie Limoges No.220
- 5) Jean-Michel Isabelle No.86
- 6) Normand Boyer No.11
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RACE 1

- 1) Stefan Rzdzinski 22 laps
- 2) Olivier Bédard -1.039
- 3) Kevin King -15.681
- 4) Xavier Coupal -16.032
- 5) Normand Boyer (S) -26.757
- 6) Jean-Michel Isabelle -30.390
- 7) Stéfan Gauthier -33.658
- 8) Valérie Limoges -34.853
- 9) Jake Exton (R) -36.362
- 10) Marc-Antoine Cardin -42.718
- 11) Metod Topolnik (S) -48.274
- 12) Mario Berthiaume (S) -51.592
- 13) Luc Richard -52.274
- 14) Keishi Ayukai -57.142
- 15) Sylvain Ouellet (S) -1:11.882
- 16) Nicolas Touchette -1:15.371
- 17) Frédéric Bernier (S) -1:15.850
- 18) Fadi Mourad (R) -1:19.307
- 19) Martin Barrette (R) -1:20.836
- 20) Peter Dyck (S) -1:27.921
- 21) Vincent Doyle (R) -1 lap
- 22) Jeff Boudreault (S) -1 lap
- 23) Austin Riley (R) -1 lap
- 24) Michel Barrette (S+R) -1 lap
- 25) Alex Habrich (S) -1 lap
- 26) Michael Habrich (R) -1 lap
- 27) Mario Charette (S+R) -1 lap
- 28) Nicolas Barrette (R) -16 laps

RACE 2

- 1) Xavier Coupal 18 laps
- 2) Olivier Bédard -3.334
- 3) Valérie Limoges -3.796
- 4) Stefan Rzdzinski -4.388
- 5) Metod Topolnik (S) -7.040
- 6) Normand Boyer (S) -7.070
- 7) Stéfan Gauthier -7.857
- 8) Frédéric Bernier (S) -9.236
- 9) Jean-Michel Isabelle -10.094
- 10) Mario Berthiaume (S) -11.329
- 11) Marc-Antoine Cardin -12.769
- 12) Nicolas Touchette -13.721
- 13) Sylvain Ouellet (S) -14.574
- 14) Peter Dyck (S) -15.202
- 15) Keishi Ayukai -15.893
- 16) Martin Barrette (R) -16.488
- 17) Vincent Doyle (R) -17.103
- 18) Michel Barrette (S+R) -17.802
- 19) Alex Habrich (S) -18.553
- 20) Mario Charette (S+R) -20.494
- 21) Fadi Mourad (R) -21.420
- 22) Nicolas Barrette (R) -1 lap
- 23) Michael Habrich (R) -1 lap
- 24) Jeff Boudreault (S) -2 laps
- 25) Jake Exton (R) -5 laps
- 26) Luc Richard -11 laps
- 27) Kevin King -12 laps
- 28) Austin Riley (R) -18 laps



DRIVERS STANDINGS

- 1) Olivier Bédard 266 points
- 2) Xavier Coupal 261 points
- 3) Kevin King 241 points
- 4) Jean-Michel Isabelle 196 points
- 5) Valérie Limoges 184 points
- 6) Normand Boyer (Senior) 162 points
- 7) Keishi Ayukai 156 points
- 8) Stéfan Gauthier 119 points
- 9) Metod Topolnik (Senior) 116 points
- 10) Marc-Antoine Cardin 94 points
- 11) Stefan Rzdzinski 89 points
- 12) Peter Dyck (Senior) 80 points
- 13) Nicolas Barrette (recrue) 55 points
- 14) Frédéric Bernier (Senior) 55 points
- 15) Jake Exton (recrue) 51 points
- 16) Vincent Doyle (recrue) 51 points
- 17) Alex Habrich (Senior) 39 points
- 18) Austin Riley (recrue) 38 points
- 19) Nicolas Touchette (Senior) 38 points
- 20) Luc Richard 26 points
- 21) Martin Barrette (recrue) 26 points
- 22) Fadi Mourad (recrue) 24 points
- 23) Michel Barrette (Sen.+recrue) 23 points
- 24) Michael Habrich (recrue) 22 points
- 25) Mario Berthiaume (Senior) 21 points
- 26) Edward Wong (Senior) 17 points
- 27) Vic Simone (Senior) 14 points
- 28) Sylvain Ouellet (Senior) 14 points
- 29) Mario Charette (Sen.+recrue) 10 points
- 30) Jeff Boudreault (Senior) 4 points
- 31) Brian Makse (Senior) 3 points
- 32) Samuel Rowe (recrue) 0 point

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