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Kirsty Last, Driver and Team Manager of Lasts and Lasts Motorsport, a part of the
Formula SAE Australasian championship team from the University of Wollongong.

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A Letter from the Ed...

G'day all! A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all that have not heard from us since before then! If Lasts and Lasts Motorsports thought that 2004 was busy, this first 6 months of 2005 have proved to be a blur thicker than that which I see as I putt my car around the track!

But, with our first chance to breathe in MONTHS, we are able to get out this report/newsletter which is hoped to be the first of a monthly edition to give exclusive updates to all sponsors and supporters of the Lasts and Lasts Motorsport team!

2004 was a year of MANY big firsts for our small family team. We have had MANY highs and lows, answered prayers and fulfilled dreams.

We continue this new year by firstly thanking our sponsors and supporters for ALL their help since Lasts and Lasts got underway. What this report will also give us a chance to do is recap this past year up until now, and explain what we all have to look forward to for the rest of the year!

So, buckle up for a ride back to the start of the year, where it all began for Lasts and Lasts and the trials, tribulations and mad-hat mayhem that followed!

Till Next...Yours Thankfully
Kirsty Last

Lasts and Lasts help to come first!

Over 2004, Lasts and Lasts driver Kirsty Last was also a very active member of the University of Wollongong's F-sae team. The category run for university students is primarily a design and build competition that combines both static and dynamic evaluations of the outcomes.

Throughout the year students design and build an open wheel race-car that has only engine capacity and safety restrictions. The rest is a free for all! Kirsty's position in the team was as manufacturing manager, overseeing the manufacturing of suspension, chassis and other random components, as well as purchasing officer and regular run-about.



Team Driver Kirsty puts on another set of Team Blues to help clinch the Australasian Championship.



"Roger Ramjet" The UOW Racing F-Sae car in action on the autocross where he claimed 1st in Autocross and Endurance!

"SAE is a great opportunity for engineering students like me to see where your theory can take you. Until I joined the SAE team I thought I understood issues in design and implementation. Boy, was I wrong! You need to learn how to ask yourself why you are doing a certain thing a certain way. Just because that is how it was done in the past is simply not a good enough answer in the fast paced and ever-evolving, environment of F-SAE."

Thankfully all the hard work and the sacrificed uni subjects paid off as the team claimed their 3rd/4th victories in the Australasian championships!

For further information on this win checkout the UOW racing website at www.uow.edu.au/eng/racing

For Further information on F-sae please check out the Society of Automotive Engineer's website for Australasia:
www.SAE-A.com.au/fsae

Season 2004 at a glance...



The Lasts and Lasts Motorsport NG Elfin on it's first outing in a race round at Eastern Creek

January-March 2004

In September 2003 Lasts and Lasts Motorsport was born. It had been a long time in the coming and was finally starting to take shape come the New year of 2004.

The first complete car and trailer package had been bought and tuned and the first training and practice days for the 2004. The team had it's sights set on the first round of the year at Wakefield park and everything was seeming to take shape. No sponsors on the horizon but a hopeful start to the year anyway.



On the Dummy grid at the first race for Lasts and Lasts Motorsport at Eastern Creek

April-May 2004

After other commitments restricting the team's ability to compete in the first round of the year, the team made it a priority to compete in the 2nd round and to make a mark.

The second round was at Eastern Creek and with some practice in the pocket the team were able to successfully complete their first real race round without any problems. With continually increasing times and all on a VERY steep learning curve, the team were very happy with their result.

The next stop was as a support category to the Konika Minolta V8 Supercars, also at Eastern Creek. Whilst not a championship round, it was an attempt to throw the team in the deep end with the big boys of motorsport. It turned out to be the perfect opportunity to learn about the heartbreaking lows of motorsport with only 1 race finish out of 3. The weekend taught the team alot about what was really required of a team member in even a grassroots level of motorsport.



The upside of big weekends like this being found when the team gets to see the big boys race AND meet them!

Driver Kirsty Last with Leanne Ferrier,
AKA Mrs Garth Tander

June-August 2004

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In this period L&LMS really struggled to keep things going. No money in the bank meant that the team couldn't compete in any rounds in this period and didn't even have enough money to become a part of the Women's International Automotive Society.

