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HOT BATTLES AHEAD AT THE HUNGARORING



The Clio Cup kicks off its second half of the season this week with a trip to the most eastern circuit on its calendar, the Hungaroring. The home of the Hungarian Grand Prix and its scorching conditions promise to raise the tension a few notches with a field representing no less than 13 nationalities throughout Clio Cup Europe and Clio Cup Eastern Europe.

Round eight potentially could be decisive for the rest of the campaign and its numerous title fights. With 26 drivers, all with their own targets and no room for mistake, the action promises to be intense on a track conducive to fantastic battles, as Gabriele Torelli demonstrated with his incredible comeback drive last year!

Clio Cup Europe: in pursuit of Milan Competition!

Undefeated so far this season in Clio Cup Europe, the Milan Compétition team will arrive in Hungary in a strong position as three of its drivers monopolise the top three places in the general classification. With three wins apiece, Nicolas Milan and Anthony Jurado will be among the favourites, as will Marc Guillot, whose consistency, underscored by his four podiums, has allowed him to slot in between his two teammates. The chase group, led by Polish driver Jerzy Spinkiewicz (Uniq Racing) and David Pouget (GPA Racing), hope to regain the upper hand over the French trio. Both are aiming for their first victory of the season, while Czech Tomas Pekar (Carpek Service) and Italian Alessandro Brigatti (Progetto E20 Motorsport) share the same goal as they look to boost their confidence before the summer break.

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Jerzy Spinkiewicz, who is sure to go on holiday atop the Challengers Cup classification, also wants to increase his lead over Guillaume Maio (GM Sport) and Mathieu Lannepoudenx (Milan Compétition); who took the category honours here 12 months ago. Twice a runner-up at Zandvoort, Serbian Nikola Miljkovic (Tempo Racing Team) will try to keep his momentum going. Italian Cristian Ricciardini (Essecorse), the only man to have beaten Jerzy Spinkiewicz this year, will try to do it again while Finland's Juuso Panttila (Carpek Service), Italians Jacopo Giuseppe Cimenès (Essecorse) and William Mezzetti (Progetto E20 Motorsport) as well as Spain's Nico Abella (Chefo Sport) are all eager to score their first podium result. Taiwan's Lin Chen Han (Uniq Racing) and Argentina's Mariano Alonso (GPA Racing) will also be out to prove how much they have progressed.

The battle will rage in the Gentlemen Drivers Cup, where Italian Quinto Stefana (Milan Competition) and Dutchmen Rene Steenmetz (Chefo Sport) and Stefan Polderman (Chefo Sport) are covered by just seven points. While they have shared all the victories so far, Frenchmen Michel Faye (GM Sport), Horn (GPA Racing) and Argentinian Gabriel Alonso (GPA Racing) hope to reverse the trend this week to get back in title contention.

Clio Cup Eastern Europe reaches the mid-season mark

Before the first half of the season ends in Budapest, Marc Guillot will defend his lead in the Clio Cup Eastern Europe. While the Frenchman has recently consolidated his lead, Tomáš Pekar and Swiss driver Andreas Stucki (Stucki Motorsport) will look to pounce on the slightest slip-up on his part. His countryman and teammate Anthony Jurado, twice a winner at Zandvoort, is also determined to accelerate his ascent in the general classification.

In the Challengers Cup, Juuso Panttila will attempt to build on his brace of wins in the Netherlands to extend his lead over Lin Chen Han and German Henrik Seibel (Carpek Service), who will target his maiden victory this week. Lastly, the Dutchmen Rene Steenmetz and Stephan Polderman will resume their duel in the Gentlemen Drivers Cup, where the former hopes to extend his run of three consecutive victories to distance himself from his teammate before the next meeting in the autumn.

The field will also welcome a driver who knows the Hungaroring circuit well, namely Gábor Tim (GM Sport). The Hungarian driver, who has won several national karting titles and national circuit and rally single-make cups, will make his debut in the new generation Clio Cup thanks to a fundraising campaign that attracted more than 230 people.

All the competitors will be on track from Friday during the weekend, with both races streamed live on the Renault Clio Series Facebook page and the Renault Clio Series YouTube channel.

TIMETABLE

Friday 8 July

8:30-9 am: Collective test 1

1:33-2:03 pm: Collective test 2

Saturday 9 July

8:30-8:50 am: Qualifying 1

1-1:30 pm: Race 1 (25 minutes + 1 lap)

Sunday 10 July

10:40-11 am: Qualifying 2

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5:40-6:10 pm: Race 2 (25 minutes + 1 lap)

2022 Clio Cup Series calendar			
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

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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!

ABOUT RENAULT

Renault, a historic mobility brand and pioneer of electric vehicles in Europe, has always developed innovative vehicles. With the 'Renaulution' strategic plan, Renault has embarked on an ambitious, value-generating transformation moving towards a more competitive, balanced and electrified range. Its ambition is to embody modernity and innovation in technology, energy and mobility services in the automotive industry and beyond.