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Brianna "Brie" Hershey

September 14, 1991 - Present

Nationality: American

Started Racing in 1997

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Origins: An only child, Brianna "Brie" Hershey was born into an established racing family. Even as a baby Brie accompanied her father Tim, an accomplished sprint driver, to track and race shops in her hometown of Dillsburg, PA and across the rest of the state. When Hershey showed an early interest in motor sports and told her father she wanted to one day race 410 sprint cars, he realized it was time to let Brie try her hand at racing.

Early Influences: At the age of five Brie began entering quarter midget races at tracks throughout Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, and Indiana. Since her father was still competing in sprint car events, Hershey's mother Tammie was responsible for transporting Brie and her equipment from race to race.

Racing Accomplishments:

- Accumulated 80 quarter midget wins between 1997 and 2004.
- Hershey was the third fastest quarter midget qualifier in the 2004 Dirt Grand Nationals A-main event.

- In 2005 she became the youngest central Pennsylvania 270cc micro-sprint rookie driver. During her first season she earned a feature event win, 6 top-five, and five top-10 finishes. She continued to race quarter midgets as well, becoming that year's Region II Quarter Midget Champion.
- Recorded one top-five and nine top-10 finishes racing 270cc microsprint in 2006.
- 2007 was Hershey's rookie season as a 600cc microsprint driver, finishing the year with three top-five and six top-10 finishes. Brie made history, becoming the first female to win a 600cc event in the central Pennsylvania region and the first female to qualify for the Path Valley Sprint Nationals' starting line-up.
- Hershey's 600cc success continued into 2008, with one top-five and five top-10 finishes. She also transitioned to 358 sprint cars, earning a top-10 finish during her rookie season.

Interesting Fact: Racing was, and continues to be a family affair for the Hersheys. Brie, who started racing at a young age, claims her first crew was composed of her parents and the family dog, a yellow lab named Axel.

Life off the Track: Now a senior at Northern York County High School, Brie is a distinguished honor student and a member of Northern's track and field team. When not competing, she enjoys skiing, the television show *Bones*, and playing the violin. Hershey hopes to continue honing her skills as a 358 driver and eventually compete as part of a World of Outlaws team.

Achievements and Awards:

- 2008 Women in the Winner's Circle Driver Academy graduate
- 2008 Women in the Winner's Circle Project Podium grant recipient

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