

#### PROMOTER'S MESSAGE

Welcome speedway fans to this super Speedway Show featuring an International Sedan Teams Match U.S.A. versus Tasmania.

We make welcome to Richmond, Gene Welch and his Coca-Cola Shell Racing Team "Big Ed" Wilbur, Jack Hewitt and Charlie Swartz.

This match will be the first time that genuine super sedans have been to Richmond and their clash with our top men should be a spectacular affair.

Cees Hendriks, Gene Cook, Les Redpath and Craig Lockwood are out to win tonight.

Well standby for the action "World War 3 on Wheels" is about to begin.

"C'mon Tassie c'mon".

Thank you all for coming.

THE MANAGEMENT

#### **MOTOR RACING IS DANGEROUS**

There is an element of danger in Motor Racing and you are present at this Meeting entirely at your own risk, and it is a condition of admission that all persons having any connection with the promotion and/or organisation and/or conduct of the Meeting, including the owners of the land and the drivers and owners of the vehicles are absolved from all liability in respect of personal injury (whether fatal or otherwise) to you, or damage to your property howsoever caused.

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## LES REDPATH Car No. 2 L 350 Chev—Monaro



Lead-footed Les Redpath or "Smokin" Les as he's known at Latrobe for his sideways style on asphalt. Always spectacular and always trying, Les is just one mean man behind the wheel.

Les has been racing on speedway for many years driving everything from Formula 500 speedcars in which he won a National and several Tasmanian Titles.

Tasmanian fans will probably best remember Les for his wild style in the Chevy Sprinter. Now he has taken on the Super Sedan Stars at their own game in the big 350 Cl Chev Monaro.

"So watch out Yanks super Les is on the move".

### CRAIG LOCKWOOD Car No. 11R A9X Hatchback

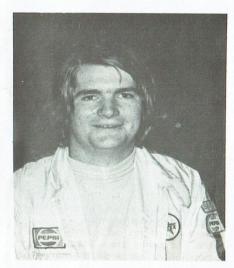
At 23 years of age Craig has had considerable speedway experience starting in early model sedans, then a season in modifieds before moving into the first of two EH Holdens.

The second of these carried Craig to many successes here in Tasmania and also at several mainland venues.

Craig has clashed with the Yanks before — just ask "Ed Wilbur" — the "EH" ended up on the bonnet of the Monza a couple of years ago at Carrick.

Now driving the Pepsi-Cola A9X Hatchback both man and machine are now really firing and looking forward to "battle" with the Yanks.

"Watch out 'Ed' he's still around".





### CEES HENDRIKS Car No. 12 L

#### A9X Torana Hatchback

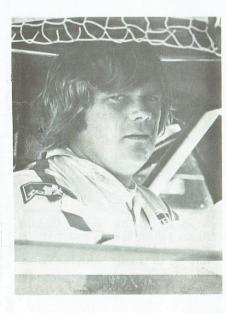
Since coming into the world of Speedway in 1974, Cees has put a tremendous amount of time, dedication and money into his chosen sport.

This season Cees has been running two cars, the imported Chev Monza asphalt car and the super fast A9X Torana that he's running tonight for dirt and clay.

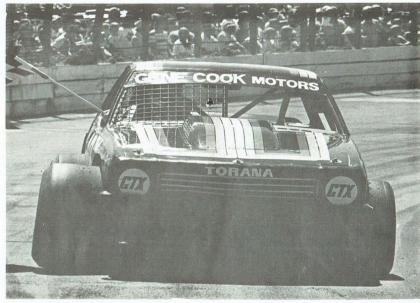
This No. 2 car (if you can call it that) is probably Tasmania's fastest dirt car (it goes well on asphalt too) and will give the Yanks plenty of curry tonight.

Cees is always desperate to win and pulls some incredible passing moves probably a legacy of his bike riding days (the pedal variety).

Because of his achievements Cees has become the State's most popular driver with thousands of followers both young and old. "Watch out Yanks here comes Cees".







# GENE COOK Car No. 34 L Turbo 6 Torana SLR

"King" Cookie is really riding high at the moment following his incredible win over all the Superstars and their "Supercars" in the recent Marlboro GP at Latrobe. This followed on from his "almost but not quite effort" to lead 43 of 50 laps of the Australian Title at Toowoomba only to have a tyre go flat.

