

# PRESS RELEASE

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## SUSPENSE IN SIGHT AT MAGNY-COURS



**The Clio Cup Series returns to France for round three of the season at the Circuit de Nevers Magny-Cours. Twenty-seven competitors will be in action in the Nièvre for a new confrontation between the protagonists of Clio Cup España and Clio Cup France. Will the French drivers maintain their dominance on home soil, or with the Spaniards take over?**

The third race meeting of 2023 will feature a head-to-head between the Clio Cup España and Clio Cup France drivers, who are ready to defend their colours on the undulating circuit, which has hosted several French Formula 1 Grands Prix.

### **The battle resumes in Clio Cup France**

While Nicolas Milan (Milan Compétition) and David Pouget (GPA Racing) share the points lead in the Clio Cup Series, it's a different story in Clio Cup France. Ill-rewarded despite his pace earning him two pole positions at Nogaro, David Pouget is only fourth in the standings, while rival Nicolas Milan made the most of the circumstances to score maximum points. Meanwhile, Alexandre Albouy (GPA Racing) and Alexandre Finkelstein (GPA Racing) slotted between the two leading contenders, promising an exhilarating battle for the lead of the championship.

In addition to this tremendously tight battle, Alexandre Finkelstein will try to extend his lead over his fellow competitors in the Challengers Cup after his double win in the Gers. Led by Aurélien Renet (JSB Compétition), his pursuers will try to reverse the trend,



including Mickaël Carrée (T2CM), who will be aiming for a first win close to home soil. The same goes for Florian Venturi (GM Sport) and his teammate Florian Coruble (GM Sport), determined to make up some ground after retiring from race two at Nogaro.

The action will also be intense in the Racers Cup, where Fabien Julia (LR Performance) and Jérémy Bordagaray (Milan Compétition) should resume their duel after sharing the spoils at Nogaro. However, they must watch out for Laurent Dziadus (Team Lucas) and Cédric Delcroix (GPA Racing), who have already finished on the podium. Meanwhile, Samuel Chaligne (T2CM) and Raphaël Cuadrado (GM Sport) will look to return to the front while Veenesh Shunker (T2CM) will aim for a better performance to make up for his deficit to the leaders.

### **Clio Cup España clashes on multiple fronts**

The proceedings should also be exciting in Clio Cup España, where the title and Challengers Cup battles are extraordinarily close.

Nogaro winners Adrian Schimpf (AST Competition) and Mathieu Lannepoudenx (Milan Compétition) head to Magny-Cours targeting more success. The Spaniard has a three-point lead over the Frenchman in the general classification, but they are equal on points among the Challengers. However, they will have to be ready for a reply from Alejandro Schimpf (AST Competition), who is in lying in wait, or from Jordi Palomeras (Milan Compétition), Javier Cicuendez (Team VRT) and Lydia Sempere (AST Competition), all ready to give it their all.

Nogaro Racers Cup winners Jérémy Bordagaray (Milan Compétition) and Sergio Casalins (GPA Racing) will also continue their duel, but they need to be wary of Joaquin Rodrigo (Team VRT) and Alejandro Romero (Team VRT), both determined to take a step forward to regain the upper hand this week.

### **Three outsiders at Magny-Cours**

Three drivers ready to upset the pecking order complete the field in the Clio Cup Series. Currently 13th in the Clio Cup Series, Guillaume Maio (GM Sport) will be on hand to regain places in the classification while preparing for future challenges. It is the same story for Benjamin Cauvas (GPA Racing), one of the most prominent racers of the early season. Meanwhile, "Horn" (GPA Racing) will make his first appearance of the year.

The field of 27 Clio Cups will assemble on Friday at the Circuit de Nevers Magny-Cours. The races, scheduled for Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 5:35 pm, will be streamed live on the [Renault Clio Series Facebook page](#) and [YouTube Renault Clio Series YouTube channel](#).

## **PROGRAMME**

### **Friday 5 May**

10:40-11:10 am: Collective test 1

6:15-6:45 pm: Collective test 2

### **Saturday 6 May**

8:30-8:50 pm: Qualifying 1

5:00-5:30 pm: Race 1 (25 minutes + 1 lap) | [Facebook](#) | [YouTube](#)

### **Sunday 7 May**

10:15-10:35 am: Qualifying 2

5:35-6:05 pm: Race 2 (25 minutes + 1 lap) | [Facebook](#) | [YouTube](#)



## Entry list

### ABOUT CLIO CUP

Since the introduction of the R8 Gordini Cup in 1966, Renault has maintained a constant presence on tracks worldwide. Since 1991, several thousand Clio Cups have been sold, with all five generations recognised for their performance, reliability and affordability. With its experience in promotional formulas and one-make series, Renault offers its savoir-faire and expertise to experienced and amateur drivers by providing them with a product adapted to their needs. For 2023, Clio Cup will race through the Clio Cup Series, bringing together Clio Cup Europe, Clio Cup France, Clio Cup España, Clio Cup Italia and Clio Cup Mid-Europe with a calendar offering numerous opportunities to competitors from all backgrounds.

### 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.