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Summary



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Kevin King and Owen Clarke win Nissan Sentra Cup races at ICAR Complex

The ICAR road course was the scene of Rounds 7 and 8 of the Nissan Sentra Cup, one week before the next rounds at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park

The Nissan Sentra Cup held the seventh and eighth races of its inaugural season this weekend at the ICAR motorsport Complex located on the grounds of the Montreal-Mirabel International Airport. Racing on an uncommon surface made of concrete, the competitors offered a brilliant show to the many fans seated in the grandstands. Kevin King emerged the winner of Saturday's race while rookie driver Owen Clarke won on Sunday.

Despite the dark skies and the threat of rain, Saturday's race was held on a dry track. Once again, the stunning 100% electric Nissan LEAF Nismo RC prototype led the formation lap for the delight of the fans. Then, the 40-minute race started and the intense battle for victory involved no less than six drivers.

Jesse Lazare started on pole position and led the opening laps but was put under tremendous pressure by point standings' leader Kevin King and Ontario's Gavin Sanders. King was able to sneak into the lead, eventually winning the race by a thin margin of just 297 thousandths of a second over Sanders.

Despite his lack of knowledge of the ICAR track, British Columbia driver Jesse Webb - who has been a strong front runner since the season started - rounded out the podium and claimed the top rookie award too. Jesse Lazare was fourth, ahead of Owen Clarke and Valérie Limoges. In the Senior category, Éric Chaput was back to his winning streak and finished seventh overall.



Rookie François Angers-Routhier dominated the race in the Micra class, on his way to his first victory of the season. He crossed the finish line ahead of Nicholas Hornbostel and Simon Vincent, a young driver who's making his debut in the Cup this season following a very successful career in rallying.

On a dry track Sunday morning, rookie driver Jesse Webb from British Columbia took pole position, but rain fell just before the start of the race. It was a tough decision for the drivers to choose between rain tires and slicks. Some elected to start on slicks and the others chose the rains.

Webb started the race on rain tires while the track quickly became dry. Webb and most other Sentra competitors were disadvantaged to run on rain tires as these quickly deteriorated on the dry concrete. They all began to lose ground and positions.

Owen Clarke elected to change tires just as the race started and he emerged in the lead at the third mark point. However, he had to fight hard against Éric Chaput who also chose to switch to dry tires. Clarke finally won the race, becoming the first rookie to win a Sentra Cup race in the overall category.

Chaput finished second and won the Senior class. Point standings' leaders Kevin King and Jesse Lazare finished the race in fifth and 12th place respectively because they ran the entire race on their rain tires.

François Angers-Routhier again won in the Micra class. He chose to race on slick tires, and he managed to climb up to third place overall. Sylvain Ouellet and Jean Audet completed the podium in the Micra class.





POSTCARD OF THE ICAR Complex



A lot of spectators were in the grandstands to watch Saturday's race. They enjoyed an intense battle in the opening laps between three title contenders: Lazare (21), Sanders (10) and King (1).

Éric Chaput was back at the front of the field and claimed two victories in the Senior class in addition to finishing second overall in the second race.



Attack mode for Gavin Sanders during qualifying! The young Ontarian secured another podium in Saturday's race.



Kevin King and Jesse Lazare: Rivals on the track for the title of the first ever Nissan Sentra Cup champion. But in the paddocks, it's a friendly atmosphere between the two drivers.

Fans had the opportunity to appreciate the Nissan LEAF Nismo RC, Nissan's all-electric prototype, which was the series safety car at ICAR Complex.



It was a complete domination of François Angers-Routhier in the Micra class as he collected two victories, two pole positions and two race lap records. It was a good opportunity to celebrate with family, friends and team members!



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JACQUES VEILLEUX, CHIEF STEWARD OF THE NISSAN SENTRA CUP!

In any national or international motorsport series, officials and stewards play an essential role in the smooth running of events. The Chief Steward is at the head of the group of officials in the Nissan Sentra Cup. Jacques Veilleux is one of the most experienced in the world of Canadian motorsports and is the Chief Steward of the Sentra Cup. We wanted to know more about his background, his duties within the series, and of course his opinion of the new Nissan Sentra race cars...

Jacques, can you describe the exact function of the stewards in a Canadian series like the Nissan Sentra Cup?

