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Summary



Jesse Lazare, a two-time winner in the Nissan Sentra Cup at Circuit Mont-Tremblant

*- Jesse Lazare won the two races held at the Summer Classic event at
Circuit Mont-Tremblant, Québec -*

After holding its first event in Ontario last month, the Nissan Sentra Cup moved to Circuit Mont-Tremblant located in the picturesque Laurentians for the second event of the 2021 season, the Summer Classic. The two races proved to be highly exciting and hotly disputed and saw Jesse Lazare emerge as the winner on both occasions.

It was the first time that the race-ready Nissan Sentras tackled the track of Mont-Tremblant, and they proved to be extremely competitive on this fast and difficult road course.

The team, Motorsport In Action, stole the show Saturday during the sole qualifying session held in the morning. Jesse Lazare, last year's Nissan Micra Cup runner-up, captured the pole position in front of his teammate, rookie Jesse Webb from British Columbia, the driver of the Shur Fit Racing Nissan. Last year's Micra Cup Champion, Kevin King, set the third fastest time ahead of Ontarians' Justin DiBenedetto and Gavin Sanders.



The green flag was waved under a bright sky and in front of several guests, including François Dumontier, the President of Canada's National Sporting Authority, representing the FIA here in Canada. The 25 competitors accelerated in unison and the battle for overall victory involved four drivers, Lazare, King, Webb and Sanders. The four racers battled it out fiercely during the 40-minute race – held without a single incident.

The four leaders crossed the finish line in that order with Jesse Lazare claiming a clear victory ahead of Kevin King. Jesse Webb finished in third place, also earning the title of best rookie. Gavin Sanders, Valérie Limoges and Justin DiBenedetto rounded up the top six. Éric Chaput took first place in the Senior class. The battle for the victory was equally disputed in the Micra class, with Frédéric Bernier arriving first in front of Sylvain Ouellet and André Lapointe.

Sunday's early qualifying session was held on a drying tarmac after a night downpour and saw Lazare capture pole position for the second race of the event, beating Sanders, Limoges, DiBenedetto, rookie Alexandre Fortin and Webb.

Having qualified in eighth, a low position, Kevin King was very aggressive during the opening lap to make it to second place. An intense battle for first place continued during the whole race between Lazare, King and Sanders. Only seven tenths of a second separated the top three finishers at the chequered flag in this exciting competition for spec, identically prepared Nissan Sentras.

Fifth on the road at the finish, rookie driver Alexandre Fortin was promoted to third place after Gavin Sanders and Jesse Webb were penalized for avoidable contact. Justin DiBenedetto is fourth, followed by Webb, Simon Charbonneau, Sanders, Kai Dalziel, Valérie Limoges and Owen Clarke. Darren Graham finished eleventh and claimed first place in the Senior category.

Sylvain Ouellet earned the top honours in the Micra class. Around the mid-race point, he managed to slip behind leader Éric Chaput who raced in this class today. Francis Bellerive climbed on the third step of the podium.





POSTCARD of the Summer Classic



The fabulous setting at Circuit Mont-Tremblant was the occasion for a first group photo (here with series officials and representatives from Nissan Canada, Didier Marsaud and Rachel Jaskula) for the Nissan Sentra Cup.



Éric Chaput on Saturday, Darren Graham (here in action) on Sunday are the Senior class winners at this 2021 Summer Classic.

2020 Nissan Micra Cup Champion, Kevin King has yet to win a race this season with his Sentra wearing the No.1. But he's the championship leader after four races!





Like in Formula 1! Young rookie Kai Dalziel's team used tire warmers at Circuit Mont-Tremblant for their Nissan Sentra No.44. A first in the series.

All races in the series are broadcast on the RDS network in Quebec. The animation is provided by the promoter of the series Jacques Deshaies, with Philippe Brasseur of Pole-Position. NV Productions is the producer.



Relaxed atmosphere in the paddocks. Kevin King, Valérie Limoges and Simon Charbonneau in conversation shortly before qualifying on Sunday morning.





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ASN PRESIDENT VISITS THE NISSAN SENTRA CUP!

As a Canadian motorsport series, the Nissan Sentra Cup is sanctioned by the National Sport Authority (ASN) of Canada, the representative of the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile in the country. François Dumontier, with nearly 30 years of experience in Canadian motorsport, is at the head of this organization (Sports Development Group). He came to support the drivers of the series and see one of the events at Circuit Mont-Tremblant. We met him this weekend.



