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Summary



Justin Arseneau and Kevin King are the winners of the Nissan Sentra Cup races at the Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières

A maiden victory for Arseneau, debut in the series for Freddie Hunt and Valérie Limoges jumps on top of the point standings

The Nissan Sentra Cup staged this weekend the seventh and eighth rounds of its 2022 season as part of the 52nd edition of the Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières. Action raged in both races and saw Justin Arseneau win on Saturday and Kevin King finish first on Sunday.

Friday's qualifying session, held for the 33 entered competitors (a record in the history of the series!), saw young Justin Arseneau take his seventh pole position in seven races so far this season. Point standings' leader Simon Charbonneau set the fastest time, but got penalized

and had to start the first race from the fourth position behind Arseneau, Alexandre Fortin and Valérie Limoges, winner in Trois-Rivières last year.

Staged in front of packed grandstands, Saturday's race was highly spectacular. Pole position holder Justin Arseneau, who celebrated his seventeenth birthday only three days before the event, made a good start and remained in first place all race long. However, he was under



tremendous pressure from Simon Charbonneau, Kevin King and Alexandre Fortin. Those three battled hard to dislodge Arseneau from the lead, but they endured different outcomes. Charbonneau, the championship leader before Trois-Rivières, hit the wall and was forced to retire, leaving Fortin and King to compete for second and third places. They crossed the finish line in that order.

Valérie Limoges enjoyed a solid race to finish fourth, a place that propelled her on top of the point standings - a first in the history of the series. André Lapointe, Éric Chaput, Nicolas Miron,

Frédéric Chaput, Sylvain Ouellet and Normand Boyer completed the Top 10. These six drivers fought fiercely for positions all race long.

For his first career race in the Sentra Cup, Freddie Hunt finished twelfth, right behind Nicolas Barrette. Jean-Michel Isabelle captured victory in the Micra class which also displayed intense competition. Isabelle was making his return to the series. He finished ahead of Martin Barrette and Samuel Rowe.

Sunday's race was held in front of an impressive crowd and under beaming sun. Kevin King started the race from pole position, with Alexandre Fortin alongside. If Fortin quickly lost touch with King, the latter remained in the lead throughout the race, put under pressure by Justin Arseneau first, and then by Sylvain Ouellet who drove a stunning race.

A collision between Daniel Fortin and Frédéric Chaput sadly forced the officials to neutralize the race. The cars crossed the finish line behind the official Nissan Z (the safety car of the series). Kevin King captured victory ahead of Sylvain Ouellet and Éric Chaput. After a challenging start to the season, Nicolas Barrette earned a well-deserved Top 4 finish, ahead of Simon Charbonneau, André Lapointe and Freddie Hunt. Valérie Limoges finished the event in eighth place and retains the lead in the drivers' championship ahead of Simon Charbonneau.

In the Micra class, this second race of the weekend was hotly disputed again. Jean-Michel Isabelle was the victor for a second time in succession. Frédéric Bernier and radio host Benoît Gagnon took the other two steps on the podium.





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POSTCARD FROM Trois-Rivières



This is a first in the history of the series and even in that of the Canadian motorsport national series: at the end of the races presented at the GP3R, Valérie Limoges became the first female driver to take the lead of the drivers' championship, 4 races from the end of the season. Limoges who already has the record for overall victories won by women at the Trois-Rivières event did not win this year but her consistency paid off. We see Valérie here with actress Karine Vanasse, Nissan brand ambassador in Quebec, present on Saturday to cheer on the Nissan Sentra Cup drivers' and present the trophies for the Top 3 on the podium.



33 drivers registered, 32 on track, a record in the history of the series! Among the newcomers that the Nissan Sentra Cup had attracted during this 52nd edition of the Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières we find the young Simon Darveau and Jean-François Couture, plus of course Freddie Hunt! It was also a comeback for Jean-Michel Isabelle and Frédéric Bernier, two drivers who had enjoyed the good old days of the Nissan Micra Cup.



Sylvain Ouellet was a very busy driver in the GP3R: in addition to his regular participation in the Nissan Sentra Cup, where he finished 9th then 2nd, he also competed with his old Nissan Micra in two races in the SPC series, in the Compact class. Ouellet won both races before capping off a successful weekend with a podium spot with his Sentra, finishing second behind Kevin King on Sunday!



The situation is exceptional: on the podium of the Nissan Sentra Cup after Sunday's race, there were three drivers from the Trois-Rivières region: Kevin King (winner and resident of the city), Sylvain Ouellet (2nd, who lives in Louiseville, a few kilometres west of Trois-Rivières) and Éric Chaput (3rd and also originally from Louiseville). In total, 7 drivers which means 23% of the entrants, were local drivers!



