

## Reference Letter – Wesleigh Orr Racing

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Now an F1 Design Engineer at Mercedes AMG F1, my career in Motorsport was rather spurred on from a racing basis. Having competed for multiple years in karting in South Africa, the last 2 -3 years of my karting career were under the wing of Wesleigh Orr and his team.

Some of my most successful years of racing have been under the guidance and support of Wesleigh Orr. In a competitive environment of trying to compete with the manufacturer teams as privateers, working with Wesleigh allowed me to hang in the podium positions and maintain the pace.

Wesleigh and his team really make sure that we push the limits to ensure the best possible performance. With relentless testing and preparation for race events, you really see the benefits of the hard work that they put in. From a driver's perspective, Wesleigh's understanding, and knowledge of how to coach an individual to eke out their best performance is like no other. The care and commitment that he puts in, really instills confidence in the driver and outright performance! As a mentor, Wesleigh also looks forward in terms of a driver's career. With his large network and connections, he can plan for the next steps to ensure the best possible career opportunities.

Wesleigh was able to take me from a position of really battling to keep up with the manufacturer teams, to really augmenting my race-craft and pace, allowing me the opportunity to test for Meritus GP in the then upcoming Asia Cup series.

Due to various reasons, I am now perusing a slightly different career path in Motorsport and working as an engineer in F1, as well as working part time as a GT3 Data and System Engineer at 2 Seas Motorsport.

Wesleigh and his team have definitely had an influence on where I am today!



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