



RML AD

Le Mans 24 Hours 2011

Ben Collins

Date of Birth: 13th February 1975

Nationality: British (Born in Bristol)

Status: Married with 3 Children

Helmet: Blue with yellow “flames”

Alias: *The Stig*

Ben Collins joined the RML AD Group driver line-up mid-way through the 2010 season, sharing the team’s class win in the Algarve on his first outing. His appearance in the cockpit with a plain black helmet caused some amusement in the paddock amongst those “in the know”, but it wasn’t until September 2010 that the reason for those wry grins could be made public.

Following a High Court ruling in the UK, Ben Collins was revealed as Top Gear’s *The Stig*, and with that mystery cleared up, he embarked on a new stage in his motor racing career.



His early track record is fairly impressive, with successful seasons in Formula First and Formula Vauxhall Junior and a nomination in 1995 for the prestigious BRDC Autosport Young Driver of the Year award. He spent three seasons in Formula 3 before a brief stint with Indy Lights in America, and then a return to F3 in 2000. However, even an impressive second place in the international Marlboro Masters event wasn’t enough to dissuade him from a sideways move into sportscars.

He was appointed a works driver for Ascari, and over the next seven years made numerous factory appearances in the FIA World Sportscar Championship, Le Mans 24 Hours, Sebring 12 Hours, American Le Mans Series and FIA GT Championship. In 2003 he was also selected to race with RML in the oval-style European ASCAR series, which he dominated from start to finish, taking the title with six wins, three further podiums, six poles and nine fastest laps.

The public admired his skills as a driver for eight seasons as *The Stig* on BBC TV’s Top Gear until his enforced retirement from the role in 2010. Ben is also much in demand as a stunt driver, and has appeared in films such *National Treasure: Book of Secrets* and James Bond’s *The Quantum of Solace*, where he acted as stunt double for Daniel Craig. He was recently a co-presenter on Channel 5’s *Fifth Gear*, an official



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track test driver for *Autosport* magazine, and Ben also writes for *The Sunday Times* and *Car Magazine*. Ben is an active sportsman, triathlon competitor and London marathon runner.

Ben's autobiography *The Man In The White Suit* was an instant best-seller. He has also recently launched a new website and Facebook profile. Further information, a review of his book, and details of Ben's career portfolio can be viewed on the RML AD Group team website.

www.rml-adgroup.com

Ben at Le Mans 2011

Ben's book, *The Man In The White Suit*, has just been released in paperback. He will be signing copies during the official Drivers Autograph Session on Tuesday 7th June, starting at 5:00pm. He will also be at the ACO Boutique on Friday 8th June between 11:00am and midday.



The Man in the White Suit is published by HarperCollins, priced 10 euros in paperback.

About RML

The RML Group comprises six divisions; Motorsport, Automotive, Engines, Historic, Events and X-Pro. Based in Northamptonshire, England the company's 4,300 square metre facility includes design, development, manufacturing and operational support for international race/rally programmes and automotive engineering projects including performance engine development.

Since its formation in 1984 RML has achieved success in a diverse range of motorsport categories including GT/sportscars, touring cars, rally cars, single seaters and oval speedway cars. RML currently holds the LMP2 team and drivers titles in the Le Mans Series with Mike Newton and Thomas Erdos. RML also secured the 2010 British Touring Car Championship drivers title with Chevrolet and Jason Plato and the World Touring Car Championship manufacturers and drivers titles with Chevrolet and Yvan Muller.

More information on RML is available at www.rmlmallock.co.uk

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