



V A N D E R  
**DRIFT.**



“I AM A PROFESSIONAL RACING  
DRIVER & MULTIPLE CHAMPION.”

Christopher Jason van der Drift was born on 8 March 1986 in Hamilton, he is of dual nationality holding a Dutch and Kiwi passport.

After a very successful karting career in New Zealand and Australia wrapping up 12 New Zealand Karting championships over 10 years the next logical step was to move up into the "racing car" world and with the help of his parents Chris moved to Europe in 2003.

Without having ever driven a race car before he signed up to a BMW scholarship program, once he received the entry he was off to Spain to take part, he went on to win the scholarship in his first try and was supported by BMW for the 2004 season of the German Formula BMW Championship.

Thanks to Chris's parents for putting everything on the line he was able to compete his first season of racing in Europe.

Chris was Champion in his first attempt.

From there Chris was picked up and raced in the 2006 Formula Renault 2.0 Eurocup and NEC (Champion), 2007 International Formula Master, 2008 Formula Master (Champion), 2008/09 GP2 Series Asia (part series) 2009 World Series by Renault 3.5, 2009 A1 GP (part series), 2010 Superleague Formula. After a massive accident at Brands Hatch which nearly took Chris's life he parted ways with his then manager.

However Chris was determined to be back behind the wheel and did what he could to make it happen, at the beginning of 2012 Chris teamed up with Sivana Sports Management and have been working together since.

2011 World Series by Renault 3.5 (part series), 2012 Auto GP World Series, 2012 Italian GT, 2013 International GT Open, 2014 Blancpain GT Series Sprint & Endurance, 2015 Porsche Carrera Cup Asia (Champion), 2016 V8 Supercar Pirtek Enduro Cup, 2017 Porsche Carrera Cup Asia, 2017 China GT Championship.

Chris is a Multiple Champion in both single seaters and GT cars, currently he has 30 victories, 78 podiums, 29 pole positions and 24 fastest race laps to his name.

He has a wealth of experience, whatever car he jumps into you can be sure he will get the most out of it.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Van der Drift". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'C'.

## WHAT PEOPLE SAY

"Chris was an essential part of the New Zealand A1 GP team since 2007 beginning as 'rookie driver' and then following as one of the two race drivers in the 2008/2009 season. The New Zealand team was very impressed with how Chris drives, but also the way he became involved when helping to promote the team. He also has the technical knowledge to enable him to work with the engineers and team members to find the right setup for the car. We are convinced that if Chris is a member of a well-managed and funded race-team, that he will perform both on the track and off it, and he will be of great value to every business that he represents."

Sir Colin Giltrap, Giltrap Group.

"Chris was a driver at JD Motorsport from 2006 to 2008. He began with us as a 'rookie' in the North European Cup and Eurocup Formula Renault 2.0. Thanks to his results we as a team won both the Teams Championships. After that he raced for two seasons with us in the new Formula Master Championship where we won the teams title in 2008, after coming second in 2007, and also the drivers title with Chris in 2008. During our time together Chris has had 16 pole positions, 29 podiums and 14 wins. It is thanks to these performances that our team is thought of as one of the best European teams and I believe that Chris would be an excellent representative for any business that would like to increase their brand awareness through motorsport."

Roberto Cavallari, team owner JD Motorsport





**WORLD OF SPORT**

**CAUTIOUS APPROACH PAYS OFF FOR CHRIS**

**FORMULA MASTER**

**HONDA ON FORMAT SUGO**

**Uitstekende start Van der Drift**

Valencia, zondag 21 augustus 2009

Werkend stond hij op de laatste trede van het podium terwijl de Spaanse Grand Prix van Valencia op de 21 augustus 2009 van de Drift die gisteren op zaterdag werd afgesloten met een spectaculaire Formule Master race.

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**WOLFGANG PETERLI**

**Valencia**

Van Der Drift is un vero stordende volante. Smetta in gara 1 e si ripete nella seconda partenza dalla 4ª fila.

**Vola da solo Van Der Drift**

Valencia, 21 agosto 2009

Chris van der Drift (21) heeft zijn eerste Formule Master race gewonnen op zaterdag 21 augustus 2009 op het Spaanse circuit van Valencia. De Nederlander startte op de vierde plaats en eindigde op de eerste plaats.

