

# THE BATTLE RESUMES IN THE ALPINE ELF EUROPA CUP AT MAGNY-COURS

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The pace is picking up in the Alpine Elf Europa Cup, with round two of the season this week at Circuit de Nevers Magny-Cours. After an incredibly competitive opening round, nobody should be under-estimated. With 24 cars at the start and the arrival of a new contender, the pecking order could change quickly in the next few days.



After two high-pressure races to kick off the campaign, the intensity will increase at the former venue of the French Formula 1 Grand Prix, where all the competitors want to confirm or reverse the first trends observed at Nogaro.

## WHO WILL STAND OUT?

Edition five of the Alpine Elf Europa Cup was tipped to be intensely competitive, but the start of the campaign was even more indecisive than expected with six different drivers having already enjoyed the pleasure of marching onto the podium.

Nevertheless, a first hierarchy has been set as Edwin Traynard (Chazel Technologie Course) arrives in Burgundy atop the general classification. Following his win in race two at Nogaro, the Frenchman will now try to consolidate his status as the leader and pull away from his

Junior category rivals. However, several drivers want to take the lead from him, starting with his teammate Lucas Frayssinet (Chazel Technologie Course), who also won in the Gers.

Second and fourth in the first two races, Rodolphe Wallgren (Herrero Racing) and Louis Méric (Race Cars Consulting) will be gunning for first place to take the lead while Simon Tirman (Autosport GP) wants to get back to a position more aligned with his ambitions. Lastly, Paul Cauhaupé (Patrick Roger by Autosport GP) will count on the advice of his coach Lilou Wadou to win new trophies this week.

### **A FIELD READY TO FIGHT BACK**

After coming so close to finishing on the podium a few weeks ago, Thibaut Bossy (Herrero Racing) and Louis Maurice (Code Racing Development) head to the Nièvre with their objectives revised upwards. The field also has to be wary of the resurgence of Polish driver Gosia Rdest (Chazel Technologie Course), who scored her best result in the Alpine Elf Europa Cup last year at Magny-Cours.

Alexis Garcin (Herrero Racing) and Romain Brun (Code Racing Development) have made a promising debut in the discipline, and they are two more competitors whose progress must be watched closely. Meanwhile, Senegal's Abdoulaye Diop (Autosport GP) aims for his first top ten finish, as do Jules Gougeon (Race Cars Consulting), Tim Mérieux (Autosport GP) and Adrien Le Floch (Herrero Racing).

Frenchwoman Margaux Verza (Patrick Roger Autosport GP), who was unlucky at the start of the season, is also hoping to bounce back and is determined to score her first points of the year at a track she knows well.

### **CAN ANYONE STOP BOURGOIS?**

In the Gentlemen category, Belgium's Philippe Bourgois (Chazel Technologie Course) wants to keep his momentum going by using his experience to widen the gap with his pursuers led by Anthony Fournier (Race Cars Consulting). With two podium results in round one, the latter wants to raise his game to defeat his rival and outrun Laurent Richard (Herrero Racing), who shares the same goal.

In a category where every single point could make the difference by the end of season, Frédéric Roy (Chazel Technologie Course), Jean-Paul Dominici (Chazel Technologie Course) and Marc Sevestre (Autosport GP) are all targeting their first top-three finish of 2022 to move up in the general classification. Another driver to keep an eye on is Mickaël Carrée (T2CM), whose knowledge of the track could be useful to start his rise in the hierarchy.

Scheduled for Friday at 5.55 pm and Saturday at 2.25 pm, both races from Circuit Nevers Magny-Cours will be streamed live on the Alpine Elf Europa Cup YouTube channel and Facebook page.

## **TIMETABLE**

### **Thursday 12 May**

2:30-3:10 pm: Free practice 1

4:50-5:30 pm: Free practice 2

### **Friday 13 May**

10:20-10:35 am: Qualifying 1

5:55-6:25 pm: Race 1

### **Saturday 14 May**

9:30-9:45 am: Qualifying 2

2:25-2:55 pm: Race 2

### **About Alpine**

Founded in 1955 by Jean Rédélé, the brand has set itself apart with its French-style sports car. 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 is created in 2021. It thus became the brand dedicated to innovative, authentic, exclusive sportscars of Renault Group, benefiting from the heritage and craftsmanship of its historical plant in Dieppe, as well as the engineering mastery from the Alpine Racing and Alpine Cars teams.

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