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INTRODUCTION



Drifting has been around for a little over 20 years now, originating from the mountain passes in Japan, it was here that a new form of motor sport was born. Over the past 2 decades the combined efforts of car enthusiasts from all over the world introduced this sideways series one country at a time to anyone with a genuine love for all things modified and challenging.

The South African Drift scene sprung to life in 2008, with a handful of drifters and vast amounts of passion, Otto and the members from Opposite Lock begun hosting numerous drift demo's around the country. Their determination didn't go un-noticed and in 2009 a Club Series was formed and incorporated into a local annual raceway calendar.

It was in this series that Otto established himself as one of the countries finest; he successfully competed overseas in a Japanese D1 Street Legal class, and won the SA Drift Championship title that year back in SA. Otto has been instrumental in laying the sports foundations in South Africa; he never tires and continues to train up new development drivers from all over the country.

This 35 year old drifter has been heavily involved, with demonstrations at Cape Town's Killarney Raceway, to Port Elizabeth's Aldo Scribante and in December of 2009 the first ever drift demo at the prestigious Kyalami Grand Prix Circuit, it goes without saying that his loyalty is immense and his presence is felt throughout the country. The Monstermob 350Z's have become some of the most featured cars in the industry, along with the R33 Skylines, the Monstermob stable is not short of high powered drift spec vehicles.

His vision is simple, to be the best you have to compete against the best and it was with this in mind that Otto made the petition to be awarded a Formula Drift licence for the top drift series in the United States. With his petition granted in January this year, Otto will be heading over to the States to compete in the upcoming 7 rounds of the 8th annual Formula Drift Season.

With three consecutive drift season's under his belt and 2 Championship titles, Otto's team and fellow competitors believe that he has everything it takes to compete in a series that is at least 5 seasons ahead of the South African's. Not deterred by the advantage Otto looks forward to the challenges this year will bring for him and his team and takes comfort in the knowledge that he is paving the way for many talented drivers to follow suit.

ABOUT OTTO





PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: Otto Graven

DOB: 1975/05/21

Age - 35

Height - 6'2"

Weight - 216

Hometown: Kimberley, South Africa

Car No: 13

Years Drifting: 5

Team: Monstermob Racing

Crew: Speedy Webb, Hannes Marneweck

Car: Nissan 350Z

Role Model: Nobushige Kumakubo

Favourite Tracks: Ebisu Circuit & Monstermob Raceway

Interests: Super Bikes, Motards, Go-Karting & Boxing

Statistics for 2011

Currently 1st on the SUPA Drift driver log standings

Statistics from 2010

South African National Drift Champion 2010 (SADC)

Statistics from 2009

South African National Drift Champion 2009



Facebook - Facebook.com/Otto Graven



Twitter - Twitter.com/ottograven



1

Car: Nissan 350Z
Completed: February 2010
Built By: Monstermob Team
Competitions: 8
Location 2011: Kimberley, RSA & New Jersey, USA

Brakes: Brembo
Diff: Nismo
Engine: Nissan 350Z V6 3.5Lt stroked to a 3.8Lt
Out: 590KW / 720NM
Weight: 1 200KG
Transmission: Jerico 4 speed
Manifold: Custom Monstermob
Exhaust: No Sweat Racing
Suspension: Custom Monstermob
Handbrake: Custom Monstermob
Ignition System: Haltech
Roll Cage: Custom Monstermob
Body Kit: Custom Monstermob
Wheels: Front 265/40/18 rear 285/40/18
Seats: Sparco
Harness: Scroth Racing
Steering: OMP
Shocks: TEIN

2

Car: Nissan 350Z C5R
Completed: January 2011
Built By: Wayne 'Speedy' Webb
Competitions: 1
Location 2011: New Jersey, USA

Brakes: Brembo
Diff: Nismo
Engine: 7.0L V8 C5R Corvette Motor
Out: 590KW / 870NM
Weight: 1 100KG
Transmission: Jerico 4 speed
Manifold: Custom Monstermob
Exhaust: Custom Monstermob
Suspension: Custom Monstermob
Handbrake: Custom Monstermob
Ignition System: Haltech
Roll Cage: Custom Monstermob
Body Kit: Custom Monstermob
Wheels: Front 265/40/18 rear 285/40/18
Seats: Cobra
Harness: Scroth Racing
Steering: Sparco
Shocks: TEIN

