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RACES 7 AND 8

GRAND PRIX TROIS-RIVIÈRES
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**FROM THE TRACK
TO THE NISSAN STAGE**

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DOUBLE VICTORY FOR **OLIVIER BÉDARD** AT THE GRAND PRIX DE TROIS-RIVIÈRES

– Nissan Micra Cup weekend provided excitement on the track, activities for the fans and a memorable show in downtown Trois-Rivières –

Nissan Micra Cup drivers took to the track this weekend as part of the 49th edition of the Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières (GP3R). Highlights from the action-packed weekend included two intense races, a paddock filled with thousands of fans and the "From the Track to the Stage" free show presented by Nissan on Saturday night. The weekend couldn't have gone better for Olivier Bédard, who was the winner of both race seven and eight.

The Nissan Micra Cup was a huge hit at the 2018 GP3R, starting with Thursday's downtown parade all the way to the podium following Sunday's race. There were 27 drivers entered in the Nissan Micra Cup this weekend, making it the second-most impressive start grid of all the series that took part in the 2018 GP3R.

On Saturday, the top two drivers in the championship standings, Olivier Bédard and Kevin King, dominated the lead as spectators enjoyed numerous battles throughout the pack. Just as impressive were driving performances by actor and comedian Michel Barrette and Trois-Rivières mayor Yves Lévesque, a newcomer to the series.

Qualifying in pole position, Bédard led all the laps in Saturday's race despite being under constant pressure from King, with just over a second separating the two at the finish line. Last year's Novice champion, Englishman Jake Exton, finished in third, completing the podium.

Marc Héroux, a local Trois-Rivières driver, had an excellent performance finishing in fourth place – his best result since joining the series this spring. Héroux finished ahead of American Mike Ogren, newcomer Éric Chaput, Sylvain Ouellet, Fadi Mourad, Frédéric Bernier, and Nicolas Touchette. Michel Barrette was beaten by his sons, Nicolas Barrette (11th) and Martin Barrette (13th), however his 18th place finish was 5 spots ahead of mayor Yves Lévesque, with whom he had entered a friendly competition.

Once Saturday's track excitement ended, Micra Cup fans flocked to an autograph session in the paddocks, followed by the drivers appearing center stage downtown that evening. The 27 drivers were introduced to the public as a prelude to the "From the Track to the Stage" free show presented by Nissan at Trois-Rivières' Parc Portuaire. The event included performances by comedian Étienne Dano and singer Travis Cormier.

On Sunday, the 2018 Nissan LEAF all-electric vehicle appeared for the first time at a Canadian motorsport series as the security pace car, leading the

pack of Nissan Micra Cup drivers. Once again, the battle for victory took off between Bédard and King, who executed the best starts. However, the 2015 and 2017 series champion Olivier Bédard stole the lead midway through the race and eventually earned himself a second consecutive win. Finishing closely behind was Jake Exton, Valérie Limoges, Jean-Michel Isabelle, Mike Ogren, Marc Héroux – who once again won Senior Class – and top finishing Novice Fadi Mourad.

Nicolas Barrette completed the top eight ahead of Sylvain Ouellet and Mario Berthiaume. Nicolas' father Michel Barrette finished 19th, 2 spots ahead of mayor Yves Lévesque; the friendly challenge between the actor and the mayor proved to be very entertaining for the fans. By finishing the two races behind Barrette, the mayor lost their bet and must now mow the lawn at the Trois-Rivières city hall.

On the podium, Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard presented the winner's trophy to Olivier Bédard. The Premier said he was impressed by the show put on by all the Nissan Micra Cup drivers and was excited watching the 2018 all-electric Nissan LEAF lead in the pack.



THE WORLD OF THE NISSAN MICRA CUP



A FIRST: THE NISSAN LEAF AS A "PACE CAR"!

