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**Aubree Fontenot #4**

**Lauren Fontenot #5**

**Abby Johnson #10**

**Sports**

**As a child, Sara Christian always attended the NASCAR races with her father. She secretly dreamed of someday competing in the races. She fulfilled that dream at the age of 27 when she began training. She faced criticism and harsh disapproval of her choice to interact herself in a man’s race.**

* **Sara Christian was the first woman to compete in NASCAR back on June 19, 1949 at a dirt track in Charlotte, North Carolina. She inspired other women who dreamed of driving fast cars. She was inducted in the** [**Georgia Automobile Racing Hall of Fame**](http://thirdturn.wikia.com/index.php?title=Georgia_Automobile_Racing_Hall_of_Fame&action=edit&redlink=1) **in 2004.**
* **She received the** [**1949**](http://thirdturn.wikia.com/index.php?title=1949_in_NASCAR&action=edit&redlink=1) **United States Drivers Association Woman Driver of the Year.**

**Sara Christian** (1918 — 1980)

**BEST KNOWN AS** :The first woman driver in [NASCAR](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NASCAR) history

**SECOND CHOICE: Manon Rheaume**

**SHE is the FIRST WOMAN Hockey Player**

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**As a child, Manon Rheaume played hockey on boy’s teams at school and in youth leagues. At age eleven, she played at the International Pee Wee Hockey Tournament of Quebec, the first time a girl played. Rheaume was born on February 24, 1972, in Lac Beauport, Quebec, Canada. Her father was a hockey coach who was in charge of the local outdoor rink. Rheaume began skating when she was three in a backyard rink her father built. She often practiced in goal at home when her father was practicing with her brothers. Manon Rheaume was the first woman to play in a men's professional hockey game. She was signed by the Tampa Bay Lightning of the National Hockey League in 1992 and played in an exhibition game against the St. Louis Blues on 23 December 1992. Though she never played in a regular-season NHL game, she did play in various other pro and amateur leagues, including the International Hockey League. (She also became the first woman to play professional roller hockey.)**

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**BORN:** 24 February 1972

**BEST KNOWN AS:** The first woman to play in the NHL