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At the age of 30, Phil Quaife has tasted success in a range of series and displays an impressive CV.

The Kent-based racer was a double champion in 2006, dominating both the Porsche Carrera Cup GB Pro-Am category and the Radical SR8 Enduro Championship, and made his debut on the international stage the following season, dovetailing an assault on the Porsche Supercup with a full season of the FIA GT3 European Championship. In 2008 he returned to the Carrera Cup GB having signed for Jota Sport and took fifth in the overall championship before moving on to both the FIA GT3 European Championship and Le Mans Series with CRS Racing. He was then appointed as a McLaren test and development driver in 2012 and although he didn't have quite as much time for racing, he still managed to take consecutive championship wins in the Hankook 24H Series in 2015 & 2016 with DUEL Racing.

As with most aspiring youngsters, Quaife began his career in karting, winning the Junior Rotax Max Winter Championship and finishing as runner-up in the summer variant during a hugely successful 2002 season. He stepped up to the Senior Rotax Max series in '03, finishing fifth overall, before graduating to cars for 2004.

Phil made his car racing debut in the Radical SR3 Enduro Championship driving for the Radical works team, and made significant progress throughout the year to record several podiums, sixth in the championship and the 'Most Improved Driver' award.

He returned the following season in spectacular fashion and, despite missing several rounds, finished as championship runner-up. His race record read an incredible 14 victories and 12 pole positions from 14 races! He entered, and won, a round of the French VdeV championship, romping to victory at Magny Cours in the SR3. 2005 also marked Quaife's GT racing debut with a season in the GT3 class of the British GT Championship in a Motorbase Performance-run Porsche 911. Quaife and co-driver Stuart Moseley recorded one class win, two pole positions and two podiums on their way to ninth overall.

It was in 2006 though that Quaife really made his mark courtesy of a stellar year in two

championships. The youngster dominated the Radical Enduro Championship, stepping up to the quicker SR8 car and clinching the title with 13 podiums, of which eight were victories, from 20 races. A dream year also saw him romp to the Pro-Am category title with Motorbase in the competitive Porsche Carrera Cup GB Championship. Phil took class wins in half of the 20 races and, despite his relative inexperience, also finished seventh in the overall championship thanks to numerous top-five finishes. His breakout year was rewarded when the BRDC named him as part of its 'Rising Stars' scheme.

Quaife's career went international in 2007 with a full season of the Porsche Supercup and FIA GT3 European Championship campaign. Despite facing a steep learning curve in the Supercup against a field of experienced sportscar drivers, Phil improved throughout the year, securing a best result of ninth in the final round at Spa and finishing 16th overall for Team Indonesia. In GT3, Quaife campaigned a Porsche 997 for British team Tech 9 Motorsport and took 10th overall. A superb podium in race two in Bucharest was the highlight of the season. He switched to Damax Motorsport for the season-ending race at Dubai and took his Ascari KZ1R to sixth in the race. His season also included outings in the Dubai 24 Hour and Britcar night race at Brands Hatch.

2008 saw him return to Porsche Carrera Cup GB to take fifth in the overall championship, scoring his first ever pole positions and five podiums. He also appeared in the FIA GT3 European Championship in the Apex Motorsport Jaguar XKR and was a race winner in an IF Motorsport Ligier JS49 in the VdeV UK Series.

2009 season began in fine style as Quaife notched up a class victory and 12th overall in the Dubai 24 Hour driving the DXB Racing Dubai Aston Martin V8 Vantage and scored several good results with CRS Racing in the FIA GT3 European Championship.

Quaife joined the team again to compete on the international stage in FIA GT3 in a Ferrari 430 Scuderia. Despite suffering some teething problems with the new car, Phil secured a podium finish and numerous top-five qualifying results during an impressive season.

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He also made his debut with the team in a GT2 Ferrari at the 24 Hours of Spa, where he finished fourth on the day, but a disqualification pushed him up to third.

2010 saw Quaife move up to the prestigious Le Mans Series, again with CRS Racing. He immediately scored a superb fourth place on his debut at Paul Ricard in the hotly-contested GT2 category. He went on to finish 10th in the drivers' standings after a strong first year. He was also employed by several teams as a development driver.

Phil returned to the series in 2011 to contest the new LM GTE Pro-Am class with CRS Racing. Despite suffering a season of misfortune, Quaife scored his first series' podium of the year at Estoril en route to fourth place in the final driver standings. His talent had been recognised and he was drafted into McLaren's MP4-12C GT3 development project for the 24 Hours of Spa and Blancpain Endurance Series finale at Silverstone. There he out-qualified the team's regular drivers before running as high as second in the race. Success was also enjoyed in the UAE GT Championship where Phil's contribution of three wins and a further three podiums aboard MSW Racing's Porsche 997 Cup helped co-driver Jon Simmonds claim the title. There was also time for several VLN outings – including a victory and two more rostrums – aboard Bonk Motorsport's BMW M3 before making his debut at the fearsome Nordschleife for the Nurburgring 24 Hours.

