

Paul Krueger

Paul Krueger's racing career at Huset's was short, but successful.

Krueger raced once in 1977 - the season finale - in his brother's car. His brother, Jim (Huset's Hall of Fame Class of 2017), had already wrapped up the championship in the six cylinder class and let Paul have a crack at it. Paul crashed the car, but his career was just getting started.

Paul began racing in the six cylinder class full time in 1978 where he competed for the next five seasons in a familiar red No. 1, claiming track titles in 1979 and 1981. In all, Krueger has 13 career feature wins at Huset's.

Krueger raced for his uncle, Bill Krueger, and said he always had strong equipment over his five-year run in the six cylinder class.

He was only 23 years old when his career ended. He raced part of the season in 1983 in a sprint car owned by another Huset's Hall-of-Famer in Jim Lindbergh (Class of 2021).

He nearly jumped in a sprint car of his own a year earlier after winning the six cylinder championship in 1981. One of the awards for winning the title that year was a new Nance sprint car chassis after Huset's promoter Fred Buckmiller struck a deal with LaVerne Nance of Nance Speed Equipment in Wichita, Kans.

However, his uncle passed away prior to the start of the season and the sprint car team dissolved, as did Krueger's racing career.

Despite retiring from the sport in 1983 at such a young age, Krueger didn't miss a Sunday night in the grandstands at Huset's for the next 17 years. He still attends frequently.

With his brother Jim also enshrined in the Hall of Fame in 2017, the Krueger brothers become the fifth set of brothers to be inducted. The others are Gil Haugan (2000) and Vern Haugan (2011), Jay Egge (2001) and Marlo Egge (2006), Gary DeWall (2012) and Doug DeWall (2025) along with John and Steve Folkens (2025).