



MICRA CUP

M A G A Z I N E



nismo

RACES 9 AND 10

CANADIAN TIRE MOTORSPORT PARK
AUGUST 24, 25, 26



Innovation
that excites

**NASCAR, MICRA...
AND THOUSANDS OF FANS !**

**ROUND
5**



Innovation that excites

nismo

Mobil 1

PIRELLI



VALÉRIE LIMOGES MAKES HISTORY AND JAKE EXTON WINS THE 50TH RACE OF THE NISSAN MICRA CUP SERIES

– First overall victory for a woman and an Ontarian driver; while Olivier Bédard and Kevin King continue to battle for the Championship title –

This weekend, the Nissan Micra Cup presented its penultimate event of the 2018 season at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park (CTMP), northeast of Toronto. Taking place over the course of two days in various weather conditions, race nine and ten of the series had several notable moments including Saturday's historic win for Valérie Limoges, the only female driver in the Nissan Micra Cup, and Ontarian Jake Exton's win on Sunday for the 50th race of the series.

This fiercely contested outing at CTMP's NASCAR weekend was the last of the Nissan Micra Cup Ontario season, and saw the race's top six drivers separated by only six-tenths of a second at the end of the qualifying session on Saturday morning. At the beginning of the race on Saturday afternoon, the weather took an unexpected turn when sunny skies gave way to torrential downpour. Adding to the intensity was championship leader Olivier Bédard losing four positions shortly after qualifying in pole position, benefitting Kevin King, Valérie Limoges, Normand Boyer and Jake Exton in Saturday's races.

Mid-way through the race, 65-year-old veteran Normand Boyer took the lead and demonstrated his experience driving on the track in challenging weather conditions. By the end of the 40-minute race, Boyer was crowned the victor ahead of King and Bédard. Crossing the line in fourth place was Valérie Limoges, prior to advancing to first place a few hours later, when officials determined that the top three drivers had cut the course during the race. Boyer, King and Bédard were each penalized by one position, giving the top spot to Limoges. Sylvain Ouellet, Novice winner Fadi Mourad, American Mike Ogren, Éric Chaput, Austin Riley and returning veteran Peter Cohen rounded out the top 10.

The sunshine returned for the start of the 50th race of the Micra Cup series on Sunday. This milestone was highlighted by 2017 Novice champion Jake Exton earning his first series pole position. During the race, Exton held the lead until the mid-way point before being passed by Bédard, who started in eighth. However, the Englishman who now

resides in Lakefield, Ontario was relentless and regained top spot just in time to claim his first Micra Cup victory, and first win for an Ontario driver in the series. Valérie Limoges finished in third, ahead of Kevin King (subsequently relegated seventh following a penalty), Senior Class winner Normand Boyer, top Novice champion Fadi Mourad, Sylvain Ouellet, Mike Ogren, Éric Chaput and Peter Dyck.

Another notable occurrence was the coexistence of two extremely different worlds, within the confines of this weekend's spectacular races. The Nissan LEAF security pace car made its Ontario track debut at this weekend's Micra Cup races, witnessed by thousands of spectators gathered for the American NASCAR Truck series. This sparked significant curiosity, as fans were able to compare the technology of Nissan's comparatively silent all-electric vehicle with monstrous NASCAR vehicles with deafening V8 engines.



IN THE MICRA CUP WORLD



WHEN OPPOSITES ATTRACT...

In the Nissan Micra Cup paddocks, thousands of spectators could admire a range of opposites from the automotive world. That was the case this weekend where only few metres down from the monstrous NASCAR trucks with their big V8 and 600 HP engines sat a different technology: the Nissan LEAF all-electric vehicle. For the first time on an Ontario track and permanent Canadian race course, the LEAF was the centre of attention and used as the security pace car. In the paddocks, it was parked beside the Nissan GT-R. Between exceptional exotic sports cars (GT-R) and NASCAR vehicles with raw power and basic technology (NASCAR Truck), the LEAF nailed its debut at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park and proved that opposites attract.



FADI MOURAD, 2018 ROOKIE CHAMPION!

