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## Name: Lyn St. James

Current Job: Auto racing driver, owns and runs two companies

First Job: Piano teacher

Goals: To win the 24hour race at Le Mans

## Enjoys: Playing the piano

ast November, Lyn St. James drove the fastest speed ever recorded by a woman on a closed course: a lap aver-

age of 198.953 mph on the 2.66mile Alabama International Motor Speedway.

Being best is nothing new to Lyn. She also holds a piano leacher's certificate and owns two companies in Fort Lauderdale, where she is based when not touring as a team driver for the Ford Motor Company. "The records are milestones to me. But I want to be more than just the fastest woman driver. I want to be the winner, the one who takes the checkered flag. I will not quit until I have won the 24-hour competition at Le Mans."

That Lyn is smart, tough and committed goes without saying. She got her first taste of the excitement when she won a drag race at age 17 in her native Willoughby, OH. "I never in a million years thought I would one day be doing this for a living!" she exclaims.

Nevertheless by age 30 Lyn had turned professional. Since then, this dynamic 37-year-old has never looked back. After her divorce in 1979 she started her own advertising and promotion company for the motor sport profession. Among her clients are Ford and Goodyear.

Her public appearances bring her into contact with thousands of people in over 100 cities. "Being so much in the forefront forces me to think about my clothing priorities," says Lyn. "I travel a lot these days, and I can tell you, there's no better way to make a statement about style than with a great-looking coat."

