

# THE ALPINE A110 CUP TO MAKE ZANDVOORT DEBUT

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The Alpine Elf Europa Cup is days away from its debut at Zandvoort (Netherlands). With four different drivers winning in the first four races of the year, the action promises to be on the boil at this new stop on the calendar, where everyone will be trying to make their mark before the summer break.



The venue of the Dutch Grand Prix, Zandvoort, is poised to stir a sensation by offering a unique challenge to the Alpine Elf Europa Cup field with its undulating layout notably featuring two show-stopping banked corners.

## WHO WILL BE THE LEADER HEADING INTO THE SUMMER?

With four different winners so far in 2022, season five of the Alpine Elf Europa Cup is as competitive as ever.

With a victory and runner-up result at Magny-Cours, Simon Tirman (Autosport GP) heads to Zandvoort atop the general classification. The Frenchman, who also leads the Junior category, will look to keep the momentum going despite the expected fightback from his closest challengers. Each race in which Paul Cauhaupé (Patrick Roger by Autosport GP) has finished it has been a podium result while the quick and ambitious Lucas Frayssinet (Chazel



Technologie Course) is another driver to keep a close eye on. Edwin Traynard (Chazel Technologie Course), who led after the first meeting at Nogaro, will also try to regain the lead.

Other contenders have a shot at leading the standings at the midway point of the season. Rodolphe Wallgren (Herrero Racing) will be chasing his first win of the season, as will Louis Méric (Race Cars Consulting), who is looking for revenge after seeing luck slip through his fingers at Magny-Cours last month.

### **NEW RACE WINNERS?**

Although they are slightly behind in the general classification, all hopes are still alive for Thibaut Bossy (Herrero Racing) and Alexis Garcin (Herrero Racing), whose rise in form could bode well at this new venue.

The young duo of Code Racing Development formed by Louis Maurice and Romain Brun could also take advantage of this new track to show their ability to adapt, shake up the hierarchy and boost their confidence before the summer break.

Other drivers will be aiming for a first top ten finish, such as Jules Gougeon (Race Cars Consulting), Adrien Le Floch (Herrero Racing), Tim Mérieux (Autosport GP) and Margaux Verza (Patrick Roger Autosport GP), who scored her first points at Magny-Cours.

### **THE BATTLE CONTINUES AMONG THE GENTLEMEN**

The Gentlemen category is just as competitive as the title race and Anthony Fournier (Race Cars Consulting) has the opportunity to extend his lead as his closest rival, Philippe Bourgois, is skipping this round.

However, the Frenchman will have to face stiff competition with the presence of Magny-Cours Race 2 winner Frédéric Roy (Chazel Technologie Course) and Laurent Richard (Herrero Racing). Marc Sevestre (Autosport GP) and Pierre Macchi (Patrick Roger Autosport GP) also hope to excel in a field where Franc Rouxel (Herrero Racing) will make his return.

Lastly, Mickaël Carrée (T2CM) will look to build upon his first podium finish to move up the classification, as will vastly experienced Jean-Paul Dominici (Chazel Technologie Course).

Two other newcomers from rallying will make their Alpine Elf Europa Cup debut this weekend. 1997 European Rally Champion and Off-Road Rally World Cup winner Krzysztof Hołowczyc from Poland will compete with Chazel Technologie Course, replacing his compatriot Gosia Rdest. Meanwhile, Frenchman Nicolas Ciamin will also return to the track racing after scoring



Alpine's first outright victory in a French Rally Championship event with the Alpine A110 Rally at the 2021 Rallye Antibes Côte d'Azur.

The first two races of the Alpine Elf Europa Cup history in the Netherlands, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday afternoon, will be streamed live on the Alpine Elf Europa Cup YouTube channel and Facebook page.

## **SCHEDULE**

### **Friday 17 June**

1-1:40 pm: Free practice 1

5:50-6:30 pm: Free practice 2

### **Saturday 18 June**

10:55-11:15 am: Qualifying 1

4:30-5:05 pm: Race 1

### **Sunday 19 June**

10:45-11:05 am: Qualifying 2

4:35-5:10 pm: Race 2

## **ABOUT ALPINE**

Founded in 1955 by Jean Rédélé, the brand has set itself apart with its French-style sports cars. In 2018, the brand presented the new A110, a sports car faithful to Alpine's timeless principles of compactness, lightness, agility and driving pleasure. The Alpine Business Unit was created in 2021 and thus became the brand dedicated to innovative, authentic, exclusive sportscars of the Renault Group, benefiting from the heritage and craftsmanship of its historic plant in Dieppe and the Alpine Racing and Alpine Cars teams engineering mastery.

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