With morale running low, the team tried in vain to get a sponsor onboard but were rewarded with degrading reply after reply from companies who thought that we weren't worthy of sponsorship dollars.

The team, in this period, did not lose their focus on what their goal was. Nor at any point did they even contemplate giving up!

One of the great things about belonging to the Last family, you can be as stubborn as can be!

Stubbornism is the symptom of persistence, and persistence is said to pay off. In this period, whilst no financial sponsors were secured, L&LMS were able to secure an in-kind photography company, in the hope that a more professional and sophisticated look to the team. An image to match the services that the team provides.

The company was Sportraits.



Sportraits

September-November 2004

FINALLY the sponsor hunt yields some results in this period. Agricultural Parts and service company Bare Co. sign on as L&LMS first official sponsor! Saving the team at an important point in time. This enabled the team to pay for the next upcoming round, The final round at Eastern Creek.

It was at this round that L&LMS met up with their relatives, fellow family team "Brown Racing Team" with whom they shared their first pit lane garage.



In the same period, L&LMS were able to secure the support and services of Classic Car Trailers at Carringbah. This company became the in-kind trailer sponsor for the year and pledged to help L&LMS make their trailer a little more safe and hospitable for the little elfin.

December 2004 - February 2005

L&LMS team driver, Kirsty Last had spent the year applying for the Layne Beachley Aim for the Stars Foundation grant to help her on her way to her dreams of motorsport stardom, and was rewarded when in January, news was released that she was a recipient of one of the grants supplied by KPMG.



Season 2005 Thus Far...



March 2005

Round One-Wakefield Park

In the summer period, the Lasts and Lasts Motorsport team were able to get in a few practice sessions before round 1 of the NSW State championships. This was the well needed kick start to get the team back on track after a 4 month lay off.



The First round started showing the first fruits of the labours of the team over the last 12 months. This included steadily improving times over the weekend and the ability to stay on top of everything.



It was the team's first "away" race and proved to yield some of the most exciting advancements in the team's short history. Once again Brown racing team was on hand to provide some more laughter and encouragement as they also recorded some of their best results yet!



April 2005

Round Two-Eastern Creek

With such a start to the season as L&L had in the first round, maybe we expected too much of our first home round of the year. With a mix-up after mix-up, L&L made it to qualifying but not much else.

In the first lap of the first race, after a blistering start, the L&L Elfin sustained a big accident which put them out of the race for the rest of the weekend. This meant an end to their hopes of the Stewart McColl trophy (A pre-requisite being that you must complete all rounds in the NSW state championship) and perhaps even their hope of a top 10 finish in the state championship.

In a nut shell the weekend really did start out very well for the small team. The times put in on the new tyres were streets ahead of those recorded at race pace at the Creek and were hoped to be a measuring stick to the rest of the weekend. But with the accident so early on, nothing is to be known of what might have been.

Upon investigation of the damage, it was found that there was no structural damage to the chassis, but that the team would require a new gear box housing, starter motor and front H-beam.

The outpouring of support for the team from fellow competitors in this time was AMAZING! Within hours of the end of the weekend, driver Kirsty Last's inbox was filled with supportive emails offering help and spare parts.

The team's main objective from here on out is to re-group and get the car on track for their next possible round at Oran Park at the end of July.

In the Pits... With the Driver

This is where we take some time to find out who the members of the team actually are...

Since Last: What is your full name and nicknames?

Kirsty Last: Kirsty Louise Last, AKA Kirst, Rusty, Krusty and Pocket Rocket

SL: Who is your favourite driver and why?

KL: Sarah Fisher, American Ex-IRL driver, now doing Nascars in the states. She is amazing. She has that NEVER give up attitude and despite so many hardships she has faithfully pursued her dream to be a full time race driver. I respect that. Not only that... she can drive too!

SL: If you were phoned by Frank Williams and asked to test an F1 car for him, what would you pack?

KL: Easy. Clean Knickers, a bible and a toothbrush. I'd expect Frank to be a good chap and feed and clothe me. I'd sleep in my thermal race suit layer and shower in the loos at the track. I'd be okay!