**MEET NZ'S NEW TRACK WHIZ: IF YOU CATCH OUR DRIFT**

Bernard Carpenter introduces the unheralded Kiwi set to take over the role on Black Beauty.

**A**fter a long and successful season in the Formula 1 world, the Kiwi driver has returned to the track to take on the challenge of the International Formula Master series. The Kiwi driver has returned to the track to take on the challenge of the International Formula Master series.



**WORLD OF SPORT**

**VAN DER DRIFT GETS HIS TIME TO ATTACK**

**INTERNATIONAL FORMULA MASTER**

**26 autosport**

**Formule Master Interview**

Nico Rosberg geen fan

Overname van Renault

Eni Chinese Nederlanders

Favoriete landen

Maandelijkse Bonus

**Chris van der Drift op F1-koers**

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**Van der Drift wint talentenrace**

Valencia, 21 augustus 2009

Tweemaal schakelde het Wilhelmus dit weekend over het Circuit Ricardo Tormo in Valencia voor de Nederlandse Formule Master van der Drift. In de Formule Master van der Drift (21) gaat hierbij in de laatste ronde van het seizoen met een sterke start van de Formule Master race.

**«Bravo Drift, bravo»**

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**Ancora Van Der Drift**

Colombiano vince gara 1 dimostrando di essere l'uomo da battere. Gara 2 va a Schlegelmüller

**Pura Africa e Asia in proiezione 2009**



**Two wins for van der Drift**

By Robb Curtis

**H**amilton-born Chris van der Drift (21) opened his 2009 season in the International Formula Master series with a perfect score - pole position, two wins and two fastest laps.

Based at the Valencia circuit in Spain, van der Drift was quickly on the pace in leading van der Drift's start to take an immediate lead which he kept for the 19-lap race, finishing ten seconds ahead of his former team-mate, Renger van der Zande. Third was Michael Ammerlaan who has been Artec Team Germany's driver this past season.

As the positions of the first eight leaders are reversed for the second race, van der Drift had to start from grid eight for the race on Sunday in damp conditions. The race started behind the safety car and was then restarted after two laps. After a further four laps van der Drift was up to third place, then four laps later was in second place. With nine laps to go Chris was nine seconds behind the leader, former GP2 Asia champion, Renger van der Zande, but in the final lap van der Drift lapped van der Zande and with a couple of laps to go was through into the lead, winning by 5.5 seconds.



Top: Chris van der Drift on the winners podium and racing at Valencia, Spain. Above: Winning the New Zealand A1GP car at Swire's Patch where he was fastest rookie.

**27** Fastest Race Laps (Formula & GT cars since 2004)

**37** Victories (Formula & GT cars since 2004)

**3** Times European Champion (Formula & GT cars since 2004)

**2** Asian Champion

**86** Podiums (Formula & GT cars since 2004)

**33** Pole Positions (Formula & GT cars since 2004)

**12** Times New Zealand Kart Champion



# KARTING 1994 - 2010

12 times New Zealand Champion.

Australian Rotax Max Championship, 2nd place round one and 3rd place round three.

Hundreds of karting victories.

6th Australian CIK Championships.

Factory driver for various kart manufactures.



# FOMRULA BMW 2004 - 2005

Rookie Champion with 1 win, 16 podium places and 3 fastest laps in 32 races.

Won the prestigious BMW Scholarship to compete in the German Formula BMW Championship in 2004.

Chris out qualified Sebastian Vettel (Formula 1 world Champion) in his first ever race event.

Finished his first ever race in 3rd place.

Picked up by the former manager of F1 drivers Jarno Trulli and Timo Glock.

Was rewarded with the 'rookie of the year' title in the German Formula BMW championship.

Raced and won against Sébastien Buemi (Toro-rosso Formula 1 team),

Raced and won against Nico Hulkenberg (Force India Formula 1 team).





# FOMRULA RENAULT 2.0 2006

Scored in total 6 wins, 13 podium places, 9 pole positions and 5 fastest laps in 18 races.

