

# Alison is the One!



Fourteen year-old Alison MacLeod from Mississauga, Ontario, one the most promising Karters around, was selected for a very prestigious and coveted ride in Midget racers in the United States. Don't let the name fool you; midgets are full-blown open-wheel racers with powerful 375 hp engines that run on methanol and go at over 100mph on tight ¼ mile and 1/2mile ovals. These cars were the type of rides those NASCAR legends Jeff Gordon, Tony Stewart, Ryan Newman and young gun Casey Kahne raced and excelled in. Ford Racing Technology is hoping to groom and establish a female racer with the potential to shine in NASCAR racing.

Alison was first short-listed with three other female drivers. Twenty three year old, Erin Crocker of Buffalo, New York, the other finalist and herself were selected for special training and development.

Besides displaying obvious racing and driving talent the candidates were evaluated on intelligence, attitude, ability to learn and assimilate, press skills as well as a marketable persona.

Alison had a lot going for her since she has dominated the 80cc Shifter Class for the last two years in Ontario, to the point its unusual when she does not win. Alison is not only attractive but her infectious smile and genuine warmth is an inspiration to her fellow karters both male and female. Never one to gloat even as she dominates her competition, I am sure they will all wish her well in her future endeavors, if only to get a chance at winning themselves now that she may move on to bigger and better things.