François Dumontier (right) with series director Jacques Veilleux (left) and promoter Jacques Deshaies (center).

François, what do you think about the Nissan Sentra Cup, what did you discover at the track?

I was there on Saturday and was expecting to see a spectacular race but I had no idea how the mix between the new racing Sentra and the Micra class cars would affect the race. Was the difference in terms of performance going to be shocking? The answer is no, it was very nice to watch because there were battles on many levels, not just for the overall victory. I noticed that there is also a lot of respect on the track between the drivers but, above all, the Sentras are really beautiful and when you are along the track, you don't even notice that they are street cars, they look like real racing cars.

The Nissan Sentra Cup is a one-make series, all identical specs cars. As president of ASN, do you appreciate this type of series?

Yes I do and I would like to see more series like the Nissan Sentra Cup in Canada. I congratulate Nissan Canada for its involvement in motorsport! This series fully corresponds to what we at ASN want to see in the country to promote motorsport and increase contact with the general public. NASCAR has always done this in the United States by combining street and racing cars, but there is one essential element with this series – the Nissan Sentra Cup is affordable.



You had the opportunity to make a quick visit to the paddocks. What did you think of the organization and professionalism of the series?

I didn't have time to visit each team but I felt Nissan Canada's support for the organization of promoter Jacques Deshaies and his staff. We see immediately that this is not a simple sponsorship of a racing series, it's part of an overall plan of communications, marketing, etc., which is very good for the image of Canadian motorsport. As president of ASN, this aspect obviously pleases me a lot.

In the eyes of ASN, is diversity important, especially in the Nissan Sentra Cup with drivers from Ontario and Quebec, but also from Western Canada?

On one hand, we need to have a series that reaches different "target audiences". The Nissan Sentra Cup with its competitors from karting but also drivers who had never raced before is the perfect mix for Canadian motorsport. Series like this really help to develop this sport in a country. On the other hand, the participation of drivers from British Columbia shows that the series is attractive for a larger market than just the eastern part of the country. Does that mean that the Nissan Sentra Cup must have races in Western Canada in the future? It's not my decision, but I am certain that all Canadian aspects of the series are important to me and very promising for the future.



RESULTS AND STANDINGS

Circuit Mont-Tremblant - Event 2

QUALIFICATION RACE 1

1) Jesse Lazare	#21
2) Jesse Webb	#94
3) Kevin King	#1
4) Justin Di Benedetto	#4
5) Gavin Sanders	#10
6) Owen Clarke	#405
7) Éric Chaput	#116
8) Alexandre Fortin	#32
9) Valérie Limoges	#220
10) Kai Dalziel	#44
11) Simon Charbonneau	#88
12) Darren Graham	#17
13) Nicholas Hornbostel	#71
14) Frédéric Bernier	#28
15) Francis Bellerive	#36
16) André Lapointe	#47
17) Sylvain Ouellet	#98
18) Mario Charette	#728
19) Alan Sanders	#100
20) Nicolas Barrette	#427
21) François-Angers Routhier	#90
22) Raphaël St-Pierre	#419
23) Frédéric Chaput	#63
24) Michel Barrette	#57
25) Marie-Soleil Labelle	#999

RESULTS RACE 1

1) Jesse Lazare	20 laps
2) Kevin King	-2.606
3) Jesse Webb	-3.886
4) Gavin Sanders	-4.029
5) Valérie Limoges	-12.462
6) Justin Di Benedetto	-12.894
7) Alexandre Fortin	-24.359
8) Kai Dalziel	-29.412
9) Simon Charbonneau	-52.288
10) Éric Chaput	-1:24.544
11) Owen Clarke	-1 lap
12) Frédéric Bernier	-1 lap
13) Sylvain Ouellet	-1 lap
14) André Lapointe	-1 lap
15) Nicholas Hornbostel	-1 lap
16) Francis Bellerive	-1 lap
17) Alan Sanders	-1 lap
18) François-Angers Routhier	-1 lap
19) Raphaël St-Pierre	-1 lap
20) Mario Charette	-1 lap
21) Frédéric Chaput	-1 lap
22) Marie-Soleil Labelle	-2 laps
23) Michel Barrette	-5 laps
24) Nicolas Barrette	-14 laps
25) Darren Graham	-18 laps

