



# Family feud extends into 61st running of Grand Prix

**BY CREIGHTON SUTER**  
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Last year's Grand Prix champion will have more on his mind than winning during this year's race.

Kyle Tilley, a sophomore in the College of Engineering racing for Alpha Sig GP in the No. 1 kart, will have to compete against a more competitive field with a target now squarely on his back after taking the checkered flag in the 60th running of the race and qualifying first just a week ago.

Beyond those challenges, Tilley will have to surpass the No. 2 qualifier, who has an inside line on the psyche of the mind behind the No. 1 kart.

Collin Campbell, a freshman in the College of Engineering racing for McCutcheon GP, qualified second last weekend. His crew chief is Tilley's sister, Dawn Tilley.

And neither sibling is shy about wanting to beat the other.

"There is that increased competition for sure," she said.

The two siblings come from a racing lineage, with their grandfather being the first kart racer in the family.

Dawn Tilley wasn't at last year's race to see her brother's victory, but she followed the twists, turns, overtakes and accidents by listening to the audio stream. Kyle Tilley's race had about as many twists in momentum as the race has turns.

He had attained a significant, early lead during the previous rendition of the Grand Prix, but blew a tire nearly halfway through the race as he tried to slip by on the inside of another driver going into a turn.

It was one of what might have been 100 passes the then-freshman driver attempted during the race. This one, however, saw him make contact with a lapped driver, who closed in on him as he approached the corner's apex.

"Right after that happened, I wasn't even thinking about winning," he said. "The only thing I was thinking about was getting to the pits and getting it fixed."

To compensate for lost time, Tilley's driving style became more aggressive as he made his way back to the front through the mess of lapped traffic, a factor he never had to deal with in his days spent racing up and down the East Coast before college.

"You don't hit lapped traffic outside of Grand Prix," he said. "Tracks are bigger, cars are more competitive, so you just don't really catch up to the end of the field outside of the Grand Prix."

Eventually, Kyle Tilley regained his position at the front, but that didn't save him from a few



**Kyle Tilley of Cary Racing #1 drives his kart with the checkered flag after winning the 60th running of the Purdue Grand Prix in 2017.**

light jabs from his sister about the mid-race hiccup.

Kyle Tilley said the goal is to run a clean race this year because the field is even more competitive than the last, with the top 10 drivers being separated by just over eight-tenths of a second during qualifying.

While he is one step closer to matching the record held by Jimmy Simpson, the only driver to win the Grand Prix four consecutive times, after qualifying first last weekend he insists he is taking it one step at a time.

Dawn Tilley was more explicit about his intentions, though.

"I know ideally, he really wants to get that four-time win again, like Jimmy Simpson," she said. "I would be proud of him if he did, but we're not going to hand it to him at all."

No matter the outcome, the two said it's all about the experience and honoring the man that started their racing journeys.

"Unfortunately, my grandpa passed away earlier this year," Dawn Tilley said. "It's kind of sad that he doesn't get to see it, but it's nice to know that we're doing well. And it's kind of in the memory of him."



**Dawn Tilley is acting as crew chief for Collin Campbell, who qualified second behind her brother, Kyle.**



**Cary Racing's Kyle Tilley celebrates last year's victory by drinking from the ceremonial bottle of milk.**





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**Why did you decide to drive?**

I chose to race in the 61st annual GP because it has been a goal of mine to establish a team and race competitively. Establishing the First Street Towers GP team has been one of the more challenging projects in my motorsports career, and it has been a great journey so far.

**What are you most looking forward to about this**

**Why did you decide to drive?**

I was a part of the pit crew last year for PSWE, and this year I was Grand Prix chair. We had one cart last year, but we wanted two carts this year. ... I did some racing over the summer and participated in tryouts in the fall to become one of the drivers."

**What are you most looking forward to for this year's race?**

I'm looking forward to a

**year's race?**

I am looking forward to the pre-race festivities that go on. Driver introductions are always a fun time and my personal favorite, "Back Home Again in Indiana."

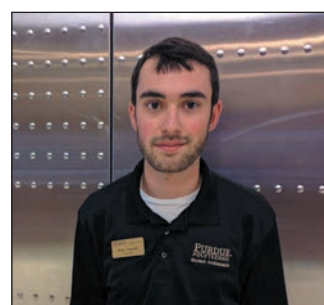
**What is your biggest worry about the track?**

I am worried about the stage of the race where lap traffic/slower traffic come into play. One slip-up could end your day prematurely.

lot of things. I think being able to be involved in a big Purdue tradition is one of the main reasons I chose to be a driver.

