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SENTRA CUP

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Event 6

Fall Classic

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Summary



Alexandre Fortin is the 2023 Nissan Sentra Cup champion!

The last two races of the season were won by Nicolas Barrette and Valérie Limoges; in 2024, the series will include a race in the United States and a \$30,000 prize

The 2023 Nissan Sentra Cup season ended this weekend at Circuit Mont-Tremblant as part of the traditional Fall Classic. Two new races were on the schedule and were won by Nicolas Barrette on Saturday and Valérie Limoges Sunday.

Qualifying in pole position for the first event on Saturday, Alexandre Fortin led the race, followed by Nicolas Barrette, before retiring due to a mechanical problem. Afterwards, Barrette remarkably landed in first despite pressure from Valérie Limoges. The two drivers crossed the finish line in that order, marking Nicolas Barrette's first ever victory in the Nissan Sentra Cup.

The fight for third place was just as spectacular, with five drivers driving closely together throughout the 40-minute race. Mathieu Miron secured his spot on the podium for the second time this series by finishing third, ahead of Mathieu Miron, Simon Vincent, Vincent Lalande, Daniel Fortin and Nicolas Miron. Marie-Soleil Labelle, Jean Audet and Éric Chaput completed the Top 10. In the Micra class, Raphaël St-Pierre dominated the race, ahead of Nicolas Lévesque and Charles-Étienne Boucher.

Drivers and fans of the series were welcomed with another beautiful day on Sunday for both the qualifying session and grand finale of the season. The finale would determine who, between Alexandre Fortin or Nicolas Barrette, will be the 2023 Nissan Sentra Cup champion.



Qualifying in pole position, ahead of Alexandre Fortin and his father Daniel Fortin, 2022 champion Valérie Limoges led the race from start to finish, en route to her third victory of the season. By finishing second, Alexandre Fortin secured the 2023 title. Behind him, after his father was slowed down by a puncture and Nicolas Barrette with mechanical problems, Simon Vincent completes the podium. Mathieu Miron, Sylvain Ouellet, André Lapointe, Christian Thibault, Jean Audet, Nicolas Barrette and Daniel Fortin complete the final Top 10 of the season.

In the Micra class, Nicolas Lévesque won by a few tenths of a second in front of Raphaël St-Pierre and Charles-Étienne Boucher. Lévesque is the 2023 champion in this class, winning the poleposition.ca Trophy.

US EXPANSION AND PRIZE MONEY IN 2024!

Although the 2023 season has just come to an end, the series organizers and Nissan Canada are already looking towards 2024. In addition to events in Canada (Quebec and Ontario) next season will see the series hosted at the Lime Rock Park track in Connecticut, marking the first ever event in the United States, on July 19 and 20, 2024.

The Nissan Sentra Cup, which was confirmed for the 2024 and 2025 seasons last August, will also offer \$30,000 in cash prizes next season, in addition to certificates from Nissan Canada for spare parts (a value of \$50,000), offered to drivers who finish on the podium of each race.

For Nissan Canada President Steve Milette, "this 2023 season has been a great success and I congratulate the champions, all the participants and the organizers. The Nissan Grand Prix, at the beginning of July, was undoubtedly one of the best new developments of the season and I am happy to see it confirmed in 2024. The expansion to the United States is also a very exciting new development for the series, the drivers and of course Nissan Canada."





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Alexandre Fortin, THE 2023 CHAMPION!

Crowned the 2023 Nissan Sentra Cup champion at the end of a season that saw him achieve 5 victories, Alexandre Fortin looks back on his title, acquired with great mastery...

Alexandre, you've had a consistently strong season. Among all the good results you achieved, what was the most memorable moment for you during this season?

The best moment of the season wasn't when I won the championship, but rather when I secured a victory at ICAR, with my father finishing in 2nd position. We often talk about the family aspect of the Nissan Sentra Cup but achieving a one-two finish with my dad was truly exceptional. At the start of the year, we set a goal to finish 1st and 2nd in a race, to stand together on the podium one day, and we accomplished that during the 2023 season. We did face some challenges along the way, but every member of the Beauport Ste-Foy Nissan team worked tirelessly to get the car on the track and be competitive in every race. Sharing the podium with my father was one of the most beautiful moments of the season for me.



We know that your goal for this year was to win the championship. Did achieving this goal unfold as you had hoped, or did it prove to be more challenging than expected?

