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**JF DUMOULIN GETS HIS FIRST PODIUM IN THE NASCAR CANADIAN TIRE SERIES**

The #04 Bernier Crépeau / Group Bellemare / MIA team meets the challenge and finishes in third place

**Trois-Rivières** (Québec, Canada), **May 17, 2015** – Jean-François Dumoulin is known for his silent and spectacular comebacks during races. Today's race, which occurred on the road circuit of the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, can be added to his successful track record. Starting in 13th place, the driver of the #04 Bernier Crépeau / Group Bellemare / MIA car was **the only Quebecer to step on the podium**. A strong contender at the end of the race, Jean-François Dumoulin was able to be opportunistic and finish the race in third place.

With a new team comes a new crew chief in Éric Laperle, and many challenges were overcome brilliantly, this weekend, by the #04 Bernier Crépeau / Group Bellemare / MIA teammates. With strategic overtakes and well-timed pit stops, everything fell into place for Jean-François Dumoulin to end up in front of the pack.

“The objective was to remain competitive up to the last few laps to finish in the top-5. I couldn't be very aggressive because of the understeer tight out, but I was able to keep up the pace, and the pit stop strategy paid off. It's safe to say mission accomplished. A podium to start the season is very good for the visibility of our partners Bernier Crépeau, Group Bellemare, MIA, and Trois-Rivières Mitsubishi,” shares an enthusiastic Jean-François Dumoulin.

It was the first time that the whole team was together, and we had fun over the whole weekend. The qualifying didn't go as well as we had hoped, but we had a discussion with Mario Gosselin (crew chief for Louis-Philippe Dumoulin's team), and adjustments were made before the race. JF is a driver that knows how to adapt to a car. There were very few yellow flags [three], and that was what we were waiting for in order to change the tires. It turned out to be a winning strategy at the end of the race, as it played out favorably for us. With our first podium this season, we're very happy, » explains crew chief Éric Laperle.

As early as tomorrow, the #04 Bernier Crépeau / Group Bellemare / MIA team will once again be on-track on the Sunset Speedway for a day of trials in order to prepare for the next two events on oval track (Autodrome Chaudière, June 13th, and Sunset Speedway, June 19th). “The car is in good shape, we know the direction we must go in to get even faster by August. Tomorrow, we'll test on oval track. It will be a new milestone for me and we will be ready,” mentions Jean-François Dumoulin.

\***Race results:** [http://hometracks.nascar.com/051715\\_CTMP\\_NCATS\\_Results](http://hometracks.nascar.com/051715_CTMP_NCATS_Results)

**FEATS AND HIGHLIGHTS JEAN-FRANÇOIS DUMOULIN**

- The first Quebec-born driver to win twice the **Rolex 24 in Daytona**; 2004 (SGS and 2007 (GT).
- The youngest racer to have been part of the **Player's Development Team**.
- Champion of the **Grand-Am Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge GS**, USA in 2003 (9 podiums).
- Champion of the **Grand-Am Continental Tire Sport Car Challenge ST**, USA in 2002 (5 podiums).
- In Montreal's 2009 edition of **Nascar Nationwide**, he finished his first race in the 7<sup>th</sup> position aboard a badly damaged car and wins the heart of numerous fans and reporters.
- In 2000, earns a 2<sup>nd</sup> place championship win in the **Motorola Cup Series** in which he racked a 1<sup>st</sup> podium after having begun the race 52<sup>nd</sup> at the Molson Indy event in Ontario, Canada.



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