QUALIFICATION RACE 2

1) Jesse Lazare	
2) Gavin Sanders	
3) Valérie Limoges	
4) Justin Di Benedetto	
5) Alexandre Fortin	
6) Jesse Webb	
7) Simon Charbonneau	
8) Kevin King	
9) Kai Dalziel	
10) Owen Clarke	
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19) Frédéric Bernier	
20) Mario Berthiaume	
21) Raphaël St-Pierre	
22) Frédéric Chaput	
23) Marie-Soleil Labelle	
Not started) Michel Barrette	
Not started) Alan Sanders	

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Sanders Motorsports/SPI Racing
Nissan Gabriel/Total Canada
Di Benedetto Racing/SPI Racing
Fix Auto/Ste-Foy Nissan/Beauport Nissan
Shur Fit Racing
Équipe TransGestion Transport
Nissan Gabriel/L&P Apparel
Kai Dalziel Motorsport
Team Red Green
Team Applewood
Chaps Racing Team
F.B. Motorsport
Lapspeed Performance
Équipe Musée Gilles-Villeneuve
Hornbostel Racing
Ouellet Motorsport
Autoclub Mtl
Hi-Fi Racing
M.B. Performance
Émergence / Groupe MDI
Chaps Racing Team
Équipe Musée Gilles-Villeneuve
Vitavie au naturel
Sanders Motorsports/SPI Racing

RESULTS RACE 2

1) Jesse Lazare	20 laps
2) Kevin King	-0.584
3) Alexandre Fortin	-15.315
4) Justin Di Benedetto	-23.023
5) Jesse Webb	Penalty 10"
6) Simon Charbonneau	-30.592
7) Gavin Sanders	Penalty 30"
8) Kai Dalziel	-31.363
9) Valérie Limoges	-31.764
10) Owen Clarke	-32.633
11) Darren Graham	-40.581
12) Sylvain Ouellet	-1 lap
13) Éric Chaput	-1 lap
14) Francis Bellerive	-1 lap
15) Frédéric Bernier	-1 lap
16) André Lapointe	-1 lap
17) François-Angers Routhier	-1 lap
18) Mario Berthiaume	-1 lap
19) Nicolas Barrette	-1 lap
20) Raphaël St-Pierre	-1 lap
21) Frédéric Chaput	-1 lap
22) Nicholas Hornbostel	-1 lap
23) Marie-Soleil Labelle	-2 laps
24) Michel Barrette	Not started
25) Alan Sanders	Not started



Only half a second between Lazare and King at the finish-line on Sunday!

The overall podium and the Senior class winner of the second race.



Sylvain Ouellet is the new leader in the Micra class.



OVERALL STANDINGS

Position	#	Driver	Class	Races	Points
1.	1	Kevin King		4	192
2.	21	Jesse Lazare		4	184
3.	10	Gavin Sanders		4	180
4.	32	Alexandre Fortin	R	4	132
5.	220	Valérie Limoges		4	126
5.	94	Jesse Webb	R	4	126
7.	4	Justin Di Benedetto		4	121
8.	88	Simon Charbonneau	R	4	114
9.	116	Éric Chaput	S	4	96
10.	44	Kai Dalziel	R	4	88
11.	98	Sylvain Ouellet	M	4	76
12.	71	Nicholas Hornbostel	M+R	4	75
13.	405	Owen Clarke	R	4	71
14.	17	Darren Graham	R+S	4	69
15.	28	Frédéric Bernier	M	4	64
16.	90	François Angers-Routhier	M+R	4	58
17.	47	André Lapointe	M	3	49
18.	63	Frédéric Chaput	M+R	4	48
19.	427	Nicolas Barrette	M	4	44
20.	728	Mario Berthiaume	M	3	42
21.	999	Marie-Soleil Labelle	M	4	39
22.	36	Francis Bellerive	M	2	32
23.	5	Jean Audet	M	2	29
24.	91	Simon Vincent	M+R	2	24
25.	419	Raphaël St-Pierre	M	2	23
26.	61	Étienne Caron	M+R	2	15
27.	100	Alan Sanders	M+R	1	14
28.	728	Mario Charrette	M	1	11
29.	57	Michel Barrette	M	1	8

R = rookie driver; S = Senior class; M = Micra class



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NEXT EVENT

The next event will be held in Québec as part of the prestigious Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières, August 13, 14, 15, with another two races.

This event will welcome spectators on site for the first time this season.

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