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# SENTRA CUP

## MAGAZINE

### Event 3

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## Summary



# Simon Charbonneau Mid-Season Nissan Sentra Cup Champion!

*Alexandre Fortin and Simon Charbonneau winners of the event presented this weekend at  
Circuit Mont-Tremblant*

The Nissan Sentra Cup presented this weekend at Circuit Mont-Tremblant the fifth and sixth rounds of its 2022 season. Two races were won by Alexandre Fortin on Saturday, followed by Simon Charbonneau on Sunday, which marked the mid-season.

Under a hot summer sun, Saturday morning saw young Justin Arseneau take another pole position, just over four tenths of a second ahead of championship leader Simon Charbonneau. Olivier Bédard followed in third place. Bédard, a three-time series champion during the Nissan Micra Cup era, made his debut in Sentra and immediately climbed into the front runners. Alexandre Fortin and Valérie Limoges followed.



In the afternoon, the race, which for the first time in the Series' history was run in 45 minutes, was spectacular. The race saw some drivers push very hard during the first laps, at the risk of prematurely wearing out their tires, while others were more economical in an attempt to gain a few places in the last laps.

In the end, Alexandre Fortin came back on the winners' circle, after having won in Ontario at the start of the season. The driver of the Ste-Foy and Beauport Nissan team resisted the pressure of Charbonneau in the first laps, then Arseneau. Justin Arseneau, who started fifth following a penalty, finished in Fortin's rear bumper while Olivier Bédard completed the podium.

Simon Charbonneau, Valérie Limoges, Éric Chaput, Sylvain Ouellet, André Lapointe, Mathieu Miron, Normand Boyer, Frédéric Chaput and Jean Audet followed. In the Micra class, François Angers-Routhier, Simon Vincent and Nicolas Barrette collected the Top 3.

On Sunday, under the threat of rain, the second qualifying and race were just as intense. Once again, Justin Arseneau took pole position, ahead of Simon Charbonneau, Alexandre Fortin, Valérie Limoges and Daniel Fortin, Alexandre's father.

In the race, a small contact on the first lap between Arseneau and Fortin opened the door to Charbonneau, Limoges and Fortin for victory. The three drivers swapped positions several times. Charbonneau finally won with only 187 thousandths of a second over Valérie Limoges. With this victory, Charbonneau takes the honorary title of 2022 mid-season champion.

Additionally, Olivier Bédard collects his second podium of the weekend. He finishes ahead of Normand Boyer, Éric Chaput, Sylvain Ouellet and Alexandre Fortin, who had an off-course excursion in the second half of the race. Frédéric Chaput, André Lapointe and Jean Audet complete the Top 10. In the Micra class, it's another success for François Angers-Routhier, ahead of Nicolas Barrette and Simon Vincent.





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## POSTCARD FROM **Circuit Mont-Tremblant**



In addition to Olivier Bédard's Sentra debut, this meeting at Circuit Mont-Tremblant was the opportunity for Vincent Beauchesne to make his debut in the series... and in motorsport! At the wheel of the #8 Sentra driven at the start of the season by his coach Simon Dion-Viens, Beauchesne made a good debut, seeking to gain experience and improve his driving in competition. The driver and businessman from Kamouraska (Quebec) finished 15<sup>th</sup> then 17<sup>th</sup>.

After making his Micra class debut last year, rally driver Simon Vincent made his first start of the 2022 season at Circuit Mont-Tremblant. Still in the Micra class, he scored two podiums. Dividing his time between a job as a lawyer, a few Canadian Rally Championship events and the Nissan Sentra Cup is not always easy for the young man, but he has another ambition for the near future: to graduate in the Sentra. In 2023 or before the end of this season? We will have to wait and see...



With two new victories to his credit, François Angers-Routhier has increased his lead in the Micra class, enough to make him the favourite for the poleposition.ca Trophy at the end of the season. So far in this class, Angers-Routhier has 4 wins and two second places, in 6 rounds. His closest rivals are Marie-Soleil Labelle and Raphaël St-Pierre.



In 1976, Gilles Villeneuve had triumphed at the GP of Trois-Rivières, in Formula Atlantic, notably beating James Hunt, Formula 1 driver and on his way to becoming world champion. A feat that launched Villeneuve's international career. In Trois-Rivières this year, the son of the famous British driver, Freddie Hunt, will be on the track in the Nissan Sentra Cup. He will drive the #96 Sentra, a brand new car. Jacques Villeneuve, Gilles' son, will return to driving in the GP3R, in the Canadian NASCAR series. With Hunt in the Nissan Sentra Cup and Villeneuve in NASCAR, thousands more fans will undoubtedly attend the event!