First and foremost, it is to ensure that all competitors follow all the rules and regulations of the series and the National Sporting Authority (the representative of the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile). We also make sure that the technical rules are rigorously respected. For example, we make sure that the equipment used by our drivers, their cars and the tracks where the Nissan Sentra Cup hold races are all safe. We also have the task of handing out penalties when necessary. In our series, we want to ensure that all competitors obey the rules. That's why each

car is equipped with a video camera. In the event of a dispute, we look at the camera footage from inside the cars and meet with the drivers involved to get their side of the story. We then decide if it's a racing incident or a deliberate manoeuvre.

Before becoming Chief Steward of the Nissan Sentra Cup, what was your background in motorsports?

I've been involved in motorsports for the past 42 years. I started at the Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières in the promotions department before I took over the communications between the emergency vehicles during the races. For the past five years, I was the race director at GP3R and I have also been involved in motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle competitions, including the rallycross, a world-class series that was part of the GP3R, still as a race director. This year, I added to my experience by accepting the position of Chief Steward of the Nissan Sentra Cup.



Going into the season, did you expect the new Sentra race cars to perform so well on the track?

I expected the Sentras to enchant the fans and the drivers right away, but I must admit I was impressed with the performance they displayed during the first few practice and qualifying sessions. The Nissan Sentra is not only an attractive and affordable race car, it's also very fast with superior road handling.

The gap in points for the standings is very close in all categories, so the end of the season promises to be very exciting. As the Chief Steward of the series, how do you feel about the end of the season in such a competitive series?

As far as I'm concerned, it doesn't bring a higher level of stress. There's always a little bit of stress involved and it's a good thing. For the spectators and the drivers, I would say that it's nice to see that the championship is really fought for. We have some good drivers who have a very professional attitude on the track. The races are very exciting, the battle for the title is extremely close and it's nice to see that. Even for a race official!



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RESULTS AND STANDINGS

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QUALIFICATION RACE 1

1) Jesse Lazare	#21
2) Kevin King	#1
3) Gavin Sanders	#10
4) Owen Clarke	#405
5) Jesse Webb	#94
6) Valérie Limoges	#220
7) Alexandre Fortin	#32
8) Darren Graham	#17
9) Éric Chaput	#116
10) Simon Charbonneau	#88
11) Justin Di Benedetto	#4
12) François-Angers Routhier	#90
13) Simon Vincent	#91
14) Nicolas Barrette	#427
15) Nicholas Hornbostel	#71
16) Jean Audet	#5
17) Frédéric Bernier	#28
18) Frédéric Chaput	#63
19) Mario Berthiaume	#728
20) Sylvain Ouellet	#98
21) Marie-Soleil Labelle	#999
22) Samuel Rowe	#23
23) Raphaël St-Pierre	#419
Not started) André Lapointe	#47

QUALIFICATION RACE 2

1) Jesse Webb
2) Gavin Sanders
3) Jesse Lazare
4) Kevin King
5) Darren Graham
6) Owen Clarke
7) Alexandre Fortin
8) Justin Di Benedetto
9) Simon Charbonneau
10) Éric Chaput
11) François-Angers Routhier
12) Simon Vincent
13) Nicolas Barrette
14) Frédéric Chaput
15) Nicholas Hornbostel
16) Samuel Rowe
17) Jean Audet
18) André Lapointe
19) Sylvain Ouellet
20) Marie-Soleil Labelle
21) Frédéric Bernier
22) Mario Berthiaume
23) Raphaël St-Pierre
Excluded) Valérie Limoges

Shur Fit Racing
 Sanders Motorsports/SPI Racing
 Door Doctor/Motorsports In Action
 Nissan Gabriel/L&P Apparel
 Team Applewood
 Team Red Green
 Fix Auto/Ste-Foy Nissan/Beauport Nissan
 Di Benedetto Racing/SPI Racing
 Équipe TransGestion Transport
 Chaps Racing Team
 Autoclub Mtl
 Vincent2 racing team
 Équipe Musée Gilles-Villeneuve
 Chaps Racing Team
 Hornbostel Racing
 R.S. Racing Team
 Grand Times Hôtel
 Lapspeed Performance
 Ouellet Motorsport
 Équipe Musée Gilles-Villeneuve
 Hi-Fi Racing
 M.B. Performance
 Sensei Groupe-Conseil
 Nissan Gabriel/Total Canada

