

KAI VEITCH

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2026 Ginetta Junior Championship | Pace Performance

British, Australian and Filipino racing driver

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Kai is one of next generation of Aussie F1 hopefuls

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CHASING OSCAR

Julian Linden

On the racetrack and outside the car, Oscar Piastri is a mighty hard act to follow but that hasn't stopped the next generation of Australian drivers from trying to follow in his footsteps.

If anything the new wave of drivers have been inspired by Piastri's rapid success in Formula One, despite realising how hard it is to get to the premier category.

One of the most promising up and comers is Kai Veitch, a dual Australian-British teenager who is making a name for himself in the cut throat world of karting.

Born in Britain to Aussie parents, he has the southern cross painted on his helmet and the red, white and blue Australian flag on his racing suit.

Just 15, Veitch is already racing against grown men in Europe's elite Senior Rotax category and hoping to debut in Formula 4 in 2026.

"This year has been my best year. I got third at Kartmasters, which is one of the biggest races of the year," he said.

"I also got 13th in Europe and 13th in the UK. And now I'm trying to move into cars such as F4. That's the next step up the ladder. I know that 99.9 per cent of people won't make it because everyone wants to get there, but if you don't try, you're not gonna make it anyway. So if it's your dream, you have to try."

So far, so good for Veitch, who has had a fascination with cars since he was an infant.

If that sounds familiar it's because Piastri was also heated by the roar of his engines when he was a toddler.

He's not one of those people that just fakes everything and pretends they're the best. He's just a really calm, down-to-earth person that gets on with it. I think that's what also makes him the way he is in F1.

Veitch's career is just taking off and the road ahead is full of dead ends and hairpin runs. Skill and determination alone is not a guarantee of making it to F1 because it also costs a fortune to get a seat in the fastest cars.

"We're just regular people," Veitch's father, Paul, said.

"We're going to need some sponsors to get to the next level in F4 so that's what we're working on at the moment, to make it happen."

"My philosophical view on it is actually it's worse to tell someone they can't achieve their dream than to you know to kind of blunt that dream and to go for it and realise that there are risks in life."

Those that have paid close attention to Veitch's development have been impressed by his progress. And as well as being naturally fast, he's also shown he can handle setbacks, which are as much a part of motorsport as winning.

"If you're tense or nervous, you're just going to make mistakes, or just let people pass," Veitch said. "If you're just enjoying it, you are going to perform the best you can and be relaxed in the car and get the most out of everything."

"You can't think about crashing, otherwise you will crash. I've been in a hospital. I've flipped. I had the worst I can have, so it's not gonna get worse."

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Although he hasn't driven with him on a real track, Veitch has had the chance to work alongside Piastri on a Formula 4 simulator and was immediately struck by just how composed he was.

"He was very calm and reserved in a way, but I think that you can hear that over the radio and the way he talks," Veitch said.

"He's very genuine as well."

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SHORT PROFILE

Kai Veitch is a 15-year-old racing driver based in London, competing in the 2026 Ginetta Junior Championship with Pace Performance. British and Australian with Filipino heritage, Kai is building his pathway from karting into cars with a long-term ambition to progress towards Formula 4 and beyond.

After making his name in karting, including a standout Senior Rotax podium at the 2025 Kartmasters British Grand Prix, Kai stepped into Ginetta Junior for 2026. The championship marks his first full season in cars and a key stage in his development as he adapts to racecraft, car control and competition in one of the UK's strongest junior categories.

Kai studies through Minerva Virtual Academy, allowing him to balance GCSE study with racing, travel, simulator work, fitness and media commitments.

KEY FACTS

| Key fact | Detail |
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| Name | Kai Veitch |
| Age | 15 |
| Nationality / background | British and Australian, with Filipino heritage |
| Based | London, United Kingdom |
| Current championship | 2026 Ginetta Junior Championship |
| Team | Pace Performance |
| Car number | 75 |
| Previous karting team | KR Sport |
| Education | Minerva Virtual Academy |
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STORY SUMMARY

FROM KARTS TO CARS

Kai's 2026 season marks the next step in his progression from international karting into junior car racing. After competing at senior level in karting while still only 14, Kai moved into Ginetta Junior, where he is learning the demands of car racing in a highly competitive British championship.

