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Summary



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# Simon Vincent clinches the 2025 Nissan Sentra Cup Title!

The grand finale of the Nissan Sentra Cup season took place this weekend at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park; Nicolas Barrette and Valérie Limoges claimed the race wins while Simon Vincent secured the championship title.

The Nissan Sentra Cup hosted the final two races of its 2025 season this weekend at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, near Toronto, Ontario. The event crowned the season's overall champion, Simon Vincent, who secured the title only in the final corner of the final race, while Nicolas Barrette (Saturday) and Valérie Limoges (Sunday) took the race victories.

After Friday's qualifying sessions, the first race was held Saturday under sunny skies. The 11<sup>th</sup> race of the season featured two intense battles at the front, lasting from the first minute to the 40<sup>th</sup> and final one. The three championship contenders, Nicolas Barrette, Valérie Limoges, and Simon Vincent, exchanged the lead more than ten times. The drivers showed great



respect for one another, fighting for mere hundredths of a second and sometimes navigating turns side by side in their Sentra race cars, giving fans one of the most thrilling races of the season. They finished in that order, with Nicolas Barrette taking his third win of 2025. Only 1.004 seconds separated Barrette in first from Vincent in third at the finish line.

The battle for fourth place between rookie Marc-Antoine D'Amour and Raphaël St-Pierre was equally intense. D'Amour held off St-Pierre's overtaking attempts right to the end, crossing the finish line just 0.014 seconds ahead. The rest of the Top 10 included Mathieu Lemyre, Stéphane Pouliot, Sean Scully, Pierre-Olivier Paquette, and Jean-François Couture.

On Sunday, under another beautiful blue sky, the season finale saw Valérie Limoges and Simon Vincent go head-to-head for the title. Leading the race, Limoges was never seriously challenged by her rivals. For Simon Vincent, the math was simple: he needed a podium finish to clinch the championship. He initially held second but gave up the spot to Barrette mid-race, later coming under pressure from Marc-Antoine D'Amour for third.

In a suspense-filled race, Limoges claimed victory ahead of Simon Vincent, D'Amour (the season's top rookie), and Barrette. Acknowledging that he had made contact with D'Amour during an earlier overtake, Nicolas Barrette lifted off just before the finish line to



allow D'Amour to reclaim third, thus finishing fourth himself. A remarkable gesture of sportsmanship. Raphaël St-Pierre completed the Top 5, followed by Jean-François Couture, Mathieu Lemyre, Steve Poulin, Stéphane Pouliot, and Sean Scully.

"This is the greatest moment of my racing career," exclaimed Simon Vincent. "We've given everything since we joined the series in the Micra class back in 2021. It took me three seasons in Sentra to finally win this title," added the driver who had led the 2025 championship since the very first race. "I came from a rally background, and for me, proving that a rally

driver can win in such a competitive road racing series as the Nissan Sentra Cup means a lot. Thanks to my girlfriend Ariane, my parents, and thank you to Nissan Canada as well. I'm kind of a child of rallying, and to win the Sentra Cup title after just three seasons, and on a very tight budget, is such a joy for me," he concluded.

In the final drivers' championship standings, Simon Vincent tallied 669 points, Valérie Limoges 660, and Nicolas Barrette 611. Marc-Antoine D'Amour and Nicolas Lévesque rounded out the top five. A total of 22 drivers competed in the 2025 season.



For more information on the Nissan Sentra Cup, visit [sentracup.com](https://sentracup.com) and follow the series on social media. To relive the 2024 season races in video, visit [the Nissan Sentra Cup YouTube page](#).



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## INTERVIEW

# Simon Vincent, the 2025 Champion!



Destiny is full of incredible twists: Simon Vincent's first contact with the Nissan Cup (known as the Micra Cup back then) came in 2015 when he won a contest organized by Nissan Canada, inviting fans to watch the season finale at Circuit Mont-Tremblant! Ten years later, the same driver became the Nissan Sentra Cup champion.

Simon began in the series on June 26, 2021, in the Micra class. In 2023, he bought a Sentra after starting the season in the Micra class. The result was exceptional: fourth in the championship and his first two podiums. Then came his first victory last year before quickly establishing himself as a title contender from the start of the 2025 season, a championship he led from start to finish. At the conclusion of the grand finale, he shared his thoughts with us...