❖ SADC SLIDE MASTERS SERIES

2009

Round 1 - DNE
Round 2 - DNE
Round 3 - 4th Place
Total Points: 2

SADC Slide Masters Championship Standing 2009: 7th

❖ DRIFT CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Round 1 - 3rd Place
Round 2 - 1st Place
Round 3 - 2nd Place
Round 4 - 1st Place
Round 5 - DNE
Round 6 - DNE
Total Points: 33

Drift Club Championship Standing 2009: 1st Place

❖ NDS DRIFT SERIES

Round 1 - Mechanical Failure
Round 2 - Mechanical Failure
Round 3 - 1st Place
Round 4 - 1st Place

(NO RECORDS)

❖ D1GP STREET LEGAL CLASS - JAPAN

Qualified 12th out of 70 Drivers



❖ DRIFT CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

2010

Round 1 - 1st Place
Round 2 - DNE
Round 3 - 1st Place
Round 4 - DNE

❖DNE - Did Not Enter

Round 5 - DNE
Round 6 - DNE
Total Points: 360

Drift Club Championships Standings 2010: 13th

❖ SADC SLIDE MASTERS SERIES

Round 1 - 1st Place
Round 2 - 1st Place
Round 3 - 4th Place
Round 4 - 1st Place
Total Points: 17

SADC Slide Masters Championship Standing 2010: 1st

❖ NDS DRIFT SERIES (Only hosted 2 rounds)

Round 1 - 2nd Place
Round 2 - 1st Place
Series Cancelled

(NO RECORDS)

NDS Championship Standing 2010: 1st

❖ SUPA DRIFT SERIES (Only hosted 2 rounds)

Round 1 - 1st Place (Top 16)
Round 2 - Mechanical Failure (Top 16)
Total Points: 167

SUPA Drift Series Championship Standing 2010: 2nd

❖ SUPA DRIFT SERIES

2011

Round 1 - 1st Place (Top 16)
Total Points: 108

SUPA Drift Series Championship Standing 2011: 1st

❖ SUPA DRIFT SERIES

Round 1 - 1st Place (Top 16)

Total Points: 108

Round 2 - 2nd Place (Top 16)

Total Points: 92

2011

SUPA Drift Series Championship Standing 2011: 1st

ONE - Did Not Enter



FORMULA DRIFT SERIES - U.S.A

Round 1 - Qualified 26th (Top 32)

Total Points: 24.5

The Supa 16 head to head contest, exposed some of the most talented driving in SA and newcomer, 17 year old, Jason Webb, representing the MonsterMob Team from Kimberly, and coached by team mate Otto Graven; displayed some of the closest side by side tandems as ever seen on any raceway in the country to date. The Tandem eliminations brought with it the usual trials and tribulations as driver and machine pushed harder than ever in a bid to gain passage to the following rounds.

In the battle between Ernest Simpson and Ernest Page in Monster Mob R33 Skyline, it was more than just the drivers that were left with a brown pant moment. Ernest Page spun while leading and it was only by millimeters and sheer luck that Ernest Simpson managed to miss him – all while retaining a beautiful drift.

It really wasn't Dave Nell's weekend and in the tuiso battle against Rudi vd Berg he clipped the rear bumper of the Speed and Sound Chev Lumina, leaving it hanging by a single screw and then proceeded to destroy the one side shaft.

Adam Shafer in the Achilles ASM Nissan 200SX took weight reduction to a whole new level when he hit a rear clipping cone and resulting in him dragging his bumper behind him across the entire course as well.

The final came down to a battle between Otto Graven in the MonsterMob C5R powered 350Z and Jason Webb in the MonsterMob R33 Nissan Skyline. Jason Webb is a new name and face to the local drifting scene but made his presence felt. The 17 year old Capetonian has been training under Otto Graven at MonsterMob and can only be described as a prodigy. He made sure that Otto knew he was there during the tandem runs and didn't falter in the slightest when put under pressure by his mentor.

