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JESSE LAZARE

NISSAN MICRA CUP DOUBLE WINNER AT CIRCUIT MONT-TREMBLANT

- First series pole position for a female driver (Valérie Limoges), first victories for Jesse Lazare and plenty of action at Circuit Mont-Tremblant -

This past weekend as part of the Summer Classic, at Circuit Mont-Tremblant, the Nissan Micra Cup held its fifth and sixth races of the 2019 season. On this historic circuit, the weekend kicked off with a big first when Valérie Limoges became the first female driver to earn the pole position going into Saturday's race. However, she was less successful during the races on Saturday and Sunday, both of which were won by Jesse Lazare.

Under the hot summer sun, the weekend captivated fans with two new exciting races. On Saturday morning, during a competitive qualifying round, Valérie Limoges earned pole position with her race-ready Micra S two-tenths of a second ahead of Kevin King, with Frédéric Bernier rounding out the top three, with less than three-tenths of a second difference from the top spot. Rookie Éric Chaput came fourth and Ontarians Jake Exton and Marco Signoretti finished in fifth and sixth places.

The day continued with the parade of Nissan Micra owners held at noon. The exceptional Nissan LEAF NISMO RC pace car then released the peloton of Nissan Micra and the race began, quickly giving way to a constant battle for the lead positions.

After getting passed by Bernier and King, Limoges was eventually forced to abandon the race before the half-way point. In the lead, Quebec driver Frédéric Bernier saw his chances of a first win being threatened as Jesse Lazare rapidly closing the gap. Lazare, the Motorsports In Action team driver, who is regular competitor in American endurance GT racing started in tenth place and made his way towards the leader position. Shortly before the half-way point of the race, he dethroned Bernier and took the lead to earn himself an undisputed victory.

Behind him, the battle for the second place kept the spectators in suspense until the very last second. Rookie Éric Chaput finished in second place, ahead of Frédéric Bernier and Kevin King. Marco Signoretti crossed the finish line in fifth position, ahead of his PayPal/M.I.A. teammate Taylor Near. Nicolas Barrette rounded out the top seven, followed by Sylvain Ouellet, Mario Charrette, Austin Riley, and Charles Robin, who made his series debut.

On Sunday, Lazare performed at his best, earning himself the pole position during the qualifying session in the morning, as well as the lap record and winning the race after dominating for the entire forty-minute event. The battle for the second place was intense from start to finish, with seven drivers eyeing the position. At the end of the race, second place went to Jake Exton, who unfortunately was later penalized for avoidable contact. Kevin King was then given the second position, followed by Marco Signoretti, Frédéric Bernier, Éric Chaput, Jake Exton, Valérie Limoges and Taylor Near. Austin Riley finished in ninth place ahead of Mario Berthiaume and Charles Robin.

All drivers who started in the sixth round of the 2019 season successfully completed the race, again under a hot summer sun and in front of a large crowd. The spectators included Nissan Micra owners, who once again responded to Nissan Canada's invitation.





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IN THE NISSAN MICRA CUP WORLD



AUSTIN RILEY ON THE PODIUM FOR HIS SALEEN CUP DEBUT!

After competing in 26 races in the Nissan Micra Cup and remaining in contention to finish in the top 5 this season, Ontario driver Austin Riley made his debut in the Saleen Cup mid-July, a brand new series of exotic GT cars in the USA. On the Oregon Portland racetrack, Austin teamed up with American driver Carter Fartuch on the Saleen S1 number 12. Carter competed in the first half of the race and Austin relayed for the second half, in which he ranked 3rd overall and 1st in the young drivers' class. A very rewarding and successful experience for the young autistic driver who races in the Nissan Micra Cup under the colors of Racing With Autism. The upcoming events of the Saleen Cup will take place on August 31st and September 1st at the Watkins Glen racetrack in New York.



WHEN KARTING AND NISSAN MICRA CUP COME TOGETHER...

Number 7 is back! Worn by Mario Berthiaume up until the 2017 season, number 7 now accompanies rookie driver Charles Robin, who made his debut this weekend at the Circuit Mont-Tremblant. Son of the owner of SH Karting circuit on the South Shore of Montreal, the oldest karting racetrack still active in Canada. Charles has previously competed in the historic Porsche 944 series and in the Coupe de Montréal de Karting. "Kevin King convinced me to come and try the Nissan Micra Cup when we met in Mont-Tremblant for a karting event!" explains Charles, 19. "He told me I was going to have a lot of fun in the series, that it was very exciting!" he adds.

JAKE EXTON AND CLARINGTON NISSAN IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

Jake Exton, from Bowmanville, Ontario and driver of car number 00 wearing Clarington Nissan's colors, was at the dealership for a promotional event on July 13 to celebrate the grand reopening with the new owners. Jake, was raising funds for the Canadian Mental Health Association, which he is also a spokesperson for, and was displaying his Nissan Micra Cup car for the occasion. In addition to admiring the race car, customers and fans had the opportunity to have fun with Jake in a water challenge. Jake sat on a seat suspended over a pool, where customers threw tennis balls at a target, which when hit, would drop him into the water! Given the great weather, the event and activity were... refreshing for Jake, who wasn't afraid of getting wet to showcase the most accessible racing series in Canada!



NEXT EVENT: GRAND PRIX DE TROIS-RIVIÈRES

Now that the Summer Classic at Circuit Mont-Tremblant has finished, the next event will be the Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières from August 9 to 11. This will be the fifth year in a row that the family of the Nissan Micra Cup will be racing on the Trois-Rivières urban racetrack, celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Numerous activities in the paddocks and in the city will be held highlighting the celebration and this traditional event. Two races will be to the program, Saturday and Sunday as per usual, for an event that will also bring other series like NASCAR, Touring Car and Open Wheel races in front of full grandstands.