Although we have to wait until the last race of the season to determine who is going to be titled the overall and senior champion, Fadi Mourad secured the 2018 Rookie champion title this weekend at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park. The Montréal driver from team Nissan Gabriel Racing gained enough points so that he wouldn't be caught up during the last races. Having debuted last year in the series, but not participating in all races which allowed him to remain in the rookie class this year, Fadi was consistent on the track. This weekend, he finished 6th and 5th overall, both first rookie.

NEXT EVENT: THE FINALE AT MONT-TREMBLANT!

The next races will take place in four weeks on September 21, 22 and 23 at Circuit Mont-Tremblant. The event is the Fall Classic and what better way to celebrate the transition between summer and fall than crown the Nissan Micra Cup champions with the Laurentian colours in the background. The final round of the 2018 season will happen in Québec on the majestic Circuit Mont-Tremblant, with thousands of spectators in attendance to witness the season's ultimate finale. It's an event you don't want to miss!



Innovation that excites

nismo



2... 3 QUESTIONS TO **JAKE EXTON**

The 2017 Micra Cup rookie of the year, Englishman Jake Exton, has won the 50th race of the Series, Sunday at the CTMP. The Lakefield, Ontario driver tells us about his progress...

How did you start the project to compete in the series last year?

"The Nissan Micra Cup project started completely out of nothing. I was working at my pub in Lakefield and became friendly with a man that I was pouring pints for named Craig Willoughby. We would often talk about our mutual interest in cars and those conversations eventually snowballed into him telling me that he was a driver in the Nissan Micra Cup. This blew me away because I knew about the series and that a lot of drivers use it as a place to launch their driving careers, so that was really impressive to me. Eventually, I asked him to help me out. I hadn't been at the track for 10 years and wanted to get back there by lending a hand as a mechanic and helping with the tires. After doing that a couple of times, Craig asked if I wanted to drive in the last session on one of the test drive days. To my surprise, I finished approximately six seconds quicker than Craig's race time so he offered me one race that was right before the start of the 2017 season. In May 2017, I came to Mosport for the first race but had an accident during practice so I couldn't participate in the first races. However, Craig was nice enough to get a replacement car. The plan was to drive one race but after I kept winning rookie of the race he kept giving me more races. I was climbing in the championship standings and by the end of the year he let me drive all the races and I ended up winning the rookie championship, which was incredible and felt like a dream at the time. I owe Craig and have him to thank for giving me my first big break. This year, it's my own team and I've been self-funded so it's been a big risk on my part."

Last year you were the 2017 Micra Cup Rookie of the Year and you've had great momentum with the overall podiums this year. What are your expectations as we approach the end of the 2018 series?

"I don't feel that I'm driving too differently this year. I'm maybe a little more consistent, and I'm not being thrown off by the front so much because I feel that I've proved myself and belong there. We've also taken some big steps forward in the set ups. It's been amazing with back to back podiums at GP3R and Circuit Mont-Tremblant. The last races put us third in the championship, and I'm just looking to have consistent finishes and I'm now happy to be able to fight for the win."

You were born in England but you've lived in Ontario for many years. Canadian Tire Motorsport Park is now your home track?

"Yes, it's my favourite track and also my local track. I have a lot of family and fans coming to support me. Almost 11 years ago I became a Canadian citizen and currently live north of Peterborough on the lake in Lakefield. We have a few businesses in Lakefield and fell in love with the cottage lifestyle. It's a wonderful place to live so we are really happy to be there. I think I'm one of the only Ontario drivers to be on the podium so it's nice to be able to show that Ontario guys are still pretty quick too."





Innovation that excites

nismo



CTMP POSTCARD





Innovation
that excites

nismo



CANADIAN TIRE MOTORSPORT PARK

RACE 9 AND 10 RESULTS

ROUND
5

QUALIFICATION RACE 1

1) Olivier Bédard.....	#1
2) Valérie Limoges.....	#220
3) Kevin King.....	#40
4) Normand Boyer.....	#11
5) Jake Exton.....	#00
6) Fadi Mourad.....	#77
7) Mike Ogren.....	#17
8) Sylvain Ouellet.....	#98
9) Éric Chaput.....	#116
10) Alex Habrich.....	#75
11) Peter Dyck.....	#73
12) Mario Berthiaume.....	#728
13) Michael Habrich.....	#88
14) Austin Riley.....	#20
15) Peter Cohen.....	#86
DNS) Nicolas Barrette.....	#427

