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THE CLIO CUP BACK IN ACTION AT HOCKENHEIM



The Clio Cup returns to the track this week with thirty-three drivers representing ten nationalities. After the summer break, the Clio Cup Europe, Clio Cup Eastern Europe and Clio Cup France competitors are back in action as they head to the Hockenheim circuit for the tenth meeting of the season in what could be a crucial round in many title battles!

The summer continues to be scorching and the action promises to be a stormy affair at the host venue for German F1 Grand Prix as the contenders return to their Clio Cups equipped with the 200bhp 1.3-litre TCe engine for a weekend, which could well decide the fate of many.

Clio Cup Europe: who will lead at the mid-season point?

While three drivers have won in the first eight races, the suspense remains intact as five can take the lead in Germany. Nicolas Milan (Milan Compétition) will try to extend his lead by repeating his German success of last year. But he will have to watch out for his pursuers, namely Marc Guillot (Milan Compétition), David Pouget (GPA Racing), Jerzy Spinkiewicz (Uniq Racing) and Anthony Jurado (Milan Compétition). Marc Guillot and Jerzy Spinkiewicz will be chasing their first victory of the year, but Tomáš Pekar (Carpek Service) will also be looking to get back into the fight.

With seven wins from eight starts, Jerzy Spinkiewicz will be looking to build on his success in the Challengers Cup. However, Guillaume Maio (GM Sport) and Nikola Miljkovic (Tempo Racing Team) will have an opportunity to reverse the



trend with a first victory. Meanwhile, Juuso Panttila (Carpek Service), Jacopo Giuseppe Cimenès (Essecorse) and Chen Han Lin (Uniq Racing) want to raise their game and finally spray the champagne in this increasingly competitive category.

The race for the title will also accelerate in the Gentlemen Drivers Cup, where Stephan Polderman (Chefo Sport) and Quinto Stefana (Milan Compétition) are currently equal on points at the top, followed by René Steenmetz (Chefo Sport). While all three are favourites, Michel Faye (GM Sport) and Horn (GPA Racing) will look to confirm their progress to march on to the top step of the podium and get back on track for the second half of the season.

The first Clio Cup France titles?

The penultimate round of the Clio Cup France could see some contenders become champions, but nothing will be easy as always in Clio Cup!

In the general classification, David Pouget will have to put in an almost perfect weekend while hoping for a slip-up from his rivals led by Nicolas Milan to seal the title. His mission to score big points will be particularly difficult as there is also a titanic battle for third place in the standings and the Challengers Cup lead between Léo Jousset (Milan Compétition), Alexandre Albouy (GPA Racing), Joran Leneutre (JSB Compétition), Jerzy Spinkiewicz and Alexandre Finkelstein (GPA Racing). If any of them is to take the lead before the season finale at Circuit Paul Ricard, they also need to finish ahead outsiders Guillaume Maio and Aurélien Renet (JSB Compétition).

In the Gentlemen Drivers Cup, Mathieu Rigoulet (VicTeam) could clinch the title on Sunday, but Lionel Viguié (T2CM) and Pierre Monmaneix (GPA Racing) will do everything they can to stop it. Defending champion Laurent Dziadus (Team Lucas) will do his best to stay in the fight until the end. Cédric Delcroix (GPA Racing), Horn, Jérémy Bordagaray (Milan Compétition), Benjamin Cauvas (GPA Racing) and Michel Faye will do their utmost to create a surprise.

Everything still to play for in Clio Cup Eastern Europe!

Clio Cup Eastern Europe leader Marc Guillot will try to extend his lead over Tomáš Pekar, Andreas Stucki (Stucki Motorsport) and Juuso Panttila, but his main rival for victory could very well be his team-mate Anthony Jurado, also victorious three times this year.

Leader of the Challengers Cup thanks to his streak of four consecutive victories, Juuso Panttila will look to take a first step towards the title against Chen Han Lin and Henrik Seibel (Carpek Service), who will target a victory on home soil. Lastly, Dutchmen René Steenmetz and Stephan Polderman will resume their duel in the Gentlemen Drivers Cup, both being equal on points at midseason.

Three drivers making their first appearance of the year will complete the field. T2CM has entered Sweden's Filip Sandström (T2CM), winner of the 2016 Renault Junior Cup Sweden and third in Clio Cup Central Europe in 2020, as well as Marc Fleurance, 1997 French Intercontinental A Champion in karting. Frenchman Fabien Frazao (GM Sport) will also make his debut, emulating his father, a former Renault 5 GT and Clio Cup driver in the 1980s and 1990s.

The thirty-three Clio Cups in Germany will take to the track on Friday. Both races will be streamed live on the Renault Clio Series Facebook page and the Renault Clio Series YouTube channel.

TIMETABLE

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Friday 2 September

9:55-10:35 am: Collective test 1

1:05-13:45 pm: Collective test 2

4:50-5:10 pm: Qualifying1

Saturday 3 September

11:25-11:45 am: Qualifying 2

4-4:30 pm: Race 1 (25 minutes + 1 lap)

Sunday 4 September

11:15-11:45 am: Race 2 (25 minutes + 1 lap)

Clio Cup Series - 2022 calendars			
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

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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!

ABOUT RENAULT

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