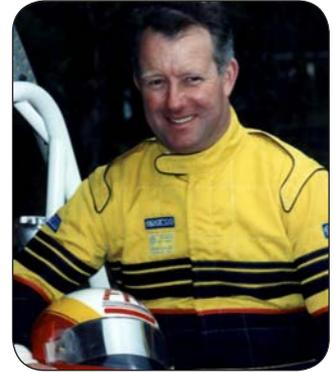


PROFILE

Les Redpath



INDUCTED: 1989



The name of Les Redpath is synonymous with Tasmanian speedway.

At the time of induction in 1989 Les was still actively competing at the top level of the sport in Tasmania after more than 25 years involvement and showing no signs of retirement.

Les has been competing in speedway as long as the sport has been in existence and was one of the true pioneers of clay oval track racing in this State.

He started out competing in the Three-Quarter Midget class (TQ), which was the forerunner to today's Formula 500 speedcar division.

Right from the outset Les had the makings of a champion and went on to win several State titles before taking out the 1967 Australian Formula 500 Speedcar Championship on his home track at Latrobe.

In the early 1970s a new speedway class was introduced to Tasmania – Super Modified Sprintcars, or Super Mods, which were the forerunner to the current-day sprintcar division.

Les took to sprintcar racing like a duck to water and while still racing his Formula 500 became one of this State's leading sprintcar drivers.

Les also had a stint in super sedan and grand national sedan racing, meeting with much success over a seven-year period.

He returned to sprintcar racing in 1984 and hasn't looked back since.

During his illustrious speedway career Les Redpath has won an unprecedented seven Tasmanian sprintcar championships (at last count), and in 1989 created Tasmanian history by becoming the first Tasmanian to win the prestigious South Pacific Sprintcar Classic at Carrick against a top local, interstate and international field.

He has also represented Tasmania in major mainland sprintcar events on many occasions with distinction.

Les is also well-liked and respected within his sport and regarded by many as a true gentleman.

Les Redpath is a true great in Tasmanian speedway and a legend in his lifetime, who is a fitting inductee to the Tasmanian Motorsport Hall of Fame.

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