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M U L T I P L E C H A M P I O N

INTRODUCING CHRIS VAN DER DRIFT

Christopher Jason van der Drift was born on 8 March 1986 in Hamilton, New Zealand. With dual nationality Chris is a European based kiwi.

Chris has been based in Europe since the beginning of 2003 and has raced every season since, from Formula BMW, Formula Renault 2.0, World Series by Renault 3.5, GP2 Series, Superleague Formula, AutoGP World Series and most recently GT3, V8 Supercars, Brazilian Stock Car and Porsche Carrera Cup.

In ten years he was 12 times New Zealand karting champion and was then ready to make the transition to car racing. Chris competed successfully and became Champion in Formula BMW, Formula Renault 2.0 and International Formula Master despite a lack of budget. His performances did not go unnoticed and he was invited to test and race in the GP2 Series, World Series by Renault and the A1GP World Cup of Motorsport in 2009.

In 2010 he controlled the 750hp Superleague Formula race car to 4 race wins, 10 podium finishes, 1 pole position and 3 fastest laps before a horror crash at Brands Hatch.

The crash itself was the second highest ever recorded; with an impact of 210g at a speed of 252kph it was a miracle that he survived. Chris however made a miraculous recovery and was back behind the wheel only 84 days later.

In 2011 Chris was determined after splitting with his management to get back behind the wheel. At the last minute he was asked to drive for Mofaz Racing in World Series by Renault and delivered with top 6 point finishes and podium places after being out of a car for over 6 months. Chris was then asked to drive for Team New Zealand in Superleague Formula and went on to secure pole position in his first event after missing the first event of that season.

In 2012 it was again last minute that saw Chris being called up the Thursday before the first round of AutoGP. After almost a year since he last raced, he managed to Qualify 5th and then went on to take 2nd place that weekend and won a race the very next round. He then took on the challenge of GT3 racing and having never stepped into a car with a roof, Chris took pole position at Monza in a McLaren MP4 12-C GT3 in only their second outing. After this success Chris was called up to compete in the V8 Supercars down under in New Zealand - once again in his first ever qualifying session Chris took pole position.

In 2013 Chris was secured to drive for the Italian team Bhaitech and headed one of their McLaren MP4 12-C GT3's. Chris scored the teams 1st pole position in qualifying and then went on to take their maiden win in the International GT Open championship also being the first kiwi to win in a McLaren since Denny Hulme and Bruce McLaren - Chris then added two more pole positions to his name and 6 podium finishes.

