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Zoe Mattis

January 15, 1996 - Present

Nationality: American

Started Racing in 2003

<http://www.zoemattis.com/>

Origins: Zoe, a native of Paoil, PA, showed her love of racing before she could even walk or talk. Her parents, Joe and Valerie, remember her enjoying NASCAR races on television as a baby, laughing whenever the cars zoomed across the screen. They figured she inherited her love of speed from her grandfather, an avid racing fan who, after discovering how much funding a race car cost, decided it would be cheaper to become a police officer so he would have a reason to (legally) speed!

Early Influences: At the age of seven Mattis's parents took her to a local quarter midget race, hoping to finally find a hobby that offered Zoe the speed and excitement she desired. After the race, the normally shy Zoe walked into the pit, straight up to one of the female drivers who had just finished competing, and started asking her about racing and how she could get her start behind the wheel. Her parents took this as a sign and soon after the young racer's parents explained the ins-and-outs of racing, they bought Zoe a quarter midget of her own and she started entering races around eastern Pennsylvania.

Racing Achievements:

- Recorded four feature Novice wins during her rookie season (2004).
- 25 top-three quarter midget finishes in 2005.
- She earned the most Montgomery County Quarter Midget Racing Club (MCQMRC) victories in her division during the 2006, 2007, and 2008 seasons. She also captured the most consecutive wins in 2006 and 2008.
- In 2007 Mattis captured the fastest time in MCQMRC's Beat the Clock Race and won the Region II Senior Honda Championship after turning in the third-fastest qualifying time.

- Named 2008 Point Champion of Airport Speedway's (New Castle, DE) 125cc Junior Micro-sprint class after earning 10 feature wins and six 2nd place finishes. Mattis recorded the most wins of all Junior drivers, was the youngest driver to complete the 125cc micro-sprint series, the youngest competitor to ever win a point championship at Airport Speedway, and one of only a few women to hold a micro-sprint title.
- Finished the 2009 micro-sprint season 2nd in Airport Speedway's Junior division with four wins and 13 top-five finishes.
- In October 2009 Mattis was one of 40 young drivers selected to compete for sponsorship and a place in Ron Sutton's Driver Development Program in the K&N Filters/Ron Sutton's Winner Circle Shootout. Over 700 individuals applied for this highly-competitive opportunity.

Interesting Fact: Zoe has successfully combined her love of racing and her schoolwork. She won the 2003 Chester County (PA) Fourth and Fifth-Grade Science Fair, beating over 140 other entries with a project titled "Which Gear Ratio Makes a Quarter Midget Race Car Go Faster?"

Life off the Track: In her hometown of Pottstown, PA, Mattis is an honors student and harbors a strong love of reading. Although she plans on participating in about 40 racing events and is hoping to move into the Adult Micro-sprint division during 2010, Zoe still finds time to practice martial arts and will soon earn her black belt in Okinawan karate.

Accomplishments and Awards:

- 2009 Women in the Winner's Circle Project Podium Scholarship recipient
- Invited to participate in the 2010 Women in the Winner's Circle Driver Development Academy

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