

Girls Who Grew Up to Change the World



Jamie Chadwick

(Born 1998)



On August 24th 2015, Jamie Chadwick won the British GT Championship, driving an Aston Martin V8 Vantage. The next morning, she out on her uniform and went to school.



At seventeen, Jamie was the youngest ever winner and the first female to win the prestigious race.



Jamie started racing go-karts when she was thirteen. That led her to the Ginetta Junior Scholarship, where drivers are eliminated until only the winners remain.



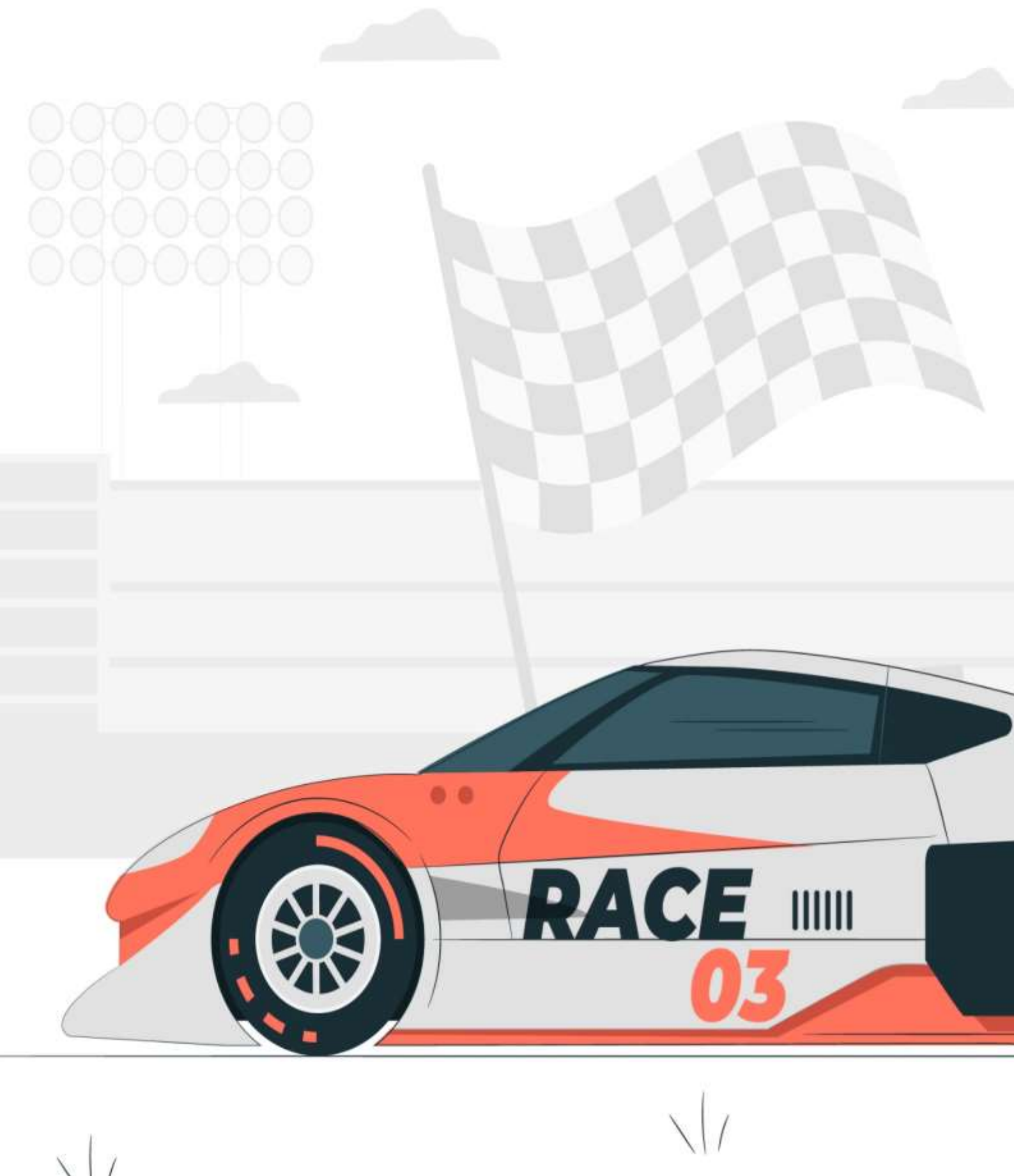
From there she earned a place of Aston Martin's racing academy.



