Casey Gilbert holds down a full-time job in his home state of Michigan while racing a 4800 Legends car in the Ultra4 Racing series. He is the back-to-back winner of the Ultra4 Racing Every Man Challenge at King of the Hammers, no small fete in this highly competitive event combining multiple classes of rock racing where anything can happen, and often does. “We have a good team behind us,” says Casey. Mastering the unpredictable, Casey earned the pole position at four of five races in 2018 and every race so far this year. Casey’s car is the original hand-built Miller Motorsports Pro chassis, with class mandated maximum 37” DOT tires, solid axle, single shocks, and two seats. With one race left in the season, Casey is in a points battle for the national championship with Bailey Cole.

Josh Blyler is an east coast racer whose life changed dramatically in 2010 when an up and coming driver named Erik Miller showed up in Pennsylvania to compete in a local race. Miller told Blyler about a new event out west called King of the Hammers, and the next year, Blyler attended KoH and was hooked on Ultra4. Blyler was interested in having Miller build him a car, but a Production Chassis was a long way off. Blyler and his father own Big B Steel Fabricating and Machine Shop, and teaming up with Miller, the first Miller Ultra4 production chassis was fabricated by Big B in 2016. In 2018, Miller and Blyler finished one-two in Ultra4 National Points, both running Big B Miller Motorsports chassis. This year Blyler has multiple wins, including Ultra4 titles in Tennessee and Kentucky, where his dad Rusty finished second.

Bailey Cole races the 4800 Legends Class in Ultra4, and attends Northern Arizona University, majoring in Business Marketing. He is on track to be the 2019 4800 Class West Coast Points Champion and ranks in the Top 10 in the 4400 Class point standings. He is locked in a points battle with Casey Gilbert for the 2019 Ultra4 4800 Class National Championship, which will come down to the last race of the season. Bailey started the season with a podium finish at King of the Hammers after starting 78th. He won the Hard Charger award at the Ultra4 Stampede, for qualifying number one and also winning the race. Bailey qualified first and finished second at the King of Baja and Rampage at Ridgecrest and won the Battle at Bluegrass in Kentucky.

Loren Healy is one of Ultra4 Racing’s top drivers and is a two-time King of the Hammers. What landed him on the Hall of Fame Impact Award list for 2019 is his performance at this year’s Ultra4 Stampede, where he came back from a spectacular crash in qualifying to win the main event in his 4400 car and also win the UTV class in his Polaris Turbo S. Winning one class at the highly competitive short course Stampede is a fete. To win two classes in the same day in two different vehicles that are so mechanically and physically different is what made us take notice. Healy’s Polaris Turbo S UTV has 180 horsepower, his Ultra4 car pushes 800+. Healy’s ability to adjust to two entirely different race vehicles and come away with wins in both on the same day is a testament to his skill as a driver.

Paul Horschel garnered his second Impact Award nomination in a row for his continued success in Ultra4 Racing. In 2018 Paul was the Top Qualifier at King of the Hammers and he won the 4400 Class at The Mint 400. In 2019 Paul has shown that he’s a contender both in the desert and on the short course, winning the inaugural Ultra4 King of Baja desert race in San Felipe, as well as the Ultra4 short course race at Crandon International Raceway’s 50th World Championships in Wisconsin. Paul grew up riding, racing and repairing anything with a motor in rural Alaska. He moved to Utah in 2013 and started Horschel Motorsports. He started racing the Ultra4 series in 2014 and has been a top contender each season.

The 2019 Rock Sports Impact Award will be announced at the Off-Road Motorsports Hall of Fame Induction & Awards Ceremony presented by 4WP on Sunday, November 3 at the South Point in Las Vegas. For tickets and information visit www.ormhof.org