



MICRA CUP

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RACES 3 AND 4
CALABOGIE MOTORSPORTS PARK
JUNE 2ND AND 3RD

**TWO RACES...
TWO DIFFERENT TRACKS!**

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DOUBLE VICTORY FOR OLIVIER BÉDARD AT THIS WEEKEND'S NISSAN MICRA CUP

– Two spectacular races on different tracks highlighted an action-packed weekend at Calabogie Motorsports Park

This past weekend, the Nissan Micra Cup presented the third and fourth rounds of its 2018 series at Calabogie Motorsports Park, southwest of Ottawa. Under clear skies and sunny conditions, the drivers experienced 2 series firsts: Saturday and Sunday's races were each on a different track for 40-minutes in length. Saturday's event was held on the 2.8km short track, while Sunday's race was held on the 5.5km long track – the longest in Canada. Much to the drivers and spectators' pleasure, the Micra Cup races were increased from 30-minutes for the first time since the series' inception in 2015. At the end of two action-packed days, 2015 and 2017 series champion Olivier Bédard drove away with two more victories.

On Saturday's short track, Bédard – who went into the weekend as the championship leader – earned the pole position by finishing more than four-tenths of a second lead ahead of his closest rival, Kevin King. A perfect lap by Bédard created a significant gap in a series that normally produces finishes within less than a thousandth of a second, with drivers all at the wheel of identical and nearly stock Micra S cars.

Normand Boyer, Valérie Limoges, Jake Exton and Austin Riley rounded out Saturday's top six. Within the group, Riley delivered the best qualifying session of his career, finishing ahead of four other drivers, grouped less than four-tenths of a second behind him. This put the 19-year-old – who has autism and races under his organization's team Racing with Autism – in a great position for the weekend.

In Saturday's race, Bédard dominated for the 40-minute duration, claiming his third victory in four races. Kevin King and Valérie Limoges rounded out the podium after Jake Exton, the 2017 Novice champion, was disqualified despite finishing third, for his vehicle being under the minimum weight requirement. Grouped in a tight peloton for most of the race, top rookie Fadi Mourad secured fourth place followed

by, Senior Class winner Frédéric Bernier, Austin Riley and American Mike Ogren. In his series debut, Marc Héroux finished eighth, ahead of Peter Dyck and Carl Wener.

On Sunday, the drivers moved to the long 5.5km track but the hierarchy remained relatively consistent after qualifying. Bédard grabbed first place ahead of King, Limoges, Boyer, Exton, Ogren, Mario Berthiaume and Riley.

Bédard once again won the second race, chased by Boyer, Limoges and King. Not far behind, Austin Riley finished another error-free race to finish in fifth place – the best finish in his Micra Cup career.

Jake Exton completed the top six, ahead of Mourad and Ogren. Frédéric Bernier and Sylvain Ouellet followed to take second and third in the Senior Class.



THE WORLD OF THE NISSAN MICRA CUP



QASHQAI IN ACTION AT CALABOGIE

After showcasing the Nissan GT-R – a dream car for many – as the Micra Cup pace car, two-weeks ago at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, Nissan Canada made an untraditional switch for Calabogie. The new Nissan Qashqai crossover led the Nissan Micra Cup field (Pace-Car) and the Micra owners' parade on Saturday and Sunday this past weekend. The Qashqai is a perfect vehicle for those who love to explore off the beaten path, making it a new favourite for many.



SERIES DEBUT OF A TWO-TIME SUPER PRODUCTION CHALLENGE CHAMPION

Two-time Super Production Challenge series champion (2013 and 2015), Marc Héroux, joined the Nissan Micra Cup family in Calabogie this past weekend. The Trois-Rivières native, will be at the start of every following race this season as he concentrates solely on the Micra Cup, noting, "it's a great challenge to begin in this series." Outside of the competition, Héroux explained that the series' visibility drove his decision, "the sponsors were easier to get on board for the Nissan Micra Cup. People know this series, they know what it is about. With the Micra Cup, you only have to sell yourself."



PERRY PERFORMANCE COMPÉTITION



CARL WENER AND THE PERRY PERFORMANCE TEAM ARE BACK!

After missing the first round of the 2018 season, the Perry Performance & Competition team returned to the Nissan Micra Cup in Calabogie. The team has been a loyal technical partner of the Nissan Micra Cup since 2015, led by owner and driver Carl Wener. The Micra S #86 driver lives in Montreal but knows the Ontario track well as an instructor at the Calabogie Motorsports Park racing school. This weekend marked Wener's first races in the Nissan Micra Cup since Calabogie two years ago! He finished 10th in Saturday's race and 12th in Sunday's.

NEXT EVENT: MONT-TREMBLANT!

Returning to Quebec soil for the first time in 2018, the next Nissan Micra Cup event will take place on July 27, 28 and 29 at Circuit Mont-Tremblant. The Summer Classic, on the famous Laurentians track, will mark the half-season point out of six events, setting it up to be a very exciting weekend!



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2... 3 QUESTIONS FOR... **MIKE OGREN**



For the first time in series history, a Nissan employee is racing in the Micra Cup! American Mike Ogren is an engineer at Nissan Technical Centre North America in Farmington Hills, Michigan, where he works on the suspension and axle engineering team within the Chassis Engineering department. Ogren has a strong racing background that includes an American Regional Class title in the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) racing series. This year, he will head north to compete in the full series of the Canadian Nissan Micra Cup as a private entry with his team, M.O. Motorsports.

