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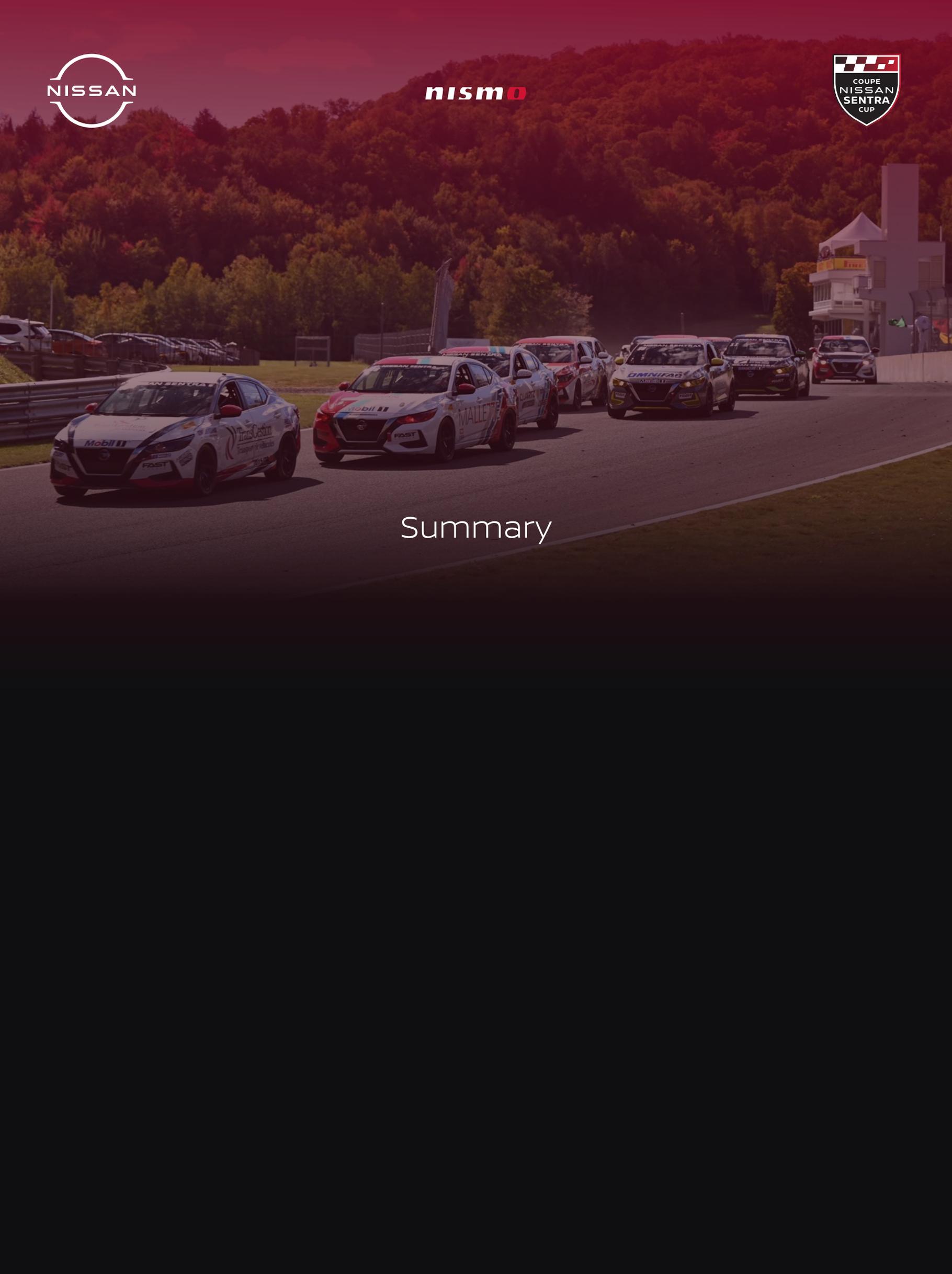
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Summary



Valérie Limoges makes history in Canadian motorsport!

Simon Charbonneau wins the final two races of the season held at the Circuit Mont-Tremblant

The Nissan Sentra Cup hosted its final two races of 2022 this weekend at Circuit Mont-Tremblant, Québec. This thrilling racing season celebrated a new champion, Valérie Limoges, who makes history by becoming the first female racer to clinch an all-category title in Canadian road racing. Simon Charbonneau claimed victory in both races held this weekend.