**Simon, how did you approach this final race, knowing the points gap between you and Valérie Limoges was so tight, and that she had the experience of two previous Nissan Sentra Cup titles?**

I focused on my own race, while fully aware that I needed a podium finish to secure the title if she won the race. So, I just told myself: put your helmet on, this is a single-make series where all cars are nearly identical; to get a good result, mistakes are not allowed. It was important to end the season on a high note. I tried to enjoy the moment on track, but at the same time, I was very focused on calculating the points while driving. All the possible scenarios had been running through my head since the Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières, and I think the reason neither I nor my team made mistakes or cracked under pressure is because we were well prepared, both technically and mentally. Thanks to Rémi, Marc, André, Serge, my dad Sylvain, but also to Jean Audet and Mathieu Miron, drivers who helped us when things didn't go well. In the Nissan Sentra Cup, you make good friends in the paddock. Thanks also to my mom. We won this title together!

**The last two races of the season at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park were among the most spectacular of the year... and incident-free. How did you handle that on track?**

It's all in your head. But as they say in the army: no plan survives first contact with the enemy! I imagined a scenario similar to the first race when I lined up for the finale on Sunday, with only Valérie Limoges and Nicolas Barrette as my rivals for the win. That didn't happen. Marc-Antoine D'Amour, Raphaël St-Pierre, and Jean-François Couture were in the mix too. It was very tight. When Nicolas Barrette passed me for second place, it was tough mentally because I knew I couldn't give up another position. If Marc-Antoine D'Amour passed me and Valérie set the fastest lap, I would have lost the championship... Uncertainty is the worst thing. But it all ended well.

**At any point in the season, did you fear losing the championship lead?**

My Sentra was always reliable, but I must admit that the transponder issues, which twice forced me to start 16<sup>th</sup> at Trois-Rivières, were troubling. The real enemies for me this season were those transponder and timing issues. But other than that, it was truly an exceptional season.

**You rolled into the podium area, parked your Sentra, and you were the 2025 champion. What was going through your mind at that moment?**

I was looking for my dad. He's known for paying attention to the smallest details, and I know this title means a lot to him. We are a motorsport family. I met my girlfriend Ariane at a rally more than 12 years ago, my parents met through rallying. In the Nissan Sentra Cup this year, we wanted to experience every race together. Today, we are champions... together!

**Speaking of rallying, you are aiming for an incredible challenge this year: to become the first driver in Canadian, and even North American, motorsport history to win a national title in both Road Racing (the Nissan Sentra Cup) and the Canadian Rally Championship in the same year. Tell us about this second goal, in conclusion...**

Chasing both titles is a way to prove that we, as a team, and I, as a driver, are the most complete by competing in two national motorsport series as different as Road Racing and rallying. The Nissan Sentra Cup title is now secured, and in rallying, there are still five events left in the season. We are currently about ten points behind the Mexican team leading the championship. Our strategy, just like in the Nissan Sentra Cup, will be to aim for consistent podiums and put pressure on the favorites. I like to say it's like the water torture: our team is always there, until it gets to them and our rivals make a mistake! We'll see what happens in rallying, but we'll be there to capitalize on others' errors, just like we did in the Nissan Sentra Cup: staying consistently at the front.





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# Another Exceptional Season!

The Nissan Sentra Cup wrapped up its eleventh season at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, counting the Micra Cup years starting in 2015. The 2025 season also featured a host of new milestones:

**First time the season was spread over five major events** – CTMP twice, Atlantic Motorsport Park, the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Nissan Grand Prix at ICAR, and GP3R.

**First time two events offered drivers and fans three races (instead of the usual two) in the same weekend** – Atlantic Motorsport Park and GP3R.

**First time races awarded double points** – Atlantic Motorsport Park.

**First time the series competed in three Canadian provinces** – it was only two in previous years (let's not forget the U.S. visit in 2024).

## SOME STATS FROM THE 2025 SEASON:

**4 different drivers won at least one race:** Valérie Limoges (3), Nicolas Barrette (3), Frédéric Chaput (3), Simon Vincent (2), and Nicolas Lévesque (1).

**3 drivers claimed pole positions:** Simon Vincent (5), Valérie Limoges (4), and Frédéric Chaput (3).

**5 drivers set fastest race laps:** Valérie Limoges (3), Frédéric Chaput (3), Simon Vincent (2), Nicolas Barrette (2), Raphaël St-Pierre (1), and Jean-François Couture (1).

