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VALÉRIE LIMOGES AND KEVIN KING

SECURE VICTORIES AT THE NISSAN MICRA CUP RACES PRESENTED AT THE GRAND PRIX DE TROIS-RIVIÈRES!

- Valérie Limoges and Kevin King winners of the two races this weekend held as part of the 50th edition of Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières -

The Nissan Micra Cup presented the seventh and eighth races of the 2019 season this weekend, which was held as part of the 50th edition of the Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières. This was not only a milestone anniversary for the event, but also for the Nissan Micra Cup which held its 60th race of the series on Sunday won by Kevin King. Valérie Limoges also earned her second career victory in the Nissan Micra Cup on Saturday.

The event faced challenging weather conditions throughout the weekend, with intermittent rain on Friday during the free practice and qualifying sessions, which continued into Saturday's race. However, the races kept the thousands of spectators in attendance in suspense, which were held on the oldest urban track in North America.

Delayed by rain showers, the qualifying session on Friday saw Valérie Limoges and championship leader Kevin King put on quite a show, exchanging the fastest times for the lead position. Ultimately, Limoges claimed the pole position for Saturday's race and King for Sunday's race.

Nicolas Barrette set the fastest qualifying results in his career, ranking in third and second position, while Éric Chaput was the highest rookie qualifier, earning fifth and fourth place.

On Saturday, between rain showers and brief sunny moments, the race was an action filled event interspersed by various incidents that resulted in neutralization periods, mainly due to loss of control on the wet circuit. At the start of the race, King passed Limoges in hopes of earning his highly anticipated first win at the Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières in front of his fans. Despite rainy conditions, Nicolas Barrette proved to be a strong contender after passing Valérie Limoges, setting his sights on the leader position. Unfortunately, a contact between Barrette and King followed causing King to rotate and lose three positions.

Once in the lead, Barrette was able to hold off all of Limoges' advances to keep command and cross the finish line in first place. It would have been a great victory for Nicolas following a magnificent race, however, before stepping onto the podium he admitted fault in the contact incident and was penalized by officials, reclassifying him behind King in the final standings.

As a result, Valérie Limoges was awarded the victory, followed by novice driver Marco Signoretti, Kevin King, Nicolas Barrette, and Senior Class winner Sylvain Ouellet. In a spectacular battle for the third position between five and sometimes six drivers, Signoretti eventually succeeded, tightening the gap between him and King in the overall championship standings.

Taylor Near, Signoretti's teammate at the helm of the PayPal/Motorsports In Action team, rounded out the top six ahead of Martin Barrette, Nicolas' older brother, and Frédéric Bernier. The Barrette family was particularly pleased at the end of Saturday's event as popular actor and comedian Michel Barrette, father of Martin and Nicolas, earned his highest career finish in the series, completing the race in 12th position.

On Sunday, the sunny weather finally returned for the 60th race of the Nissan Micra Cup series. The series launched in 2015 and now represents one of the greatest successes in the history of Canadian motorsport.

Right from the beginning of the race, Kevin King took the lead position while Valérie Limoges overtook Nicolas Barrette taking the second position. King and Limoges battled with each other throughout the entire duration of the 40 minutes race. Even under pressure, King didn't falter and crossed the finish line of the series' 60th race with a lead of just four tenths of a second.

Ranking in third, Nicolas Barrette earned the highest result of his career. He finished ahead of top Novice driver Marco Signoretti, followed by Senior Class leader Sylvain Ouellet, and Frédéric Bernier. After an impressive climb from 22nd position, Jean-Michel Isabelle finished in 7th, one place ahead of Austin Riley.





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IN THE NISSAN MICRA CUP WORLD



MICHEL BARRETTE STILL A CROWD FAVOURITE!

Quebec actor and comedian Michel Barrette was back in action this weekend at the GP3R. Still very popular, he was clearly the focus of attention from tens of thousands of fans attending the event. For Michel, racing in the Nissan Micra Cup is an opportunity to enjoy a weekend of competition once a year, as his professional commitments in the entertainment world don't allow him time to compete throughout the season. In addition to racing, GP3R is also an opportunity for Michel to spend time and compete on the circuit with his two sons, Martin and Nicolas. Nicolas had the advantage since he's competing in the entire season, whereas Michel Barrette completed both races at the twelfth and sixteenth positions.

