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SENTRA CUP

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Summary



Alexandre Fortin is a two-time winner at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park!

Valérie Limoges extends her lead in the overall drivers' championship

The Nissan Sentra Cup staged its ninth and tenth races of the 2022 season this weekend at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park located east of Toronto, Ontario. The penultimate event of the season saw Alexandre Fortin win twice during the weekend.

The sole qualifying session for the two races was held Saturday in hot summer conditions. The three main contenders for this year's overall title dominated the session and clinched the top three spots on the starting grid. Simon Charbonneau took pole position ahead of Alexandre

Fortin and Valérie Limoges. Nicolas Barrette, Nicolas Miron, Sylvain Ouellet, Toronto's Nicholas Hornbostel (who qualified seventh in his Sentra debut after he was the runner-up in the Micra class last year), Normand Boyer, Éric Chaput and Daniel Fortin rounded out the top 10.

The 40-minute race got underway with a spectacular battle between Charbonneau, Fortin and Limoges. On lap 4, the three front runners were joined by Nicolas Barrette, a driver who's always at ease on the famous and fast Canadian Tire Motorsport Park road course.



The positions of the top four competitors remained unchanged to the benefit of Alexandre Fortin who extended his lead, en route to his third victory of the season. Limoges and Barrette continued to fight until the penultimate lap when Barrette started to run backwards. After 40 minutes of close wheel-to-wheel racing without any incidents, Alexandre Fortin crossed the finish line in first place, 546 thousandths of a second over Valérie Limoges, who thus confirms her first place in the overall drivers' championship. Sylvain Ouellet completed the podium, as he benefitted from Charbonneau's and Barrette's difficulties.

In fact, Ouellet, Hornbostel, Miron and Éric Chaput finished the race separated by less than half a second. Charbonneau was seventh, ahead of Daniel Fortin. Normand Boyer, André Lapointe, Jean Audet and Nicolas Barrette completed the Top 12.

Despite this being his first career race at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, Simon Vincent dominated both the qualifying session and the race in the Micra class. Vincent finished ahead of Sean Scully, Raphaël St-Pierre, Jean-François Couture and Marie-Soleil Labelle.

A drizzle and much cooler temperatures highlighted the second race of the weekend on Sunday. The drivers took the start on wet grooved tires but the track dried progressively. A few competitors gambled to stop early and have a set of dry weather tires fitted to their Sentras. However, the top runners elected to stay on rain tires that degraded on the dry tarmac.

Simon Charbonneau, Valérie Limoges and Alexandre Fortin took turns to lead the 40-minute confrontation marked by several position changes. However, the race ended after 32 minutes following Jean Audet's track exit. Leading the race at that moment, Alexandre Fortin was declared the winner, taking his second victory of the weekend. The Ste-Foy Nissan driver had managed to build a four to five second lead over the rest of the field shortly before the halfway point. Charbonneau, Limoges, Ouellet and Daniel Fortin completed the Top 5. Jean Audet (who nevertheless was classified sixth), Normand Boyer, Nicholas Hornbostel, Micra class winner Simon Vincent, and Nicolas Miron followed.

Simon Vincent scored a perfect weekend in the Micra class, taking two pole positions and two wins. Jean-François Couture and Raphaël St-Pierre completed the podium in this category.





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POSTCARD FROM CTMP

Penultimate round of the 2022 season, the event also marked the Sentra debut of Torontonion Nicholas Hornbostel. Rookie last year in motorsport but already runner-up of the Micra class with seven victories to his credit, Hornbostel evolved throughout the weekend in the Top 10. He finished both races 4th and 8th.



By winning both races at the CTMP, Alexandre Fortin became the first driver to achieve this performance this season. In the first 4 events of 2022, the same driver has not won both races in the same weekend. This puts the driver of the Sentra No.32 sponsored by Ste-Foy and Beauport Nissan at the height of the championship battle.



Things are moving in Micra class! Raphaël St-Pierre took the top spot in the standings at the end of the meeting at CTMP, but it was the performance of Simon Vincent that retains attention. On a track where he had never driven before, Vincent collected the two pole positions, both race lap records and both victories. Regular driver in the Quebec Rally Championship, a series where his father (Sylvain Vincent) and his mother (Dominique Cyr) sit at the top of the series honours for the number of driver and co-driver championship titles, Simon Vincent now aims to graduate in Sentra next year.



