



# LEE THOMPSON



**ENGEN VW POLO CUP - MASTERS**





## Personal

### **Birthdate:**

10 November, 1979

### **Interests:**

Superbikes, Off Road Motorcycles, Wildlife

Married to Melanie

### **Occupation:**

Race Car Technician





# LEE THOMPSON RACING PROFILE

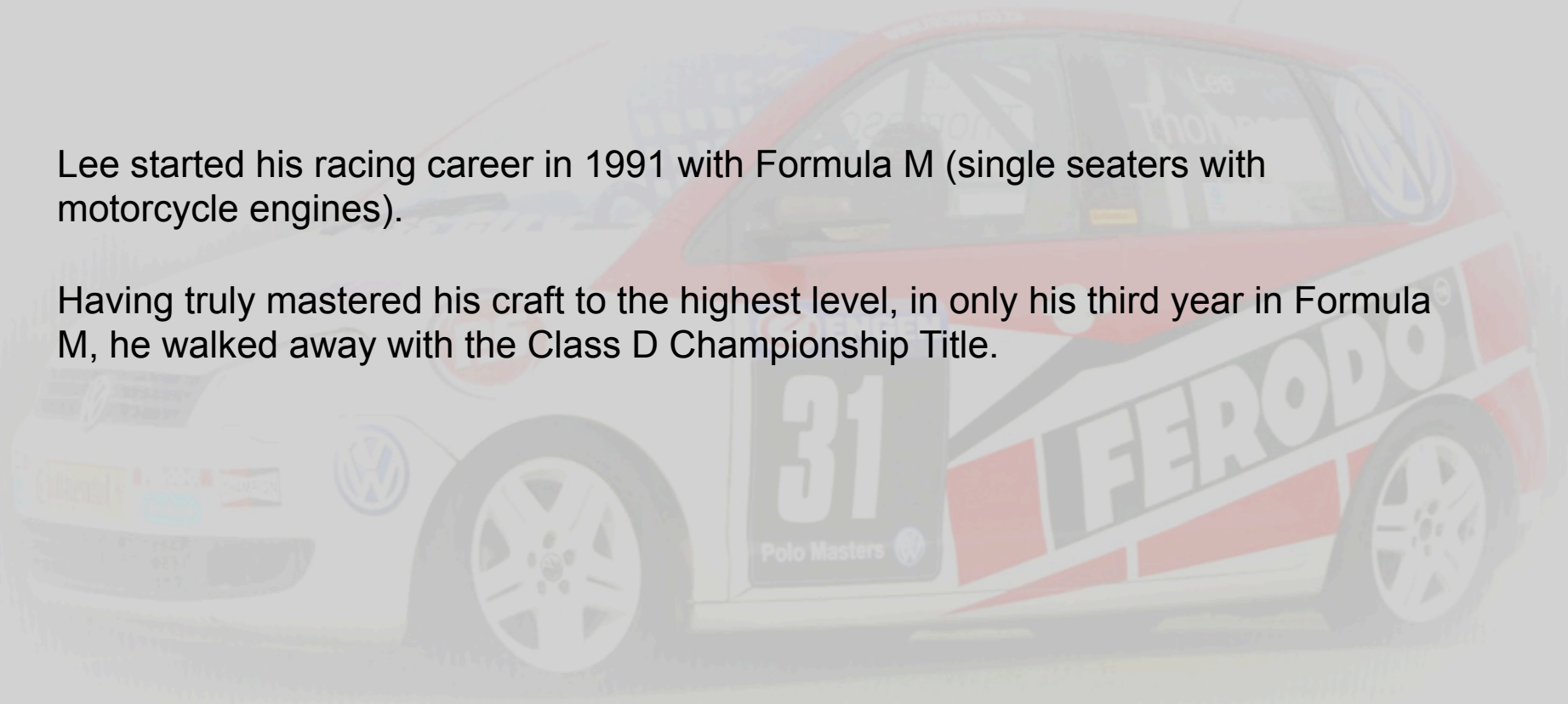




## FORMULA M (1991 – 1996)

Lee started his racing career in 1991 with Formula M (single seaters with motorcycle engines).

Having truly mastered his craft to the highest level, in only his third year in Formula M, he walked away with the Class D Championship Title.





# FORMULA VEE & PRODUCTION CARS - CLASS D (1996 - 2001)

In 1996 Lee made the move to Formula Vee. His first race was an International event at Kyalami where he finished a very credible 19<sup>th</sup> out of 52 competitors.

1997 was a year where Lee's racing had to take a back seat as he was in Matric and studying was to be his priority.

In 2001 Lee was crowned the Formula Vee National Champion and represented South Africa at the Formula Vee International race meeting at the original Hockenheim Track where he finished an incredible 2<sup>nd</sup>.