The goal was definitely to secure the championship. However, during the first weekend at Circuit Mont-Tremblant, I faced an unexpected setback when I had to retire during the 2nd race due to a mechanical problem. This immediately created a gap in the championship points. From that point on, my strategy was to maintain consistency and earn as many points as possible, while also seizing victory whenever the opportunity presented itself, of course.



Will you be back next year to defend your title?

Yes, I will indeed be competing in the Nissan Sentra Cup next year, proudly displaying the number 1 on my car, of course!

What are your thoughts on the announcement of a race in the United States for next season?

It's exciting to see the Nissan Sentra Cup continuing to expand. I can't wait to explore the Lime Rock track since I've never had the chance to visit it in person. I plan to experience it on my simulator now. I imagine that there aren't many drivers in our field who have raced there before, so we'll all be starting on equal ground, which I believe will make for an exciting show. The possibility of welcoming American drivers into the series also adds an intriguing dimension.



**JACQUES
DESHAIES**
(Series' promoter)

The 2023 Report and Some Early Announcements for 2024!

What assessment can we make of the 2023 season from the promoter's perspective?

It was a season filled with challenges, numerous successes, and a tightly contested battle right up to the end. I particularly appreciate that, once again this year, the championship titles were decided in the very last race, both in the overall category and in the Micra class. Additionally, it was a season that marked a transition, with an increasing presence of Sentra vehicles and a reduced presence of Micra cars, which represents the natural evolution of the series.

I would also like to highlight one of the new features for 2023: the inaugural Nissan Grand Prix. This event, which was launched in collaboration with Nissan Canada last winter, quickly gained popularity. It brought a host of activities around the series and was a resounding success, enjoyed by fans, brand customers, and the drivers in the series.

Will this event be repeated in 2024?

Absolutely! I can already confirm it; the Nissan Grand Prix will be on the calendar for the 2024 season. It was a tremendous success this year, and on July 6 and 7, we will present the 2024 edition. We may consider reducing the Sunday schedule by hosting practice and qualifying the day before, allowing us to incorporate even more Nissan Canada activities on Sunday, in addition to the series races.

Can we already confirm other races for 2024?

I am delighted to announce that the Nissan Sentra Cup will expand into a North American series in 2024 by adding an event at the Lime Rock Park track in Connecticut (west of Boston). This event is already scheduled for July 19 and 20, just two weeks after the Nissan Grand Prix at the Complexe ICAR. The Nissan Sentra Cup will take place at Lime Rock as part of a SVRA organization event. Judging by the enthusiasm of the drivers when we announced this weekend at Mont-Tremblant, I am confident that it will be a resounding success.



To conclude, are there any other new features planned for 2024?

In addition to the Nissan certificates rewarding drivers who finish on the podium in each race and the championship final standings, totaling \$50,000 over the entire season, we have an exciting first to introduce next year: cash prizes. This will amount to \$30,000, with \$10,000 going to the driver who becomes the champion of the 2024 season. Details about the distribution of the remaining prizes will be announced later.



RESULTS AND STANDINGS

Circuit Mont-Tremblant - Event 6

QUALIFICATION RACE 1

1) Alexandre Fortin	#32
2) Nicolas Barrette	#427
3) Valérie Limoges	#1
4) Simon Vincent	#91
5) Vincent Lalande	#13
6) Daniel Fortin	#95
7) Mathieu Miron	#191
8) André Lapointe	#12
9) Nicolas Miron	#192
10) Marie-Soleil Labelle	#27
11) Jean Audet	#22
12) Sylvain Ouellet	#99
13) Christian Thibault	#46
14) Nicolas Lévesque	#50
15) Raphaël St-Pierre	#419
16) Charles-Étienne Boucher	#89
17) Max Poirier	#425
18) Jean-François Couture	#7
Did not start) Éric Chaput	#116

RESULTS RACE 1

1) Nicolas Barrette	20 laps
2) Valérie Limoges	-1.575
3) Mathieu Miron	-24.203
4) Simon Vincent	-24.542
5) Vincent Lalande	-25.307
6) Daniel Fortin	-26.037
7) Nicolas Miron	-44.746
8) Marie-Soleil Labelle	-52.232
9) Jean Audet	-53.891
10) Éric Chaput	-56.098
11) Christian Thibault	-1:36.000
12) Jean-François Couture	-1 lap
13) Raphaël St-Pierre	-1 lap
14) Nicolas Lévesque	-1 lap
15) Charles-Étienne Boucher	-1 lap
16) Max Poirier	-3 laps
17) Sylvain Ouellet	-6 laps
18) Alexandre Fortin	-9 laps
19) André Lapointe	-17 laps

