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Summary



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Kevin King is the 2021 Champion of the Nissan Sentra Cup

Alexandre Fortin and Kevin King won the final two races of the year with King taking the title

Located in the picturesque Québec Laurentians, the Mont-Tremblant circuit was the scene this past weekend of the final and intense races of the first-ever Nissan Sentra Cup. The 11th and 12th rounds lead to the crowning of the champions, where Kevin King and Alexandre Fortin emerged as race winners.

There was tension in the air as the competitors set-up in the paddock. In addition to the expected duel between Kevin King and Jesse Lazare for the overall title, everything was up for grabs for the trophies in the Senior class, Rookie of the Year and Micra category.

Jesse Lazare captured pole position for the first race of the event held Saturday morning in perfect summer conditions. From the green flag, three drivers battled it out fiercely for the victory. Lazare, King and Simon Charbonneau passed and repassed each other almost every lap of the 40-minute race. The trio crossed the finish line almost as one, with King taking the victory just six tenths of a second ahead of Lazare and one second in front of Charbonneau.

Éric Chaput finished in fourth place overall and was the winner in the Senior class. Jesse Webb, Nicolas Touchette and Alexandre Fortin followed in order.

In the Micra class, Sylvain Ouellet and Nicholas Hornbostel enjoyed a terrific fight for the victory. Hornbostel eventually won the race in front of Ouellet, Frédéric Bernier, François Angers-Routhier and Simon Vincent.



The qualifying session for the second race of the event was held on Sunday morning under grey skies and on a slightly damp track. The start of the season's grand finale begun early afternoon under the eyes of Nissan Canada President, Steve Milette. As it's been the case all year long, the race was highly spectacular.

The duel for the lead between Lazare and King unfortunately ended early as Lazare was forced to retire a third of the way through the race after going off the road. The rest of the race was a fantastic battle between five drivers: Fortin, King, Chaput, Webb and Valérie Limoges. Limoges, the driver of the Gabriel Nissan / Total Canada Sentra was back in action this weekend. Unfortunately, she too was forced into a retirement during Sunday's race. Alexandre Fortin won

this final race of year, finishing in front of Éric Chaput and Jesse Webb. Kevin King arrived home in fourth place, claiming the 2021 title in his Nissan Sentra of the Gabriel Nissan / L&P Apparel team.

In the Micra class, Nicholas Hornbostel was the winner again, crossing the line ahead of François Angers-Routhier, Simon Vincent and André Lapointe. Sylvain Ouellet, who finished fifth, secured the class title.

The day ended with the official presentation of the 2021 Champion of the Sentra Cup, Kevin King. Éric Chaput took the honours in the Senior class while Jesse Webb won the prestigious Rookie of the Year title following an intense battle against Alexandre Fortin that lasted all season.

Finally, Sylvain Ouellet won the poleposition.ca Trophy in the Micra class at the end of a very competitive season highlighted by daring passing manoeuvres and several race winners.

After the race, Steve Milette said, "It's a more than satisfactory first year for us, we are very happy with this year, in addition to having been able to present six races this season. The Sentra has performed very well on the track, the drivers really liked it, and with the two classes, Sentra and Micra, there is even more action. All of this makes us very proud of this first season."



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Q&A WITH **Steve Milette,** **President of Nissan Canada**



The 2021 season featured 6 events, which was the goal from the start, despite all the restrictions. What is the importance for Nissan Canada to host these 12 races, even if spectators were not always allowed on the site?

We were committed to launching the Nissan Sentra Cup this year and of course we would have liked to have spectators on the site. But it will happen, it's only a matter of time. This first year allowed us to finalize the development of the cars for the race and to judge the interest of this product from the drivers. The promoter has done a great job throughout the season and he has even sold several cars for next season already. Our drivers have really appreciated the Sentra, they are passionate about it and that's what matters most to us at the end of the day.

We have seen the involvement of several dealers this season, including one from British Columbia. This is not a series limited to Ontario and Quebec. How do these dealers perceive the Nissan Sentra Cup?

It's extremely positive. They are really impressed with the professionalism of the organization, the performance and the qualities of the Sentra. Our dealers believe in this series, they are very happy to contribute to it. We are in an industry of passion and the vast majority of our dealers are passionate about what they do. Being able to participate in an accessible series that promotes their brand is a plus!

The Sentra model has proven to be spectacular and efficient with experienced drivers as well as rookies, with 3 of them winning races this season. Did that reassure you in your choice to bring this model into motorsport?