**What is your biggest worry about the track?**

My biggest worry is that my clutch has been acting up recently. I'm worried that it won't last through the whole race. If something does go wrong with it, it'll take too long to fix it and my cart would be done for the race.



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**Why did you decide to drive?**

I decided to drive in this year's race because I used to race karts a lot when I was younger, and I've always been interested in this event growing up. I thought it would be a great experience to get to race in the Purdue Grand Prix and race against a few of the same guys I raced against growing up.

**What are you most looking forward to about this year's race?**

The thing I'm most looking forward to is the atmosphere on race day. I've seen videos in the past and

**Why did you decide to drive?**

I am a freshman, so this is my first year at Purdue, but I started racing go-karts when I was 9. I haven't raced go-karts in a while, but somehow ATO found out about me and reached out. I am very excited to have the opportunity to race for Purdue." What are you most looking forward to for this year's race?

**What are you most looking forward to about this year's race?**

I am looking forward to

the experience. The Grand Prix is really talked about here and provides a really cool environment to race in. Everyone is really friendly, but also competitive. It is a friendly kind of competitive.

**What is your biggest worry about the track?**

My biggest worry on the track is just staying out of trouble. 160 laps is a lot; I've never been in a race that long. I just want to be able to finish the race. Being in the top five would be my goal, but I just want to cross the finish line.



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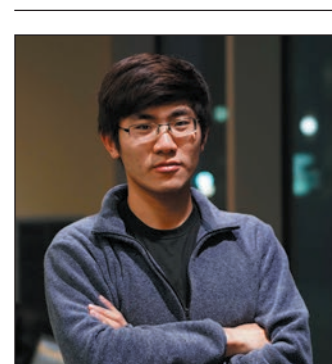
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**Why did you decide to drive?**

My passion is in cars, and in racing as well. Me and my teammates love cars and this sport. I built the team three years ago, but never made it to the final race. This year's race is our first time in the final stage, which is a huge step up.

**What are you most looking forward to for this year's race?**

Since this is our first time in the final, we do not expect an extraordinary result, like a top-three position. Grand Prix is a competitive endurance race. One hundred sixty laps is a huge challenge, so our goal is to finish the race without crashing. We will be satisfied no matter our final position.

**What is your biggest worry about the track?**

It is a small track with so many cars, which makes the track even narrower. ... We don't want to cause any crashing or break the cars, no matter if it's our car or another team's. I will keep a distance and pay specific attention to the bumping stuff which is my biggest concern.

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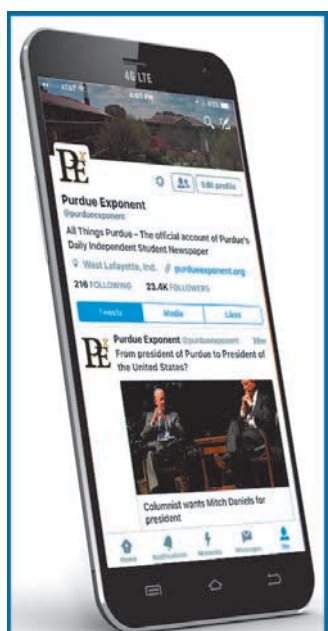
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# Grand Prix will test 52 teams in its annual race on Saturday

BY ALISA REYNYA  
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The skeletally structured Grand Prix karts with driver's seats practically brushing the ground may not look like they could reach speeds of 50 to 55 miles per hour, but these high speeds aren't uncommon on the straights, said Purdue alumnus, Grand Prix volunteer and self-described "junkie" Dave Fuhrman.

Both karts' and drivers' capabilities were tested during Grand Prix qualifiers over the weekend in preparation for the 61st annual "longest-running kart race in the world" on Saturday.

Fifty-two teams will participate in this year's race, representing fraternities, residence halls, professional organizations and independents. The only rule regarding participation is that every participant must be a Purdue student, whether from the West Lafayette campus or one of the satellite campuses. In accordance, three teams from IUPUI are participating in this year's race.

The IUPUI teams have a motor sports program that prepares them for the race, and they often receive new equipment to build karts. But according to Purdue alumnus and four-time Grand Prix winner Jimmy Simpson, what really wins the race is



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The Grand Prix track awaits the 61st Grand Prix race during the Alumni Association's presentation of the track.

commitment.

Grand Prix rules dictate that the race lasts 160 laps, and each driver must make at least one pit stop. More pit stops are allowed but not recommended, according to Fuhrman, because it wastes time that could be

spent racing.

Simpson said a dedicated and well-oiled team pays attention to pit stops and preserves both fuel and tires.

"A good team has their act together in the pit stop," he said.

