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KEVIN KING DOUBLE WINNER AT CALABOGIE MOTORSPORTS PARK

Rookie Micra Cup driver Marco Signoretti now leads the championship, while Frédéric Bernier and Austin Riley secured their first podium

The second outing of the 2019 Nissan Micra Cup season was held as part of the Kyle Nash Race Weekend at the Calabogie Motorsports Park, southwest of Ottawa. The action-packed weekend saw Kevin King claim his first two victories of the season following two races filled with multiple position changes, spectators witnessed new drivers among the leaders, and Austin Riley, a young driver with autism, earned his first podium.

On Saturday, defending champion Olivier Bédard won his 25th series pole position, solidifying his start for the mid-afternoon race. Ontarian Marco Signoretti was once again very comfortable on the track despite being new to closed cars and the Nissan Micra Cup. He was on Bédard's heels as soon as the race started, however, 2018 runner-up Kevin King overtook him early in the race.

Qualifying in the top five was Quebec driver Frédéric Bernier, who stayed glued to the leaders' peloton from the get-go and surprised Signoretti mid-race as he began his chase of King, who was in second place. Bédard, King and Bernier crossed the finish line in that order, ahead of PayPal / Motorsports In Action teammates, Signoretti and Taylor Near.

However, after being penalized for 30 seconds by the officials for jumping the re-start after a full course yellow at one third of the race, Bédard was ranked 12th. This resulted in the victory title going to Kevin King, ahead of Frédéric Bernier and Marco Signoretti, who placed second and third, respectfully.

The race on Saturday was hotly contested to round out the top five. Multiple changes took place throughout the race, which once again demonstrated the drivers' talent at the wheel of their nearly stock

Nissan Micra S cars. Starting in 14th place was Nicolas Barrette, who was undoubtedly one of the race standouts as he climbed his way to the 6th spot on the track (5th in the final standings), finishing ahead of Valérie Limoges, Éric Chaput, Sylvain Ouellet, Jean-Michel Isabelle, Austin Riley and Mario Charette. As proof of the intensity and depth in the field, only three seconds separated Barrette to Charette!

Sunday started off with a significant feat: pole position was claimed during qualifying by novice driver Éric Chaput, ahead of Signoretti, King, and Mario Berthiaume. Kevin King had the best start to the race but Chaput managed to keep up with him until he went off the track. It wasn't an easy path to victory for King, as Signoretti and Austin Riley were closely behind up until the last few meters of the race, complete with a valiant final lap that saw all three drivers cross the finish line in the same second.

For Austin Riley, competing for the Racing With Autism team, this was his first Nissan Micra Cup podium, and his third season competing in the series after a motorsports career debut in karting in Ontario. The podium, hailed by the entire family of the Nissan Micra Cup, was certainly one of the many highlights at the second event of the 2019 season.

Sylvain Ouellet finished in fourth place ahead of Frédéric Bernier, Jean-Michel Isabelle, Nicolas Barrette, Taylor Near, Valérie Limoges and Jake Exton. Olivier Bédard's Solid XPerts team did not participate in the second race.





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COLLAGE OF 400 CHILDREN'S PHOTOS ON KEVIN KING'S MICRA S!

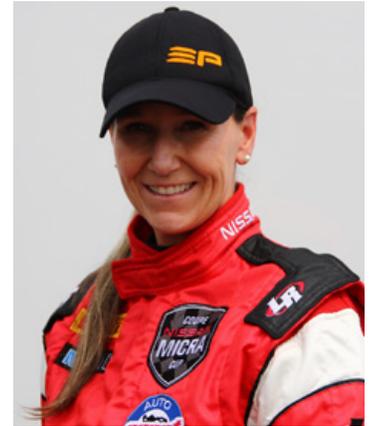
Main partner of Kevin King's team, the LP Apparel children's clothing brand, had a very original idea for the 2019 Nissan Micra Cup season, which is also King's fifth year in the Series. This spring, LP Apparel launched a campaign on social media inviting parents to share a photo of their child. Following the highly successful campaign, Kevin King's Nissan Micra S is now decorated with pictures of nearly 400 children! In addition to the initiative's original aspects and the unique layout of the car, the campaign also supports the #BeYou movement on Twitter, which invites children to be themselves in their daily lives, regardless of their situation or their potential handicap.

A STARTING GRID RENEWED AT 35 PER CENT!

No less than six drivers made their first appearance in the Nissan Micra Cup at Calabogie Motorsports Park this weekend. Some already have experience in the series, such as Nicolas Barrette and Éric Chaput, who had never raced in a Nissan Micra Cup race on the Ontario circuit but had participated in several other events. This confirms the constant renewal of the Micra Cup series: five drivers who were in action at the Kyle Nash Race Weekend last year were absent this weekend, however, six new drivers have replaced them representing a grid renewed at 35 per cent!

A THIRD FEMALE DRIVER IN THE SERIES

Marie-Josée Massicotte, originally from Louiseville, QC along with Senior class drivers Sylvain Ouellet and Éric Chaput, made her debut in motorsport this weekend at the Nissan Micra Cup in Calabogie. Massicotte, an authentically passionate driver who idolizes former Formula 1 champion Jacques Villeneuve, says that she has "realized her dream and had fun integrating in the Nissan Micra Cup." The Quebec driver added "I love motorsport and its challenge... and to be on the track alongside my friends Sylvain Ouellet and Éric Chaput!". Marie-Josée Massicotte is the third female driver to take part in the 2019 season, joining Valérie Limoges and Ontario's Demi Chalkias. She is competing in both the Senior class and rookie championship.