In the end it was Otto that held a slightly better line through the final turn to give him a one point advantage over Jason Webb, giving him the first SupaDrift round win. Rockstar Energy Drink's Wade van Zummeren beat Adam Scheffer Achilles Tyre sponsored to take the final spot on the podium.

Current standings after SupaDrift Series Event 01:

OVERALL POINTS STANDINGS				
	NAMES	RESULTS	QUALIFYING	TOTAL
1	Otto Graven	100	8	108
2	Jason Webb	88	7	95
3	Wade van Zummeren	78	4	82
4	Adam Scheffer	69	6	75
5	Michael Radloff	61	4	65
6	Aubrey Hiles	61	3	64
7	Ernest Simpson	61	3	64
8	Rudi vd Berg	61	1	62
9	David Nell	54	5	59
10	Ernest Page	54	2	56
11	Ronnie Graven	54	2	56
12	Jim McFarlane	54	2	56
13	Pieter Smit	54	2	56
14	Jonathan Rudman	54	1	55
15	Riaan Stokes	54	1	55
16	Chase Audagnoti	54	1	55

Congratulations to XS Promotions for a successful event and a hearty thank you to all the drivers that travelled from far to support the event.

Judges: Chad Lückhoff, Bruno Miranda, Steven Swanepoel.

ABOUT SUPADRIFT SERIES EVENTS IN 2011...

The SupaDrift Series Event is the country's premier national pro-drifting series, featuring a seven-round championship scheduled for 2011 with the rising stars of professional drifting set in a full-scale lifestyle festival.

Scheduled Series Dates all held at Zwartkops Raceway:

- 19th Feb – full day • 2nd April – full day • 30th April - 1st May – Gauteng Motorshow • 18th June – full day • 27th Aug – full day Saturday • 15th Oct – night event • 26th Nov – night event

For more information, visit facebook: SupaDrift Series, XS Drift, or XS Promotions.

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MEDIA



2008

ONLINE:

Monsternob Raceway - www.monsternob.co.za

Rock Raceway - www.rockracing.co.za

Speed & Sound - www.speedandsound.co.za

Youtube - www.youtube.com/monsternobadmin

MAGAZINES:

Max Power - UK based magazine

Speed & Sound - www.speedandsound.co.za

2009

ONLINE:

Monsternob Raceway - www.monsternob.co.za

NDS Drift Series - www.ndsdriftseries.com

Rock Raceway - www.rockracing.co.za

Speed & Sound - www.speedandsound.co.za

Youtube - www.youtube.com/monsternobadmin

Facebook

MAGAZINES:

Speed & Sound - www.speedandsound.co.za

Max My Ride - www.maxmyride.co.za

Raceweb (Online Mag) - www.raceweb.co.za



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ONLINE:

Monstermob Raceway - www.monstermob.co.za

NDS Drift Series - www.ndsdriftseries.com

Pro Drift South Africa - www.prodriftsouthafrica.com

Rock Raceway - www.rockracing.co.za

SA Drift - www.sadrift.co.za

Automodified - www.automodified.co.za

Formula Drift Asia - www.formuladriftasia.com

D1 GP - www.d1gp.com

Planet X - www.planetx.co.za

Speed & Sound - www.speedandsound.co.za

Youtube - www.youtube.com/monstermobadmin

Facebook & Twitter

Car Blog Sites

Freelance Photographer Sites

MAGAZINES:

Speed & Sound - www.speedandsound.co.za

Max My Ride - www.maxmyride.co.za

On The Track Racing - www.onthetrackracing.co.za

TOP CAR - www.topcar.co.za

Get It Magazine - Cape Town

COVERAGE:

Good Hope FM - Cape Town Radio Station

Mzansi Rides - Channel O (DSTV)

Planet X - Pro Drift TV Series - National

E-News Sports - National

F1X / Freestyle Films - Reality Series - National

Formula Drift - Live Driftstream (USA & Asia) - International

www.driftstream2010.com

You've seen the cars, you've read the results, you may even have seen him in action, sideways and billowing smoke. But who is this Otto Graven character?

■ written by spyke ■ photographed by warren dicks

"THIS IS SERIOUS BUSINESS"

Who is Otto Graven?

