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Taylor Ferns

November 12, 1995 – Present

Nationality: American

Raced: 2003 – Present

Background: Taylor Lynn Ferns was born in November of 1995 and currently lives in Shelby Twp., Michigan. She started racing when she was six years old and actively competed in Quarter Midgets from 2003 to 2007. During this time, she won over 100 feature races and set numerous track records. Ferns' interest in motor sports continued to grow over the years and she soon began competing in Bandoleros, 600cc Micro Sprints, USAC Kenyon Midgets, and USAC Ford Focus, Midgets, and Sprint Cars. She had many top finishes, placing in the top five in all fifteen Bandolero races she participated in 2005, and boasting six feature wins in her 600cc Micro Sprint in 2007. In 2008, Ferns made history by becoming the first female to ever win a USAC Kenyon Midget Race. She made the record books again in 2009 when she became the first female to win a race at the Joliet Memorial Stadium in Illinois. She also had the most USAC wins in a single-season by a female that year. Ferns successfully balances her busy racing career with her schoolwork. She attends St. Peter Lutheran Macomb School and currently has a 4.0 GPA.

Inspiration and Influences: Ferns became involved with racing when she was very young. Her uncle used to compete in the ARCA series and it was due to him that she gained an early interest in the sport. When she was six years old, her dad began looking into racing for younger kids because one of their neighbors owned a Quarter Midget. He found a car for sale in Lansing, Michigan and he and Ferns drove up to see it. Ferns immediately fell in love with it. They purchased the car and she began racing just a few weeks later. Her career has continued to grow since then.

Racing Accomplishments:

- Won over 100 feature races while competing in quarter midgets from 2003-2007.
- 1st place A-Main finish in Jr. Novice at the Columbus, OH Regional in 2003.
- 1st place A-Main finish in the Jr. Honda 50-lapper through the Michigan Midget Racing Association (MMRA) in 2003.
- She was the Tri-City Jr. Stock Quarter Midget Champion in 2004.
- She was the MMRA Jr. Stock Champion in 2004.
- 3rd place A-Main finish at Gasoline Alley in 2004.
- Finished in the top five in all fifteen Bandolero races she competed in 2005.
- She had 12 A-Main wins in the Quarter Midget Sr. Stock class in 2005.
- Set the Sr. Stock track record at Western Grands in Portland, OR in 2005.
- 3rd place A-Main finish at Western Grands in 2005.
- 2nd place A-Main finish at Eastern Grands in 2005.
- She was the MMRA Sr. Stock Champion in 2005.
- She had two 1st place A-Main finishes in the Light AA Tri-City Series in May 2006.
- She had two 1st place A-Main finishes in the Light B Try-City Series in August 2006.
- She was Lt. B Champion in the Tri-City Series in 2006.
- 1st place A-Main finish in the Light 160 through the MMRA in 2006.
- She had six feature wins in her 600cc Micro Sprint in 2007.
- Made the A-Main at the Tulsa Shootout and finished in 10th place in 2007.
- 1st place A-Main finish, racing her quarter midget in the Heavy AA class in Columbus in 2007.
- 1st place A-Main finish in the Quarter Midget Heavy B class through the Miami Valley Quarter Midget Racing Association (MVQMRA) in 2007.
- Became the first female racer in USAC history to win a USAC Kenyon Midget Series Race, 2008.
- 1st place finish racing her 600cc Micro Sprint at I-96 Speedway in 2008.
- Became the first female in history to win at the Joliet Memorial Stadium in Illinois, 2009.
- She had the most USAC wins in a single-season by a female in 2009.
- She was the United Midget Auto Racing Association (UMARA) Ford Focus/Sportsman Champion in 2009.
- She had four UMARA Ford Focus/Sportsman feature wins in 2009.
- Won one USAC Junior Focus race on pavement and five on dirt in 2009.

Awards and Recognition:

- Voted Michigan Midgets Female Driver of the Year in 2006.
- Named the USAC Kenyon Midget Series Rookie of the Year in 2008.
- Voted in the top ten of Michigan's preseason rankings on Maximum Dirt's website in 2008.
- Voted the #1 driver for the state of Michigan in May and June of 2008, according to Maximum Dirt's website.
- Recipient of the 2010 USAC Kara Hendrick Spirit Award

Life off the Track: Ferns spends the majority of her time trying to balance her academics with her racing career. She was very involved with tap dancing and swimming when she was younger, and she currently plays basketball and volleyball. When she is not studying, racing, or playing sports, she dedicates her time to working out and using her iRacing simulator.

Interesting Fact: Taylor Ferns' nickname is Hot Rod. She considers her favorite racer to be Dale Earnhardt, Jr. and her favorite track is the Brickyard.

Personal Website:

<http://www.taylorferns.com/site.html>

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