"This is a big day for me. I'm delighted to have won the title and to have been so consistent all year long. That was key to my success," said Valérie Limoges after the race. "I hope my title will encourage other female drivers to join this series and to get involved in motorsport in general."

I'm certainly hoping to be back in the Cup next year and to carry No. 1 on my Groupe Gabriel/ Total Energies Sentra."

It was under clear skies but in cool weather that the qualifying session started Saturday's track activities, Simon Charbonneau captured pole position ahead of Éric Chaput, Valérie Limoges, Sylvain Ouellet, Alexandre Fortin and Normand Boyer.

The race turned into an epic battle for the lead involving the three most serious contenders for this year's overall title. However, Simon Charbonneau stayed ahead of the pack during the entire incident-free, 40-minute race. Charbonneau captured a victory in front of Valérie Limoges who battled it out with Alexandre Fortin at the beginning of the race. Valérie moved into second place when Fortin was forced to retire. Éric Chaput completed the podium but taking third ahead of Nicolas Barrette and Normand Boyer who had the most exciting of the battle of the race.



However, Boyer was disqualified, therefore promoting Sylvain Ouellet to fifth place, thus losing his last chances for the title. André Lapointe, Daniel Fortin, Paul Dargis (who took his maiden start in the Sentra class) and Frédéric Chaput followed in order.

Simon Vincent dominated the qualifying session and the race in the Micra category, taking his third consecutive win of the season. Rookie Charles-Étienne Boucher and Raphaël St-Pierre completed the podium.

The second race of the weekend held on Sunday was to decide the 2022 titles. This was a fantastic confrontation ahead of an impressive crowd at Circuit Mont-Tremblant bathed in fall colours. Charbonneau again set the fastest time in the morning's qualifying session, beating Alexandre Fortin, Éric Chaput, Valérie Limoges and Nicolas Barrette.

Charbonneau led all laps of this ultimate race of the season with Alexandre Fortin glued to his rear bumper. They crossed the line in that order with Valérie Limoges taking third and claiming the overall title by three points over Charbonneau. Éric Chaput, Nicolas Barrette, Frédéric Chaput, André Lapointe, Daniel Fortin, Sylvain Ouellet and Paul Dargis completed the Top 10.

Simon Vincent enjoyed a perfect day in the Micra class, taking pole position, the race victory and the fastest lap of the race. Vincent won the race from Charles-Étienne Boucher, rookie Nicolas Lévesque and Raphaël St-Pierre who claims the Micra title ahead of Marie-Soleil Labelle.





Valérie Limoges, 2022 CHAMPION!

One of the most beautiful pages in the great history of Canadian motorsport was written at Circuit Mont-Tremblant on September 25, 2022, with Valérie Limoges' title in the Nissan Sentra Cup. First female driver to win an overall title in a national road racing series, Valérie shared her feelings with us immediately after the season finale...

Valérie, how was this 2022 season?

It was full of challenges for me. We didn't specifically aim for victories, although of course we always want to win in motorsport. It is important to score points in each race and we have been very consistent. I have been in the series for a long time, I opted for this tactic because I often lost points that kept me out of the title contenders in previous seasons. Luck was of course an element, but I especially want to mention the work of the Total Energies / Nissan Gabriel team. Together with MIA Motorsport and my mechanics, everyone did a great job. It is also their title, thanks to them.

Did you have a strategy at the start of the final race, on Sunday?

The first two were faster than me, I do not deny it. I was maybe driving a little nervously during the first laps, then I picked up the pace. I made a few mistakes that I usually don't make, because I was thinking a lot of things. Then, when I saw the starter raise his arm to announce the last lap, I acted like I hadn't seen him. I concentrated like it was a normal lap. That's how it all ended.

You are the first woman to win a national road racing Series in Canada, what does that represent?

That's what I've been aiming for a long time. First and foremost, I'm a driver, but if this title can inspire other women to get involved and succeed in motorsport, that's even better. Unfortunately, there is only ever one winner. This year it's our turn and I'm obviously very proud of it.



At what point in the season did you start thinking of the title?

I saw that in my first races, I was always consistent in the results. At the Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières, I understood that it paid off to have opted for this strategy. We weren't always the fastest on the track, but I learned that in a series as competitive as the Nissan Sentra Cup, you have to know how to count the points!

What would you say to someone considering joining the series?

That's really fun! Budgets are reasonable and the competition is intense. Winning in the Nissan Sentra Cup is not easy but we are surrounded by good people and I think as drivers we really give a good show for the fans.