(Laughs) What do you want to know?

Tell us a little about yourself...

I grew up on the mines, I'm a miner through and through, we (the Gravens) grew up rough. We started doing all kinds of extreme things, cars, bikes, chasing money. We then started with motorcross about 15 years ago, that lasted about five or six years and then we moved on to superbikes. That was from 1998 until about 2003. I then went out and bought myself a CSL to play with and I enjoyed driving it and playing with it. I met Jerry Luis (Import Parts) and he had a few DVDs of drifting and that's when I decided that's what I

want to do. From about 2005 we started with the drifting story. There weren't many places where you could do it properly and it was only up until about a year and a half back that we started really taking things seriously.

I started to build my own race team, my own workshop that only works on my cars. That's when I got the passion for building my own cars. I didn't want to build catalogue cars. I didn't want to put in strange exotic parts. I wanted to manufacture my own parts - I wanted to do everything myself. Everything that's in my cars is done in-house. Things like the suspension and the gearbox are Japanese but the internals are made by me. I'm very proud of those two

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Where dishonour is moering the wall.



ONLINE:

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Speedhunters: www.speedhunters.com

SPEEDHUNTERS

Formula Drift: www.formulad.com

FORMULADRIFT

UrbanRacer: www.urbanracer.com



Justin TV: www.justin.tv

Otto is competitive by nature and enjoys the race to the podium, he spends countless hours training, perfecting his skills and ensuring that his cars are race ready at all times. Meticulous and thorough he believes that you can always do more, setups can be more rewarding in competition and a driver's precision will always have plenty of room for individual improvement.

It is with these characteristics that Otto retains much respect from his peers and fellow competitors, having raised the local bar and level of competition in the country, the expectation placed on this driver is by no means mild.

Otto has expressed his commitment to tackling the American Drift Series head on, and is dead set on bringing home a title at the end of the season. You will be able to watch all the Formula Drift events with their live driftstream coverage and follow Otto on his journey around America and against some of the world's top drifters.

If you would like to become a part of this extraordinary journey or merely want to offer your support, then please don't hesitate to contact us.

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Some of the coverage from Otto's debut run in Round 1 of the 2011 Formula Drift Series

In the Top 32 battles, Walker Wilkerson went toe to toe with FD newcomer Otto Graven, a well-known drifter from South Africa. Walker glanced the Turn 11 clipping point, claiming his front bar...



...With his S13's rear bar following suit in the subsequent run. Graven also hit the rear of his Z33 quite heavily on this run, with Wilkerson progressing through to the Top 16.



A relative unknown, South African champion Otto Graven has shipped his Nissan 350Z over from the African continent to compete in this year's Formula D series. With little information on the South African drifting series readily available here in the States, Graven could easily surprise several drivers out of the gate.

Also a rookie this year in FD competition, Odi Bakchis has already proven his ability to be competitive against top competition via the XDC series. Last year, Bakchis won the XDC Vegas event (<http://www.urbanracer.com/articles/anviewer.asp?a=4545&z=1>) against several current and former FD drivers, and placed second at the season opener in Irwindale this year (<http://www.urbanracer.com/articles/anviewer.asp?a=4742&z=1>). Bakchis has evolved from a four-cylinder S13 chassis to an LS2-powered S14 chassis this season, furthering the movement towards V8 engines in the series.

Another rookie to consider this season is Luke Lonberger. If the name sounds familiar, Lonberger was an integral part of Conrad Grunewald's Camaro build last year, both as a fabricator and as the crew chief during the season. Although Lonberger also competed in a few events during the 2004 and 2005 season, Formula D has granted him "rookie" status for the 2011 campaign.

Lonberger's C6 Corvette had a very detailed build-up video series following it, and the car has several parts which should make it very competitive from the start. With Lonbergers' familiarity with the series, he is another name that could turn heads before the season is over.

If you can't tell, we're very excited for the season to get underway. New cars, new sponsorships, and new engine choices have put a lot of variables into the equation, but the driving will trump all when push comes to shove. Look for results of the first round of Formula on Monday Finish Line, with a full recap coming early next week. For live updates, be sure to follow the Urban Racer twitter account at <http://twitter.com/UrbanRacer>.

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