The current track, which will be

seeing its 10th race, is longer, wider and has less elevation change than previous tracks, according to Fuhrman. Its many bends keep drivers from accelerating to dangerous speeds. The track also presents plenty of opportunities for passing.

Fuhrman said at the end of the day, the drivers who are the best in traffic win the race. He cited Simpson's patience and knowledge of when to be aggressive and when to hold back as the deciding factors in his four-year winning streak.

He also touted the exchangeable fuel tank as a huge but unnoticed factor in the race. According to him, the exchangeable fuel tank helps save time during pit stops. When Fuhrman was competing in Grand Prix in the late '70s and early '80s, the driver had to get out and wait for the tank to be refilled before continuing in the race. Now, experienced teams can exchange the fuel tank without the driver even coming to a complete stop.

The exchangeable fuel tanks are also safer than the refillable ones, Fuhrman said, keeping team members from being exposed to gasoline.

This year the Purdue Grand Prix Foundation will give out \$10,000 of scholarships to 12 winners and four ambassadors. The funds for those scholarships come from ticket sales and sponsors, said Kyle Haas, president of the Grand Prix Foundation's Senior Board.

In the end, though, Fuhrman said the race comes down to one thing.

"It's not about how good you are," he said. "It's how lucky you are."

## Past Grand Prix winners

This annual Purdue race has been going on since 1958. Here is a list of those who have won.

- 2017 Kyle Tilley
- 2016 Jimmy Simpson
- 2015 Jimmy Simpson
- 2014 Jimmy Simpson
- 2013 Jimmy Simpson
- 2012 Blake Deister
- 2011 Justin Penix
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- 2009 Travis Iles
- 2008 John Laski
- 2007 Liz Lehmann
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- 2002 Timothy O'Brien
- 2001 Tom Gray
- 2000 James Weida
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- 1998 Kyle Smith
- 1997 Joe Troyer
- 1996 Dustin Smith
- 1995 Ian Smith
- 1994 Ian Smith
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- 1992 Brian Berrisford
- 1991 Doug Hodgdon
- 1990 Doug Hodgdon
- 1989 Tom Smith
- 1988 Steve Daugherty
- 1987 Dave Skelton
- 1986 Bob Pitzer
- 1985 Doug Wright
- 1984 Curtis Chapman
- 1983 John Schumaker
- 1982 John Brennan
- 1981 Dave Fuhrman

- 1980 Brian Grant
- 1979 Dave Fleek
- 1978 Robert Keagy
- 1977 Dave Jones
- 1976 Chuck Sprague
- 1975 Mike Brennan
- 1974 Wayne Gerhart
- 1973 Charles Workman Jr.
- 1972 Mike Goodson
- 1971 George Kozak
- 1970 James Fry
- 1969 Gary Van der Heide
- 1968 Al Brittingham
- 1967 Al Brittingham
- 1966 George Taylor
- 1965 Jim Feustal
- 1964 Robert Booty
- 1963 Edward McDonald
- Lorrie Volland
- 1962 John Mickley
- Bert Rosendahl
- Bob Whiting
- Jerry Williams
- Tom Williams
- 1961 Tom Ellis
- 1960 John Mullaly
- 1959 Dick Clayton
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- John Jeffers
- Tom Ross
- 1958 Fred Bartlett
- Gregory Bowman
- Ronald Moffett
- James Moneyhun
- Kenneth Shull



EXPONENT FILE PHOTO  
Kyle Tilley from Cary Racing #1 won Grand Prix in 2017, and will race again on Saturday.



EXPONENT FILE PHOTO  
Blake Deister of MKE gets a boost onto the shoulders of his pit crew after winning the 55th Purdue Grand Prix in 2012.



EXPONENT FILE PHOTO  
Jimmy Simpson from Delts Racing celebrates his 2016 victory with milk. Winning four races was a first in Purdue history.



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Travis Iles and Sheldon Alt pose with their 2009 race-winning kart at the Grand Prix track.

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Justin Penix, the driver for IUPUI #1, won the 2011 Purdue Grand Prix.

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# Local bars gear up for Grand Prix weekend

BY RYAN CHEN  
City Editor

While most Grand Prix spectators would rather have clear skies and sunshine this coming Saturday, the local police chief has a different prayer in mind.

"We usually pray for rain on Grand Prix," joked West Lafayette Police Chief Jason Dombkowski. "I've been doing this for 25 years, and it usually works out better for us when there's inclement weather."

Hosted by Dombkowski, the Campus Community Bar Retail Coalition met on Tuesday at the Neon Cactus to coordinate alcohol safety for the coming Grand Prix weekend.