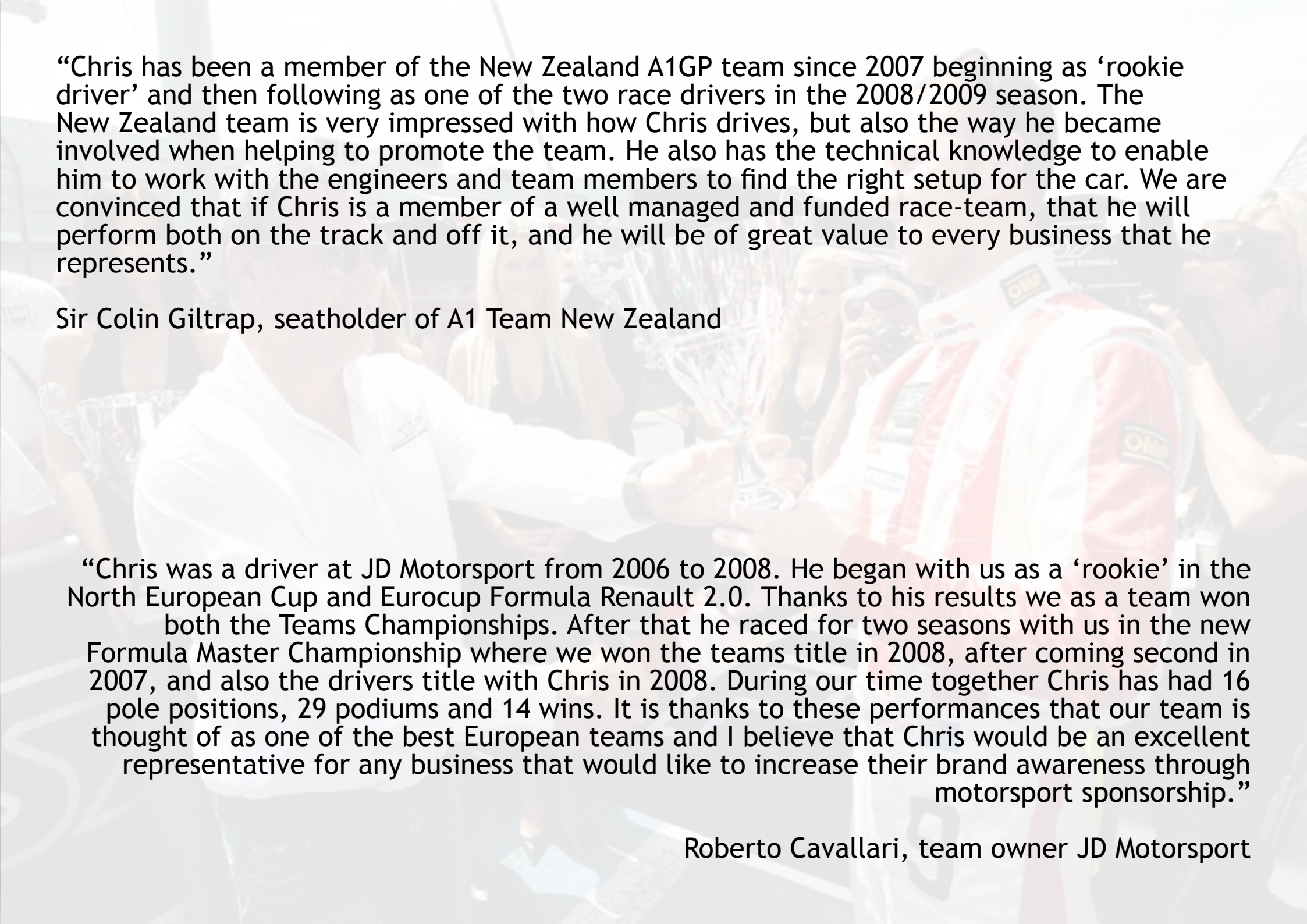
In 2014 Chris headed the Pro-Am entry at Boutsen Ginion and was the only McLaren to finish the Spa 24 hours and was also in the best placed McLaren at the Baku World Challenge. He was also asked to return to Bhaitech after the teams lack of results, in his first weekend back he got the car into Q3 of Qualifying and went on to score the team's first points of the year.

2015 started off with Chris getting a drive at the Bathurst 12hr (brand new circuit and car), Chris was quickly at the front of the time sheets and after qualifying 3rd in an older spec car he went onto take the lead during the opening stint, unfortunately his team mate was involved in a crash which put them out.

Chris was then asked to join Tuka Rocha in Brazil for the opening round of the Brazilian stock car championship which again was totally new for him, again always within the top 5. Unfortunately Tuka was involved in a first lap incident which put them out of contention.

Just 10 days before the first round of the Porsche Carrera Cup Asia championship in support of the Chinese F1 Grand Prix, and without any testing, Chris was invited to join Arrows Racing (KLM Group). Having never driven a 911 GT3 Cup car he didn't have long to master it and only after 30 minutes of practice he qualified 4th for his first race and went on to 2nd position overall.

Then only in the second round in Korea Chris took a double pole position and double race victory, he then backed that up again with another pole and double race victory in Japan and currently leads the drivers championship.

A faded background image showing a person in a racing suit holding a trophy. The person is wearing a white and red racing suit with 'OMG' logos. They are holding a large, multi-tiered trophy. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people and what appears to be a race track or pit area.

“Chris has been a member of the New Zealand A1GP 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 is 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, seatholder of A1 Team New Zealand

“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 sponsorship.”