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THE BEHIND THE SCENES **OF THE NISSAN MICRA CUP...**

- A documentary coming this fall to get to know the actors working "behind the scenes" of the racing series -

The Nissan Micra Cup, is not only the drivers, mechanics and the activities of Nissan Canada. They are certainly part of it but there are many other members of the team behind the scenes. The rest of the Nissan Micra Cup family work very hard before, during and after the racing weekends, to raise awareness, organize and report the series.

The second event at Circuit Mont-Tremblant at the end of September will mark the season finale, while the video documentary will begin. The video is entirely dedicated to the team members working 'behind the scenes'. Team members, including corporate executives who will take part in this series, which in just five seasons has become a great success in the history of Canadian motorsport.

Roxane Barry (right on the picture here), who manages the Nissan Micra Cup at Nissan Canada, said, "We want to pay tribute to those who work for the Nissan Micra Cup. This will be featured on our social networks after the season. It is important for us to show to the fans the people who are not only in action on the track but that there's also the human aspect behind the scenes, with a lot of people working very hard in this family oriented atmosphere."

The first person to be featured in this documentary is Éliane Gilain. Social networks specialist of the Nissan Micra Cup, the young press officer (left in the picture, with Roxane Barry), also a contributor to Pole-Position Magazine, is particularly active in the series. "Some people may think that the activities are limited to events on race weekends, but the Nissan Micra Cup lives and is active on social media all the time! There are always interesting things to communicate, news launched, articles and photos to discover on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts," explains Éliane.

On a personal note, she adds, "I've been in the motorsport world since I was born. It's an environment I've always loved and working in it is amazing. I find the Nissan Micra Cup race weekends the most interesting. There could be 30 races per year and I would be very happy!"



The documentary will follow her to show the work she does daily for the Nissan Micra Cup, and more will be to uncover in the film. The series will also follow other team members throughout the 2019/2020 off-season. This will be an opportunity for viewers to discover and better understand the roles and motivations of the hard working people of the Nissan Micra Cup since the launch of the series in 2015.



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CIRCUIT MONT-TREMBLANT RACE 5 AND 6 RESULTS

QUALIFICATION RACE 1

1) Valérie Limoges	#220
2) Kevin King	#40
3) Frédéric Bernier	#28
4) Éric Chaput	#116
5) Jake Exton	#00
6) Marco Signoretti	#97
7) Sylvain Ouellet	#98
8) Xavier Lassus	#6
9) Austin Riley	#20
10) Nicolas Barrette	#427
11) Jesse Lazare	#21
12) Taylor Near	#58
13) Charles Robin	#7
14) André Lapointe	#47
15) Mario Charette	#728
16) Perry Wener	#86
17) Marie-Josée Massicotte	#53

QUALIFICATION RACE 2

1) Jesse Lazare	#21
2) Kevin King	#40
3) Valérie Limoges	#220
4) Marco Signoretti	#97
5) Jake Exton	#00
6) Frédéric Bernier	#28
7) Taylor Near	#58
8) Charles Robin	#7
9) Sylvain Ouellet	#98
10) Mario Berthiaume	#728
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15) Perry Wener	#86
16) Marie-Josée Massicotte	#53
DNS) Xavier Lassus	#6

RACE 1 RESULTS

1) Jesse Lazare	19 laps
2) Éric Chaput	-0.409
3) Frédéric Bernier	-2.673
4) Kevin King	-2.699
5) Marco Signoretti	-12.469
6) Taylor Near	-25.638
7) Nicolas Barrette	-31.572
8) Sylvain Ouellet	Penalty
9) Mario Charette	-40.430
10) Austin Riley	-43.269
11) Charles Robin	-51.641
12) Perry Wener	-2.01.007
13) Marie-Josée Massicotte	-1 lap
14) André Lapointe	-6 laps
15) Valérie Limoges	-12 laps
16) Jake Exton	-16 laps
DNS) Xavier Lassus	-----

RACE 2 RESULTS

1) Jesse Lazare	19 laps
2) Kevin King	-2.841
3) Marco Signoretti	-3.387
4) Frédéric Bernier	-8.482
5) Éric Chaput	-11.095
6) Jake Exton	Penalty
7) Valérie Limoges	-13.805
8) Taylor Near	Penalty
9) Austin Riley	-25.872
10) Mario Berthiaume	-26.369
11) Charles Robin	-32.083
12) Sylvain Ouellet	-37.196
13) Nicolas Barrette	-41.881
14) André Lapointe	-1:00.436
15) Perry Wener	-2:04.455
16) Marie-Josée Massicotte	-1 lap
DNS) Xavier Lassus	-----



DRIVERS STANDINGS

1) Kevin King	204 points	13) Jean-Michel Isabelle	34 points
2) Marco Signoretti (Rookie)	198 points	14) Mario Berthiaume (Senior)	32 points
3) Frédéric Bernier (Senior)	150 points	15) Alex Habrich (Senior)	29 points
4) Taylor Near	124 points	16) Xavier Lassus (S.+R.)	27 points
5) Éric Chaput (S.+R.)	115 points	17) Michael Habrich	23 points
6) Valérie Limoges	102 points	18) Charles Robin	20 points
7) Olivier Bédard	101 points	19) Marie-Josée Massicotte (S.+R.)	17 points
7) Sylvain Ouellet (Senior)	101 points	20) Demi Chalikas	16 points
9) Austin Riley	98 points	20) Mario Charette (Senior)	16 points
10) Jake Exton	89 points	22) Perry Wener (S.+R.)	15 points
11) Jesse Lazare	82 points	23) André Lapointe (S.+R.)	14 points
12) Nicolas Barrette	77 points	24) Peter Hanson (Sénior)	13 points

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