What are your plans for the next seasons?

I plan to return to the series to defend my title. I have offers for other series but I want to drive with number 1 on my Sentra in 2023!



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Raphaël St-Pierre, WINNER OF THE MICRA CLASS

About twenty drivers competed in the Micra class this season, aiming for the poleposition.ca Trophy. Raphaël St-Pierre won ahead of Marie-Soleil Labelle and Max Poirier, also rookie of the year 2022 in the series. Living with autism spectrum disorder, Raphaël St-Pierre was very consistent throughout the 12 races and this success is well deserved for the young driver...

Raphaël, how would you describe the final event which brought you the title in the Micra class?

Everything went very well, I did not take any unnecessary risks. I had only to finish both races, that's the condition to win the title. The pressure was therefore low during this last event.

What does it mean to you to win the poleposition.ca Micra class trophy?

I didn't expect that at all at the start of the season. I've only been in the series for two years and winning this class is exceptional for me. I had learned a lot in my first season in 2021 and I put that into practice this year. Of course, my 5 seasons of karting competition also gave me a good basis to start in the series but I believe that, thanks to the Nissan Sentra Cup, I have evolved a lot as a driver. I have become more and more persistent and have gain the rewards this season.

How do you analyze the competition in the Micra class?

Every position is dearly defended! At the start of the season, François Angers-Routhier was dominant but since he did not finish the season after his contact with the wall in Trois-Rivières, that opened the door to the title for me. Subsequently, Simon Vincent dominated the last 4 races. He is a very good driver, very strong and he could have been a serious title contender if he had competed all season. Finally, I would add that Marie-Soleil Labelle was also competitive. She remained my rival for the title until the last event.





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POSTCARD FROM **Mont-Tremblant**

Fighting for the overall title until the penultimate race of the season, Sylvain Ouellet finished fourth in the overall standings but he won the title in the Senior class, dedicated to drivers aged 40 and more. This is a second consecutive Nissan Sentra Cup championship for the driver from Louiseville, near Trois-Rivières, after winning the Micra class in 2021. In the final standings of the Senior class, the #99 Sentra driver is ahead of his friends Éric Chaput, Normand Boyer and André Lapointe. Daniel Fortin completes the Top 5.



At the beginning of September at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, Simon Vincent had collected the two pole positions, the two victories and the two fastest laps in the race in the Micra class. At Mont-Tremblant, he did it again with perfect results. No doubt that if the young driver, coming from the Canadian Rally Championship, had taken part in the whole season, he would have been a serious candidate for the title. But Simon has another goal for the 2023 season: to graduate with a Sentra in the Series!



In the paddocks of the Nissan Sentra Cup at Mont-Tremblant, in addition to a dozen Nissan Zs that the spectators - present in large numbers during the event - could admire, the Nissan Canada simulator was a great success. Many fans tested their virtual driving abilities of the new Nissan Z behind the wheel. For the pleasure of the youngest as well as the most experienced!



RESULTS AND STANDINGS

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QUALIFICATION RACE 1

1) Simon Charbonneau	#88
2) Éric Chaput	#116
3) Valérie Limoges	#220
4) Sylvain Ouellet	#99
5) Alexandre Fortin	#32
6) Normand Boyer	#11
7) Simon Vincent	#91
8) Charles-Étienne Boucher	#89
9) Raphaël St-Pierre	#419
10) Vincent Beauchesne	#8
11) Marie-Soleil Labelle	#27
12) Max Poirier	#425
13) Nicolas Lévesque	#50
14) Daniel Fortin	#95
15) Jean-François Couture	#7
16) Jonathan Castellote	#13
17) Paul Dargis	#53
18) Sean Scully	#428
19) Frédéric Chaput	#63
20) Nicolas Barrette	#427
21) André Lapointe	#12
Excluded) Luc Richard	#26

RESULTS RACE 1

1) Simon Charbonneau	20 laps
2) Valérie Limoges	-21.406
3) Éric Chaput	-22.011
4) Nicolas Barrette	-27.490
5) Sylvain Ouellet	-41.485
6) André Lapointe	-43.579
7) Daniel Fortin	-44.329
8) Normand Boyer	Penalty
9) Paul Dargis	-1:50.730
10) Frédéric Chaput	-1 lap
11) Simon Vincent	-1 lap
12) Charles-Étienne Boucher	-1 lap
13) Raphaël St-Pierre	-1 lap
14) Nicolas Lévesque	-1 lap
15) Marie-Soleil Labelle	-1 lap
16) Luc Richard	-1 lap
17) Max Poirier	-2 laps
18) Sean Scully	-2 laps
19) Alexandre Fortin	-11 laps
20) Jonathan Castellote	-17 laps
21) Jean-François Couture	-18 laps
22) Vincent Beauchesne	Did not start