From blue to yellow... The Series' Safety-Car was of course the new Nissan Z, as at every event since the start of the season. But the blue colour has been replaced by a yellow Nissan Z with the most beautiful effect at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park. A car used to lead the field of Nissan Sentra Cup drivers during the formation lap of the races but also during the two parades offered to Sentra owners and members of the Nissan Z club of Ontario on Saturday and Sunday at noon.



Before the grand finale of the season, with two races that will take place on September 24 and 25 at Circuit Mont-Tremblant, there are still four drivers who can hope for the 2022 championship title. Valérie Limoges (pictured here) is in first place but remains in search of a first victory this season. Simon Charbonneau, Alexandre Fortin and Sylvain Ouellet could also clinch the title. However, for Ouellet things are more complicated since he must win both races and hope that his rivals do not finish in the Top 10!



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INTERVIEW Éric Chaput

Faithful to the series since he started in the Nissan Micra Cup just under 5 years ago, Quebecer Éric Chaput celebrated his 50th race on Sunday at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park. For the driver of Sentra number 116 wrapped in the colours of Mallette and Groupe Gabriel, the Nissan Sentra Cup is more than a motorsport series. It's a family activity where Éric likes to evolve, he will celebrate his 50th birthday just a few days after this 50th race...

You started in motorsport with the Nissan Micra Cup, how would you evaluate your development in the series?

This series has been a great learning experience for me. Today, I am more consistent on the track and so are my results. During my first years in 2018-2019, I often had clashes and some little worries. This season in the Nissan Sentra Cup, I'm savoring every finished race, every moment on the track.

What is your best memory from these 50 races?

In fact, I have two. First of all, my fourth position at the 2021 Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières. I crossed the finish line with my son Frédéric, side by side. Driving in a series like this with my son also on the track is something really special, it is unique. My second best memory is my third place this year, also at the Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières, in front of my friends and my family, in addition to going on the podium with my good friend Sylvain Ouellet and Kevin King, it's a very nice memory.

Being able to drive in the series with your son, is this special to you?

Yes, absolutely, and I'm very proud of him. I see him evolve from race to race and the fact that we are driving identical Sentras allows for comparison. I find him very good, he is a technician. He is very rational and analyzes everything. I also see in his results that he is improving and that he is gradually getting closer to me. It's fun, I can't wait for him to pass me!



What do you particularly like about the Nissan Sentra Cup: the family aspect, the fact that the cars are identical?

The family spirit, the camaraderie. It is really fun. We meet at all events. It's like we've all been friends forever. And thanks to the camaraderie, we feel that respect is also established on the track, there are fewer clashes than a few seasons ago. I think the series had matured in terms of organization and it shows.

Your goal for the end of the season?

A victory, I would really like that. This Sunday at the CTMP marked my 50th race in the series and my 55th race overall in motorsport. I will be 50 in a few days and I would like to go for 50 points. It means finally getting that first Nissan Sentra Cup victory by the end of the season. It is my goal. I had second positions, third positions, pole positions but no victory yet. I am really looking forward to pushing myself in the series.



RESULTS AND STANDINGS

Canadian Tire Motorsport Park - Event 4

QUALIFICATION RACE 1

1) Simon Charbonneau	#88
2) Alexandre Fortin	#32
3) Valérie Limoges	#220
4) Nicolas Barrette	#427
5) Nicolas Miron	#191
6) Sylvain Ouellet	#99
7) Nicholas Hornbostel	#71
8) Normand Boyer	#11
9) Éric Chaput	#116
10) Daniel Fortin	#95
11) Jean Audet	#22
12) André Lapointe	#12
13) Frédéric Chaput	#63
14) Simon Vincent	#91
15) Raphaël St-Pierre	#419
16) Sean Scully	#428
17) Jean-François Couture	#7
18) Marie-Soleil Labelle	#27
19) Max Poirier	#425

