

CLASS OF 2016

Norris Willette

Norris Willette's racing career was a relatively short eight years but over that span, he packed in a lot of racing and, more importantly, he won a lot of races. Visiting victory lane was not an easy task when one considers who Norris' racing peers were – Ralph Nason, Stan Meserve, Dave Darveau and Pete Silva.

Norris began racing in 1966 at Unity Raceway in the Sportsman division in a car owned by himself and his brother. The following year, Norris drove for Leon Page and at season's end, Norris finished in the top five in the point standings to begin a seven-year streak of top five point finishes at Unity.

At the end of the 1967 season, Page sold the car to Blaine Littlefield who asked Norris to continue driving it. The combination of Norris, Littlefield and the "Apple Blossom Special" Ford became one of the winningest teams in Unity Raceway history. For four of those years together, they raced the three-track circuit of Unity, Wascasset and Bangor, then called Thunder Speedway, every weekend.

In 1970, Norris won his only track championship at Unity in the Sportsman division. That same year, he was inducted into the Unity Raceway Hall of Fame. In his final year of racing (1973), Norris finished second in Sportsman division points at Unity and second in a Combined Circuit Points Championship between Unity and Thunder Speedway (Speedway 95). He lost both championships in the last race when he had a flat tire early in the feature race.



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