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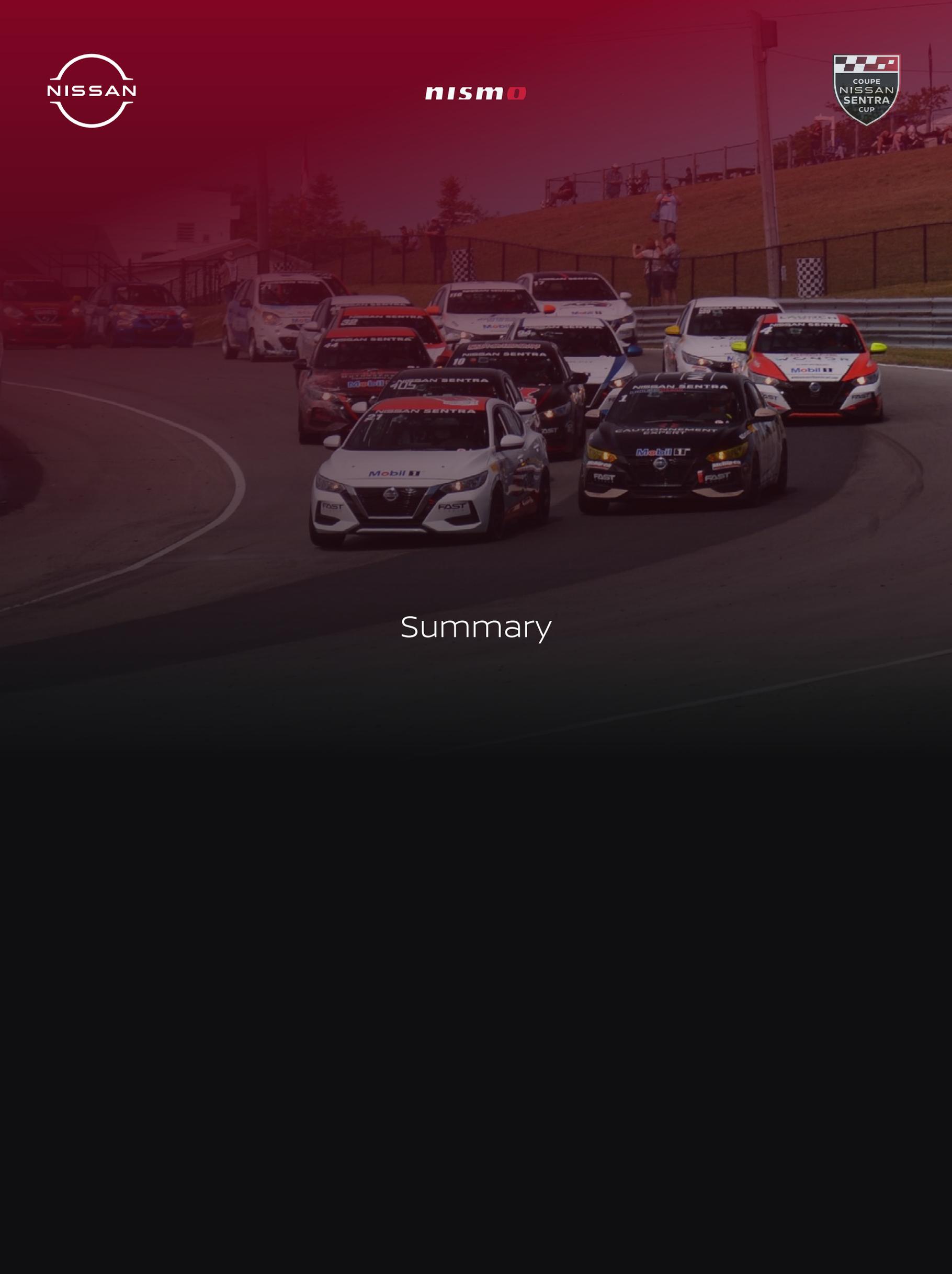


Event 5

Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, ON
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Summary



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Rookies Alexandre Fortin and Jesse Webb are the winners of the Nissan Sentra Cup races at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park

This weekend's two spectacular races are the prelude to an exciting fight for the 2021 title

The Nissan Sentra Cup was back in Ontario this weekend for the ninth and tenth races of the season held at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park in Bowmanville, just east of Toronto. This very fast and demanding road course has been the scene over the years of some of the most prestigious events in Canadian motorsport history. The spectators, admitted in limited numbers during this Labour Day Weekend Sprint, witnessed two highly spectacular races, won by two rookie drivers, Alexandre Fortin on Saturday and Jesse Webb on Sunday.

It was the first time that the Nissan Sentra Cup held an event at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, and it proved how well the new Nissan Sentra race cars performed on this fast 3.96 km track, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year.

In true summer-like weather, Jesse Lazare (Door Doctor / Motorsports In Action team) and Kevin King (Gabriel Nissan / L&P Apparel) resumed their fight for the title during the qualifying session held Saturday morning. Only eight thousandths of a second separated them at the end of the session, with Lazare taking pole position. This set the scene for an intense race.