With representatives from most bars in Chauncey Village, Purdue Greek life and local fire and police departments present, discussion topics ranged from bar occupancy to drinking in lines.

According to West Lafayette Fire Department Chief Timothy Heath, this biggest challenge will be counting heads in bars.

"My No. 1 issue every year is occupancy in bars," Heath said. "I have received emails, text messages and phone calls from students, and it's something that I've waited until this meeting to address."

Heath reminded bar owners there should be multiple counters for each floor, and they would be going around on Saturday to make sure the counts are correct.

"You have to count how many people are on each floor, so you'll have a total number of people you can have in the establishment," Heath said.

On the topic of counting methodol-

ogy, Heath was particularly adamant.

"Am I going to go around and count heads? No," he said. "Well, first of all, that's impossible. One bar did tell me that's what they do. 'We go up to the DJ booth and count heads,' but that's like counting a moving target. ... We're going to be kind of strict this year."

According to Dombkowski, the many changes to State Street call for cooperation with regards to crowd control.

"Your bar lines, we talk about them every year," Dombkowski said.

The biggest challenge for bar owners this year, according to Dombkowski, will be keeping the alcohol inside the bars.

"The newest challenge we have with those bar lines, in my view, is the drinking in the lines that goes on compared to years ago," he said. "What used to be beer bottles are now vodka bottles. Or name your spirit of choice."

"Please remind your people, as people are coming into the bar, to really look for those who have already had their fill."

Purdue Police Chief John Cox reported that there would be about 60 events happening over the course of the week, with one-third of them occurring on Saturday.

"It's going to be really, really busy," Cox said. "It's all hands on deck. ... We'll have extra officers out, we'll increase our patrols."

And for those looking for transportation to and from the Grand Prix, Cox said that it would be covered.

"There will be stops for patrons that are walking west (toward the race track)," he said. "We do have bus stops



EXPONENT FILE PHOTO

The Campus Community Bar Coalition met at the Neon Cactus to discuss safety for the upcoming Grand Prix weekend.

all along the way to pick them up."

For those planning on going to the race, Cox has warned that the department will be walking along the perimeter to look for beer coolers before the race starts.

The bar owners face their own unique challenges — particularly the increase in fake ID quality over the past few years.

"The ones we mainly look out for are the Ohio, Illinois," said Josh Osbourne, a representative of Brothers Bar & Grill, pointing to a large pile of confiscated IDs he brought to the meeting. "There are certain states. Like if someone gives a New Jersey one, then it probably isn't real."

"That squares pretty well with what we've been seeing as well," said Lt. Kevin Akers of the Indiana State

Excise Police.

The State Excise Police has also provided labels for the confiscated IDs.

"If you seize or confiscate a suspected fake ID, you can put a sticker on the back of it," Akers explained. "Have the individual who happened to discover it or see that it was suspicious, date, time, name of individual who confiscated it. You can also provide a receipt to the person who you're taking it from and an explanation that you're turning it over to local law enforcement."

According to Osbourne, they've received Rhode Island IDs at the door three times.

"If it's suspicious, you can always refuse entry," said Jason Biss, a representative from Tippecanoe County Prosecutor Patrick Harrington's office.

"But for prosecution we will need to confirm that it is in fact a fake ID."

Looking forward to Breakfast Club this Saturday, Tammy Loew, senior assistant director of wellness programs at Purdue Recreation and Wellness, reports that there will be many food options to help soak up the alcohol.

"The Discount Den now sells donuts, so they will have donuts available at 6 a.m.," Loew said. "So people that are waiting in lines to go in can get donuts there."

Loew also reports that the local Taco Bell started a policy to open on Thursday and stay open until Sunday evening.

"That is not something that we knew," she said.

Mad Mushroom will also be open at 10 a.m., but Mary Lou Donuts will be available outside of the Neon Cactus in the wee hours of the morning to help some extremely festive Boilermakers pad their stomachs.

"Saturday morning, at 3 a.m., Mary Lou Donuts will be outside," Loew said. "Because some people start to line up at 3 a.m., so at least there will be food there to help them absorb alcohol."

Other venues with food options include Brothers, Jake's Roadhouse, Harry's Chocolate Shop and 308 On State.

According to Dombkowski, Grand Prix arrests have gone down from upward of 300 the year before he took the mantle of police chief.

"We've come a long way," he said. "We've come a heck of a long way in terms of a culture change."

"And a lot of it started with what we do here."



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**Why did you choose to race in this year's race?**

The chicks dig it.

**What are you looking forward to about this year's race?**

Getting kicked out of Applebee's with the boys after the race.