Away from the track Phil began working with McLaren Automotive in 2012 and, having won their trust for his accurate technical feedback, was offered a full-time contract as an official test and development driver. The demands of refining the British marque's range of production and competition supercars saw Phil make only sporadic race appearances during the year, and when he has it's often been as the professional in an otherwise gentlemen driver crew. Successful outings included outright victory at the 24 Hours of Barcelona for McLaren customer team Lapidus Racing and a lights-to-flag class win at the Dubai 24 Hour event.

Phil's commitments with McLaren continued into 2013 and he attended his first Goodwood Festival of Speed with the manufacturer, as he continued to make sporadic appearances for several teams throughout the year. He finished fourth in class on his European Le Mans Series whilst driving a BMW Z4, and also impressed at the Dubai 24H in a McLaren GT3 to finish sixth in the A6-Pro class.

2014 saw Phil secure a drive with Boutsen Racing in the Blancpain Endurance championship for the first couple of rounds. He continued to show promise over pre-season testing, as he helped improve his team-mate's pace. Quaife also went on to compete at selected rounds of the 24H Series with Duel Racing in a Seat Cupra Cup car, finishing fourth at the Barcelona 24H, as he continued to demonstrate his ability in endurance racing in various categories of cars.

This talent was realised to its fullest potential during the 24H Series in 2015, in which Phil competed in his first full season with Duel Racing. It was a great year for Quaife and the team, which started with a commanding class victory at the Dubai 24H. He then went on to take podiums in Mugello and Paul Ricard, before returning to the top step in Barcelona. The squad rounded the year off with yet another podium in Brno, resulting in a comfortable victory in his first attempt of the championship.

Heading into the 2016 season as defending 24H Series champions, Phil continued where he left off as he won the Dubai 24H for the second consecutive year, before finishing on the podium as the series headed to Silverstone. He then went on to take back-to-back victories in Paul Ricard and Barcelona on his way to yet another 24H Series title. His expertise isn't just limited to endurance racing though, as he also took part in the Monaco Historic Race in a Shadow DN3 F1 car with VMS Racing. A technical issue in qualifying put him on the back of the grid, but he fought through to finish 14th, putting on an exciting show in the process.

On top of the Dubai 24H which he took part in for the tenth time, Quaife is looking for further opportunities to race in 2017, having decided to move on from McLaren Automotive after six years, and is keen on helping his next team reach the top.



PHIL QUAIFE - CURRICULUM VITAE

2017

DUBAI 24 HOUR – PORSCHE 911 CUP CLASS

Memac Ogilvy Duel Racing, Porsche 991 Cup

- Forced to retire while running in a podium place

2016

24 HOUR SERIES – TCR

Memac Ogilvy Duel Racing, SEAT Leon Cup Racer

- International Endurance Series TCR drivers' and teams' champion
- 3 class wins out of 4 entries

McLAREN AUTOMOTIVE

Official test and development driver

- Involved in 540C/570S Programmes
- Worked on one project still to be launched
- Regularly used as the driver at press/marketing events

2015

24 HOUR SERIES – A3T

Memac Ogilvy Duel Racing, SEAT Leon Cup Racer

- Overall Teams' champion
- 2 class wins, 3 podiums

DUBAI 24 HOUR – A3T

Duel Racing, SEAT Leon Cupra

- 1st in class after lights-to-flag victory
- Pole position

McLAREN AUTOMOTIVE

Official test and development driver

- Lead driver for 675LT Programme.
- Involved in 540C/570S Programmes
- Regularly used as the driver at press/marketing events
- Goodwood FOS – Demonstrating all cars

INVITED TO BECOME A FULL 'BRDC' MEMBER.

2014

BLANCPAIN ENDURANCE SERIES – PRO-AM

Boutsen Ginion, McLaren MP4-12C GT3

- Selected for McLaren customer team for opening two rounds
- Assisted gentleman drivers

DUBAI 24 HOUR – A3T

Duel Racing, SEAT Leon Cupra

- Pole position and leading for 19 hours before mechanical retirement

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Official test and development driver

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- Goodwood FOS – Demonstrating all cars

2013

DUBAI 24 HOUR – A6-PRO

Lapidus Racing, McLaren MP4-12C GT3

- 6th in class and 10th overall despite mechanical problems

EUROPEAN LE MANS SERIES, GTC

Ecurie Ecosse/Barwell Motorsport, BMW Z4 GT3

- 4th in class
- Final round only

McLAREN AUTOMOTIVE

Official test and development driver

- Heavily involved in P1 & 650S Programmes
- Goodwood FOS – Demonstrating all cars

2012

24 HOURS OF BARCELONA – A6

Lapidus Racing, McLaren MP4-12C GT3

- 1st overall

BLANCPAIN ENDURANCE SERIES, PRO-AM

Lapidus Racing, McLaren MP4-12C GT3

- Selected rounds



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2011

LE MANS SERIES – GTE AM

CRS Racing, Ferrari F430 GTE

- 1 podium
- 4th in championship

24 HOURS OF SPA – GTE-PRO

VonRyan Racing, McLaren MP4-12C GT3

- Fastest time in Free Practice
- 11th in class on car's 24-hour debut

BLANCPAIN ENDURANCE SERIES, SILVERSTONE – GTE-PRO

McLaren GT, McLaren MP4-12C GT3

- Out-qualified full-time McLaren factory drivers (6th)
- Up to 3rd by end of stint