For the first time in a Canadian racing series, an electric car served as the security "pace car" for the Nissan Micra Cup series at the GP3R. It was none other than the all-new, highly popular, 2019 Nissan Leaf 100% EV. "Trois-Rivières is an important event because the races take place on an urban track, it was the perfect occasion for the Leaf debut" revealed Gilles Villeneuve, general manager of the Nissan Micra Cup and usual pace car driver. "The Leaf is comfortable and has a lot of torque, it's the perfect pace car" he added. During Saturday's race, the Leaf not only led the Nissan Micra Cup field during their formation lap, but also during a caution flag halfway through the race. Villeneuve concluded "And the battery was 95% full after these laps, it is a very positive first for the Leaf at the GP3R".



MAYOR LOSES AGAINST COMEDIAN!

Last year, during his rookie season at his first ever Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières, comedian Michel Barrette challenged Trois-Rivières' mayor Yves Lévesque. He challenged the politician to take part in the Nissan Micra Cup with the stipulation that the driver who scored the least during the 2018 GP3R event would have to mow the lawn of the Trois-Rivières City Hall. Mayor Lévesque accepted this friendly challenge and after two races this weekend, Michel Barrette finished 18th and 19th while Yves Lévesque ended in P23 and P21. It's Barrette who wins the friendly challenge!

TO INSPIRE YOUNG PEOPLE IN DIFFICULTY...

Debuting this season in the Nissan Micra Cup is André Lapointe, a youth counselor at the Mauricie-Centre-du-Québec Youth Centre. His participation at the GP3R was the perfect time to invite eight youth from the center in to the Nissan Micra Cup paddocks to show them the value of perseverance in life, and that success can be achieved when you live out your passion. "For them to see one of their counselors achieve a long-term dream - I dreamt about participating at the GP3R for so long- it can motivate them in their own life," revealed Lapointe, driver of the #47 Micra. He finished both races in 15th place. The Youth Centers are public organizations in Québec that offer psychological services, social integration, and readaptation to the youth, their families and mothers in distress.



NEXT EVENT: BACK IN ONTARIO!

The next event will be in two weeks on August 24, 25 and 26 in Ontario at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, North-East of Toronto. This will be the second meeting at the legendary track also known as Mosport. The drivers from the Nissan Micra Cup will be accompanied by the NASCAR Camping World Truck (American championship) and the NASCAR Pinty's series (Canadian NASCAR). Thousands of spectators are expected at this annual event.



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IN THE CITY AND AT THE TRACK...



After the success of the Saturday night show, "From the track to the Stage", Travis Cormier came to meet his fans in the paddock on Sunday and congratulate the Nissan Micra Cup drivers.

The Nissan Micra Cup's parade in downtown Trois-Rivières on Thursday evening.



Present for the first time at the GP3R, the grid kids visited the Micra Cup paddock.



The Nissan VIP tent in the paddock: a free halt for all Nissan owners!



Many activities under Nissan's colours were presented at the track.



A drivers autograph session offered fans the opportunity to meet with series' drivers.



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GRAND PRIX TROIS-RIVIÈRES RACE 7 AND 8 RESULTS

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QUALIFICATION RACE 1

- 1) Olivier Bédard #1
- 2) Kevin King #40
- 3) Valérie Limoges #220
- 4) Normand Boyer #11
- 5) Frédéric Bernier #28
- 6) Jake Exton #00
- 7) Jean-Michel Isabelle #86
- 8) Marc Héroux #24
- 9) Sylvain Ouellet #98
- 10) Mike Ogren #17
- 11) Fadi Mourad #77
- 12) Mario Charette #728
- 13) Nicolas Barrette #427
- 14) Éric Chaput #116
- 15) Nicolas Touchette #55
- 16) Peter Dyck #73
- 17) Alex Habrich #75
- 18) André Lapointe #47
- 19) Martin Barrette #875
- 20) Austin Riley #20
- 21) Michel Barrette #57
- 22) Frédéric Bouthillier #69
- 23) Roger Champoux #21
- 24) Michael Habrich #88
- 25) Josée Samson #67
- 26) Yves Lévesque #27

