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## Susie Stoddart

December 6, 1982 - Present

Nationality: Scottish

Raced: 1996 - Present

**Background:** Susie Stoddart was born in Oban, Scotland in 1982. She gained an interest in racing when she was very young and her passion for the sport has continued to grow over the years. As a child, she was involved in Brownies and she has said that it taught her the importance of teamwork and motivation, both of which have helped her in her racing career. She studied international business studies at Edinborough University and is fluent in both German and English. Stoddart began karting consistently on the national and international scene in 1996, winning a number of awards in the process. In 2001, she made the switch to racing single-seaters and began participating in the Formula Renault Winter Series with Motaworld. By 2002, she also started competing in the Formula Renault UK Championship with DFR. She earned her first podium finish in the championship in 2003 and earned three more the following year while racing for Comtec Duckhams. In 2005, she advanced to the British Formula 3 International Series, driving with Alan Docking Racing, but her season was interrupted by an ankle injury she had suffered after falling the previous winter. Stoddart had ten pins and two plates inserted into her leg and it caused her to miss a good portion of the year. In 2006, she was back and ready to compete again. She moved up to the DTM (the German Touring Car Masters series) that season and raced for the Mücke Motorsport team. She suffered her worst accident ever during that year when her teammate lost his brake pressure and hit the side of her car at the Norisring Circuit in Nuremberg, Germany. Stoddart was taken to the hospital, but did not sustain any serious injuries. She continues to race in the DTM today and is determined to use her skills to become the first successful British female in Formula 1.

**Early Influences:** Stoddart has racing in her blood. Not only did her grandfather used to ride for the British Trials Biking Team, but her father raced road bikes as well. During her childhood, she and her brother would always go watch him when

he competed at Knockhill Racing Circuit in Scotland. They spent so much time and energy driving the fun karts there that her dad eventually bought them their own. Stoddart started motor racing herself when she was just eight years old and she has never looked back. Her parents have supported her every step of the way, attending all of her races. With a deep passion and love for the sport, she has said that she cannot imagine doing anything else.

#### **Racing Accomplishments:**

- Finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the 24hr Middle East Kart Championship in 1997.
- Won the championship in both the Scottish Junior Intercontinental “A” category and the Scottish Open Junior Intercontinental “A” category in 1997.
- Finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the British Junior Intercontinental “A” Championship in 1998.
- Finished 11<sup>th</sup> overall in the Federation Cup European Intercontinental “A” Championship in 1998.
- Placed 13<sup>th</sup> overall in the British Formula “A” Championship in 1999.
- Finished 10<sup>th</sup> overall in the British Formula “A” Championship in 2000.
- Finished 15<sup>th</sup> in the Formula “A” World Championships in 2000.
- Finished 9<sup>th</sup> overall in the Formula Renault UK Championship in 2003, earning her first podium.
- Finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall in the Formula Renault UK Championship in 2004, while racing for the Comtec Racing team.
  - She earned three podium finishes during the season.
- Made a one-off appearance in the Porsche Carrera Cup GB at Brands Hatch in June 2005.
- Competed in the DTM in 2006 and achieved a best finish of 9th overall in the final round of the season at the Hockenheimring.
- Finished in 10<sup>th</sup> place at Mugello, Italy in 2007 while racing in the DTM.
- Finished in 10<sup>th</sup> place at Norisring in Germany in June 2008 while racing in the DTM.

#### **Awards and Recognition:**

- Named British Woman Kart Racing Driver of the Year for four years in a row, 1996-1999.
- Won the British Women Racing Drivers’ Club (BWRDC) Kartsport Trophy in 1999 and 2000.
- Named the Top Female Kart Driver in the World in 2000.
- Second in the BWRDC Monoposto Trophy in 2001.
- Second in the BWRDC Goodwin Trophy in 2002.
- Won the BWRDC Monoposto Trophy in 2002, 2003, and 2004.
- Selected as one of the finalists for the BRDC McLaren Autosport Young Driver of the Year Award in 2003.
- Won the BRDC Rising Star of the Year award in 2003.
- Won the BWRDC Goodwin Trophy in 2004.

**Life off the Track:** When she is not racing, Stoddart spends a large portion of her time training and working on her upper body strength. She is always preparing for the next season, eager to be the best driver that she can be. Her family is very sports-oriented and together they enjoy skiing, biking, and playing tennis. Stoddart actually used to ski competitively when she was younger, but stopped doing so to focus on her racing. She likes music and dancing and has even gone bungee jumping before. She also spends her time instructing drivers and giving them advice at PalmerSport, a corporate driving event based at Bedford Autodrome in England, as well as serving as a mentor to karting sensation Louise Richardson. Although she currently resides in Switzerland, she loves going back to Scotland to visit her grandparents.

**Interesting Fact:** She loves the movies *The Count of Monte Cristo*, *The Shawshank Redemption*, *Braveheart*, and *Dirty Dancing* and enjoys music by Madonna.

#### **Personal Website:**

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

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