Picking the Sentra was easy, natural, and I would say that the development of the market for this model in Canada offers us a great opportunity. The new Sentra lent itself well to this introduction to racing and the fact that we have many young riders advancing in this series demonstrates its ability to attract drivers from all over with the use of this model.

There has been a lot of media coverage of the series, on the web, via social media but also by the presentation of the races this fall on the RDS network in Quebec. Is it relevant for Nissan Canada to also be present in more traditional media, such as television?

That is extremely important for us, we want to hear about the Cup everywhere. We are investing in the Nissan Sentra Cup for several reasons, including product development but also to gain recognition in terms of the reputation and quality of the model. Cars are pushed to the limit and people can see the quality and durability of our products. Visibility through social media is obviously essential for us because we reach Sentra's target clientele thanks to this platform, but television shows are also important due to their large audience.

Will the series be back in 2022?

Yes, it will be back and we can't wait for the next season. We are hoping that there will be a lot of spectators in the stands and even more competitors on the track!





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KEVIN KING: 2021 NISSAN SENTRA CUP CHAMPION

The 2020 champion of the last edition of the Nissan Micra Cup, Kevin King won the very first edition of the Nissan Sentra Cup this year, after an exceptional season loaded with intensity...

Kevin, the duel with Jesse Lazare was superb until the very end of the season. Yet, at the start of the season, Ontarian Gavin Sanders seemed to be your most serious opponent. When did you realize that it was going to be you and Jesse Lazare at the top?

I would say it is from Trois-Rivières. Gavin was very unlucky in this Grand Prix for sure, but I saw from the opening event in Shannonville that Jesse would be more consistent than Gavin. This has been confirmed throughout the season. However, it was the Trois-Rivières Grand Prix that was the turning point of the season in my opinion.

For a driver of your level, has there been a moment of adaptation by starting this first season with the new Nissan Sentra racing cars?

When I made the decision to compete in the Nissan Sentra Cup, expectations were high but I didn't necessarily have the time or the budget to train. Starting the season, I only had one day of testing under my belt. Even so, I immediately felt at ease at the controls of the Sentra.

When you want to win, you have to constantly look for the limits and I must say that the Sentra immediately gives you confidence, no matter the circuits. Being able to fight for victory in the first race allowed me to be able to manage my points in the championship. This consistency has allowed me to have a good season which ended with this title.

Speaking of the new racing Sentra, how did driving this car feel?

Coming from the Micra, I would say the biggest difference in handling is that you have a lot more control of the car with the Sentra. It is extremely stable, even at high speeds. Its aerodynamics are really a big plus point and it has excellent braking. It's a really fun car to drive, it's really a tone above what I've experienced before.



Was the title your goal from the start of the season?

Yes, absolutely. Having said that, I didn't expect to be so quick from the first event in Shannonville. I adapted to the new car very quickly and my performance improved immediately, much faster than I might have thought.

What is your best memory of the 2021 season?

In the second last race of the season, here on the Circuit Mont-Tremblant, I took the victory and that really gave me an advantage, including psychological, in the title race. This victory was really a little extra for me. I can't explain it but it was won in a spectacular way and it really mattered. I must also mention my success on Saturday at the Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières, in front of my family, my friends and the thousands of fans back in the stands. It was heartwarming but it was also my easiest victory of the season.



RESULTS AND STANDINGS

Circuit Mont-Tremblant - Event 6

QUALIFICATION RACE 1

1) Jesse Lazare	#21
2) Kevin King	#1
3) Valérie Limoges	#220
4) Éric Chaput	#116
5) Alexandre Fortin	#32
6) Simon Charbonneau	#88
7) Jesse Webb	#94
8) Darren Graham	#17
9) Nicolas Touchette	#55
10) Sylvain Ouellet	#98
11) Nicolas Barrette	#427
12) Nicholas Hornbostel	#71
13) Frédéric Bernier	#28
14) Simon Vincent	#91
15) André Lapointe	#47
16) Frédéric Chaput	#63
17) François-Angers Routhier	#90
18) Raphaël St-Pierre	#419
19) Jean Audet	#5
20) Mario Berthiaume	#728
21) Marie-Soleil Labelle	#999
22) Sean Scully	#428
23) Max Poirier	#425