RESULTS RACE 1

1) Kevin King	16 laps
2) Gavin Sanders	-0.297
3) Jesse Webb	-5.214
4) Jesse Lazare	-5.523
5) Owen Clarke	-10.024
6) Valérie Limoges	-10.433
7) Éric Chaput	-22.085
8) François-Angers Routhier	-1:28.483
9) Nicholas Hornbostel	-1:34.921
10) Simon Vincent	-1:42.852
11) Sylvain Ouellet	-1:44.974
12) Jean Audet	-1:45.317
13) Frédéric Bernier	-1:45.628
14) Frédéric Chaput	-1 lap
15) Mario Berthiaume	-1 lap
16) Marie-Soleil Labelle	-1 lap
17) Raphaël St-Pierre	-1 lap
18) Samuel Rowe	-1 lap
19) André Lapointe	-1 lap
20) Darren Graham	-4 laps
21) Nicolas Barrette	-11 laps
22) Alexandre Fortin	-12 laps
23) Simon Charbonneau	-15 laps
24) Justin Di Benedetto	-16 laps

RESULTS RACE 2

1) Owen Clarke	20 laps
2) Éric Chaput	-2.335
3) François-Angers Routhier	-10:278
4) Sylvain Ouellet	-12.598
5) Kevin King	-15.670
6) Jean Audet	-17.419
7) Jesse Webb	-17.476
8) Alexandre Fortin	-19.038
9) Justin Di Benedetto	-20.004
10) Samuel Rowe	-24.009
11) Nicolas Barrette	-41.624
12) Jesse Lazare	-1 lap
13) Valérie Limoges	-1 lap
14) Nicholas Hornbostel	-1 lap
15) Frédéric Bernier	-1 lap
16) Frédéric Chaput	-1 lap
17) Mario Berthiaume	-1 lap
18) Raphaël St-Pierre	-1 lap
19) Marie-Soleil Labelle	-1 lap
20) Simon Charbonneau	-1 lap
21) Gavin Sanders	-5 laps
22) André Lapointe	-16 laps
23) Darren Graham	-20 laps
24) Simon Vincent	-20 laps



This is one of the greatest achievements of the weekend: Owen Clarke claimed the overall win for Sunday's race.



After 8 of the 12 races this season, Sylvain Ouellet is the leader in the Micra class.



It was a rewarding event for Jesse Webb. The British Columbia driver earned his first pole position in addition to rising at the top of the rookie standings.

OVERALL STANDINGS

Position	#	Driver	Class	Races	Points
1.	1	Kevin King		8	352
2.	21	Jesse Lazare		8	325
3.	220	Valérie Limoges		8	266
4.	10	Gavin Sanders		8	258
4.	94	Jesse Webb	R	8	258
6.	32	Alexandre Fortin	R	8	253
7.	405	Owen Clarke	R	8	213
7.	116	Éric Chaput	S	8 (1 M)	213
9.	4	Justin Di Benedetto		8	196
10.	88	Simon Charbonneau	R	8	195
11.	98	Sylvain Ouellet	M	8	175
12.	90	François Angers-Routhier	M+R	8	151
13.	71	Nicholas Hornbostel	M+R	8	147
14.	44	Kai Dalziel	R	6	142
15.	28	Frédéric Bernier	M	8	128
16.	47	André Lapointe	M	7	115
17.	17	Darren Graham	R+S	8	112
18.	63	Frédéric Chaput	M+R	8	107
19.	5	Jean Audet	M	6	105
20.	728	Mario Berthiaume	M	7	101
21.	427	Nicolas Barrette	M	8	100
22.	999	Marie-Soleil Labelle	M	8	76
23.	419	Raphaël St-Pierre	M	6	74
24.	91	Simon Vincent	M+R	4	53
25.	875	Martin Barrette	M	2	35
25.	23	Samuel Rowe	M	2	35
27.	36	Francis Bellerive	M	2	32
28.	57	Michel Barrette	M	3	25
29.	100	Alan Sanders	M+R	3	22
30.	51	Zack Lalonde	M+R	2	17
31.	61	Étienne Caron	M+R	2	15
32.	13	Ricardo Révi	M	2	13
33.	728	Mario Charrette	M	1	11

R = rookie driver; S = Senior class; M = Micra class



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NEXT EVENT

Nissan Sentra Cup competitors will be back in action next weekend at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park (CTMP) near Toronto. This will be the second event held in Ontario this season and the first time the Series will pay visit to the famous road course track, which hosted the Canadian Formula 1 Grand Prix on eight occasions as well as eight Nissan Micra Cup races between 2016 and 2019.

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