Gene has always maintained that 6 cylinder cars were the equal of V8's; this season since fitting the N6M Turbo, if anything he has proved the 6 to be superior to the big 8's.

Tonight will be the big test against the Yanks who Gene has clashed with many times before and has beaten fair and square.

Watch him win tonight!



#### PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

#### Commencing 6.30 p.m.

## TEAM CARS HOT LAPS INTRODUCING OF U.S.A. AND TASMANIAN TEAM CARS AND DRIVERS

CANS AND DITTENS	
Standard Saloon Car (Scratch)	8 laps
C Grade Saloon Car (Scratch)	8 laps
B Grade Saloon Car (Scratch)	8 laps
U.S.A. Versus Tasmania Super Sedan Test HEAT 1	8 laps
1st 2nd 3rd 4th	
5th 6th 7th 8th	
A Grade Saloon Car (Scratch)	10 laps
C Grade Saloon Car (Scratch)	8 laps
U.S.A. Versus Tasmania Super Sedan Test HEAT 2	8 laps
1st	
5th 6th	
B Grade Saloon Car (Scratch)	8 laps
Standard Saloon Car (Scratch)	8 laps
U.S.A. Versus Tasmania Super Sedan Test HEAT 3	8 laps
1st 2nd 3rd 4th	
5th 6th	
A Grade Saloon Car (Scratch)	10 laps
C Grade Saloon Car Feature	12 laps
Standard Saloon Car Feature	10 laps
U.S.A. Versus Tasmania Super Sedan Test HEAT 4	8 laps
1st	
5th 6th	
B Grade Saloon Car Feature	15 laps
U.S.A. Versus Tasmania Super Sedan Test	
GRAND FINALE (double points)	10 laps
Ladies Trophy Race	8 laps
International Super Sedan Stars Feature	20 laps
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#### THE TEAMS

#### INTERNATIONAL SUPER SEDAN MATCH UNITED STATES Versus TASMANIA

U.S.A.		
USA 1	Gene Welch (Capt.)	Coca-Cola Shell/ 350 Chev Corvette Stingray
USA 2	"Big Ed" Wilbur	Coca-Cola Shell/ 350 Chev Corvette Stingray
USA 3	Jack Hewitt	Coca-Cola Shell/ 350 Chev Corvette Stingray
USA 4	Charlie Swartz	Coca-Cola Shell/ 350 Chev Corvette Stingray
TASMANIA		
2 L	Les Redpath	350 Chev/Monaro
11 R	Craig Lockwood	Pepsi-Cola/A9X Torana Hatch- back
12 L	Cees Hendriks	Hendriks Motors/A9X Torana Hatchback
13 W	Gene Cook	Gene Cook Motors/Turbo 6 Torana

#### SCOREBOARD

UNITED STATES
SUPER SEDAN TEAM

VERSUS

TASMANIA'S
SEDAN SUPERSTARS

	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Heat 4	Heat 5	Heat 6
U.S.A.						
TAS.						

POINTSCORE:- Heats 1 to 4 8 - 7 - 6 - 5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1 Final Heat 5 16 - 14 - 12 - 10 - 8 - 6 - 4 - 2

### YANKEE SUPERSTARS IN PROFILE

GENE WELCH - U.S.A. No. 1

#### Coca-Cola Shell Corvette Stingray

American Team Captain genial Gene "Pappy" Welch currently on his 10th visit to Australia and his 6th to Tasmania has certainly had a colorful speedway racing career spanning some 25 years.

Gene started in early Mudifeds at Roseville and Sacremento Speedways in California.

In later years Welch changed to the "Tin Tops" and won some 7 Championships in a row in Northern California.

Gene also had a long stint as Promoter of the famous "West Capital" Raleway Sacremento and of course has brought his 4 man Sedan teams to this country since 1974.

This years tour is more hectic than ever with some 25 Meetings scheduled in a 3 month Trial as far north as Rockhampton, Queensland, to as far south as our own Richmond, Tasmania.

Welcome back Gene and good luck tonight!

#### "BIG ED" WILBUR - U.S.A. No. 2

#### Coca-Cola Shell Corvette Stingray

The colorful big man of the Yankee team is the "Mean Mother" himself "Big Ed" Wilbur. Long time tourist and always spectacular Ed can usually be relied on to "clash" with somebody, either the Stewards, other drivers, the crowd, or all three at once.