Mike, it's quite rare for an American competitor to enter a Canadian road racing championship. What was your motivation to buy a Nissan Micra S and join the series?

There were a few different factors. I heard about the series through my work as a Nissan engineer and it looked like an attractive way to enter professional racing. I competed

in amateur racing for several years in the SCCA championship and was looking for the next step in my racing career moving into a professional series. The Nissan Micra Cup seemed like a good way to do just that. Additionally, as an American who lives in the Detroit area, professional racing in Canada is much more appealing from a travel perspective. Professional racing in the

U.S. requires drivers to travel all over the country, from the east to west coasts, however, the travel around Ontario and Quebec for the Nissan Micra Cup series seemed very reasonable.

What surprised you most about your Nissan Micra Cup debut, compared to your experience karting and in touring car series in the United States?

My biggest surprise in the series so far is controlling the wheelspin in the car. The Micra is a low power, front wheel drive car, somewhat like what I have driven in the SCCA. However, the Nissan Micra uses an open differential, while I'm used to having some sort of differential. The Micra's open differential allows wheelspin on the inside tires and managing this is new to me in an agile, low power, front wheel drive car. Besides

learning Canadian tracks, this has been my biggest learning in the series so far.

How were your first races in the series? Have you met your goals?

Yes and no. I'm competitive, so my goal is always to compete for the win and for the championship, even if that's maybe not a reasonable goal on my first weekend out. I'm focused now on getting a feel for the series, for the car and for the new tracks. I have never been to Canadian Tire Motorsport Park or Calabogie before, so I think the first races were reasonably successful and I hope to build on them by continuing to improve. But the ultimate goal for me is to compete for the win by being in that front pack every weekend. with my Micra / Lombard Bros. Gaming.



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CALABOGIE MOTORSPORTS PARK RACE 3 AND 4 RESULTS

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QUALIFICATION RACE 1

- 1) Olivier Bédard #1
- 2) Kevin King #40
- 3) Normand Boyer #11
- 4) Valérie Limoges #220
- 5) Jake Exton #00
- 6) Austin Riley #20
- 7) Fadi Mourad #77
- 8) Mike Ogren #17
- 9) Frédéric Bernier #28
- 10) Carl Wener #80
- 11) Peter Dyck #73
- 12) Marc Héroux #24
- 13) Sylvain Ouellet #98
- 14) Michael Habrich #88
- 15) Alex Habrich #75
- 16) Mario Charette #728

QUALIFICATION RACE 2

- 1) Olivier Bédard #1
- 2) Kevin King #40
- 3) Valérie Limoges #220
- 4) Normand Boyer #11
- 5) Jake Exton #00
- 6) Mike Ogren #17
- 7) Mario Berthiaume #728
- 8) Austin Riley #20
- 9) Frédéric Bernier #28
- 10) Fadi Mourad #77
- 11) Carl Wener #80
- 12) Marc Héroux #24
- 13) Peter Dyck #73
- 14) Sylvain Ouellet #98
- 15) Alex Habrich #75
- 16) Michael Habrich #88

RACE 1

- 1) Olivier Bédard 28 laps
- 2) Kevin King -7.684
- 3) Valérie Limoges -20.663
- 4) Fadi Mourad -21.152
- 5) Frédéric Bernier -34.453
- 6) Austin Riley -36.970
- 7) Mike Ogren -37.417
- 8) Marc Héroux -47.148
- 9) Peter Dyck -47.635
- 10) Carl Wener -47.964
- 11) Sylvain Ouellet -48.986
- 12) Michael Habrich -1 lap
- 13) Mario Charette -1 lap
- 14) Alex Habrich -1 lap
- 15) Normand Boyer -2 laps
- 16) Jake Exton Excluded

RACE 2

- 1) Olivier Bédard 15 laps
- 2) Normand Boyer -0.270
- 3) Valérie Limoges -0.556
- 4) Kevin King -1.019
- 5) Austin Riley -3.756
- 6) Jake Exton -8.910
- 7) Fadi Mourad -11.093
- 8) Mike Ogren -12.974
- 9) Frédéric Bernier -14.271
- 10) Sylvain Ouellet -14.596
- 11) Marc Héroux -18.070
- 12) Carl Wener -18.653
- 13) Mario Berthiaume -20.243
- 14) Peter Dyck -41.354
- 15) Alex Habrich -46.054
- 16) Michael Habrich -9 laps



DRIVERS STANDINGS

- 1) Olivier Bédard 164 points
- 2) Kevin King 140 points
- 3) Normand Boyer (Senior) 110 points
- 4) Valérie Limoges 102 points
- 5) Frédéric Bernier (Senior) 76 points
- 6) Fadi Mourad (recrue) 75 points
- 7) Austin Riley 70 points
- 8) Jake Exton 68 points
- 9) Mike Ogren 64 points
- 10) Peter Dyck (Senior) 50 points
- 11) Sylvain Ouellet (Senior) 44 points
- 12) Michael Habrich 42 points
- 13) Alex Habrich (Senior) 31 points
- 14) Marc Héroux (Senior) 26 points
- 15) Edward Wong (Senior) 22 points
- 16) Carl Wener (Senior) 21 points
- 17) Mario Berthiaume (Senior) 16 points
- 18) Vic Simone (Senior) 15 points
- 18) Mario Charette (S.+R.) 15 points

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