This year, fans of the Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières could once again take full advantage of the event, without restrictions. Under the sun and heat temperatures, tens of thousands of spectators came to the paddocks of the Nissan Sentra Cup, to admire in particular the all-new Nissan Z and to meet the Series' drivers and their teammates. Many of them also exercised their talents on the race simulator allowing them to drive the Nissan Z virtually. Family, friends, a few influencers invited by Nissan Canada, also took advantage of the experience.



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INTERVIEW

Freddie Hunt

He was the star of the 52nd edition of the Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières. For the first time in his career, Freddie Hunt, son of legendary Formula 1 champion (1976) James Hunt, competed in a motorsports event in North America, and in the Nissan Sentra Cup! At the wheel of the #96 Sentra, the number his father had when he competed against Gilles Villeneuve at the Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières during the Formula Atlantic race in 1976, Freddie finished both races in twelfth and then seventh place.

For the 35-year-old Brit driver, who usually competes in the Le Mans Cup series in Europe with a Nissan-powered LMP3 prototype, it was not easy but he had fun to drive his Sentra racecar on the track. He tells us about it...



Freddie, from an LMP3 prototype to an almost stock racecar like the Sentra, is it difficult?

Yes and as you could see, I was not very fast. It would have taken me more testing to adapt because, of course, the Sentra is completely different from what I am used to. I would say that they are two different animals to tame! Taking the controls of a car with front-wheel drive and with a different power from what I know in races in Europe would have required more adaptation to get me to a better level in the Nissan Sentra Cup, which is a very competitive series.



Did you enjoy driving the Nissan Sentra racecar?

Oh yes, a lot! I like to drive any car. It's just a bit frustrating when I see my lap times are slow. But like I said, didn't had very much practice. At the end of the second race, I was seventh, so it's not too bad with just half an hour of testing at Circuit ICAR on the Wednesday before the GP3R. I love racing and I love driving, so it was very nice to be behind the wheel of the Sentra.

What was your assessment of the second race on Sunday, where you finished Top 7?

I was more confident. I knew what to expect and I could push the car a bit harder. I also had a good restart and that was the key to this 7th place finish.

Driving at the GP3R, on a site where your father competed against Gilles Villeneuve, what did this mean to you?

Absolutely, especially since the layout of the track has remained the same. I went to other circuits where my father had driven but they all changed a lot. At the GP3R and in the paddock of the Nissan Sentra Cup, the atmosphere is also much more relaxed, friendlier than in Europe. It's very pleasant. Also, fans are good at GP3R and I was pleasantly surprised to see that my father's memories were still very present. I knew the story of his participation in 1976 but in Europe, nobody talks about it. Everyone here was talking about it. It was very touching.



RESULTS AND STANDINGS

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QUALIFICATION RACE 1

1) Justin Arseneau	#36
2) Alexandre Fortin	#32
3) Valérie Limoges	#220
4) Simon Charbonneau	#88
5) Kevin King	#1
6) Daniel Fortin	#95
7) Sylvain Ouellet	#99
8) André Lapointe	#12
9) Nicolas Miron	#191
10) Frédéric Chaput	#63
11) Nicolas Barrette	#427
12) Éric Chaput	#116
13) Normand Boyer	#11
14) Freddie Hunt	#96
15) François-Angers Routhier	#90
16) Jean-Michel Isabelle	#86
17) Luc Richard	#26
18) Martin Barrette	#875
19) Sean Scully	#428
20) Marie-Soleil Labelle	#27
21) Benoît Gagnon	#20
22) Simon Darveau	#217
23) Raphaël St-Pierre	#419
24) Charles-Étienne Boucher	#89
25) Frédéric Bernier	#28
26) Jean Audet	#5
27) Riccardo Révi	#13
28) Étienne Caron	#429
29) Jean-François Couture	#7
30) Vincent Beauchesne	#8
31) Max Poirier	#425
32) Samuel Rowe	#23

RESULTS RACE 1

1) Justin Arseneau	20 laps
2) Alexandre Fortin	-1.976
3) Kevin King	-2.773
4) Valérie Limoges	-5.580
5) André Lapointe	-8.535
6) Éric Chaput	-8.961
7) Nicolas Miron	-9.276
8) Frédéric Chaput	-9.853
9) Sylvain Ouellet	-10.064
10) Normand Boyer	-10.986
11) Nicolas Barrette	-11.735
12) Freddie Hunt	-12.552
13) Jean-Michel Isabelle	-26.333
14) Martin Barrette	-27.258
15) Samuel Rowe	-30.519
16) Sean Scully	-30.896
17) Jean Audet	-31.189
18) Benoît Gagnon	-32.417
19) Vincent Beauchesne	-33.636
20) Étienne Caron	-35.141
21) Charles-Étienne Boucher	-43.947
22) Jean-François Couture	-44.234
23) Max Poirier	-45.579
24) Riccardo Révi	-58.152
25) Daniel Fortin	-3 laps
26) Simon Charbonneau	-7 laps
27) Simon Darveau	-7 laps
28) Marie-Soleil Labelle	-8 laps
29) Frédéric Bernier	-14 laps
30) Luc Richard	-17 laps
31) Raphaël St-Pierre	-18 laps
32) François-Angers Routhier	Did not start