QUALIFICATION RACE 2

- 1) Olivier Bédard #1
- 2) Kevin King #40
- 3) Valérie Limoges #220
- 4) Frédéric Bernier #28
- 5) Jake Exton #00
- 6) Normand Boyer #11
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RACE 1 RESULTS

- 1) Olivier Bédard 27 laps
- 2) Kevin King -1.105
- 3) Jake Exton -13.406
- 4) Marc Héroux -16.781
- 5) Mike Ogren -18.973
- 6) Éric Chaput -30.855
- 7) Sylvain Ouellet Penalty
- 8) Fadi Mourad Penalty
- 9) Frédéric Bernier Penalty
- 10) Nicolas Touchette -32.202
- 11) Nicolas Barrette -32.364
- 12) Mario Charette -32.458
- 13) Martin Barrette -34.043
- 14) Alex Habrich -37.025
- 15) André Lapointe -40.986
- 16) Peter Dyck -43.905
- 17) Frédéric Bouthillier -58.040
- 18) Michel Barrette -58.325
- 19) Roger Champoux -59.664
- 20) Michael Habrich -59.986
- 21) Normand Boyer -1 lap
- 22) Josée Samson -1 lap
- 23) Yves Lévesque -1 lap
- 24) Valérie Limoges -4 laps
- 25) Jean-Michel Isabelle -14 laps
- DNS) Austin Riley -----

RACE 2 RESULTS

- 1) Olivier Bédard 25 laps
- 2) Jake Exton -1.566
- 3) Valérie Limoges -1.900
- 4) Jean-Michel Isabelle -3.371
- 5) Mike Ogren -4.936
- 6) Marc Héroux -5.321
- 7) Fadi Mourad -9.456
- 8) Nicolas Barrette -10.090
- 9) Sylvain Ouellet -10.527
- 10) Mario Berthiaume -11.989
- 11) Nicolas Touchette -18.651
- 12) Alex Habrich -22.063
- 13) Roger Champoux -23.801
- 14) Kevin King Penalty
- 15) André Lapointe Penalty
- 16) Peter Dyck Penalty
- 17) Éric Chaput Penalty
- 18) Frédéric Bouthillier -53.230
- 19) Michel Barrette -1 lap
- 20) Josée Samson -1 lap
- 21) Yves Lévesque -1 lap
- 22) Michael Habrich -3 laps
- 23) Frédéric Bernier -7 laps
- 24) Normand Boyer -7 laps
- 25) Martin Barrette -13 laps
- DNS) Austin Riley -----



DRIVERS STANDINGS

- 1) Olivier Bédard 330 points
- 2) Kevin King 261 points
- 3) Jake Exton 200 points
- 4) Valérie Limoges 171 points
- 5) Normand Boyer (S) 154 points
- 6) Mike Ogren 152 points
- 7) Fadi Mourad (R) 135 points
- 8) Frédéric Bernier (S) 130 points
- 9) Austin Riley 99 points
- 10) Sylvain Ouellet (S) 95 points
- 11) Marc Héroux (S) 86 points
- 12) Peter Dyck (S) 70 points
- 13) Alex Habrich (S) 64 points
- 14) Michael Habrich 59 points
- 15) Nicolas Touchette 52 points
- 16) Éric Chaput (S+R) 46 points
- 17) Mario Berthiaume (S) 42 points
- 18) Mario Charette (S+R) 34 points
- 19) Jean-Michel Isabelle 30 points
- 20) Nicolas Barrette (R) 26 points
- 21) Edward Wong (S) 22 points
- 22) Carl Wener (S) 21 points
- 22) André Lapointe (S+R) 21 points
- 24) Frédéric Bouthillier (R) 20 points
- 25) Vic Simone (S) 15 points
- 26) Roger Champoux (R) 11 points
- 27) Martin Barrette (R) 10 points
- 28) Perry Wener (S+R) 8 points
- 29) Michel Barrette (S+R) 6 points
- 30) Josée Samson (S+R) 5 points
- 31) Yves Lévesque (S+R) 4 points

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