Roberto Cavallari, team owner JD Motorsport



CAUTIOUS APPROACH PAYS OFF FOR CHRIS

Formula Masters
VAN DER DRIFT GETS HIS TIME TO ATTACK



WORLD OF SPORT

Van der Drift wint talentenrace

VALENCIA
Tienmaal schakelde het Wilhelmus dit weekend over het Circuit Ricardo Tormo in Valencia voor de Nederlandse coureur Chris van der Drift. In de Formula Masters van het weekend werd hij tweede in de kwalificatie en won de race op zondag.

Uitstekende start Van der Drift

VALENCIA
Werkend stond hij op de laatste trede van het podium terwijl de Nederlandse coureur Chris van der Drift op zaterdag de eerste van de drie races won in Valencia.

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Vola da solo Van Der Drift

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

Demand Carpenter introduces the unheralded Kiwi set to take over the title on Black Beauty.



Two wins for van der Drift

Hamilton-born Chris van der Drift (22) opened his 2008 season in the International Formula Masters series with a perfect score - pole position, two wins and two fastest laps.

TUITION CHRIS VAN DER DRIFT

Karting

- Has helped various drivers in New Zealand to karting titles and victories 1999 - 2002
- Mechanic and coach for P.D.B (Peter de Bruijn) 2006 - 2015
- Mechanic/Coach for Valtteri Bottas (European karting 2006)
- Mechanic/coach for Victor Öberg (KZ european/world championships)

Formula

2008 - 2014

- Driver coach Petronas PFX school Malaysia (Formula BMW)
- Driver coach Petronas Mofaz racing (Formula BMW Asia)
- Driver coach for Earl Bamber (Toyota Racing Series New Zealand)
- Driver coach Triple 8 racing (UK Formula Renault 2.0)
- Engineer and driver coach for M2 Competition (2014 Toyota Racing Series Champions)
- Driver coach for Manor MP Motorsport (Formula Renault 2.0)
- Driver coach for Tanart Sathienthirakul (Formula Renault 2.0 & Toyota New Zealand)
- Engineer and driver coach for MP Motorsport (Formula Renault 2.0)
- Driver coach for Will Stevens (Ferrari Simulator Italy)
- Driver coach for Steijn Schothorst (Formula Renault 2.0)
- Driver coach for Josef Kaufmann Racing (Formula Renault 2.0)

2012 - 2015

- Driver coach for Performance Racing (F3 Masters Zandvoort)
- Driver coach for Steijn Schothorst (Formula 3 & GP3)
- Driver coach for Motorpark (FIA European F3)
- Driver coach for Nabil Jeffri (FIA European F3)
- Driver support for Mitch Evans (GP3 Series Champion)

2011 - 2014

- Driver coach for Comtec Racing (World Series by Renault 3.5)
- Driver coach for Daniel de Jong (Auto GP world series & GP2 Series)
- Driver support for Mitch Evans (GP2 Race winner)

Sports Car

- Driver coaching Porsche Carrera Cup 2015



SIMULATION

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As simulation has become more and more beneficial in the world of motorsport Chris has taken this tool and adapted to use with his drivers making them even more prepared for the upcoming events.

As Chris has got more involved he has created and designed his own simulators for driver development, starting with the first systems back in 2010 that were delivered to the Mofaz Racing team in Malaysia.

Most recently Chris was asked by Bhaitech in Italy to fully develop a driver simulator which would cater for the driver straight from karts all the way through to World Series, GP3 etc.

Chris has coached drivers on simulators from karting, Formula Renault 2.0, GP3, Formula 3, AutoGP, GP2 and World Series 3.5 (Will Stevens)



ADDITIONAL SKILLS

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Chris has been based in Europe since 2003 and has naturally picked up the language bug, having raced with German, Italian and Dutch teams Chris can now speak these languages.

Together with the years of racing experience and data analyse Chris has pretty much worked with all data software systems and has a great understanding of these enabling deeper driver development.

Alongside driver coaching Chris has also got behind the computer and has engineered for a few race teams (Winning races too), he is also very handy with a spanner (karting mechanic days) thus making him a total all rounder.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS VIDEO - 10 YEARS



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