A FIRST MICRA CUP EVENT FOR AT LEAST NINE DRIVERS!

With 29 drivers registered (26 on the circuit), the 2019 edition of the Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières confirmed its honorary status of the most coveted annual event for the Nissan Micra Cup drivers. While still having a little bit of experience from previous seasons, at least six drivers had their seasonal debut in the series this weekend. Better yet, three racers were Nissan Micra Cup novices including Charles Deschênes, Mario Dufour and the young Nathan Gilbert. Dufour and Gilbert both represent the APKLQ (Association of Leisure Karting Drivers of Quebec) team. Some drivers had a difficult comeback or debut, such as Charles Deschênes who had to withdraw from both races after making contact with the wall during the free practice with the second car of the SH Karting team. On the other hand, some drivers had remarkable performances, which was the case for rookie driver Martin Barrette, the oldest son of Michel Barrette and brother of Nicolas Barrette, who clinched 7th place on Saturday after qualifying in 13th.

NEXT EVENT: BACK IN ONTARIO.

The next Nissan Micra Cup event will be held in two weeks on August 23 - 25 at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park located North-East of Toronto in Bowmanville; this will be the second meeting at the legendary Canadian track. Drivers from the Nissan Micra Cup will be also accompanied by other series drivers, including the NASCAR Truck (American championship) and the Pinty's (Canadian NASCAR). Thousands of spectators are expected at this annual event, which will also be the second last round of the 2019 Nissan Micra Cup season.



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2... 3 QUESTIONS TO **KEVIN KING**

After arriving in the series at the second event of the inaugural season in 2015, the winner of the sixtieth race has since 2015 been a dedicated Nissan Micra Cup driver. Placing 11th in the 2015 championship, 3rd in 2016 and 2017, and runner-up in 2018, he is a main contender for the title this season.

Honorary champion of the mid-season, King approached the Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières (GP3R) in front of his friends and sponsors with the motivation we know him for...

Kevin, you started racing in the Nissan Micra Cup in June 2015, then competed for major teams such as Sorel-Tracy Nissan and Speed n' Sport. Did you imagine in your debut that with your own team and with one of the smallest budgets of the series that you would one day be in a position to clinch the title?

"I knew it would be hard to get my chance for the title this year because I no longer had the support of a larger team. However, it was certain that I would still try to fight at the forefront and the Nissan Micra Cup, with its low costs compared to other motorsport series, allows this kind of challenge. The biggest difference comes from what I would call the stress of preparing the car before the races, taking care of transportation, etc. These are details that a driver part of a larger team

doesn't have to worry about. Additionally, I started this season with a new car and even though it's still a race specs Micra S, a moment of adaptation was needed."

For you, is the GP3R event similar to all the others in the season or did you approach it differently considering that you live in Trois-Rivières?

"I live in Trois-Rivières and all my partners are from there so it's a special event that I take very seriously. We have a lot of activities throughout the week, the race car was in demonstration with various partners, who all then came to the race during the weekend. It was an important week for me and I'm proud to have been able to race in front of them at home at the GP3R! This event is always a party for my main partners, which are LP Apparel, AEY Construction, Bath Fitter and Scores."

You are the mid-season champion and a title contender against Marco Signoretti. Will you approach the last two events of the season with the will to win other races, or only aiming for points?

"My strategy will always be to finish in front of Marco for the rest of the season. For example, if we were in the situation during a race where I'm in second place and he is in third and a risky opportunity presents itself to clinch first place, I won't take the risk of an incident. Winning the 2019 Nissan Micra Cup title is my main objective. I really want this year's title and I will put all the odds in my favour to reach it."





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GRAND PRIX DE TROIS-RIVIÈRES RACE 7 AND 8 RESULTS

QUALIFICATION RACE 1

1) Valérie Limoges	#220
2) Kevin King	#40
3) Nicolas Barrette	#427
4) Sylvain Ouellet	#98
5) Éric Chaput	#116
6) Marco Signoretti	#97
7) Taylor Near	#58
8) Frédéric Bernier	#28
9) Austin Riley	#20
10) Nicolas Touchette	#55
11) Paul Dargis	#63
12) André Lapointe	#47
13) Martin Barrette	#875
14) Mario Charette	#728
15) Roger Champoux	#22
16) Frédéric Bouthillier	#69
17) Michel Barrette	#57
18) Xavier Lassus	#6
19) Nathan Gilbert	#24
20) Charles Robin	#7
21) Mario Dufour	#96
22) Marie-Josée Massicotte	#53
23) Charles Deschênes	#27
24) Jake Exton	#00
25) Jean-Michel Isabelle	#86

