



Jakub Kruczek: What promoted you to be a motorsport passionate and start racing career?

Simona de Silvestro: "I had the racing bug when I was really young. My dad used to say that I was only quiet when racing was on TV. He did a go-kart demonstration at his dealership when I was four. I saw that and got really excited and wanted to drive one, but I couldn't reach the pedals. I threw a big tantrum and cried, so my dad took me on his knees and I got to drive around. He finally bought me a go-kart when I was six-years-old because I begged him about every two weeks to go to the go-kart shop. That's how it got started. I was playing other sports, but racing is what I always wanted to do. That was my happy place."

Jakub Kruczek: Do you think that, with your current level in motorsport your chances of engagement in Formula 1 would be larger, smaller or the same if you were a man?

Simona de Silvestro: "I think my chances to get to Formula 1 are about the same as they would be if I was a man. It's about talent, not gender."

Jakub Kruczek: What is more enjoyable - to drive your IndyCar vehicle or Sauber F1 car?

Simona de Silvestro: "The Sauber F1 car is more enjoyable for me because Formula 1 has always been my dream."

Jakub Kruczek: Your biggest successes in IndyCar took place on street circuits. Is it an accident or you feel better on track like these?

Simona de Silvestro: "I definitely am more comfortable on these courses because I grew up on road courses and street courses. That's what I've always done and that's what I really like most."

Jakub Kruczek: Emphasis on ecology in Formula 1. Is it not too large?

Simona de Silvestro: "No, I think Formula 1 did the right thing. They've always been pushing the boundaries about being more efficient and what cars need for the future. I think the combination of the engine and how they're running now days are definitely things we're going to see in the everyday car eventually."

Jakub Kruczek: Why are there so few women in motorsport? Cultural practices, weaker body shape or maybe any other reason?

Simona de Silvestro: "I think when we look at go-karting, where most of us drivers start, the ratio of men to girls is pretty bad. There's usually like 200 guys karting and maybe 5 girls. Racing's a difficult sport, so the chances that one of the 5 girls makes it all the way to the top compared to one of the 200 guys.. it's a big difference. I think a large part of that is just because racing isn't maybe the natural way for a girl to go, but if they get the chance they can be really good at it."

Jakub Kruczek: There was only a few woman in Formula 1 history - joining this group would have been the fulfillment of your dreams or you have bigger ambitions?

Simona de Silvestro: "I want to be the Formula 1 world champion."

Jakub Kruczek: Who was your toughest rival in your career?

Simona de Silvestro: "My teammates."

Fast four questions:

1. Do you get a lot of requests for autographs? From what country are you getting the largest requests for autographs?
I get a lot of autograph requests from the U.S. and Europe. Italy and Poland specifically are where I get a lot of the European requests from.

2. Favourite driver?
Michael Schumacher

3. Favourite track?
Spa

4. F1 World Champion in 2014 season will be.... ?
Lewis Hamilton

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