Rookie Champion and 2nd overall in the Northern European Cup and the Eurocup Formula Renault 2.0.

Winning by a wide margin against Jaime Alguersuari (Toro Rosso Formula 1 team).

Winter testing in GP2 with Trident Racing.

Winning by a wide margin against Brendon Hartley (Factory Porsche LMP1).

Raced against and beat Sebastien Buemi (Toro Rosso Formula 1 team).

Winter testing in World Series by Renault.

Testing for A1GP Team New Zealand at Silverstone, England.



# FORMULA MASTER 2007

Scored in total 2 wins, 7 podium places, 1 pole position and 2 fastest laps in 16 races.

Most incredible start in history: Chris passed 20 of his fellow competitors in one lap starting from 31st position due to electrical problems.

Finished thanks to some strong races as 'runner-up' in the first ever International Formula Master Championship despite many technical and reliability issues.

Winter testing in GP2 with Trident Racing.

Raced and won against Jérôme d'Ambrosio (Lotus Renault Formula 1 Team).

Raced and won against Max Gotz (current Mercedes DTM)



# FORMULA MASTER 2008

Formula Master Champion after achieving 6 victories, 10 podium places, 7 pole positions and 8 fastest laps.

Won a Formula 1 test with the Honda Racing F1 Team.

Rookie driver for A1 Team New Zealand in the A1GP World Cup of Motorsport 2007/2008 season.

Best lap time in the A1GP rookie test sessions at Brands Hatch, England.

Developed the new A1GP Powered by Ferrari car at Donnington Park, England.

Winter testing in GP2, 5th best lap time out of 44 drivers taking part over 4 days.

Invited to race for the GP2-team Trident Racing and scored more points at the first race weekend than both drivers had scored in the whole season prior.

Raced and won against Vitaly Petrov (Caterham F1 Team).





# WORLD SERIES BY RENAULT 2009

2 fastest laps 8 podium finishes in 14 races.

Scored a podium place finish in his first World Series by Renault race weekend.

Driver for A1 Team New Zealand in the A1GP World Cup of Motorsport 2008/2009 season.

Invited to race for Epsilon Euskadi in the World Series by Renault.

GP2 winter testing with Rapax GP.

Raced against Jaime Alguersuari (Toro-Rosso F1 Team).

Developed the 2009 Formula Master car for Tatuus as official test driver.



# SUPERLEAGUE FORMULA 2010

4 race wins, 3 fastest laps, 1 pole position and 10 podium finishes in 14 races.

Outstanding drive in his Superleague Formula debut with two podium finishes.

Chris secured victory number one in the second race weekend.

First driver to have back to back Superfinal victories.

Second highest ever recorded crash which put an end to his 2010 season with Olympiacos.

Extraordinary recovery getting back behind the wheel 84 days after the accident.

Consistently out drove Formula 1 drivers Sebastien Bourdais, Franck Montagny,

Robert Dornbos and Narain Karthikeyan.



# WORLD SERIES BY RENAULT 2011

Chris secured a podium place in World Series by Renault in the second race weekend back after a 6 month break.

Invited to drive for Mofaz racing in the World Series by Renault championship.

Chris takes pole position in his first weekend back in the Superleague Formula since his 2010 crash at Brands Hatch.

Fastest laps and points finishes in all the Superleague Formula races in Zolder.

Consistently out drove ex Formula 1 driver Robert Dornbos.

Consistently out drove Neel Jani (Porsche Factory LMP1).





# AUTOGP WORLD SERIES 2012

Chris was only called & invited on the Thursday before the first round to compete for Manor MP Motorsport. With no prior testing and having not been in a race car in almost a year, Chris seriously impressed with 5th place in Qualifying and then went on to secure a podium place finish.

Chris went on to secure 7 podium finishes and a race win in the team's debut season, with the team finishing second overall in the standings.

Chris' race win was achieved on the challenging Marrakesh street circuit in Morocco. Chris finished 4th in the final AutoGP drivers' standings, despite not completing a full season.