# PRODUCTION CARS & FORMULA FORD (2002 – 2004)

In 2002 Lee decided to try his hand at 'tin-top' racing competing in Class D of the Production Car Series racing a Citi Golf (1600). However, the costs were high and with insufficient funds to race another year, Lee withdrew at the end of the season.

2003 saw Lee move to Formula Ford. After missing the first 3 events of the season Lee fought back to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Championship and also recording the most wins by a driver for that season.

2004 was a combination of Formula Vee and Formula Ford but once again funding proved to be an issue and Lee was forced to withdraw before the season ended.





# ENGEN VW POLO CUP (2005)



Having had a taste of 'tin top' racing a few years earlier, Lee decided to move to the very highly competitive Engen VW Polo Cup Series.

2005 was to be Lee's finest year of his racing career! Racing against the likes of Iain Pepper, Graeme Nathan, Curt Alchin etc., Lee knew then that he should focus more on front wheel drive racing. Having lead the last race at Kyalami from the start, unfortunately Lee's engine faulted on the last lap and relegated him to 9<sup>th</sup> in the Championship.





# ENGEN VW POLO CUP (2006)



However, Lee did not have to wait long for his first race win. It came in the first event of the 2006 season. This win was not overlooked and Lee was given the opportunity to be part of the Engen team with Terry Moss Racing. Having had many successes through the first half of the year, Lee was chosen to represent South Africa in the ADAC Polo Cup Series, again at Hockenheim, but unfortunately crashed out of 6<sup>th</sup> place. He did finish the SA National Championship in 5<sup>th</sup> for that year.

Lee also took part in the A1 Durban Street Polo Cup Race and finished 2<sup>nd</sup>!





# ENGEN VW POLO CUP (2007)



With the much sought after title in his sights, Lee did magnificently well in 2007 and was crowned the Engen VW Polo Cup Champion.





# FORMULA VOLKSWAGEN & PRODUCTION CARS – CLASS T (2008)

Lee started off the season in the Polo Cup series with Terry Moss Racing but due to the imposed 27 year age limit, unfortunately his season got cut short for various reasons. Lee then changed focus and returned to Formula VW.

Lee also did a stint in Production Cars with a self-built VW Polo Gti and managed numerous 2<sup>nd</sup> places in Class T. He also did one race in the privateer Gallardo BMW which proved quite unreliable.





# GOLDWAGEN VW CHALLENGE & PRODUCTION CAR - CLASS A (2009)



2009 was a year for Lee to concentrate more on his business and he only entered the local Goldwagen VW Challenge Series driving a Class A Citi Golf. Comprehensively stamping his authority on the competition, Lee took the Overall and Class A Goldwagen VW Challenge Title.

Lee also did quite a few races in the Class A Production Car Series driving a once off race for the Afrox BMW where he finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at Killarney as well as racing in the privateer run Rough Rider BMW.



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# GOLDWAGEN VW CHALLENGE & PRODUCTION CAR - CLASS A (2010)



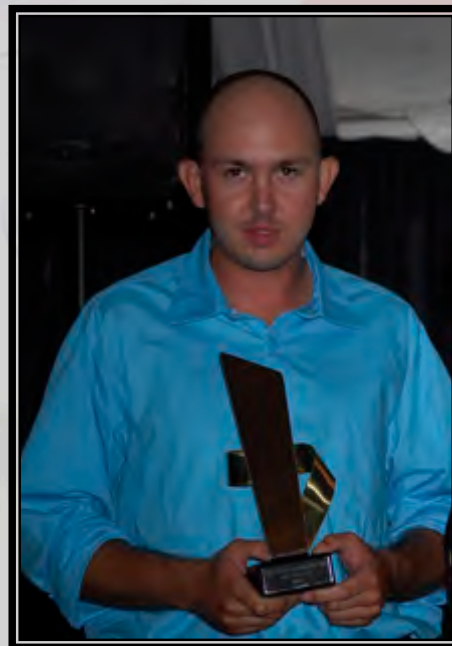
Lee raced a normally aspirated BMW 330i privately but a lack of funding resulted in him withdrawing from the Production Car Series after 3 rounds and focusing more on the Goldwagen VW Challenge Series. Despite missing the first 2 round of the Championship, Lee still went on to take top honours in Class A.

Lee also won the Regional Breakfast Run on a Yamaha R1.



# CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 1993 - Formula M Class D Champion
- 2001 - Formula Vee Champion
- 2001 - Second in German Formula Vee Invitational Race at Hockenheim, Germany
- 2006 - Represented South Africa in ADAC German Polo Cup at Hockenheim, Germany
- 2007 - Engen VW Polo Cup Champion
- 2009 - Goldwagen VW Challenge Class A Champion
- 2010 - Goldwagen VW Challenge Class A Champion





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