

Leland Goehring

Leland Goehring raced a Street Stock in the area from 1988-1993, and he made his mark at Huset's, Madison and Rock Rapids in that short span. Goehring won 17 feature events at Huset's in the six-year span, and won the track championship in 1991 and 1992. In 1991, he was focused on winning the title at all three tracks, but the feat came up just one point short at Rock Rapids. He won the title at Huset's and Madison. "We decided to come back one more year to get that track championship at Rocky, just to say we won all three," Goehring said of the 1992 season. Busy weekends filled Goehring's schedule with the trifecta of Rocky Rapids, Madison and Huset's. But Huset's, he said, was the place to race. "You always hoped you made enough money on Saturday in Madison so you could pay to get into Huset's on Sunday," he said with a chuckle. Goehring chased fellow Hall-of-Famer Marty Barber around the Huset's oval for years, and in 1990, he caught a break and joined the formidable team of Barber, Troy Nothdurft and Dana Gulbrandson. That proved to be a healthy stall of race cars, and Goehring said he was glad to be with the team. "I figured if we couldn't beat Marty, we'd join him," he said. His final year of racing was 1993, and he finished the season as hot as any driver in the area. He won nine of his last 10 feature events, and even the one loss was controversial. At the 1993 Cheater's Day race at Huset's, Goehring was way out in front, and had lapped all but four cars in the waning laps. The street stock with the heavy wing on top for Cheater's Day was hooked to the Huset's cushion and he was within a straightaway of lapping Barber and Ray Feltman, who were running third and fourth. But coming out of Turn 2, Goehring blew the right rear tire. He guided it through Turns 3-4, looking for a yellow flag. But the white flag waved, and Goehring said he limped the car around another lap, hoping to keep the winning streak alive. But coming out of Turn 4, flagman Doug Clark had a black flag for Goehring, ending a stunning 1993 winning streak. Goehring still crossed the finish line first, and had he not been black flagged, his career would have ended with 10 straight victories. The Humboldt native worked at Pam Oil in Sioux Falls throughout his career. He rose through the ranks at Pam Oil and after a bad Sprint Car crash in 1993 got the attention of Pam Oil executives, he was asked to retire from racing. "I figured it was time," Goehring said. "It was a short career, but it was a blast. I was surprised to get into the Hall of Fame. I figured there was a list of a lot of names in front of me, but I'm really happy."