Initially ranked second in Sunday's race at the Formula 1 Grand Prix du Canada on June 19, Kevin King later took the win. Stefan Rzadzinski had crossed the finish line in first place but the officials had penalized him for having jumped the starting signal for the race and then for a restart. Rzadzinski having appealed this decision, gave him back the victory pending the verdict of the National Sports Authority (ASN Canada). This confirmed Rzadzinski's penalty at the end of June, which is therefore ranked 23<sup>rd</sup>. King becomes the official winner, ahead of Charbonneau and Limoges.



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## INTERVIEW

# Olivier Bédard

Olivier Bédard made his debut in the Nissan Sentra Cup at Circuit Mont-Tremblant. A first participation in the Sentra Cup for the driver, who is not unknown to the series: he won the Nissan Micra Cup title three times (2015-17-18). Since that, Bédard has competed - and won - championships in Open Wheel Series (F1600) and Touring Cars (SPC Series, on a Nissan Z)...



**Olivier, how did your two races go this weekend?**

Saturday's went really well. After qualifying 2<sup>nd</sup>, I lost a few places at the start but after a good battle with Simon Charbonneau, I managed to move up to 3<sup>rd</sup>. This podium was like a victory for me. For Sunday's race, it was a little more difficult but I still managed to finish in third place. I must say a big thank you to Sylvain Ouellet and Éric Chaput for this invitation to come and drive in Sentra, it's thanks to them that I was present this weekend.

**You were a returning Micra competitor, how did you find your first experience with the Nissan Sentra racecar?**

I was very curious to try it and I was really impressed. The fights are just as fiery as in the days of the Nissan Micra Cup, but these are faster, more modern cars. I really had a lot of fun driving it.



**How does it feel to come back as a guest in a Series where you were a triple champion?**

I just thought of that while I was on the track! There were already a lot of guest drivers in the Micra Cup and I would say that to be myself in this situation in Sentra is really pleasant: no championship points pressure; in addition, discovering drivers against whom I had, for the most part, never raced, is exciting. I learned to measure their strengths and weaknesses. This is what may have cost me a position on Saturday: I took a little time to analyze my opponents before overtaking and trying to reduce the gap with the first two cars.

**Since your debut in 2015, you have had the opportunity to drive several Nissan models in motorsports. Can you tell us about it?**

Indeed, there have been many Nissans in my life with the Nissan Micra Cup first, which was a wonderful experience for me. Then I joined the Extreme Motorsports team and we have built 7 Nissan Zs for Touring Car Series so far. I have been competing with one of them in the Super Production Challenge championship since 2021 and I was champion. The Sentra is the Nissan's third model that I have driven in motorsport.



# RESULTS AND STANDINGS

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## QUALIFICATION RACE 1

1) Justin Arseneau	#36
2) Simon Charbonneau	#88
3) Olivier Bédard	#96
4) Alexandre Fortin	#32
5) Valérie Limoges	#220
6) Sylvain Ouellet	#99
7) Éric Chaput	#116
8) Jean Audet	#22
9) Mathieu Miron	#191
10) Normand Boyer	#11
11) André Lapointe	#12
12) François-Angers Routhier	#90
13) Vincent Beauchesne	#8
14) Simon Vincent	#91
15) Raphaël St-Pierre	#419
16) Charles-Étienne Boucher	#89
17) Marie-Soleil Labelle	#27
18) Max Poirier	#425
19) Frédéric Chaput (excluded)	#63
20) Nicolas Barrette (excluded)	#427
Did not started) Daniel Fortin	#95

## RESULTS RACE 1

1) Alexandre Fortin	23 laps
2) Justin Arseneau	-0.219
3) Olivier Bédard	-9.898
4) Simon Charbonneau	-12.351
5) Valérie Limoges	-12.854
6) Éric Chaput	-19.704
7) Sylvain Ouellet	-26.325
8) André Lapointe	-26.797
9) Mathieu Miron	-39.348
10) Normand Boyer	-39.563
11) Frédéric Chaput	-41.500
12) Jean Audet	-45.224
13) François-Angers Routhier	-1 lap
14) Simon Vincent	-1 lap
15) Vincent Beauchesne	-1 lap
16) Nicolas Barrette	-1 lap
17) Raphaël St-Pierre	-1 lap
18) Charles-Étienne Boucher	-1 lap
19) Marie-Soleil Labelle	-2 laps
20) Max Poirier	-2 laps
21) Daniel Fortin	Did not started