RESULTS RACE 1

1) Kevin King	19 laps
2) Jesse Lazare	-0.612
3) Simon Charbonneau	-1.013
4) Éric Chaput	-7.516
5) Jesse Webb	-7.631
6) Nicolas Touchette	-36.282
7) Alexandre Fortin	-1:27.117
8) Nicholas Hornbostel	-1:38.199
9) Sylvain Ouellet	-1:38.304
10) Frédéric Bernier	-1:40.944
11) François-Angers Routhier	-1:43.398
12) Simon Vincent	-1:43.810
13) André Lapointe	-1:46.000
14) Frédéric Chaput	-1:46.236
15) Mario Berthiaume	-1 lap
16) Raphaël St-Pierre	-1 lap
17) Nicolas Barrette	-1 lap
18) Marie-Soleil Labelle	-1 lap
19) Sean Scully	-1 lap
20) Max Poirier	-2 laps
21) Valérie Limoges	-10 laps
22) Jean Audet	-10 laps
23) Darren Graham	-18 laps

QUALIFICATION RACE 2

1) Jesse Lazare	#21
2) Kevin King	#1
3) Éric Chaput	#116
4) Alexandre Fortin	#32
5) Valérie Limoges	#220
6) Jesse Webb	#94
7) Simon Charbonneau	#88
8) Darren Graham	#17
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Chaps Racing Team
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Grand Times Hôtel
M.B. Performance
Équipe Musée Gilles-Villeneuve
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RESULTS RACE 2

1) Alexandre Fortin	18 laps
2) Éric Chaput	-1.532
3) Jesse Webb	-1.749
4) Kevin King	-3.455
5) Nicholas Hornbostel	-41.414
6) François-Angers Routhier	-41.739
7) Simon Vincent	-49.574
8) André Lapointe	-49.621
9) Sylvain Ouellet	-53.498
10) Frédéric Chaput	-54.321
11) Jean Audet	-55.641
12) Raphaël St-Pierre	-1:12.439
13) Sean Scully	-1:30.988
14) Valérie Limoges	-1 lap
15) Nicolas Touchette	-1 lap
16) Darren Graham	-2 laps
17) Nicolas Barrette	-2 laps
18) Marie-Soleil Labelle	-2 laps
19) Max Poirier	-2 laps
20) Simon Charbonneau	-5 laps
21) Frédéric Bernier	-8 laps
22) Jesse Lazare	-13 laps
Not started) Mario Berthiaume	-----



Family and team celebrations for Alexandre Fortin, brilliant winner of the last race of the season.



Éric Chaput,
Senior Class champion.



The 2021 podium of the Micra class with Sylvain Ouellet, winner of the poleposition.ca Trophy, Nicholas Hornbostel (2nd) and André Lapointe (3rd).

OVERALL STANDINGS

Position	#	Driver	Class	Races	Points
1.	1	Kevin King	12	522	
2.	21	Jesse Lazare	12	478	
3.	94	Jesse Webb	R	12	424
4.	32	Alexandre Fortin	R	12	411
5.	116	Éric Chaput	S	12 (1 M)	361
6.	220	Valérie Limoges	11	307	
7.	10	Gavin Sanders	10	284	
8.	88	Simon Charbonneau	R	12	276
9.	4	Justin Di Benedetto	10	266	
9.	98	Sylvain Ouellet	M	12	266
11.	71	Nicholas Hornbostel	M+R	12	263
12.	405	Owen Clarke	R	9	222
13.	90	François Angers-Routhier	M+R	11	219
14.	17	Darren Graham	R+S	12	199
15.	28	Frédéric Bernier	M	12	192
16.	47	André Lapointe	M	11	193
17.	44	Kai Dalziel	R	8	182
18.	63	Frédéric Chaput	M+R	12	178
19.	427	Nicolas Barrette	M	12	170
20.	419	Raphaël St-Pierre	M	10	140
21.	728	Mario Berthiaume	M	9	135
22.	5	Jean Audet	M	8	134
23.	999	Marie-Soleil Labelle	M	10	102
23.	91	Simon Vincent	M+R	6	102
25.	55	Nicolas Touchette	S	2	46
26.	875	Martin Barrette	M	2	35
26.	23	Samuel Rowe	M	2	35
28.	36	Francis Bellerive	M	2	32
29.	428	Sean Scully	M+R	2	30
30.	728	Mario Charette	M	2	26
31.	57	Michel Barrette	M	3	25
32.	425	Max Poirier	M+R	2	23
33.	100	Alan Sanders	M+R	3	22
34.	51	Zack Lalonde	M+R	2	17
35.	61	Étienne Caron	M+R	2	15
36.	13	Ricardo Révi	M	2	13

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



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SEE YOU IN 2022!

The Nissan Sentra Cup will be back on Canadian road courses next Spring for what is expected to be another sensation season. Next season will once again include events in Ontario and Québec, including the Formula 1 Canadian Grand Prix in June on Montréal's Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve.

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