



Corvette Racing Driver Profile: Oliver Gavin

- Car: No. 4 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C7.R
- Co-drivers: Tommy Milner, Marcel Fässler (Daytona, Sebring, Petit Le Mans)
- Birthdate: Sept. 29, 1972
- Birthplace: Huntington, England
- Residence: Yardley Hastings, England
- Family: Wife Helen; children Lily, Isaac, Fergus
- Notable: 2016 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship GTLM champion; four-time ALMS champion – 2005-07 (GTS/GT1), 2012 (GT); five class wins in 24 Hours of Le Mans – 2002, 2004-06 (GTS/GT1), 2015 (GTE Pro); six class wins at 12 Hours of Sebring – 2001-02 (GTS), 2006-07 (GT1), 2013 (GT), 2016 (GTLM); Rolex 24 At Daytona winner – 2016 (GTLM)
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Getting to Know You

A five-time winner of the 24 Hours of Le Mans, Oliver Gavin is the quintessential Englishman. The longest-serving member of the Corvette Racing driver roster, Gavin will contest his 17th season with Corvette Racing in 2018. Gavin has won 50 races with Corvette Racing, four ALMS titles, one IMSA WeatherTech championship and five Le Mans victories to his credit. He and Tommy Milner won four times in 2016 to claim their second class Driver's title. They teamed again in 2017 with a victory at Long Beach for the No. 4 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C7.R. He and Milner also recorded Corvette Racing's 100th program victory in 2016 at Lime Rock Park. The Gavin/Milner pairing won the 2012 ALMS GT championship and won the 2015 24 Hours of Le Mans with Jordan Taylor in the GTE Pro class.

A native of Cambridgeshire, Gavin won multiple championships in British open-wheel formula cars before scoring his first victory with Corvette Racing in the 24 Hours of Le Mans in 2002. He became a full-season Corvette driver in 2003, and won three consecutive American Le Mans Series GT1 drivers championships with Corvette Racing teammate Olivier Beretta in 2005-07.

Career Highlights

- 1991: British Formula First champion (11 wins), McLaren Autosport Young Driver of the Year Award.
- 1992: British Formula Vauxhall Championship runner-up.
- 1993: British Formula 3 Championship runner-up.
- 1995: British Formula 3 champion (six wins).
- 1996: Competed in International Touring Car Championship (Opel).
- 1997: Competed in International Formula 3000 Championship.
- 2000: Competed in Grand-Am Championship (Lola).

- 2001: One ALMS win (Saleen); two Grand-Am wins (Lola), won GTS pole at 24 Hours of Le Mans (Saleen).
- 2002: GTS winner in 24 Hours of Le Mans, two ALMS wins with Corvette Racing (Sebring, Atlanta).
- 2003: Two ALMS wins with Corvette Racing (Atlanta, Trois-Rivieres), third in Driver's championship.
- 2004: GTS winner in 24 Hours of Le Mans, four ALMS wins (Lime Rock, Mosport, Elkhart Lake, Atlanta) with Corvette C5-R.
- 2005: ALMS GT1 co-champion, six wins; GT1 winner, 24 Hours of Le Mans (Corvette C6.R).
- 2006: ALMS GT1 co-champion, five wins; GT1 winner, 24 Hours of Le Mans and Sebring 12-hour (Corvette C6.R).
- 2007: ALMS GT1 co-champion, nine wins (tied ALMS single-season record); GT1 winner at Sebring 12-hour and Petit Le Mans (Corvette C6.R); four poles and three fastest race laps.
- 2008: Second in ALMS GT1 drivers championship with three victories; runner-up in GT1 class at 24 Hours of Le Mans; two poles and five fastest race laps; finished in London Marathon.
- 2009: Won final race for Corvette C6.R in ALMS GT1 at Long Beach, Calif.; was leading GT1 class at 24 Hours of Le Mans at 22-hour mark before mechanical problem caused retirement; finished fourth in Corvette Racing's GT2 debut at Mid-Ohio and third at Mosport.
- 2010: Fastest qualifier in GT2 at 24 Hours of Le Mans, leading race after spirited duel with Risi Ferrari before teammate Collard was forced off track; ran fastest race lap after crew repaired car. Won Petit Le Mans season finale with dramatic last-lap pass after class-leading Ferrari ran out of fuel. Podium finishes at Laguna Seca, Mid-Ohio, and Road America (where Gavin won the GT2 pole) highlighted the season.
- 2011: Won Grand Prix of Mosport with teammate Jan Magnussen, extending his streak of winning at least one ALMS event to 11 years. Finished second in GT driver championship with Magnussen after runner-up finishes at Long Beach and Mid-Ohio and third-place finish in inaugural Baltimore street race.
- 2012: Won fourth ALMS championship. Four wins with Tommy Milner – Long Beach, Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, Mid-Ohio, VIR. Fastest GT qualifier at Baltimore and set fastest class race lap at Monterey and Baltimore. Sixth at Le Mans after leading near halfway point before No. 4 lost left-rear wheel.
- 2013: Third with Milner in ALMS GT championship. Began title defense with class victory at Sebring alongside Milner and Richard Westbrook. Posted fastest GT lap at Long Beach. Also won at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park.
- 2014: Full season in TUDOR United SportsCar Championship with Tommy Milner. Third at Long Beach. Fourth at Le Mans with Milner and Richard Westbrook.
- 2015: Won at Le Mans for the fifth time and first in GTE Pro. Drove with Tommy Milner/Jordan Taylor and drove the final stint of the race. Third at Daytona with Milner/Simon Pagenaud and was fastest GTLM qualifier. Pole and third at Petit Le Mans to close season.
- 2016: Won first WeatherTech GTLM Driver's Championship and fifth title with Corvette Racing. Won four times with Tommy Milner including thriller at Daytona; finished race just 0.034 seconds clear of teammate Antonio Garcia. Followed with win at Sebring for sixth career win in 12 Hours. Won back-to-back races at Lime Rock (100th win for Corvette Racing) and Road America. Second at Long Beach and Canadian Tire Motorsport Park. Set fastest race lap at VIR.
- 2017: Won with Tommy Milner in GTLM at Long Beach. Eighth at Le Mans with Milner/Fässler.
- 2018: Won at Long Beach with Tommy Milner for 50th career victory as part of Corvette Racing. Fourth at Daytona with Tommy Milner/Marcel Fässler.

IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship Career Record

Year	Races	Wins	Fast Qualifier	Notes
2016	11	4	0	GTLM winner at Daytona, Sebring, Lime Rock, Road America; runner-up at Long Beach and Canadian Tire Motorsport Park; fastest lap at VIR
2017	11	1	0	GTLM winner at Long Beach
2018	4	1	0	Winner at Long Beach; 50th career win with Corvette Racing
Totals	26	6	0	

TUDOR Championship Career Record

Year	Races	Wins	Fast Qualifier	Notes
2014	11	0	0	Fastest lap at Sebring
2015	10	0	2	Pole winner and third in class at Daytona, Road Atlanta
Totals	21	0	2	

American Le Mans Series Career Record

Year	Races	Wins	Fast Qualifier	Notes
2000	1	0	0	LMP900 with Jon Field
2001	2	1	1	First ALMS win for Saleen
2002	3	2	0	First season with Corvette Racing
2003	8	2	4	Third in GT1 drivers championship
2004	9	4	4	Second in GT1 drivers championship
2005	10	6	2	ALMS GT1 co-champion (with Beretta)
2006	10	4	0	ALMS GT1 co-champion (with Beretta)
2007	12	9	4	ALMS GT1 co-champion (with Beretta)
2008	11	3	2	Second in GT1 drivers championship
2009	7	1	1	Ran GT1 two events, GT2 five events
2010	9	1	1	Won Petit Le Mans
2011	9	1	0	Second in GT driver championship
2012	10	4	1	ALMS GT co-champion (with Milner)
2013	10	2	0	GT winner at Sebring, Canada
Total	111	40	20	

24 Hours of Le Mans Record

Year	Finish	Class	Car	Co-drivers
2001	3rd	GTS	Saleen	Borcheller, Konrad
2002	1st	GTS	Corvette C5-R	Fellows, O'Connell
2003	2nd	GTS	Corvette C5-R	Collins, Pilgrim
2004	1st	GTS	Corvette C5-R	Beretta, Magnussen
2005	1st	GT1	Corvette C6.R	Beretta, Magnussen
2006	1st	GT1	Corvette C6.R	Beretta, Magnussen
2007	14th	GT1	Corvette C6.R	Beretta, Papis
2008	3rd	GT1	Corvette C6.R	Beretta, Papis
2009	4th	GT1	Corvette C6.R	Beretta, Fassler
2010	10th (Ret.)	GT2	Corvette C6.R	Beretta, Collard
2011	11th (Ret.)	GTE Pro	Corvette C6.R	Magnussen, Westbrook
2012	6th	GTE Pro	Corvette C6.R	Milner, Westbrook
2013	7th	GTE Pro	Corvette C6.R	Milner, Westbrook
2014	4th	GTE Pro	Corvette C7.R	Milner, Westbrook
2015	1st	GTE Pro	Corvette C7.R	Milner, J. Taylor
2016	10th (Ret.)	GTE Pro	Corvette C7.R	Milner, J. Taylor
2017	8th	GTE Pro	Corvette C7.R	Milner, Fässler

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Recognized as one of the world's brightest talents in sports car competition, Gavin has an impressive resume of victories and track records. He began his racing career in karting in the '80s, competing in British national series. In 1990, Gavin moved up to single-seaters and promptly won the British National Formula First Series in 1991, scoring 11 wins in 12 races. This remarkable season earned Gavin the prestigious McLaren Autosport Young Driver of the Year award. The following year he finished second in the British Formula Vauxhall Championship. In 1993, Gavin moved up to the highly regarded British Formula 3 Championship and finished as runner-up in the drivers championship.

In 1994, Gavin competed in the FIA International F3000 championship. Returning to British Formula 3 in 1995, he dominated the series with six victories and won the championship while also working as a test driver for the Pacific Formula 1 team. In the late '90s Gavin competed in the International Touring Car series as a factory Opel driver while also working as a Formula 1 test driver for Benetton and Renault (1997-2005) and driving the safety car during the Formula 1 season. When not racing, Gavin competes in marathon, biathlon and triathlon events. He resides in Yardley Hastings, Northampton, with his wife, Helen, and children Lily, Isaac and Fergus.

Part of [unique video shoot in Switzerland](#) in which he raced wingsuit jumper Jokke Sommer down a mountain pass in a Corvette Z06.