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CLIO CUP MAKES ITS RETURN TO ZANDVOORT



The Clio Cup makes its long-awaited return to Zandvoort to close out the first half of the season. , There will be plenty to race for in this meeting featuring Clio Cup Europe, Clio Cup France and Clio Cup Eastern Europe at the host venue of the Dutch Grand Prix!

The iconic Zandvoort circuit will pose a new challenge for the Clio Cup field. The Dutch track, which returns to the Clio Cup calendar since its renovation, has retained its fundamentals and now features two spectacular banked corners, which will be particularly spectacular with the fifth generation of the Viry-Châtillon-developed model.

The battle resumes in Clio Cup Europe

Double winner at the previous meeting in Imola, Nicolas Milan (Milan Compétition) heads to Zandvoort atop the Clio Cup Europe classification. The Frenchman is determined to pull away from his rivals before the summer, but he will have to pay close attention to his challengers, led by teammate Marc Guillot (Milan Compétition). With three podium results so far this year, he is aiming for his first win to take the lead at the one-third point of the season. Jerzy Spinkiewicz (Uniq Racing), David Pouget (GPA Racing) and Anthony Jurado (Milan Compétition), who is ready to bounce back after a difficult weekend in Italy, share the same goal. A three-time title-winner in the Clio Cup Central Europe, Tomáš Pekar (Carpek Service) will rely on his knowledge on the Zandvoort circuit to shake up the hierarchy while Italy's Alessandro Brigatti (Progetto E20 Motorsport) hopes to spring a surprise on his Clio Cup debut.



With three wins in four races in the Challengers Cup, Poland's Jerzy Spinkiewicz will look to extend his lead but Guillaume Maio (GM Sport) and Mathieu Lannepoudenx (Milan Compétition) will do their best to close the gap. Finland's Juuso Panttila (Carpek Services) and Italy's Cristian Ricciardini (Essecorse) will also try to gain positions in the top five, where Jacopo Giuseppe Cimenès (Essecorse), Nikola Miljkovic (Tempo Racing Team) and William Mezzetti (Progetto E20 Motorsport) are also in contention. The progress of Taiwan's Lin Chen Han (Uniq Racing), whose lack of experience could be a non-factor at this new track for many, will also be worth keeping an eye on.

In the Gentlemen Drivers Cup, the battle will intensify between Stephan Polderman (Chefo Sport), Quinto Stefana (Milan Competition) and Rene Steenmetz (Chefo Sport), who are separated by just seven points. At their home circuit, the two Dutchmen will have to be wary of their Italian rival but also of Michel Faye (GM Sport), Luciano Gioia (Essecorse) and Horn (GPA Racing) during this meeting that promises intense battles throughout the field.

Clio Cup France reaches the halfway point of the campaign

Although he is trailing in Clio Cup Europe, David Pouget arrives in Zandvoort at the helm of Clio Cup France. The Frenchman will have a simple goal: increase his lead over his closest pursuer, Nicolas Milan, and the numerous Challengers led by Joran Leneutre (JSB Compétition). A talented single-make cup specialist, Julien Briché (JSB Compétition) will also be a force to be reckoned with for his Clio Cup return after a fifteen-year hiatus!

The battle promises to be breathtaking in the Challengers Cup, where Alexandre Albouy (GPA Racing) is only two points ahead of Joran Leneutre. The two Frenchmen will resume their duel in a field where Léo Jousset (Milan Compétition), Mathieu Lannepoudenx and Jerzy Spinkiewicz will try to get back in the title race. The leaders will also have to beware of Alexandre Finkelstein (GPA Racing), Guillaume Maio and Julien Baziret (Vic'Team).