RESULTS RACE 1

1) Alexandre Fortin	24 laps
2) Valérie Limoges	-0.546
3) Sylvain Ouellet	-12.407
4) Nicholas Hornbostel	-12.786
5) Nicolas Miron	-12.825
6) Éric Chaput	-13.185
7) Simon Charbonneau	-16.774
8) Daniel Fortin	-26.277
9) Normand Boyer	-31.017
10) André Lapointe	-31.666
11) Jean Audet	-34.600
12) Nicolas Barrette	-36.796
13) Simon Vincent	-1 lap
14) Sean Scully	-1 lap
15) Raphaël St-Pierre	-1 lap
16) Jean-François Couture	-2 laps
17) Marie-Soleil Labelle	-2 laps
18) Max Poirier	-3 laps
19) Frédéric Chaput	-5 laps

QUALIFICATION RACE 2

1) Simon Charbonneau	
2) Alexandre Fortin	
3) Valérie Limoges	
4) Nicolas Barrette	
5) Nicolas Miron	
6) Sylvain Ouellet	
7) Nicholas Hornbostel	
8) Normand Boyer	
9) Éric Chaput	
10) Daniel Fortin	
11) Jean Audet	
12) André Lapointe	
13) Frédéric Chaput	
14) Simon Vincent	
15) Raphaël St-Pierre	
16) Sean Scully	
17) Jean-François Couture	
18) Marie-Soleil Labelle	
19) Max Poirier	

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RESULTS RACE 2

1) Alexandre Fortin	17 laps
2) Simon Charbonneau	-14.981
3) Valérie Limoges	-18.364
4) Sylvain Ouellet	-18.624
5) Daniel Fortin	-18.973
6) Jean Audet	-19.334
7) Normand Boyer	-19.611
8) Nicholas Hornbostel	-1:32.901
9) Simon Vincent	-1 lap
10) Nicolas Miron	-1 lap
11) Nicolas Barrette	-1 lap
12) André Lapointe	-1 lap
13) Jean-François Couture	-2 laps
14) Éric Chaput	-2 laps
15) Raphaël St-Pierre	-2 laps
16) Sean Scully	-2 laps
17) Marie-Soleil Labelle	-2 laps
18) Max Poirier	-3 laps
19) Frédéric Chaput	-10 laps



OVERALL STANDINGS

Position	#	Driver	Class	Races	Points
1.	220	Valérie Limoges		10	394
2.	88	Simon Charbonneau		10	373
3.	32	Alexandre Fortin		10	357
4.	99	Sylvain Ouellet	S	10	324
5.	116	Éric Chaput	S	10	273
6.	11	Normand Boyer	S	10	268
7.	36	Justin Arseneau		8	246
8.	12	André Lapointe	S	10	238
9.	22	Jean Audet	S	10	202
10.	63	Frédéric Chaput		10	192
11.	427	Nicolas Barrette		9	186
12.	1	Kevin King		4	184
13.	95	Daniel Fortin	S	9	183
14.	191	Mathieu Miron		5	134
14.	419	Raphaël St-Pierre	M	10	134
16.	90	François Angers-Routhier	M	6	123
17.	27	Marie-Soleil Labelle	M	10	121
18.	425	Max Poirier	M+R	10	115
19.	191	Nicolas Miron		5	111
20.	96	Olivier Bédard		2	84
21.	91	Simon Vincent	M	4	82
22.	23	Samuel Rowe	M	4	71
23.	89	Charles-Étienne Boucher	M+R	6	70
24.	71	Nicholas Hornbostel		2	66
25.	428	Sean Scully	M+R+S	4	64
25.	20	Benoît Gagnon	M+S	4	64
27.	8	Simon Dion-Viens		4	62
28.	69	Stefan Rzadzinski		2	54
29.	8	Vincent Beauchesne	R	4	52
30.	96	Freddie Hunt		2	47
31.	86	Jean-Michel Isabelle	M	2	46
32.	55	Nicolas Touchette	S	2	43
33.	875	Martin Barrette	M	3	39
34.	26	Luc Richard	M+S	4	26
35.	429	Étienne Caron	M+R	3	23
36.	28	Frédéric Bernier	M+S	2	22
37.	13	Riccardo Révi	M+S	3	20
38.	217	Simon Darveau	M+R	2	18
39.	7	Jean-François Couture	M+R	2	11
40.	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 23, 24 and 25 as part of the Fall Classic at the picturesque Circuit Mont-Tremblant. This will mark the conclusion of the 2022 season and the celebration of the overall champion in the Sentra, Micra, Senior and rookie classes.

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