**Sébastien Bourdais**

**Ford Chip Ganassi Racing Driver – IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship**

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Sébastien Bourdais was surrounded by motorsport from birth. Born and raised in Le Mans, Bourdais was the son of an Am-rated driver (Patrick), who competed in the Le Mans 24 Hours from 1993-2006. Sébastien was a champion by the age of 12 (Maine Bretagne league) and will race in the IndyCar Series in 2016 while balancing endurance assignments for Ford Chip Ganassi Racing in the Ford GT.

***“There’s a lot of history between Ford and the Ford GT and Le Mans. For me, being the local boy and having raced that race 10 times, it’s a very close one to my heart. There are obviously very high expectations for the programme, and hopefully it will come full circle and we’ll repeat history and bring the win back for Ford. The Ford GT story is a big part of Le Mans and the legacy of the race and the excitement is growing for the challenges and rivalries coming up. It’ll be really cool coming back in that environment with the excitement we will feel when we arrive for the race.”***

Date of birth: 28 February 1979

Place of birth: Le Mans, France

Nationality: French

Lives: St. Petersburg, Florida, United States

Marital Status: Married, 1 son, 1 daughter

Languages: English, French

**CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

**2016**

* Current IndyCar driver – KVSH Racing

**2015**

* Petit Le Mans winner – Overall winner, Action Express Racing
* Two race wins - IndyCar

**2014**

* Rolex 24 At Daytona winner – Overall winner, Action Express Racing
* One race win – IndyCar

**2013**

* Made two GRAND-AM starts, winning in Indianapolis – Starworks Motorsports
* Made five more GRAND-AM starts – 8Star Motorsports

**2012**

* Made three GRAND-AM starts – Starworks Motorsports

**2009**

* Second place, 24 Hours of Le Mans – Peugeot
* Partial season in F1 – Scuderia Toro Rosso

**2008**

* Competed in F1 – Scuderia Toro Rosso

**2007**

* Champ Car series champion – Newman/Haas Racing
* Second place, 24 Hours of Le Mans - Peugeot

**2006**

* Champ Car series champion – Newman/Haas Racing

**2005**

* Champ Car series champion – Newman/Haas Racing

**2004**

* Champ Car series champion – Newman/Haas Racing

**2003**

* Switched to Champ Car series – Newman/Haas Racing

**2002**

* Series champion – Formula 3000

**2001**

* Fourth-place in series points – Formula 3000
* Competed in LMS, ELMS, FIA GT and 24 Hours of Le Mans

**2000**

* First international series participation, finishing ninth – Formula 3000

**1999**

* Series champion – French Formula 3
* Made first 24 Hours of Le Mans start

**1998**

* Named “best newcomer” with five race wins – French Formula 3

**1996**

* Competed in Formula Renault French Championship

**1995**

* First start in single-seater – Formula Campus

**1992**

* Fourth place in series – France Cadets Championship

**1991**

* Series champion – Maine Bretagne league
* Fourth place in series – France Cadets Championship

**1989**

* On 10th birthday, received first kart from his father Patrick (24 Hours of Le Mans driver between 1993-2006). Drove it on Alain Prost circuit at Le Mans.

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