Meanwhile, Mathieu Rigoulet (Vic'Team) will defend his lead in the Gentlemen Drivers Cup against Lionel Viguiet (T2CM) and Cédric Delcroix (GPA Racing). 2021 title-winner Laurent Dziadus (Team Lucas) will do his utmost to preserve his crown, but Pierre Monmaneix (GPA Racing), Horn, Michel Faye and Benjamin Cauvas (GPA Racing) share the same ambition to excel. Yann-Maël Navillod (GPA Racing) and Stéphane Nevers (GPA Racing) want to demonstrate their improvement in a category where Samuel Chaligne (T2CM) will make his 2022 debut.

Round two for Clio Cup Eastern Europe

Marc Guillot, who scored a brace of victories in round one at Magny-Cours, leads Tomáš Pekar by 16 points and Andreas Stucki (Stucki Motorsport) by 28. The hierarchy, however, could be shaken up because the Frenchman, unlike his rivals, has little Zandvoort experience. In the Challengers Cup, the battle promises to be just as intense. Lin Chen Han will defend his lead against Juuso Panttila and Henrik Seibel (Carpek Service), and even more so in the Gentlemen Drivers Cup, where the Dutchmen Stephan Polderman and Rene Steenmetz are on level footing in the classification!

This impressive field of 38 Clio Cups will take to the track on Friday for collective testing. The weekend's two races, scheduled for Saturday afternoon and Sunday lunchtime, will be streamed live on the Renault Clio Series Facebook page and the Renault Clio Series YouTube channel.

TIMETABLE

Friday 17 June

12:20-12:50 pm: Collective test 1

5:10-5:40 pm: Collective test 2

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Saturday 18 June

11:25-11:45 am: Qualifying 1

17:25-17:55 pm: Race 1 (25 minutes + 1 lap)

Sunday 19 June

9:00-9:20 am: Qualifying 2

12:35-1:05 pm: Race 2 (25 minutes + 1 lap)

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16-18 April	Nogaro	Clio Cup France	FFSA GT
23-24 April	Jarama	Clio Cup Europe Clio Cup Spain	RFEDA
7-8 May	Imola	Clio Cup Europe Clio Cup Italia	ACI GT
14-15 May	Magny-Cours	Clio Cup France Clio Cup Spain Clio Cup Eastern Europe	GT World Challenge
4-5 June	Misano	Clio Cup Italia	ACI GT
11-12 June	Valencia	Clio Cup Spain	RFEDA
18-19 June	Zandvoort	Clio Cup Europe Clio Cup France Clio Cup Eastern Europe	GT World Challenge
9-10 July	Hungaroring	Clio Cup Europe Clio Cup Eastern Europe	GT Open
16-17 July	Mugello	Clio Cup Italia Clio Cup France	ACI GT
3-4 September	Hockenheim	Clio Cup Europe Clio Cup Eastern Europe Clio Cup France	GT World Challenge
10-11 September	Red Bull Ring	Clio Cup Europe Clio Cup Eastern Europe Clio Cup Italia	GT Open
8-9 October	Monza	Clio Cup Europe Clio Cup Italia Clio Cup Eastern Europe	ACI GT
15-16 October	Le Castellet	Clio Cup Europe Clio Cup France Clio Cup Spain	FFSA GT
12-13 November	Barcelona	Clio Cup Europe Clio Cup Spain Clio Cup Italia	RFEDA



ABOUT THE CLIO CUP

Since the launch of the R8 Gordini Cup in 1966, Renault has maintained a continuous presence on circuits around the world. Several thousand Clio Cups have been sold since 1991, and all five generations have been recognised for their performance, reliability and affordability. With its experience in promotional formulas and one-make series, Renault provides its savoir-faire and expertise to professionals and amateurs by offering a modern product adapted to their needs. In 2022, the Clio Cup will be in action in the Clio Cup Europe but also in Clio Cup France, Clio Cup Spain, Clio Cup Italia and Clio Cup Eastern Europe, thanks to an innovative calendar opening up numerous opportunities for competitors from all backgrounds: experienced drivers, Challengers and Gentlemen Drivers!

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