QUALIFICATION RACE 2

1) Kevin King	#40
2) Nicolas Barrette	#427
3) Valérie Limoges	#220
4) Éric Chaput	#116
5) Sylvain Ouellet	#98
6) Marco Signoretti	#97
7) Austin Riley	#20
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9) André Lapointe	#47
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RACE 1 RESULTS

1) Valérie Limoges	22 laps
2) Marco Signoretti	-2.663
3) Kevin King	-3.963
4) Nicolas Barrette	Penalty
5) Sylvain Ouellet	-5.274
6) Taylor Near	-6.243
7) Martin Barrette	-7.003
8) Frédéric Bernier	-8.171
9) Nicolas Touchette	-10.146
10) Frédéric Bouthillier	-12.598
11) Xavier Lassus	-15.873
12) Michel Barrette	-21.644
13) Marie-Josée Massicotte	-45.570
14) Mario Charette	-59.006
15) Paul Dargis	Penalty
16) Jean-Michel Isabelle	-1 lap
17) Éric Chaput	-1 lap
18) André Lapointe	-1 lap
19) Charles Robin	-1 lap
20) Nathan Gilbert	-1 lap
21) Mario Dufour	-4 laps
22) Austin Riley	-15 laps
23) Roger Champoux	-22 laps
DNS) Charles Deschênes	-----
DNS) Jake Exton	-----

RACE 2 RESULTS

1) Kevin King	29 laps
2) Valérie Limoges	-0.469
3) Nicolas Barrette	-13.832
4) Marco Signoretti	-15.708
5) Sylvain Ouellet	-16.439
6) Frédéric Bernier	-37.952
7) Jean-Michel Isabelle	-43.200
8) Austin Riley	-48.141
9) Mario Berthiaume	-48.395
10) Taylor Near	-48.692
11) Xavier Lassus	-1:07.589
12) Nicolas Touchette	-1:08.108
13) Nathan Gilbert	-1:19.673
14) Frédéric Bouthillier	-1:22.880
15) Éric Chaput	-1 lap
16) Michel Barrette	-1 lap
17) Charles Deschênes	-1 lap
18) Roger Champoux	-2 laps
19) Marie-Josée Massicotte	-2 laps
20) Paul Dargis	-5 laps
21) Martin Barrette	-9 laps
22) Charles Robin	-18 laps
23) Mario Dufour	-26 laps
24) André Lapointe	-28 laps
DNS) Mario Dufour	-----



DRIVERS STANDINGS

1) Kevin King	276 points	18) Marie-Josée Massicotte (S.+R.)	28 points
2) Marco Signoretti (Rookie)	258 points	19) Charles Robin	26 points
3) Valérie Limoges	200 points	20) Nicolas Touchette (Senior)	23 points
3) Frédéric Bernier (Senior)	182 points	20) Michael Habrich	23 points
5) Taylor Near	156 points	22) André Lapointe (S.+R.)	21 points
6) Sylvain Ouellet (Senior)	149 points	23) Martin Barrette (Rookie)	20 points
7) Nicolas Barrette	137 points	24) Frédéric Bouthillier (Rookie)	19 points
8) Éric Chaput (S.+R.)	116 points	25) Demi Chalkias	16 points
8) Austin Riley	116 points	26) Perry Wener (S.+R.)	15 points
10) Jake Exton	107 points	26) Michel Barrette (S.+R.)	15 points
11) Olivier Bédard	101 points	28) Peter Hanson (Senior)	13 points
12) Jesse Lazare	82 points	29) Nathan Gilbert (Rookie)	11 points
13) Jean-Michel Isabelle	55 points	30) Paul Dargis (Senior)	9 points
14) Xavier Lassus (S.+R.)	47 points	31) Roger Champoux (S.+R.)	6 points
15) Mario Berthiaume (Senior)	46 points	32) Charles Deschênes	5 points
16) Mario Charette (Senior)	37 points	33) Mario Dufour (S.+R.)	2 points
17) Alex Habrich (Senior)	29 points		

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