



Kelvin van der Linde





Personal

Birthdate:

20 June, 1996

Interests/Hobbies:

Tennis, Gym & Swimming

Education:

Grade 9, Dainfern College





KELVIN VAN DER LINDE RACING PROFILE





KARTING 2006

GP Junior



Kelvin starting his racing career at the age of 8 in the highly competitive Northern Regions GP Junior Championship. As one of the most spirited classes, with 30 competitors per race, Kelvin finished a very credible 8th after qualifying a disappointing 15th in his first outing. However, it was clearly visible that he had indeed inherited the natural born race talent which runs so strongly within the Van der Linde family. Finishing a solid 4th overall during his rookie year, he continued to focus on perfecting his skill and getting to grips with the all-new racing environment.





Karting 2007

Mini Max

2007 started with a massive challenge for Kelvin. In only his second year of karting, he moved classes into the new and ultra-competitive SA Mini-Max Northern Regions and National Kart Championship. Although his race pace was first rate, Kelvin still had to grapple with the art of qualifying. However, hard work and determination paid dividends and as the year progressed, he was able to contend for the all important Pole position.

Even after many ups and downs, Kelvin finished off the 2007 season with a very credible 4th place in the Northern Regions Championship and 6th in the National Championship.





Karting 2008 Mini-Max



This was to be Kelvin's year! He showed amazing skill coupled with excellent consistency and ended the year on the much sought after top step of the podium in both Regional and National Championships. Having won the coveted title of SA National Karting Champ, Kelvin became the 3rd generation in the van der Linde family to win a SA Title!





Karting 2009 Junior Max

In the National Championship, 2009 turned out to be a very tough year both physically and mentally for Kelvin. However, he showed grit and determination to perfect his craft and learn more about the tough world of racing at every outing. His Regional Championship did not suffer the same woes and he went on to win this Championship for the second year running.





Karting 2010



Junior Max & Junior Rok

2010 was the redemption year for Kelvin! In addition to his Junior Max racing, he chose to participate in the Junior Rok series too as it would provide him with a great platform of close racing and large fields. He performed exceptionally well in both classes and notched up the Engen National Karting Junior Rok Championship and also the Northern Regions Junior Max category. His National Junior Max title was lost by a mere 0.3 points!





Achievements in Karting

YEAR	CLASS	WINS	2 ND PLACES	3 RD PLACES
2006	GP Junior	2	2	2
2007	Mini Max	1	7	2
2008	Mini Max	15	5	0
2009	Junior Max	1	3	0
2010	Junior Max	14	8	1
2010	Junior Rok	4	27	5
TOTAL		38	27	5





Family History



Coming from a racing family and being a 3rd Generation to win SA and International Titles, Kelvin lives and breathes motorsport. This is what he wants to do and will continue to explore all avenues to live his dream of one day becoming a Touring Car World Champion.

Grandfather, Hennie, won the National Saloon Car Championship on no less than 3 occasions (1984 to 1986). Father, Shaun, won the 1992 Formula Gti Championship, the 1994 Touring Car Championship and the Production Car Championship in 2001, 2002 and 2004. Uncle Etienne, was the 1994 Formula Vee Champion, 1995 Formula Gti Champion and also won the Class A, Production Car Championship in 2003. Etienne also kept the family flag flying high when he won the International title of the German and European Formula Open Championship in 1998.

In Kelvin's own words: "This is all I dream about each day. The most important thing for me is to achieve this goal! Racing is my life, it is part of me and I will do everything in my power to make my dream come true. With the amazing backing from Ferodo Racing, I believe we can fly very high!"





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