NEXT EVENT: MONT-TREMBLANT!

Returning to Quebec for the first time in 2019, the next Nissan Micra Cup event will take place between July 26 and 28 at Circuit Mont-Tremblant. The Summer Classic, taking place on the famous Laurentians track, marks the halfway point of the season setting it up to be a very exciting weekend for everyone onsite and fans following along remotely.



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2...3 QUESTIONS TO *MARCO SIGNORETTI*



You've competed for more than 10 years in karting. Why did you choose to start in road racing in the Nissan Micra Cup instead of in an Open-wheel Series?

"I think there's more potential for a career in series such as the Nissan Micra Cup than in an Open-wheel Series at the moment. One of the biggest reasons to enter in the Micra Cup is the low-cost and the exposure that this series gives drivers. If you compare it to F1600 for example, its exposure is so much greater. They produce videos during every race weekend, interviews, live coverage, media and social media visibility, the magazine, and more. These are important assets for a racing driver to become known and offer good media coverage to its sponsors."

Were you surprised to see that you fought for victory at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, or did you expect to be at this level for your debut in the Series?

"After qualifying I realized I had a good pace. I just knew I had to focus on learning from Olivier Bédard and the other front-runners as much as I could. It's really cool to run along with Olivier, he's a three-time champion in the Series, he's good with the setting of the car, and has plenty of experience so I know I can learn a lot from him. Even in qualifying and during the races, I'm learning and every session I go out I get better, I think. And yes, I can say I was surprised and very happy with where I finished for my first weekend."

You left Calabogie with the championship lead, which is very impressive. From your point of view, how was your weekend?

"I like the track here at Calabogie, it's hard on tires. I was happy with how the weekend went and my two podium finishes. I still made some rookie mistakes which angers me, I've got to work on that because I've thrown away a couple races now by making mistakes, but I'm happy with my comeback today. I felt back near the rear of the field and came through and was making some good passes, which I'm happy with. I also got the experience of qualifying in the rain on Sunday, my first ever rain session in the Micra. I was second, two tenths off so I'm happy with that. Overall, I continued to build my confidence this weekend."



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CALABOGIE MOTORSPORTS PARK RACE 3 AND 4 RESULTS

QUALIFICATION RACE 1

1) Olivier Bédard	#1
2) Marco Signoretti	#97
3) Kevin King	#40
4) Taylor Near	#58
5) Frédéric Bernier	#28
6) Mario Charette	#728
7) Éric Chaput	#116
8) Valérie Limoges	#220
9) Austin Riley	#20
10) Jake Exton	#00
11) Jean-Michel Isabelle	#86
12) Xavier Lassus	#6
13) Michael Habrich	#88
14) Nicolas Barrette	#427
15) Alex P. Habrich	#75
16) Marie-Josée Massicotte	#53
DNS) Sylvain Ouellet	#98

QUALIFICATION RACE 2

1) Éric Chaput	#116
2) Marco Signoretti	#97
3) Kevin King	#40
4) Mario Berthiaume	#728
5) Frédéric Bernier	#28
6) Jake Exton	#00
7) Sylvain Ouellet	#98
8) Taylor Near	#58
9) Xavier Lassus	#6
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RACE 1

1) Kevin King	26 laps
2) Frédéric Bernier	-0.284
3) Marco Signoretti	-2.869
4) Taylor Near	-16.419
5) Nicolas Barrette	-18.559
6) Valérie Limoges	-19.713
7) Éric Chaput	-20.055
8) Sylvain Ouellet	-20.456
9) Jean-Michel Isabelle	-20.946
10) Austin Riley	-21.267
11) Mario Charette	-21.600
12) Olivier Bédard	Penalty
13) Jake Exton	-28.788
14) Michael Habrich	-32.094
15) Alex P. Habrich	-37.343
16) Xavier Lassus	-38.040
17) Marie-Josée Massicotte	-23 laps

RACE 2

1) Kevin King	16 laps
2) Marco Signoretti	-0.337
3) Austin Riley	-0.634
4) Sylvain Ouellet	-17.937
5) Frédéric Bernier	-20.403
6) Jean-Michel Isabelle	-22.943
7) Nicolas Barrette	-22.651
8) Taylor Near	-24.201
9) Valérie Limoges	-27.862
10) Jake Exton	-35.345
11) Mario Berthiaume	-48.068
12) Xavier Lassus	-1:27.127
13) Éric Chaput	-10 laps
DNS) Olivier Bédard	-----
DNS) Marie-Josée Massicotte	-----
DNS) Alex P. Habrich	-----
DNS) Michael Habrich	-----



DRIVERS STANDINGS

1) Marco Signoretti (Rookie)	142 points	11) Nicolas Barrette	51 points
2) Kevin King	140 points	12) Jean-Michel Isabelle	34 points
3) Olivier Bédard	101 points	13) Alex Habrich (Senior)	29 points
4) Valérie Limoges	94 points	14) Xavier Lassus (S.+R.)	27 points
5) Frédéric Bernier (Senior)	90 points	15) Michael Habrich	23 points
6) Taylor Near	88 points	16) Mario Berthiaume (Senior)	20 points
7) Sylvain Ouellet (Senior)	76 points	17) Demi Chalikas	16 points
8) Austin Riley	72 points	17) Mario Charette (Senior)	16 points
9) Jake Exton	62 points	19) Peter Hanson (Senior)	13 points
10) Éric Chaput (S.+R.)	52 points	20) Marie-Josée Massicotte (S.+R.)	4 points

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