

TERRY TAGGART

Terry Taggart came into racing as the son of top midget racing driver, Charlie Taggart, who was a successful racer in the 1930s through the 1950s. Taggart began racing himself in the Sioux City, Iowa area with a successful run in go-karts before moving on to drag racing. He eventually turned to dirt tracks, where he claimed the championship at Collins Field in Le Mars, Iowa in 1970. He first came to Huset's in 1971, and finished in the Top 10 in points, a feat which he continued every year through 1976. Taggart became known as being a hard-charging driver and also for also having one of the best-looking cars at the track. Taggart had the first racing-parts truck at the track and he also used his experience as an EMT with the Sioux City ambulance service to help with emergencies. In 1977, Taggart's wife, Pat, became the first female to be allowed into the infield at Huset's. Terry retired from driving in 1981, and found success as a car owner when he teamed with coowner Marty Johnson and driver Jerry Richert Jr. The trio won championships at Huset's in 1987 and at Jackson, Minnesota in 1987 and 1988. Also spending time in the seat of the Taggart-Johnson car were top drivers T.J. Giddings, seven-time Indianapolis 500 starter Billy Boat, Randy Smith, Rocky Hodges and Jack McCorkell.