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EXPERIENCED ROOKIE JOINS UDC V8 UTES

Steve 'Stig' Taylor, a two-time Production Racing Series Champion, is the latest addition to the UDC V8 Ute Championship.

Taylor will make the step into V8 Utes in Mark Joblins Marlin Motorsport Ltd Protecta Insurance Falcon. While he will be a series 'rookie' Taylor has over thirty years of motorsport experience. That experience has seen him take his normally aspirated Honda Civic to two Production Racing Series titles, beating the factory Mazda team in the process. Earlier in his career he raced against the late David Lange in the national Ford Laser Series. He also enjoyed a successful rally career and is a past President of the Hamilton Car Club - a pretty good pedigree for a 'rookie'.

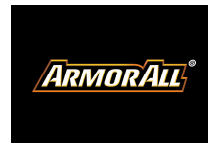
Steve is also a successful Hamilton businessman, being a shareholder and Director of Apex Auto Services while he is also a family man, the father of four young daughters.

'Stig' is also very competitive and asked what his goals are for the season he leaves you in no doubt. "I am there to win it! I won two championships in the Production Series and I am a fierce competitor. I am expecting to have the talent to run at the front." As yet Taylor has not driven the Ute, that will happen for the first time at Taupo on Monday. Asked what he is expecting after a diverse career in a range of machinery he laughs and says he imagines it will be similar to his old rotary powered Datsun 1200 Coupe!

While Taylor has enjoyed his time in the Production Racing Series he expresses disappointment on the way that series has gone. "People need to realise how good that series is. I saw the Utes as a professional series and a step up from what I've been doing. I'm also helping out a good friend in Mark. I was at Phillip Island for the MotoGP, (Taylor also has a keen interest in motorcycle racing) when Mark texted me and asked me if I wanted to do it. Marks partner Jan, of Protecta Insurance, is also very excited about me being involved. My wife got a new kitchen and some renovations this year and I was going to do the Bathurst 12 Hour race. Instead I have put money into the V8 Utes. I turn 50 next month and it is my present."

Stigs campaign in the 2010/2011 UDC V8 Ute Championship is sponsored by Protecta Insurance, Apex Auto Centre, Autolink Group, Classic Car Consultants and Speedshow 2012.

The UDC V8 Ute Championship will get underway at Pukekohe Park Raceway this weekend.



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