

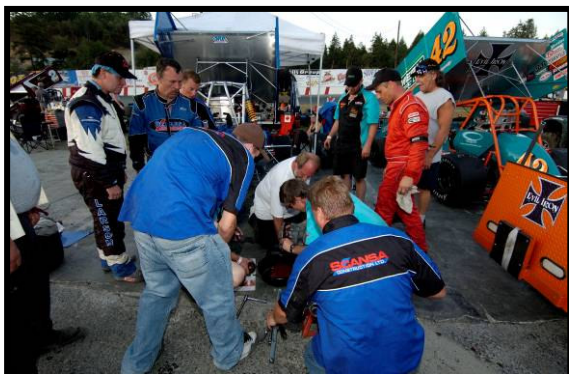


Daffodil Cup – 46th Annual **Western Speedway, Victoria** **August 16, 2008**

Team G-Force finally made it into and through a Daffodil Cup race and rolled the car onto the trailer as good as it rolled off! This race has caused the team no end of heartaches and disappointments the past three seasons, but the 2008 edition proved to be the turning point. An awesome field of 24 sprinters from BC, Alberta and Washington took to the track in perfect conditions to the delight of a packed house of enthusiastic race fans. With the primary motor back in the car after the rather exciting meltdown at the last Western race, Guy Barrett took a conservative qualifying lap and placed 11th in the field. The weatherman was very kind for this race as the weekend before the car made a soggy appearance at the Market on Millstream.



While the position did mean no "Dash" appearance, it did put the car strongly in the middle heat and in good starting position for the main event. Barrett started 5th in the Heat race and made up one position while saving the tires for the 40-lap main event. As the car seemed to be dialed in nicely and there were no major maintenance issues to deal with, the G-Force crew set to work assisting competitor Rob Scott by loaning him and installing a rear-end and axle so the #15 car could compete.



Fast qualifier Scott Aumen was given the honor of drawing the inverted starting position for the main event and it was deep enough that Barrett was to line up inside row three in fifth position among the 23-car starting field. The field of sprinters electrified the crowd in "Outlaws" fashion by forming up four-wide for opening parade laps behind #22 Richie Larson from Prince George, BC who drove a memorial lap in honor of his recently passed father Doug who was a past winner of this race.



Barrett made a good start and found his way to fourth position before a rash of cautions fell at the 14 lap mark. The field restarted a number of times and Barrett had a tough time getting past Washington driver Mike Basher in the #13 car because each time Barrett fought for the spot, a caution would re-appear before the entire field had taken the green. Finally by lap 19, Barrett made the move stick before caution fell yet again on lap 22. While the race

called for 40 laps, the number run under caution was making some teams bite their nails wondering about fuel. Barrett fought to third place where he patiently sat and watched Darren Yates dive-bomb Chris Root for first all the while believing the two would tangle and leave the first position available. As he watched the scoreboard though, Guy could see the laps were winding down and he started his charge...only to suffer another destroyed left rear tire forcing him into the pit area for a replacement. While the hopes for a win were now gone, the crew jumped on the change to get Barrett back out for valuable points. With Barrett back on track, cars began to fall out due to attrition including past Champion Jeff Montgomery and the two leaders Barrett was battling with. Fuel was running out and Guy was picking up spots. Eventually Scott Aumen would come home the victor followed by Gary Smith and Chris Schmelzle driving an NSRA car from the US. Team G-Force would finish in the top 15 and more importantly go on to move up a position to second overall in the point standings for Victoria.

Next race Saturday August 23 at Saratoga Speedway and then a full-points double header Friday September 5 and Saturday September 6 back at Western Speedway.