QUALIFICATION RACE 2

1) Kevin King	
2) Alexandre Fortin	
3) Simon Charbonneau	
4) Justin Arseneau	
5) Sylvain Ouellet	
6) André Lapointe	
7) Daniel Fortin	
8) Valérie Limoges	
9) Éric Chaput	
10) Nicolas Miron	
11) Frédéric Chaput	
12) Normand Boyer	
13) Freddie Hunt	
14) Nicolas Barrette	
15) Jean-Michel Isabelle	
16) Samuel Rowe	
17) Benoît Gagnon	
18) Martin Barrette	
19) Sean Scully	
20) Frédéric Bernier	
21) Vincent Beauchesne	
22) Étienne Caron	
23) Marie-Soleil Labelle	
24) Jean Audet	
25) Charles-André Boucher	
26) Simon Darveau	
27) Jean-François Couture	
28) Luc Richard	
29) Riccardo Révi	
30) Max Poirier	
31) Raphaël St-Pierre	
Did not start) François-Angers Routhier	

RESULTS RACE 2

1) Kevin King	17 laps
2) Sylvain Ouellet	-1.471
3) Éric Chaput	-2.947
4) Nicolas Barrette	-3.805
5) Simon Charbonneau	-4.762
6) André Lapointe	-6.937
7) Freddie Hunt	-7.633
8) Valérie Limoges	-8.999
9) Normand Boyer	-10.294
10) Jean-Michel Isabelle	-14.419
11) Frédéric Bernier	-16.027
12) Benoît Gagnon	-16.868
13) Jean Audet	-18.568
14) Sean Scully	-19.262
15) Samuel Rowe	-20.071
16) Simon Darveau	-20.760
17) Raphaël St-Pierre	-21.656
18) Charles-Étienne Boucher	-22.675
19) Alexandre Fortin	-27.284
20) Justin Arseneau	-30.035
21) Vincent Beauchesne	-56.238
22) Max Poirier	-1 lap
23) Frédéric Chaput	-2 laps
24) Daniel Fortin	-2 laps
25) Martin Barrette	-2 laps
26) Étienne Caron	-5 laps
27) Riccardo Révi	-5 laps
28) Nicolas Miron	-8 laps
29) Jean-François Couture	-8 laps
30) Marie-Soleil Labelle	-9 laps
31) Luc Richard	No transponder
32) François-Angers Routhier	Did not start

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OVERALL STANDINGS

Position	#	Driver	Class	Races	Points
1.	220	Valérie Limoges		8	304
2.	88	Simon Charbonneau		8	295
3.	32	Alexandre Fortin		8	257
4.	36	Justin Arseneau		8	246
5.	99	Sylvain Ouellet	S	8	244
6.	116	Éric Chaput	S	8	226
7.	11	Normand Boyer	S	8	210
8.	12	André Lapointe	S	8	197
9.	1	Kevin King		4	184
10.	63	Frédéric Chaput		8	168
11.	22+5	Jean Audet	S	8	152
12.	427	Nicolas Barrette		7	147
13.	191	Mathieu Miron		5	134
14.	95	Daniel Fortin	S	7	123
14.	90	François Angers-Routhier	M	6	123
16.	419	Raphaël St-Pierre	M	8	102
17.	27	Marie-Soleil Labelle	M	8	93
18.	425	Max Poirier	M+R	8	89
19.	96	Olivier Bédard		2	84
20.	23	Samuel Rowe	M	4	71
21.	89	Charles-Étienne Boucher	M+R	6	70
22.	20	Benoît Gagnon	M+S	4	64
23.	8	Simon Dion-Viens		4	62
24.	191	Nicolas Miron		3	55
25.	69	Stefan Rzadzinski		2	54
26.	8	Vincent Beauchesne	R	4	52
27.	96	Freddie Hunt		2	47
28.	86	Jean-Michel Isabelle	M	2	46
29.	55	Nicolas Touchette	S	2	43
30.	875	Martin Barrette	M	3	39
31.	91	Simon Vincent	M	2	34
32.	428	Sean Scully	M+R+S	2	32
33.	26	Luc Richard	M+S	4	26
34.	429	Étienne Caron	M+R	3	23
35.	28	Frédéric Bernier	M+S	2	22
36.	13	Riccardo Révi	M+S	3	20
37.	217	Simon Darveau	M+R	2	18
38.	7	Jean-François Couture	M+R	2	11
39.	13	Gilbert Christini	M+S	1	9

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



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NEXT EVENT

It will take place September 2, 3 and 4, on Labour Day weekend, when the Nissan Sentra Cup returns to Canadian Tire Motorsport Park in Bowmanville, Ontario. This will be the penultimate event of the 2022 season.

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