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FLORIAN CONDAMINES SCORES HIS MAIDEN WIN WITH CLIO



Even more spectacular than the season-opener, round two of Clio Trophy France Terre provided plenty of twists and turns on a tricky Rallye Castine Terre d'Occitanie. Florian Condamines and co-driver Damien Jole found the perfect balance in their approach to avoid the hazards and claim their first win with Clio Rally5 ahead of Florian Bouchonneau and Jeanne Rey; who now lead an incredibly open general classification. Tom Vauclare and Frédéric Vauclare completed the podium in their trophy debut.

Whilst an initial pecking order was established on the Causses, the opening stages of the Castine delivered a dramatically different scenario. Only 27th in the season-opener, Mattéo Chatillon set the best time on the first timed sector, while Sam Taveneau was the first favourite to retire due to a transmission issue. Eighth on SS1, Julien Pontal was the fastest in SS2, where Florian Bouchonneau took the lead, but Mattéo Chatillon moved back into the lead before heading to the midday service.

These same stages provided a different order in the second loop. Only 22nd due to a brake hose issue, Jean-Paul Monnin reminded his rivals of his speed by dominating SS4, which caused several punctures. Meanwhile, Florian Condamines became the third different leader in just four stages and ended the day with a 17.3s lead over Florian Bouchonneau. Tom Vauclare, Romain Di-Fante and Maxime Lafon followed in this order despite the attempts of Julien Pontal and Faniry Rasoamaramoka in the final two stages of the day.



The crews began the second leg with the Jean Ragnotti Power Stage, rewarding the five fastest duos. Florian Bouchonneau led the way and collected the maximum five bonus points, trimming Florian Condamines' lead to 9.0s, but the latter answered with his first stage win to extend his advantage to 27.5s.

Witnessing new punctures that put an end to the hopes of other drivers, such as Julien Pontal and Romain Di-Fante, the Florians managed their race on the final loop. Florian Condamines clinched his first victory by more than a minute over Junior Florian Bouchonneau. Tom Vauclare completed the podium, finishing 8.8s ahead of Gentleman Laurent Reuche, who progressively improved his performance on his trophy debut. Julien Pontal moved back up to fifth place while Faniry Rasoamaromaka and John Laroche got the better of Benjamin Boulenc on the final kilometres of the rally. Jean-Paul Monnin battled back well his problems on Saturday to finish ninth, followed by Eric Royère.

With two runner-up results in 2022, Junior Florian Bouchonneau takes the lead in the Clio Trophy France Terre ahead of Florian Condamines, Jean-Paul Monnin, Faniry Rasoamaromaka and Julien Pontal in a top-five covered by just 15 points. Saillat Loc is only eight points behind Fun Meca Sport in the team classification, while Garage De Sousa still leads the Renault Network Challenge.

After two intense rounds, the Clio Trophy France Terre teams will meet up again this summer at Rallye Terre de Langres (22-24 July) as part of the FFSA French Gravel Rally Championship.

Florian Condamines : "I am so happy to have won. I'm someone who likes to get into trouble. I have already driven R5s and Rally2s on gravel and asphalt, but this year, I wanted to take up the Clio Trophy France Terre challenge to have more competition and fight against the youngsters. I was disappointed with our result on the Causses. Even though we were fast at times, I was not satisfied with seventh place. We came to the Castine intending to do better. We were in contention straight away, even when we lost a few seconds with another competitor on SS2. We were a bit more successful on the second loop, avoiding the punctures and we started to believe the win was possible. As I only know how to attack, perhaps too much, or how to play it safe, I lost a bit of time trying to find the balance in the Power Stage. I was a bit upset, and I had to keep the bit between my teeth to make enough of a difference on the next stage and manage the last loop to avoid punctures on these very rough roads. I am delighted to have chosen the Clio Trophy France Terre. There is competition throughout the field, which is precisely what I want. Now it's up to us to try to do it again in Langres!"

Rallye Castine Terre d'Occitanie 2022

Clio Trophy France Terre

1. Florian Condamines – Damien Jole 1h39:54.5s
2. Florian Bouchonneau – Jeanne Rey (J) +1:01.7s
3. Tom Vauclare – Frédéric Vauclare (J) +2:19.0s
4. Laurent Reuche – Jean Dériaz (G) +2:27.8s
5. Julien Pontal – Loan Biagetti (J) +3:04.1q
6. Faniry Rasoamaromaka – Judi Rakatomalala (J) +3:08.5s
7. John Laroche – Pierrick Dupas +3:15.5s
8. Benjamin Boulenc – Chloé Barozzi-Gauze +3:30.8s
9. Jean Paul Monnin – Sandra Chipaux +3:45.4s
10. Éric Royère – Gilbert Dini (G) +6:18.6s
11. Lilian Vialle – Manuel Ghirardello (G) +8:09.6s
12. Pierre-Yves Esparcieux – Mathieu Guerin +10:01.4s
13. Vincent Favre-Miville – Cédric Causse +10:06.7s
14. Justin Tamisier – Laurent Tamisier (J) +12:39.1s

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- 15. Claudie Tanghe – Jean-Christian d’Ennetières (G) +15:12.8s
- 16. Baptiste Panissié – Gaël Lavernhe (J) +16:34.0s
- 17. Mika Rasoamaramaka – Bastien Pouget (J) +16:44.9s
- 18. Bastien Bergounhe – Mathieu Descharne (J) +33:55.3s
- DNF Romain Di-Fante – Patrick Chiappe (J)
- DNF Frédéric Perrard – Francis Leclercq (G)
- DNF Marcel Abad – Pere Requena (J)
- DNF Simon Heinemann – Yves Heinemann
- DNF Mattéo Chatillon – Cédric Santini (J)
- DNF Maxime Lafon – Thomas Delmas (J)
- DNF Thomas Mouysset – Lucas Gineste (J)
- DNF Gaël Alquier – Marion Alquier-Ceres
- DNF François Fraymouth – Romain Felicelli
- DNF Jean Lavigne – Aurélie Vedrine (J)
- DNF Sam Taveneau – Pauline Boyer (J)

ABOUT THE CLIO TROPHY FRANCE ASPHALTE AND TERRE

After a successful launch, Clio Rally5 is now taking on all surfaces with the Clio Trophy France Asphalt and the Clio Trophy France Terre. With two calendars intentionally independent and complementary to maximise the opportunities for all, each trophy consists of five rounds of the FFSA French Tarmac or Gravel Rally Championship. Junior, Gentlemen, Female and Teams categories allow all the contenders to be valorised while enjoying unrivalled technical support and a unique level of equity at this level of the pyramid. A real springboard for the most promising hopefuls, the best Juniors on each surface at the end of the year will be offered an official programme with Clio Rally4.

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