Lazare and King were not the only candidates for the victory, as four drivers broke away from the rest of the field during the opening laps. The leading Lazare, King, Owen Clarke - last week's race winner at the ICAR Complex - and Gavin Sanders managed to pull away from the rest of the pack. However, Sanders was forced into a retirement, along with Clarke, leaving rookie Alexandre Fortin to compete for the victory with Lazare and King. With a stunning move, Fortin managed to snatch the lead from Lazare seconds before the race went under full-course yellow after Valérie Limoges went off the track.

Alexandre Fortin eventually won the race, scoring his first career win, ahead of Jesse Lazare, Jesse Webb and Darren Graham, who earned his first Top 5 finish and beat Éric Chaput for the Senior class victory.

Young Toronto driver Nicholas Hornbostel emerged the winner in the Micra category but only after a sensational fight with Nicolas Barrette. Barrette finished second, ahead of Sylvain Ouellet, André Lapointe and Mario Charrette.

Jesse Lazare emerged again fastest during Sunday's qualifying session. During the opening laps of the race, he was put under tremendous pressure by Gavin Sanders, then by Kevin King and Jesse Webb. The duel between Lazare and King ended when young British Columbian driver Jesse Webb took advantage of their fight, passed them both and scored his first series win, 322 thousandths of a second ahead of Lazare.

With a car slightly damaged from contact with Lazare, King was passed by Justin Di Benedetto on the final lap, who took third place. Éric Chaput rounded out the top 5 finishers and won the Senior class over Darren Graham.

The tenth event of the season in the Micra class was again dominated by Nicholas Hornbostel. Sylvain Ouellet and Nicolas Barrette completed the podium, ahead of André Lapointe and François Angers-Routhier.





POSTCARD OF THE Canadian Tire Motorsport Park



Nissan Canada President Steve Milette attended the event and took the opportunity to congratulate two young Nissan Sentra Cup drivers who won the race 2 on Sunday: Jesse Webb (right) and Nicholas Hornbostel (Micra class winner, left).

It was a successful weekend for Darren Graham. The BC driver and Nissan dealer achieved his first Top 5 in the series on Saturday, before finishing sixth on Sunday.



Family celebration for Justin Di Benedetto, who beat Kevin King for a podium place in a spectacular final lap on Sunday.



Following a contact two laps before the end of the race Saturday, Valérie Limoges suffered a broken scapula. She was back at the track on Sunday to watch the second race. The entire Nissan Sentra Cup community wishes her a speedy recovery.

Always very consistent, Sylvain Ouellet clinched two new podiums in the Micra class. Enough to keep his status as the favourite for the 2021 title in this class.



A successful weekend for rookie drivers. For Alexandre Fortin, it's a team celebration after his first overall victory in the Series.



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INTERVIEW JENNIFER LUONG

At the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, we met with Jennifer Luong, Senior Manager of Chief marketing management for the sedans and sports cars of Nissan Canada. The Sentra is one of the key models in that division at Nissan. Jennifer's main task is to ensure that the market share and the profit goals for the Sentra are met. The main goal for the new Sentra is to attract a younger audience, which is one of the reasons Nissan Canada launched the Sentra Cup... It is a great race series that brings new followers to the brand.

Jennifer, this is the first time that you have attended a Nissan Sentra Cup event. What do you think about the show?

It's an honour to be here. We can sense the thrill of the track here at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park. It is very exciting to see it in person, especially with this weekend, there was a lot of action, lots of overtaking, it was exciting. I believe it is very unique that we can have a stock unit, with only minor modifications, that has such great race car qualities.

How do you describe the link between the Sentra road car and the race car?

The style and design of the new generation Nissan Sentra is very sporty and perfect for a race car. It's much lower and wider than our previous generation. It looks very modern and has a more sporty look than before. You see a lot of car enthusiasts driving it, it's a great product to attract younger, new owners to our brand. We are going to launch a lot of new models in the next two years and this new Sentra is already part of our Nissan Next transformation.



The Nissan Sentra Cup receives a lot of media exposure, how does this help market the new Sentra?

This exposure is the reason we are investing all our effort in maintaining the Nissan Sentra Cup racing series. In the month of August, we've actually had our best month of sales for the new generation of the Sentra - third month of record sales in a row. We need to get the Sentra name out there even more to attract younger generations. We want people to experience the Sentra's sportiness, to be very passionate about driving it and to have a feel for it. The best way to do that is by having this Canadian motorsports series.



