



**Hot August Nights!
Western Speedway
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Free to good home!!!!!!! One well used and poorly trained monkey!
The monkey which has been on Guy Barrett’s back for over 4 years
has finally been removed with a **VICTORY** in a WilRoc Main Event!

Yes it is true Team G-Force has a much anticipated victory in the record books and the sense of relief was felt by each and every member of the team Friday August 29, 2008. Barrett led the **“Times Colonist 40”** from pole to checkers with only a few ill-fated challenges in a race that went off with only a couple minor caution flags.



“This one was a LONG TIME COMING! Our great sponsors have stayed with us and my crew has worked so hard for this, it is just such a relief!” exclaimed Barrett as he beamed in victory lane with wife Stephanie. Asked why the car was so dominant by announcer Rocky Horn, Barrett announced “the key was to be out there in clean air, the car finally was good to drive because the air was working for us the way we needed! “I could drive the line I wanted to in order for our setup to work and that was the key” After a disappointing 8th place qualifying lap, the invert could not have worked out better for Barrett and now that tough first win is out of the way so the team can move forward with more.

Earlier in the evening Barrett also started the fast heat race on the pole and went on to win that race making only very minor changes to the car as the night turned unusually cold for August. 18 Sprint cars were on hand from Northern BC, Alberta and all over Vancouver Island in addition to the non-winged Sprinters as well as virtually all other class of race car that campaigns at Western Speedway.



The following night the pressure was off but the team was hard at work preparing the car for a second full night of competition. Barrett qualified faster than Friday, but so did the rest of the field and the 8th place was once again the result. This time, however, the invert for racing was drawn at 14 cars. All the fast guys would have to come from the rear and Barrett, who finished second in his Heat race, would have to start the Kershaw Cup race in the 7th position. The car had very few changes made to it from the previous night, but when the green flag flew, Barrett slid back a couple of positions to ninth in the 17-car field. On the restart Barrett made a couple great passes on the outside to advance to the 6th position by lap 8, but was then overtaken by Scott Aumen as he and Jeff Montgomery mobbed the #42 Evil Iron Sprinter. Great battling between the three continued as the leaders were reeled in and brought under attack with cars roaring inside and outside the ill-fated lead group. First Montgomery went through to the front and then Aumen finally went around Barrett as the lead cars were being picked off. Darren Yates held the second spot firmly as Aumen and Barrett battled and with a final caution flying with just over ten laps to go, Barrett finally overtook Scott Aumen to fly under the checkers in third place.



"I couldn't get it to turn" barked an exhausted Guy Barrett in the post-race interview. "The thing plowed like a Dump Truck in the snow and the only way I could turn it was to power it into the corners!" That strategy seemed to work just fine as the Third place finish moved Barrett closer to the first position overall in the Victoria Championship. Next stop for the team is the fast half-mile Sun Valley Super Oval in beautiful Vernon on September 6 to contest the Reg Midgley Championship.