QUALIFICATION RACE 2

1) Jake Exton.....	#00
2) Kevin King.....	#40
3) Valérie Limoges.....	#220
4) Sylvain Ouellet.....	#98
5) Austin Riley.....	#20
6) Fadi Mourad.....	#77
7) Normand Boyer.....	#11
8) Olivier Bédard.....	#1
9) Mike Ogren.....	#17
10) Éric Chaput.....	#116
11) Peter Dyck.....	#73
12) Nicolas Barrette.....	#427
13) Mario Charette.....	#728
14) Peter Cohen.....	#86
15) Michael Habrich.....	#88
DNS) Alex Habrich.....	#75

RACE 1 RESULTS

1) Valérie Limoges.....	19 laps
2) Normand Boyer.....	Penalty
3) Kevin King.....	Penalty
4) Olivier Bédard.....	Penalty
5) Sylvain Ouellet.....	-38.164
6) Fadi Mourad.....	-49.251
7) Mike Ogren.....	-55.973
8) Éric Chaput.....	-58.135
9) Austin Riley.....	-1:03.156
10) Peter Cohen.....	-1:03.517
11) Mario Berthiaume.....	-1:04.506
12) Nicolas Barrette.....	-1:17.553
13) Alex Habrich.....	-1:20.851
14) Peter Dyck.....	-1 lap
15) Jake Exton.....	-3 laps
16) Michael Habrich.....	-19 laps

RACE 2 RESULTS

1) Jake Exton.....	23 laps
2) Olivier Bédard.....	-0.145
3) Valérie Limoges.....	-0.494
4) Normand Boyer.....	-11.081
5) Fadi Mourad.....	-11.719
6) Sylvain Ouellet.....	-24.925
7) Kevin King.....	Penalty
8) Mike Ogren.....	-25.493
9) Éric Chaput.....	-1:02.719
10) Peter Dyck.....	-1:12.324
11) Alex Habrich.....	-1:12.927
12) Peter Cohen.....	-1:32.470
13) Mario Charette.....	-1:40.796
14) Austin Riley.....	-12 laps
15) Michael Habrich.....	-19 laps
16) Nicolas Barrette.....	-19 laps

DRIVERS STANDINGS

1) Olivier Bédard.....	398 points	16) Mario Berthiaume (Senior).....	52 points
2) Kevin King.....	312 points	18) Mario Charette (S.+R.).....	42 points
3) Jake Exton.....	248 points	19) Nicolas Barrette (rookie).....	40 points
4) Valérie Limoges.....	243 points	20) Jean-Michel Isabelle.....	30 points
5) Normand Boyer (Senior).....	216 points	21) Edward Wong (Senior).....	22 points
6) Mike Ogren.....	186 points	22) Carl Wener (Senior).....	21 points
7) Fadi Mourad (rookie).....	179 points	22) Peter Cohen (Senior).....	21 points
8) Sylvain Ouellet (Senior).....	139 points	24) André Lapointe (S.+R.).....	20 points
9) Frédéric Bernier (Senior).....	130 points	24) Frédéric Bouthillier (rookie).....	20 points
10) Austin Riley.....	120 points	26) Vic Simone (Senior).....	15 points
11) Peter Dyck (Senior).....	93 points	27) Roger Champoux (rookie).....	10 points
12) Marc Héroux (Senior).....	86 points	27) Martin Barrette (rookie).....	10 points
13) Alex Habrich (Senior).....	81 points	29) Perry Wener (S.+R.).....	8 points
14) Éric Chaput (S.+R.).....	76 points	30) Michel Barrette (S.+R.).....	6 points
15) Michael Habrich.....	70 points	31) Josée Samson (S.+R.).....	5 points
16) Nicolas Touchette.....	52 points	32) Yves Lévesque (S.+R.).....	4 points



www.nissan.ca/micracup

Twitter: @micracup

Follow us on Facebook: Coupe Nissan Micra Cup

Instagram: nissanmicracup

Youtube: Micra Cup TV