# ITALIAN GT3/V8 SUPERTOURERS 2012

A brand new chapter in Chris's racing career was to make the step into GT racing. Chris was called up to race in the Italian GT3 Championship (last 3 rounds) with Bhai Tech in a McLaren MP4 12-C.

Chris took 4th position in the team's first ever qualifying session and then went on to take pole position for the last round in Monza by over half a second.

After the success in the McLaren, Chris was called up to partner Tim Edgell in the NZ V8 Supertourers for the last 2 rounds of the endurance championship.

Chris went on to take pole position in his first ever V8 Supertourer qualifying session, out driving many established V8 Supercar Drivers. Chris started the race and dominated the field until through the driver change the main driver picked up a penalty dropping them to 3rd overall.



# INTERNATIONAL GT OPEN 2013

Bhaitech Racing again asked Chris to stay on for the 2013 season as the lead driver with former F1 test driver Luiz Razia partnering him.

Chris secured the teams maiden pole position and victory - Chris is the first Kiwi to win in a McLaren since Denny Hulme and Bruce McLaren back in 1973.

Chris took 3 pole positions and 6 podium finishes through-out the season.

Chris's efforts went towards being the 2013 International GT Open Teams Champions.

Chris still holds the fastest ever lap around Spa in a McLaren MP4 12-C





# BLANCPAIN GT SERIES 2014

Chris was invited by Boutsen Ginion to head the #16 Pro-Am McLaren MP4 12-C in the Blancpain Endurance Series.

Chris led the only McLaren to finish the Spa 24 hour race .

At the Baku World Challenge Chris again was in the highest placed McLaren in both races out-performing current "factory" drivers.

Invited by top Australian V8 Supercar team Brad Jones Racing to test their V8 Supercar in Australia.

The first time Chris drove a Supercar he was already quicker than well established Jason Bright at a new circuit and a new car.

Chris was asked to return to Bhaitech Racing (after poor results at the start of the season) Chris's first event back with the team he made it into Q3 and scored the first points of the season.



# BATHURST 12HR/STOCK CAR 2015

Chris headed out to Australia without having a drive for the 12 hours of Bathurst, an opportunity arose and Chris joined from FP2, he then was immediately running at the front and far exceeding the cars capabilities.

Qualifying 3rd in class in a 2010 spec Porsche Cup Car (1st & 2nd in 2015 spec)

In the opening stint Chris got into the lead and then kept it before his team mate came together with another car which put us out of the race.

Chris was invited by Brazilian Stock Car driver Tuka Rocha to join him for the opening event.

Again in a new car and new environment Chris was straight to the front of the field setting times like he'd been driving the car for years.



# PORSCHE CARRERA CUP ASIA 2015

Chris was asked to join Arrows Racing (KLM Group) to join the 2015 Porsche Carrera Cup Asia Championship. Having only 30 minutes to learn a brand new car at the first round (Chinese GP) Chris went on to 4th in his first qualifying session and then 2nd position in his first race.

The following event in Korea Chris took a fantastic double pole position and double race victory.

In Japan for round three he then backed that up with another pole position and double race victory.

Chris has now been selected by Porsche for the support event of the Spa 24hr Porsche Carrera Cup race where he will drive against the best in Europe.

Chris went on to become Champion at his first try, (7 victories, 6 Pole Positions & 10 Podiums from 14 races).

Out Scored the most success ever Carrera Cup driver Craig Baird.



# V8 SUPERCARS PIRTEK ENDURO 2016

Chris was invited by Porsche Holdings to compete a one off event at Sepang, he took pole position and victory.

Was asked by Team 75 to fill in for Kevin Estre in the German ADAC GT Masters

Joined Erebus Motorsport in the Australian V8 Supercars Championship as co-driver in the Pirtek Enduro Cup, Chris defiantly turned heads in the car he was in.





# CARRERA CUP/CHINA GT 2017

Porsche Carrera Cup Asia Champion  
China GT Pro Champion

Porsche Carrera Cup Asia (4 Victories, 4 Pole Positions, 11 podiums, 3 fastest race laps)

China GT Championship (3 Victories, 6 Pole Positions, 9 Podiums, 4 fastest race laps)



# 10 YEARS HIGHLIGHTS VIDEO

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