This tour, mainland sources report, Ed is having his best run ever with some excellent performances on both the pavement and dirt circuits.

Back home in Sacramento, Ed is the proprietor of a successful tyre service specialising of course in racing rubber.

Welcome back to Tasmania Ed and best of luck tonight.

#### JACK HEWITT - U.S.A. No. 3

#### Coca-Cola Shell Corvette Stingray

From Troy, Ohio, comes Jack Hewitt a full-time Pro on the "World of Outlaws" Sprintcar Trail, his home track being the incredible high banked clay "Limaland" Speedway.

At 27, Jackie still has a big future in the wild wonderful world of "Outlaw" racing in the U.S.A.

This past season has been his best at the end of season Finale the famous Knoxville.

Nationals against the best Sprintcar drivers in the world he finished a very creditable 5th.

Welcome back to Tassie Jackie and best of luck tonight.

#### CHARLIE SWARTZ - U.S.A. No. 4

#### Coca-Cola Shell Corvette Stingray

From world, country and western centre, Memphis, Tennessee, comes first time Australian Tourist Charlie Swartz. Also a top "World of Outlaws" Pro who drives Sprintcars for well known C. & W. Singer Loretta Lynn at the Knoxville Nationals, Charlie finished 6th just behind Jack Hewitt.

In Sedans, Charlie has also enjoyed considerable success in 4 years of racing. Prior to turning to Sprintcars 2 years ago he chalked up an incredible record of some 200 Feature Race wins.

Welcome to Tasmania Charlie and best of luck tonight.



### The Yanks are back



"A Brief History of the U.S. Team Visits to Tasmania".

The message "The Yanks are back has drawn many thousands of Speedway following Tasmanians to particularly the Latrobe and Carrick Circuits since the then Promoter of Latrobe, Trevor Harmon and co-Promoters of Carrick, Geoff Stagg and Barry Charlton, attended the 1974 Australasian Promoters Conference in Sydney and on their return announced that "The Yanks are coming in '75".

American Team Leader, Gene Welch, had been to Tasmania previously in 1972 when he ran a Chevelle at the now defunct Bridgewater Circuit.

February 1975, however, saw the real beginning of the Yankee versus Tasmania racing era.

Gene Welch arrived with his four car team for a whirlwind one weekend visit, running Carrick on the Friday night, then Latrobe Saturday night. On the Sunday they caught the boat to Melbourne.



Tasmanian fans were electrified by the American Stars, Gene Welch, "Big Ed" Wilbur, "Hash" Brown (Mike Klein) and Wayne Sue driving their Chevy Vega Supercars.

Driving highlight of this first visit was without doubt the skill and technique of little quietly spoken Californian Wayne Sue.

As has been the case every year, record crowds turned out at both venues for this historic visit.

February '76 saw a vastly different team come to our shores, this time for a 1 week stay and 3 Meetings.



Gene Welch had suffered a serious eye injury in a workshop accident in Sydney and had slotted his son Mark into his car.

Team Leader was the burly and colorful "Fat Rat" Mike Andreeta backed by "Big Ed" and "Hash Brown". Their cars were new 350 CI Chev Monzas.

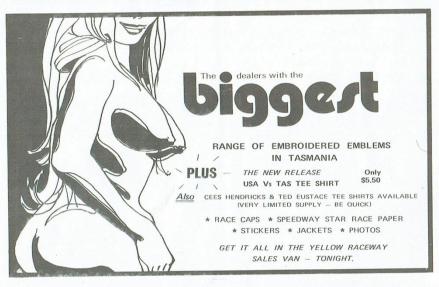
Driving highlight of this visit was the clay track technique of "Big Mike" Andreeta, now of course a top "World of Outlaws" Sprintcar Star in the States.

March '77 saw possibly the best to date anyway, four man team to come here in 3 spectacular Monza Sharks and Gene Welch's Camaro. Latrobe had just gone pavement and John Pearson displayed all his asphalt skills around the new Latrobe bowl and on the Carrick clay Andreeta set a lap time that remains unbeaten to this day.









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Neville Harper not only received a hot spot last meeting but his engine called it "quits" nearing the end of the final, consequently another new engine races tonight.