Racing is a predominantly male sport. Jamie says men make jokes about her being a woman driver, but she doesn't listen.



Since winning the British GT Championship, she's been racing in Formula Three, where the average top speed of the cars is 20 kmh. Now she's dreaming about taking part in Formula One.



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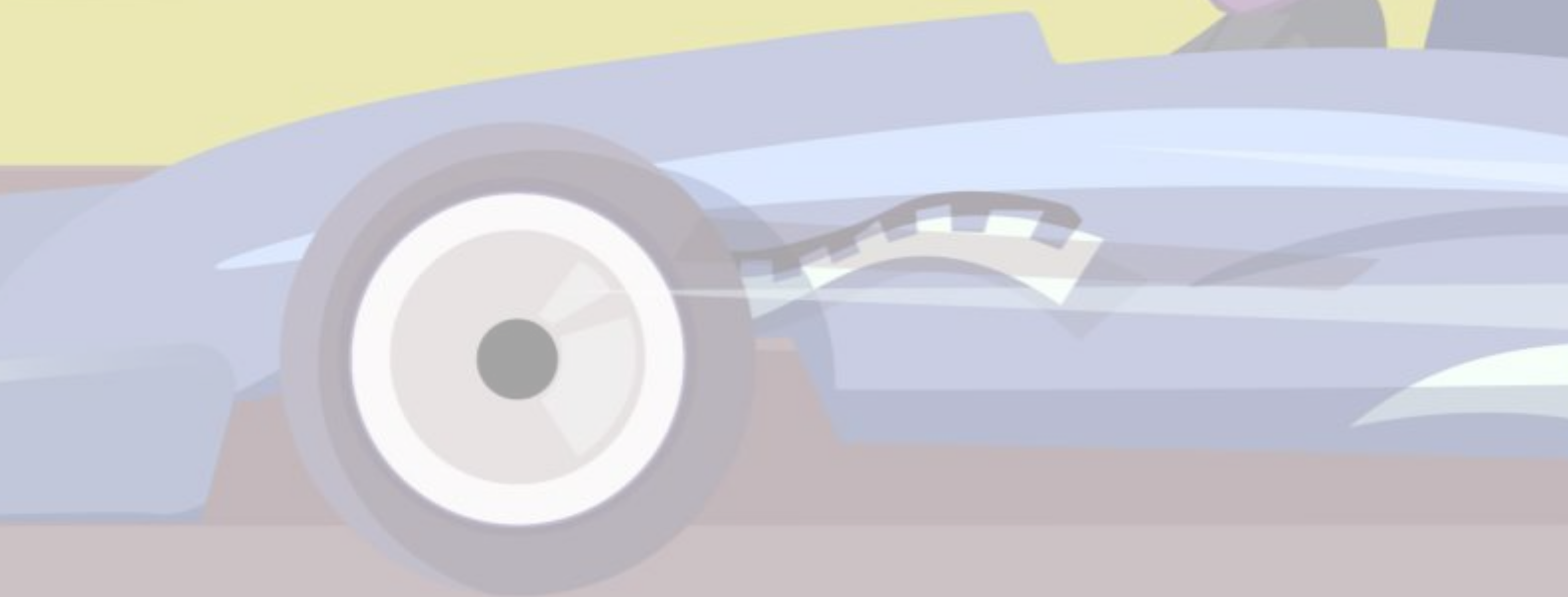
When one of the heads of Formula One claimed that women aren't capable of driving the cars, Jamie knew what he was saying was nonsense and became even more determined to prove him wrong.



If she gets there, she'll be zooming around the track at over 350 kmh.



One of the biggest obstacles in racing is the cost. Most drivers come from wealthy families with spare money to pump into their careers. Although she has some sponsors, Jamie has to save every penny she can.



It's also very demanding physically. Drivers have to train hard, since they move at such speeds that extremely strong G-force acts on their bodies, the same as for astronauts.



Now Jamie trains in racing gyms but she used to have to make her helmet extremely heavy and lie on her bed with her head hanging off until her neck gave up.



Jamie's showing everyone that being a girl makes absolutely no difference to how fast she can tear around a racetrack.





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