A GLOBAL BACKGROUND

Kai's story carries relevance across several markets. He is based in the UK, has Australian family roots, and Filipino heritage through Manila and Laoag. That gives journalists multiple angles,

including British motorsport, Australian talent abroad, Filipino sporting ambition and the pressures facing young athletes chasing elite-level careers.

EDUCATION AND RACING

Kai studies through Minerva Virtual Academy, allowing him to balance school with a demanding motorsport programme. This provides a useful education, youth sport and modern schooling angle, alongside the racing story itself.

RACING HIGHLIGHTS

2026 GINETTA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Kai began his rookie Ginetta Junior season with Pace Performance in 2026. At Donington Park, he qualified 17th and progressed through the weekend, finishing 16th, 12th and 11th across the three races. At Silverstone, he continued his development on the Grand Prix circuit, qualifying 14th overall for Race 1 with a 2:39.643 lap and 12th on second-fastest times for the Race 2 grid. Race 1 ended early after opening-lap incidents ahead of him left him with nowhere to go, before he recovered to finish 15th in Race 2 and 13th in Race 3. He is currently 14th in the championship.

2025 KARTMASTERS BRITISH GRAND PRIX

Kai achieved a major breakthrough in karting with a Senior Rotax podium at the 2025 Kartmasters British Grand Prix. After a mechanical DNF left him starting the pre-final from P27, he recovered to 14th and then charged through the final to finish 3rd, including a decisive three-kart move into 90 Right at PF International.

INTERNATIONAL KARTING

Before moving into cars, Kai competed in Senior Rotax and raced internationally across the UK and Europe, including Germany, Italy, Belgium and the Czech Republic. He has competed in the Rotax MAX Euro Trophy and British Kart Championship, gaining experience against strong senior grids.

MEDIA ANGLES FOR JOURNALISTS

The 15-year-old moving from karts into cars: Kai is in his rookie Ginetta Junior season, learning car racing in one of the UK's most competitive junior championships.

British, Australian and Filipino racing story: Kai's background gives the story international relevance across UK, Australian and Filipino audiences.

The GCSE student chasing motorsport: Kai balances education through Minerva Virtual Academy with racing, travel, fitness, simulator work and media commitments.

From Kartmasters podium to Ginetta Junior: Kai's standout Kartmasters podium gave him momentum as he moved towards junior car racing.

Building the platform through #TeamKV: Kai's grassroots supporter programme gives supporters a way to be part of the journey as he moves into cars.

The commercial reality of junior motorsport: Kai's story also shows the funding, sponsorship and support challenge facing young drivers trying to progress through the ranks.

QUOTES

"Moving into Ginetta Junior is a big step. Karting teaches you a lot, but car racing is different, and I'm learning every time I'm in the car."

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"My goal is to keep improving, keep learning and make the most of every opportunity I get."

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"Balancing school and racing is not always easy, but it's part of the work. If I want to progress, I need to do both properly."

Kai Veitch

"Kai's story is not just about racing. It is about development, resilience, education and building the support around a young driver trying to move through the sport properly."

Paul Veitch

"#TeamKV was created to give people a way to be part of Kai's journey, whether they are family, friends, supporters or businesses that want to help a young driver progress."

Paul Veitch

"Kai has already shown strong pace and racecraft in karting at a high level. The transition from karts to cars is always a big step, but he has the work ethic and preparation behind him to adapt quickly, in testing, he has shown his adaptability and pace. We're excited to support him through his first season in Ginetta Juniors."

Sean Byrne – Pace Performance Team Principle

MEDIA COVERAGE

Featured coverage includes:

- The Philippine Star, "From karts to cars"
- Speedcafe, profile and Ginetta Junior update
- Auto Action, Kartmasters podium feature
- The Times, education and language feature
- UK and international motorsport coverage

IMAGE AND VIDEO ASSETS

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- Portrait images
- Karting archive images
- Video clips and b-roll for online or broadcast use
- Kai Veitch Racing logos and branded assets

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