**22 drivers took part in the 2025 season.** Their geographic distribution is: Quebec, Ontario, United States, France.





# Results and standings

## Canadian Tire Motorsport Park - Event 5

### RACE 1

#### QUALIFICATION

- 1) Valérie Limoges
- 2) Simon Vincent
- 3) Marc-Antoine D'Amour
- 4) Raphaël St-Pierre
- 5) Nicolas Barrette
- 6) Jean-François Couture
- 7) Sean Scully
- 8) Steve Poulin
- 9) Stéphane Pouliot
- 10) Mathieu Lemyre
- 11) François Bourassa
- 12) Pierre-Olivier Paquette
- 13) Nicolas Lévesque

#### RESULTS

- |                            |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| 1) Nicolas Barrette        | 23 laps       |
| 2) Valérie Limoges         | -0.661        |
| 3) Simon Vincent           | -1.004        |
| 4) Marc-Antoine D'Amour    | -6.956        |
| 5) Raphaël St-Pierre       | -7.100        |
| 6) Mathieu Lemyre          | -42.818       |
| 7) Stéphane Pouliot        | -43.080       |
| 8) Sean Scully             | -57.268       |
| 9) Pierre-Olivier Paquette | -1:16.317     |
| 10) Jean-François Couture  | -1:37.881     |
| 11) François Bourassa      | -2 laps       |
| 12) Steve Poulin           | -14 laps      |
| 13) Nicolas Lévesque       | Did not start |

### RACE 2

#### QUALIFICATION

- 1) Valérie Limoges
- 2) Simon Vincent
- 3) Raphaël St-Pierre
- 4) Marc-Antoine D'Amour
- 5) Nicolas Barrette
- 6) Jean-François Couture
- 7) Sean Scully
- 8) Steve Poulin
- 9) Mathieu Lemyre
- 10) Stéphane Pouliot
- 11) François Bourassa
- 12) Pierre-Olivier Paquette
- 13) Nicolas Lévesque

#### RESULTS

- |                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 1) Valérie Limoges          | 23 laps       |
| 2) Simon Vincent            | -0.625        |
| 3) Marc-Antoine D'Amour     | -1.189        |
| 4) Nicolas Barrette         | -1.332        |
| 5) Raphaël St-Pierre        | -1.492        |
| 6) Jean-François Couture    | -2.054        |
| 7) Mathieu Lemyre           | -34.272       |
| 8) Steve Poulin             | -34.651       |
| 9) Stéphane Pouliot         | -35.238       |
| 10) Sean Scully             | -35.715       |
| 11) François Bourassa       | -54.400       |
| 12) Pierre-Olivier Paquette | -1:38.723     |
| 13) Nicolas Lévesque        | Did not start |





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## CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

Position	#	Driver	Races	Points
1.	91	Simon Vincent	12	669
2.	1	Valérie Limoges	12	660
3.	427	Nicolas Barrette	12	611
4.	419	Raphaël St-Pierre	12	526
5.	113	Marc-Antoine D'Amour	12	484
6.	50	Nicolas Lévesque	10	462
7.	37	Steve Poulin	12	395
8.	210	Stéphane Pouliot	12	360
9.	27	François Bourassa	12	324
10.	22	Jean Audet	8	265
11.	7	Jean-François Couture	8	216
12.	428	Sean Scully	5	200
13.	87	Mathieu Lemyre	7	188
14.	46	Christian Thibault	5	184
15.	3	Pierre-Olivier Paquette	7	146
16.	116	Éric Chaput	1	38
16.	116	Sylvain Ouellet	1	38
18.	95	Baptiste Gimenez	0	0

Do not score points  
(drivers entered in the GP3R only):

20. Benoît Gagnon / Olivier Bédard  
63. Frédéric Chaput  
95. Andrew Burke  
007. Bruno Spengler





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## ALL THE CHAMPIONS

2015	OLIVIER BÉDARD	Coupe Nissan Micra
2016	XAVIER COUPAL	Coupe Nissan Micra
2017	OLIVIER BÉDARD	Coupe Nissan Micra
2018	OLIVIER BÉDARD	Coupe Nissan Micra
2019	MARCO SIGNORETTI	Coupe Nissan Micra
2020	KEVIN KING	Coupe Nissan Micra
2021	KEVIN KING	Coupe Nissan Sentra
2022	VALÉRIE LIMOGES	Coupe Nissan Sentra
2023	ALEXANDRE FORTIN	Coupe Nissan Sentra
2024	VALÉRIE LIMOGES	Coupe Nissan Sentra
2025	SIMON VINCENT	Coupe Nissan Sentra

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