QUALIFICATION RACE 2

1) Valérie Limoges	Groupe Gabriel / Total Quartz
2) Alexandre Fortin	Ste-Foy Nissan / Fix Auto
3) Daniel Fortin	Ste-Foy Nissan / Fix Auto
4) Nicolas Barrette	Groupe RM
5) Simon Vincent	Vincent2 racing team
6) Vincent Lalande	Équipe Vincent Lalande
7) Mathieu Miron	191 Motorsport
8) Nicolas Miron	191 Motorsport
9) André Lapointe	Canadian Tire
10) Sylvain Ouellet	Ouellet Motorsport
11) Christian Thibault	Équipe Christian Thibault
12) Jean Audet	Grand Times Hôtel
13) Marie-Soleil Labelle	Musée Gilles-Villeneuve
14) Raphaël St-Pierre	Sensei Groupe-Conseil
15) Charles-Étienne Boucher	Charlo Motorsport / PB Soft
16) Nicolas Lévesque	Lévesque Motorsport
17) Max Poirier	Unicorn Motorsport
Excluded) Jean-François Couture	Céramique O-Nivo
Did not start) Éric Chaput	Ouellet Motorsport

RESULTS RACE 2

1) Valérie Limoges	20 laps
2) Alexandre Fortin	-0.521
3) Simon Vincent	-20.613
4) Mathieu Miron	-32.181
5) Sylvain Ouellet	-35.901
6) André Lapointe	-38.942
7) Christian Thibault	-56.756
8) Jean Audet	-1:03.522
9) Nicolas Barrette	-2:11.401
10) Daniel Fortin	-2:36.006
11) Marie-Soleil Labelle	-1 lap
12) Jean-François Couture	-1 lap
13) Nicolas Lévesque	-1 lap
14) Raphaël St-Pierre	-1 lap
15) Charles-Étienne Boucher	-1 lap
16) Max Poirier	-1 lap
17) Vincent Lalande	-19 laps
18) Nicolas Miron	Excluded
Did not start) Éric Chaput	-----



OVERALL STANDINGS

Position	#	Driver	Class	Races	Points
1.	32	Alexandre Fortin		12	497
2.	1	Valérie Limoges		12	454
3.	427	Nicolas Barrette		12	445
4.	91	Simon Vincent		12 *	358
5.	191	Mathieu Miron		11	338
6.	95	Daniel Fortin		11	332
7.	88	Simon Charbonneau		7	279
8.	192	Nicolas Miron		10	263
9.	50	Nicolas Lévesque	M	12	257
10.	89	Charles-Étienne Boucher	M	12	223
11.	46	Christian Thibault		10	222
12.	99	Sylvain Ouellet		7	196
13.	419	Raphaël St-Pierre	M	10	193
14.	27	Marie-Soleil Labelle		10	189
15.	22	Jean Audet		10	180
16.	425	Max Poirier	M	12	177
17.	13	Vincent Lalande		8	168
18.	12	André Lapointe		7	164
19.	428	Sean Scully	M	9	152
20.	23	Samuel Rowe		6	150
21.	20	Benoît Gagnon		6	136
22.	7	Jean-François Couture		8 ***	110
23.	116	Éric Chaput		3	68
24.	96	Stefan Gauthier		2	64
25.	21	Jonathan Couture		4 **	55
26.	53	Paul Dargis		2	43
27.	63	Frédéric Chaput		2	28
28.	131	Gilbert Christini	M	2	23
29.	28	Frédéric Bernier	M	2	11
30.	26	Luc Richard		1	5

M = Micra class - poleposition.ca Trophy.

* Simon Vincent competed in races 1, 2, 5 and 6 in the Micra class (80 points scored).

** Jonathan Couture competed in races 5, 6 and 7 in the Micra class (35 points scored).

*** J.F.Couture a disputé les courses 1 à 6 en classe Micra (72 points marqués).



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THANK YOU... AND SEE YOU IN 2024!

The Nissan Sentra Cup will be back in 2024 and 2025!

See you in spring for the next races... And this winter for the launch of the 2024 season calendar!

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