**What is your biggest worry on the track?**

Catching on fire.



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**Why did you choose to race in this year's race?**

I chose to race this year to follow my passion for motorsport. Grand Prix is a way for me to participate in a sport I love, while also experiencing one of Purdue's greatest traditions. After a fifth-place finish in last year's race, I am hooked and hungry for a better finish.

**What are you looking forward to about this year's race?**

I am most looking forward to the crowd that comes to watch this race. It's really rewarding to see all of our hard work over the

season appreciated by so many people. This year I am fortunate enough to have my parents and brother fly in to attend, and I couldn't be more excited to have them watch me compete.

**What is your biggest worry about the track?**

My biggest worry about the track is how tight it is. With 33 participants starting the race, the start is always hectic and very crowded. Getting out ahead and keeping contact with others to a minimum is essential to lasting the whole 160 laps.



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**Why did you decide to drive?**

We had a kart last year, but I think we took two years off before that. I was just talking to some of the older guys about it who had previously raced and they said it was a lot of fun and it was something I would be interested in, so I kind of just took the gamble and went with it and decided to race and so far, I'm having a blast.

**What are you most looking forward to for this year's race?**

Finishing. That is my goal. If

I can finish that would be really cool, being a rookie. We did not make it through the race last year, so if I could finish, that's what I'm looking forward to.

**What is your biggest worry about the track?**

Honestly, probably when to be aggressive and when to hold back because obviously some racers are better than I am, so it's kind of picking your points as to when to be aggressive and not crash the car because that would really stink.



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**Why did you decide to drive?**

I actually didn't choose. I was actually crew chief at the start of this year and I lost both of my drivers. ... They

said they had too much on their plate and they couldn't do it. ... I was backup driver two years ago on my team. I got in the car twice and wrecked it both times, so I didn't feel comfortable getting back in it, but I did. My group, PCS racing, we're part of St. Tom's, so we're the church group pretty much. I said a lot of prayers that day. ... We're calling it the 'divine intervention' because I got in the cart Wednesday and qualifications were Saturday.

**What are you most looking forward to for this year's race?**

Driving in it instead of being crew chief, that will be a different point of view. Just hoping to finish the race because so many teams

don't finish, like at least half the pack. So the goal is just to finish without any problems, hopefully. I'm looking forward to having my family there to watch because it will be my first time driving too.

**What is your biggest worry about the track?**

The start, because there's too many carts on the track at one time and everyone's next to each other and you have open wheels, and when wheels touch, people will go airborne usually. ... Nothing serious, but you get about 6 inches to a foot straight up in the air and when you come down it can damage things. ... I think once getting through that, it will be a little easier, but it's going to be tricky.



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**Why did you decide to drive?**

My family has always been a go-karting family, and I decided to join the team my sophomore year just to kind of get involved in the house and I knew a little bit about go-karts. Then, our driver my sophomore year, he retired so they needed someone to replace him, so I raced my junior year and I did well my junior year. So I thought I'd just go ahead my senior year and try it out again. It's been a lot of fun.

**What are you most looking forward to for this year's race?**

I'm looking to just enjoy my senior year and just have fun with it during this race. I'm not looking for anything crazy, but I'm going to do my best and just have fun with it.

**What is your biggest worry about the track?**

The other drivers and somehow letting my team down.



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**Why did you decide to drive?**

It's my third year racing and looking to uphold the tradition.

**What are you most looking forward to for this year's race?**

Finishing in the Top 5 in this year's Grand Prix.

**What is your biggest worry about the track?**

Maneuvering through the traffic of the other karts during the race.

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Poke Hibachi gives the Purdue community a fresh, healthy alternative to ordinary fast food.

The restaurant, which opened in September, offers the delicious taste of Poke from Hawaii and California in minutes at an affordable price. It starts with fresh ingredients – whole fish, vegetables and fruits chopped while you wait. The delicious mix is served in a bowl over a bed of sushi rice.

Hibachi is also a popular choice for many customers. Chicken, steak, salmon, eel or tofu are grilled on a hot iron plate and served with your choice of vegetables with eel sauce in a bowl of sushi rice.

Poke Hibachi is a favorite of many vegetarians in the area. Vegetables include onions radishes, carrots, corn, edamame and many more.

In all, Poke Hibachi offers more than 20 toppings and six sauces.

Stop in today and treat your taste buds.



## POKE HIBACHI

- Address: 112 Andrew Place, West Lafayette
- Hours: Mon-Fri 10AM-9PM; Sat & Sun 11AM-9PM
- Specialty: Poke & Hibachis
- Website: <http://pokehibachi.com/>
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