## QUALIFICATION RACE 2

1) Justin Arseneau	
2) Simon Charbonneau	
3) Alexandre Fortin	
4) Valérie Limoges	
5) Daniel Fortin	
6) Olivier Bédard	
7) Frédéric Chaput	
8) Jean Audet	
9) Sylvain Ouellet	
10) Normand Boyer	
11) Éric Chaput	
12) André Lapointe	
13) Mathieu Miron	
14) Vincent Beauchesne	
15) François-Angers Routhier	
16) Simon Vincent	
17) Nicolas Barrette	
18) Charles-André Boucher	
19) Raphaël St-Pierre	
20) Marie-Soleil Labelle	
21) Max Poirier	

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Unicorn Motorsport

## RESULTS RACE 2

1) Simon Charbonneau	23 laps
2) Valérie Limoges	-0.187
3) Olivier Bédard	-5.980
4) Normand Boyer	-6.169
5) Éric Chaput	-13.815
6) Sylvain Ouellet	-28.507
7) Alexandre Fortin	-35.761
8) Frédéric Chaput	-36.251
9) André Lapointe	-39.325
10) Jean Audet	-44.721
11) Mathieu Miron	-1:22.044
12) Daniel Fortin	-1:42.108
13) Justin Arseneau	-1 lap
14) François-Angers Routhier	-1 lap
15) Nicolas Barrette	-1 lap
16) Simon Vincent	-1 lap
17) Vincent Beauchesne	-1 lap
18) Raphaël St-Pierre	-1 lap
19) Charles-Étienne Boucher	-1 lap
20) Marie-Soleil Labelle	-1 lap
21) Max Poirier	-2 laps



## OVERALL STANDINGS

Position	#	Driver	Class	Races	Points
1.	88	<b>Simon Charbonneau</b>		6	255
2.	220	<b>Valérie Limoges</b>		6	240
3.	32	<b>Alexandre Fortin</b>		6	199
4.	36	<b>Justin Arseneau</b>		6	181
5.	99	<b>Sylvain Ouellet</b>	S	6	174
6.	11	<b>Normand Boyer</b>	S	6	164
7.	116	<b>Éric Chaput</b>	S	6	154
8.	63	<b>Frédéric Chaput</b>		6	134
8.	191	<b>Mathieu Miron</b>		5	134
10.	12	<b>André Lapointe</b>	S	6	133
11.	90	François Angers-Routhier	M	6	123
12.	22	<b>Jean Audet</b>	S	6	120
13.	95	<b>Daniel Fortin</b>	S	5	113
14.	427	<b>Nicolas Barrette</b>		5	89
14.	27	Marie-Soleil Labelle	M	6	89
16.	1	<b>Kevin King</b>		2	88
17.	419	Raphaël St-Pierre	M	6	87
18.	96	<b>Olivier Bédard</b>		2	84
19.	425	Max Poirier	M+R	6	72
20.	8	<b>Simon Dion-Viens</b>		4	62
21.	69	<b>Stefan Rzdazinski</b>		2	54
22.	89	Charles-Étienne Boucher	M+R	4	47
23.	55	<b>Nicolas Touchette</b>	S	2	43
24.	23	Samuel Rowe	M	2	39
25.	91	Simon Vincent	M	2	34
26.	20	Benoît Gagnon	M+S	2	32
27.	8	<b>Vincent Beauchesne</b>	R	2	30
28.	26	Luc Richard	M+S	2	25
29.	191	<b>Nicolas Miron</b>		1	24
30.	875	Martin Barrette	M	1	15
31.	13	Gilbert Christini	M+S	1	9
32.	13	Riccardo Révi	M+S	1	8
33.	429	Étienne Caron	M+R	1	6

R = rookie driver; S = Senior class; M = Micra class - poleposition.ca Trophy.



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## NEXT EVENT

It will take place in two weeks, when the Series will be featured at the famous Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières. More than 30 drivers are expected at the Nissan Sentra Cup on August 5, 6 and 7 in Trois-Rivières, a record for the Series. The Britt Freddie Hunt, the son of legendary Formula 1 champion James Hunt.

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