

DRIVER PROFILE 05/01/09

CJ Curtsinger

CJ Curtsinger is a second generation driver of his families Tuf Shine sponsored Super Comp Dragster. CJ is the third driver of this 540 cubic inch, 2003 Undercover Dragster from his family, the first two drivers were two of his four older sisters, Diana and Angela.



CJ is currently a senior at Florida State University where his degree is Marketing and is Majoring in Sales. He has been racing since he was 8 years old and in my opinion, is far beyond his years not only at the track, but off the track. CJ is only 19 years old.

CJ is originally from California where he and his sisters competed in Jr Dragster all around the Pacific Coast. They are all tough competitor's and have all had much success with not enough shelf space for all of the trophies he and his siblings have won over the years at their home in Florida.

Currently, when not at the track, CJ represents the FSU Sales Team for the 2009 Fall Competition. He has been chosen by his professor's to not only be on the team, but is the leader of his team. He is the youngest member to have been chosen out of 120 applicants that were positioning themselves for this. In addition, he is a member of Delta Epsilon Chi, SIFE and helped bring Phi Iota Alpha to campus. Since he will be graduating at such a young age, he is looking into the possibility of completing Graduate School at FSU as well.



CJ stepped into the family super comp dragster at the age of 16. Since then he and his dad, Curt Sr., have traveled as far as Indianapolis from their home in Clermont, Florida for CJ to compete at the US Nationals. CJ is currently in the 12th position within the Division 2 Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series Point standings with only 2 more home division races for competition.

While on summer break from college last year, CJ took up a job at Advanced Auto Parts. He saved every almost every paycheck so that he could enlist in to the Frank Hawley School of Drag Racing. In December 2008, CJ made all of his necessary passes to cross over his license and earn his Top Alcohol Dragster

License. Since then, he and his dad have spoken to numerous teams about the costs involved for him to lease and compete in the alcohol class as he works his way up the drag racing ladder.



So what's in store for CJ in the future? Long term he is hoping to compete professionally. He is willing to work hard to achieve this goal and is open to work with Teams to obtain marketing partners as well upon graduation. If his career path for some reason takes him in a different direction, he will be working inside the corporate infrastructure with a Fortune 500 company in sales and marketing.