SL: Sounds like you are expecting a phone call like that! Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

KL: In Europe in BTCC or something like that. Driver preferably but I am doing engineering stuff to give me other options in the meantime.



SL: What do you do in your spare time?

KL: Spare time. Yeah. Hehehehe...

SL: What is your favourite track in the WHOLLLLLLE World?

KL: To watch, I'd say Bathurst. How AMAZING... to drive on I'd love to take on Monaco!

SL: Why did you want to become a race car driver?

KL: I was born into one of THE most supportive families where when you are a little kid and say "I want to be a Racecar driver" they say "OKAY!" Being brought up in a family addicted to motorsports was also a helping hand. It just seemed like THE most amazing life! And it is... even at this level.

SL: What is the best bit about being a racecar driver?

KL: Well, apart from the absolute abandon and sheer excitement due to the speed, gee I dunno. hehehe... The speed I guess. I am addicted...



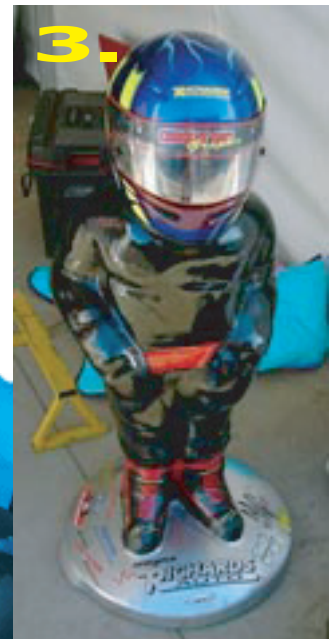
To find out more about Kirsty see her profile on the L&LMS website at:

www.downshift.to/lasts

To get the word on past rounds and upcoming events straight from the Driver's mouth, check out her driver's blog at:

www.lasts.blogspot.com

From the Photo album...



1. Team members of the much mentioned "Brown Racing team". Emma and Geoff Brown. Emma runs in the NSW Premier State Cup in Go-Karts and Geoff runs in the NSW State Championships in Sports Sedans.
2. Kirsty's name up in lights... well, almost! This is as close as she will be getting for a little while but it was something that was provided by the NSW Formula Vee association at the Konika Minolta round in 2004.
3. A SA competitor at the Konika Minolta round in 2004. Well, Asher Johnston's helmet holder actually, who will hopefully one day joined by a girlfriend from the L&LMS team on their next visit to NSW!
4. Team Owner Danny Last helps driver daughter into the L&LMS car.
5. Kirsty's office.
6. Jeff Brown's VK commodore on the dummy grid of the first race at Wakefield Park for the Sports sedans in the NSW state championships.

For more photos and comments check out the Lasts and Lasts Motorsport Website:
www.downshift.to/lasts

Meet our Sponsors!!!

As with all forms of sport, things would not keep moving if it weren't for the dedicated work and faith of the sponsors. For L&LMS the inclusion of sponsors here is not merely for the sake of attracting them the well earned attention that they deserve but to thank them for their faith, support and dedication over the past 12 months.

THANKYOU!



Bare Co. are a spare parts and service company to the Agricultural industry. They are one of the most recognisable and trusted brands for their high quality of products and service.

Their support of the L&LMS team has been faithful and unconditional. Bare Co. were the first to put their trust in the team and saved them from having to give up so early on in the game.

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Classic car trailers have had their fair share in supporting motorsport at all levels throughout the years. But even so they decided to come onboard with the L&LMS team as their in-kind trailer sponsor.

Such faith in the determination of the team to eventually get to where they are headed is something that the team values highly, above that of which the sponsor's services physically provide.

Classic Car trailers at Carringbah is also one of the most recognised companies in the area for their quality work and products.

As afore mentioned, L&LMS driver, Kirsty received a Layne Beachley Aim for the Stars Grant at the start of the year. The grant, provided by the KPMG group, was for a young woman with a wish to go somewhere. Kirsty's was of course to move ahead into the motorsport industry.

This grant enabled the team to set themselves up for the start of the year and to be able to continue pursuing their dreams.