

WilRoc Race 2

May 27, Saratoga Speedway
Campbell River BC



Team G-Force pulled into the tight tri-oval at Saratoga Speedway with the setup that worked so well in September of last season. While the weather was sunny and warm, skies had had been threatening all day and as practice drew to a close and qualifying begun, the WilRoc officials made an unprecedented decision to run the Sprint Car main event first in order to give the paying fans a

show before the rains came. The down side to this decision was that the **Team G-Force** sprinter was "junk" in the practice and the previous setup did not seem to work at all at this time of year with the current track conditions. Guy Barrett did manage to squeeze a fourth place qualifying position off, but complained that "the car was so bad it was pushing in parade laps! I have never driven anything so terrible in my life!" That said, all the teams were in the same boat and 14 cars took the green for 40 daylight laps. Barrett started 6th and had trouble hanging on to it as laps went on. He was busy in the cockpit adjusting brake bias and trying to bounce off the curbs to get the car to set in the corners. Cautions flew for minor incidents no less than five times and the #42 car went backward and then forward in the pack to a hard-earned fifth overall. Practically a victory as the 6th place standing in points would certainly improve with the #42 sprinter performing better than half the teams in front of them. Congratulations to Darren Yates for going on to a victory.

As the other classes ran their races, the rain held off and the **Team G-Force** crew went to work trying to get the car right with air pressure changes and a stiffer right rear suspension. The now trademark practice of running with no nose wing was almost jeopardized as desperation was setting in looking for speed and handling. Barrett went out fourth in the fast heat and picked up a single position to third, but the car was improving. Final adjustments were made for the last racing event of the evening...the "fast dash". The top four qualified cars took the green for four laps of high-blood-pressure thunder and lightning. Barrett would follow Ray Jones from Delta BC for two laps and then charge hard on the outside running through an

entire night's worth of tire marbles to dirt track into the treacherous backstretch dogleg and then turns three and four. After a little tire rubbing, Barrett emerged on the front stretch with the lead. The crowd took to its feet as Barrett pulled away to his first sprint car win of the year in the "fast dash" no less! "That thing was awesome, if only we had the main event at the end of the night as we usually do!"



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