QUALIFICATION RACE 2

1) Simon Charbonneau	
2) Alexandre Fortin	
3) Éric Chaput	
4) Valérie Limoges	
5) Frédéric Chaput	
6) Nicolas Barrette	
7) André Lapointe	
8) Normand Boyer	
9) Sylvain Ouellet	
10) Daniel Fortin	
11) Paul Dargis	
12) Simon Vincent	
13) Charles-Étienne Boucher	
14) Sean Scully	
15) Raphaël St-Pierre	
16) Nicolas Lévesque	
17) Marie-Soleil Labelle	
18) Riccardo Révi	
19) Max Poirier	
Did not start) Jean-François Couture	
Did not start) Luc Richard	
Did not start) Vincent Beauchesne	

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RESULTS RACE 2

1) Simon Charbonneau	21 laps
2) Alexandre Fortin	-0.270
3) Valérie Limoges	-25.244
4) Éric Chaput	-27.929
5) Nicolas Barrette	-28.206
6) Frédéric Chaput	-28.734
7) André Lapointe	-39.241
8) Daniel Fortin	-39.613
9) Sylvain Ouellet	-50.391
10) Paul Dargis	-1:39.504
11) Simon Vincent	-1 lap
12) Charles-Étienne Boucher	-1 lap
13) Nicolas Lévesque	-1 lap
14) Raphaël St-Pierre	-1 lap
15) Sean Scully	-1 lap
16) Marie-Soleil Labelle	-1 lap
17) Riccardo Révi	-2 laps
18) Max Poirier	-2 laps
19) Jean-François Couture	-2 laps
20) Normand Boyer	-9 laps
21) Luc Richard	Did not start
22) Vincent Beauchesne	Did not start



OVERALL STANDINGS

Position	#	Driver	Class	Races	Points
1.	220	Valérie Limoges		12	482
2.	88	Simon Charbonneau		12	479
3.	32	Alexandre Fortin		12	417
4.	99	Sylvain Ouellet	S	12	372
5.	116	Éric Chaput	S	12	353
6.	11	Normand Boyer	S	12	305
7.	12	André Lapointe	S	12	298
8.	427	Nicolas Barrette		11	258
9.	36	Justin Arseneau		8	246
10.	63	Frédéric Chaput		12	244
11.	95	Daniel Fortin	S	11	237
12.	22	Jean Audet	S	10	202
13.	1	Kevin King		4	184
14.	419	Raphaël St-Pierre	M	12	169
15.	27	Marie-Soleil Labelle	M	12	152
16.	425	Max Poirier	M+R	12	142
17.	191	Mathieu Miron		5	134
18.	91	Simon Vincent	M	6	130
19.	90	François Angers-Routhier	M	6	123
20.	191	Nicolas Miron		5	111
21.	89	Charles-Étienne Boucher	M+R	8	108
22.	428	Sean Scully	M+R+S	6	93
23.	96	Olivier Bédard		2	84
24.	23	Samuel Rowe	M	4	71
25.	71	Nicholas Hornbostel		2	66
25.	7	Jean-François Couture	M+R	6	66
27.	20	Benoît Gagnon	M+S	4	64
28.	8	Simon Dion-Viens		4	62
29.	69	Stefan Rzadzinski		2	54
30.	8	Vincent Beauchesne	R	4	52
31.	96	Freddie Hunt		2	47
32.	53	Paul Dargis	S	2	46
32.	86	Jean-Michel Isabelle	M	2	46
34.	55	Nicolas Touchette	S	2	43
35.	26	Luc Richard	M+S	5	41
36.	875	Martin Barrette	M	3	39
37.	50	Nicolas Lévesque	M+R	2	35
38.	13	Riccardo Révi	M+S	4	34
39.	429	Étienne Caron	M+R	3	23
40.	28	Frédéric Bernier	M+S	2	22
41.	217	Simon Darveau	M+R	2	18
42.	13	Jonathan Castellote	M+R	1	11
43.	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

The 2023 Nissan Sentra Cup season will start on Canadian race tracks next May.
The calendar of the upcoming season will launch in the Winter. See you in 2023!

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