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Making history at high speed

Canadian race-car driver Teri MacDonald-Cadieux has made a career of racing with the big boys. As the only woman to have won the prestigious Firehawk Rookie-of-the-Year title, in 1990, MacDonald-Cadieux has earned her place in racing history and proven that the big boys aren't so big.

"I was practically raised on a race track," says MacDonald-Cadieux. As a teen she spent summer days tweaking engines and sitting on track bleachers cheering on her racing father. Her brother, NASCAR racer Randy MacDonald, "is extremely supportive. When someone thinks you have talent and potential it fuels your dreams."

In 1999, being the highest-ranked woman racer in North America, MacDonald-Cadieux left road racing for the oval-track NASCAR and CASCAR circuit. Randy's coaching and support gave her the confidence to cross over. "Oval-track racing is an even greater challenge for me," said MacDonald-Cadieux. "With road racing, racers drive more, but on the oval track you are constantly racing."

Today MacDonald-Cadieux also writes on racing for newspapers and magazines, and instructs at racing schools. And she hosts a TV show called **Car Ready**, produced by Walt Disney and General Motors.

—*Elio Iannacci*