

## TEDDY PALINO

### *Driver*

Teddy Palino was one of Wiscasset Speedway's first true stars. The young driver from Damariscotta charged onto the scene in the track's early years and immediately established himself as one to beat. His successful career may have begun at Wiscasset, but he was also a top competitor while racing at Unity Raceway, Speedway 95 & Oxford. Teamed up with car owner Neil Reny, Palino started reeling off Hobby class wins at Wiscasset and several other tracks around the state. Championships came early for Teddy as well, grabbing titles in 1971, 73, and 74. But the legend of Teddy Palino truly reached its heights in 1973 & 74 when over those two seasons, he ran off an amazing string of 18 consecutive feature wins. No matter what was checked and what competition rolled into town, the #7 owned Wiscasset Speedway. A big money bounty was eventually put out to reward the driver who would end the streak and Perley Childs was finally the man to do it. To this day, racing at any level has rarely seen that level of dominance. Shortly after, in 1976 Palino moved up to the Sportsman division and the wins continued – including winning a 100-lap race at Unity, where he beat Nascar legend Bobby Allison. All told Teddy Palino took home an estimated 70 features wins and 3 titles. He retired from racing in 1983 and now lives in Florida with his wife Bridget. Teddy says the most rewarding part of his career was meeting so many great people in his life that he wouldn't have met without racing. Congratulations to Teddy Palino on his induction into the 2020 class of the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame.