NURBURGRING 24 HOURS – SP10 CLASS

Bonk Motorsport, BMW M3

- DNF

VLN ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP – SP10 CLASS

Bonk Motorsport, BMW M3

- Selected rounds
- 1 win, 2 podiums

UAE GT CHAMPIONSHIP – GTB

MSW Racing, Porsche 997 Cup

- Helped team-mate win the championship after being drafted in for selected rounds
- 3 wins, 3 podiums

McLAREN AUTOMOTIVE

Official test and development driver

- Worked as a sub-contractor on the MP4-12C Programme

2010

LE MANS SERIES – GT2

CRS Racing, Ferrari F430 GT2

- 4th on debut at Paul Ricard
- 10th in GT2 championship

DUBAI 24 HOUR – SP3

DXB Racing, Aston Martin V8 Vantage GT4

- Class win

UAE GT CHAMPIONSHIP

MSW Racing, Porsche 997 Cup

- 1 win and 3 podiums from 4 races
- Goodwood FOS – Ayrton Senna's Toleman TG183B / Ferrari 430 GT2

2009

FIA GT3 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

CRS Racing, Ferrari F430 GT3

- 1 podium

24 HOURS OF SPA

CRS Racing, Ferrari F430 GT2

- 6th overall, 3rd in class

DUBAI 24 HOUR

DXB Racing Dubai, Aston Martin Vantage V8

- SP2 Class winner and 12th overall

2008

PORSCHE CARRERA CUP GB

Jota Sport, Porsche 997 GT3 Cup

- 5th in championship
- 5 podiums, 2 pole positions, 1 fastest lap

FIA GT3 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Apex Motorsport, Jaguar XKR

- Best result of 5th at Silverstone

PORSCHE SUPERCUP

Jetstream Racing, Porsche 997 GT3 Cup

- Magny Cours - Finished 8th

VDEV UK SERIES

IF Motorsport, Ligier JS49

- 2 races, 2 wins



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BATTERY TOWN PORSCHE CARRERA CUP NEW ZEALAND

Triple X Motorsport, Porsche 997 GT3 Cup

- Taupo – 2nd, 6th & 7th

2007

PORSCHE SUPERCUP

Racing Team Indonesia, Porsche 997 GT3 Cup

- 16th overall in debut season of F1-supporting series
- Best result of 9th at Spa
- Best qualifying – 5th Istanbul

FIA GT3 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Tech 9 Motorsport, Porsche 997 GT3 Cup

- 10th overall in championship
- Podium at Bucharest

Damax Motorsport, Ascari KZ1R GT3

- 6th place at Dubai

DUBAI 24 HOUR – A5

Motorsport Wheels LLC, Volkswagen Golf GTi 2.0 Turbo

- 8th in class

BRITCAR NIGHT RACE – BRANDS HATCH

Porsche 997 GT3 Cup

- Raced for the Teenage Cancer Trust charity with Phil Keen

2006

NAMED AS PART OF THE BRDC RISING STARS SCHEME

PORSCHE CARRERA CUP GB

Motorbase Performance, Porsche 997 GT3 Cup

- Pro-Am category champion with 10 victories
- 7th overall in main championship with 13 top-ten finishes

RADICAL SR8 ENDURO CHAMPIONSHIP

Radical Works Team, Radical SR8

- Champion with 8 wins from 18 races
- 8 pole positions and 13 podiums from 20 races

PORSCHE SUPERCUP

Morellato Stars Team, Porsche 997 GT3 Cup

- Made Porsche Supercup debut with one-off race at Monza

2005

BRITISH GT CHAMPIONSHIP – GT3 CLASS

Motorbase Performance, Porsche 996 GT3

- 1 win, 2 pole positions, 2 podiums

RADICAL SR3 ENDURO CHAMPIONSHIP

Radical Works Team, Radical SR3

- Part season – Finished 2nd in championship
- 14 wins from 14 races, 12 pole positions

PORSCHE CARRERA CUP GB

Motorbase Performance, Porsche 996 GT3 Cup

- 2 races

GT250 TAG HEUER RACE – BRANDS HATCH

Motorbase Performance, Porsche 996 GT3 CUP

- 9th overall / 4th in class

VdeV CHALLENGE – C3 CLASS

Radical Works Team, Radical SR3

- 1 win from 1 race at Magny-Cours

2004

RADICAL SR3 ENDURO CHAMPIONSHIP

Radical Works Team, Radical SR3

- 6th in championship with several podiums
- Voted 'most improved driver of the year'
- Also scored several podiums in Britcar championship

2003

SN ROTAX MAX KARTS

- 5th in summer championship / Raced at Alain Prost Circuit – Le Mans 24H kart race in a senior ROTAX MAX.

2002

JR ROTAX MAX KARTS

- 1st winter championship & 2nd summer championship / Raced at Alain Prost Circuit – Le Mans 24H kart race in twin engine pro-kart.