RESULTS AND STANDINGS

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QUALIFICATION RACE 1

1) Jesse Lazare	#21
2) Kevin King	#1
3) Owen Clarke	#405
4) Gavin Sanders	#10
5) Jesse Webb	#94
6) Justin Di Benedetto	#4
7) Kai Dalziel	#44
8) Valérie Limoges	#220
9) Alexandre Fortin	#32
10) Éric Chaput	#116
11) Simon Charbonneau	#88
12) Darren Graham	#17
13) Nicholas Hornbostel	#71
14) Frédéric Bernier	#28
15) François-Angers Routhier	#90
16) André Lapointe	#47
17) Sylvain Ouellet	#98
18) Nicolas Barrette	#427
19) Raphaël St-Pierre	#419
20) Mario Berthiaume	#728
21) Frédéric Chaput	#63

RESULTS RACE 1

1) Alexandre Fortin	18 laps
2) Jesse Lazare	-1.025
3) Kevin King	-1.880
4) Jesse Webb	-2.464
5) Darren Graham	-3.408
6) Éric Chaput	-4.194
7) Kai Dalziel	-5.120
8) Justin Di Benedetto	-5.879
9) Nicholas Hornbostel	-7.012
10) Nicolas Barrette	-7.273
11) Sylvain Ouellet	-8.343
12) André Lapointe	-9.425
13) Mario Berthiaume	-10.488
14) Frédéric Bernier	-10.955
15) Raphaël St-Pierre	-11.468
16) Frédéric Chaput	-12.217
17) Simon Charbonneau	-13.863
18) Valérie Limoges	-2 laps
19) Owen Clarke	-7 laps
20) Gavin Sanders	-12 laps
Not started) François-Angers Routhier	-----

QUALIFICATION RACE 2

1) Jesse Lazare	
2) Owen Clarke	
3) Gavin Sanders	
4) Justin Di Benedetto	
5) Kevin King	
6) Kai Dalziel	
7) Valérie Limoges	
8) Jesse Webb	
9) Alexandre Fortin	
10) Darren Graham	
11) Éric Chaput	
12) Simon Charbonneau	
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Door Doctor/Motorsports In Action
Team Red Green
Sanders Motorsports/SPI Racing
Di Benedetto Racing/SPI Racing
Nissan Gabriel/L&P Apparel
Kai Dalziel Motorsport
Nissan Gabriel/Total Canada
Shur Fit Racing
Fix Auto/Ste-Foy Nissan/Beauport Nissan
Team Applewood
Chaps Racing Team
Équipe TransGestion Transport
Hornbostel Racing
Hi-Fi Racing
Autoclub Mtl
Lapspeed Performance
Ouellet Motorsport
Équipe Musée Gilles-Villeneuve
M.B. Performance
Sensei Groupe-Conseil
Chaps Racing Team

RESULTS RACE 2

1) Jesse Webb	23 laps
2) Jesse Lazare	-0.322
3) Justin Di Benedetto	-11.273
4) Kevin King	-11.487
5) Éric Chaput	-22.359
6) Darren Graham	-26.530
7) Alexandre Fortin	-1 lap
8) Simon Charbonneau	-1 lap
9) Nicholas Hornbostel	-1 lap
10) Sylvain Ouellet	-1 lap
11) Nicolas Barrette	-1 lap
12) André Lapointe	-1 lap
13) François-Angers Routhier	-1 lap
14) Frédéric Chaput	-1 lap
15) Raphaël St-Pierre	-1 lap
16) Mario Charette	-1 lap
17) Gavin Sanders	-15 laps
18) Frédéric Bernier	-20 laps
19) Kai Dalziel	-20 laps
Not started) Valérie Limoges	-----
Not started) Owen Clarke	-----



Éric Chaput, leader in the Senior class standings.

Jesse Webb (1st), Jesse Lazare (2nd) and Justin Di Benedetto (3rd): The podium in Sunday's race.



Perfect weekend for Nicholas Hornbostel in the Micra class: two wins, two pole positions and two fastest laps!

OVERALL STANDINGS

Position	#	Driver	Class	Races	Points
1.	1	Kevin King		10	434
2.	21	Jesse Lazare		10	421
3.	94	Jesse Webb	R	10	346
4.	32	Alexandre Fortin	R	10	333
5.	10	Gavin Sanders		10	284
6.	220	Valérie Limoges		9	280
7.	116	Éric Chaput	S	10 (1 M)	277
8.	4	Justin Di Benedetto		10	266
9.	405	Owen Clarke	R	9	222
10.	88	Simon Charbonneau	R	10	221
11.	98	Sylvain Ouellet	M	10	216
12.	71	Nicholas Hornbostel	M+R	10	203
13.	44	Kai Dalziel	R	8	182
14.	17	Darren Graham	R+S	10	176
15.	90	François Angers-Routhier	M+R	9	169
16.	28	Frédéric Bernier	M	10	158
17.	47	André Lapointe	M	9	149
18.	427	Nicolas Barrette	M	10	142
18.	63	Frédéric Chaput	M+R	10	139
20.	728	Mario Berthiaume	M	8	119
21.	419	Raphaël St-Pierre	M	8	106
22.	5	Jean Audet	M	6	105
23.	999	Marie-Soleil Labelle	M	8	76
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.	728	Mario Charette	M	2	26
29.	57	Michel Barrette	M	3	25
30.	100	Alan Sanders	M+R	3	22
31.	51	Zack Lalonde	M+R	2	17
32.	61	Étienne Caron	M+R	2	15
33.	13	Ricardo Révi	M	2	13

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



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NEXT EVENT

The next and final event will take place September 24 to 26 at Circuit Mont-Tremblant, Québec as part of the traditional Fall Classic weekend. The overall Cup champion, as well as the winners in the Senior, Micra and Rookie categories, will be announced at the end of the second race of the weekend on Sunday, September 26.

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