



2009 Race 1 May 16
Western Speedway – Victoria

For the fifth consecutive year Guy and the crew rolled out a beautifully prepared Sprint Car on an equally impressive night to compete in the WilRoc Championship in the series' Tenth Anniversary season.



With that welcome and familiar look in addition to a winter's worth of freshening, polishing and improvements, Barrett qualified the car quicker than it has ever gone on his second lap to fall just four one-hundredths short of defending Champion Scott Aumen and land in the fast "A" Dash. Barrett was not able to find his way round the slower car of Gerry Vantreight and settled in to save the car for point-paying races later in the evening while Randy Vincent went on to win.



The crew set about making the necessary chassis changes requested by Barrett in an attempt to get the car feeling better for racing action, but everything seemed to be looking good for the start of the new season which saw competitors from Alberta and Northern BC in addition to the Island teams.

The two heat races would see the cars spread into two similarly stacked groups with both slower and faster cars equalized throughout in an attempt by WilRoc to give the fans a more competitive event with increased passing and a different point structure. Barrett was the fastest of the cars in his Heat Race "1" and finished fourth to pick up a position on his start...all the while losing air in the left rear tire which wound up being virtually flat on return to the pit area!



The field of Winged warriors gathered on the front-stretch in a return to the nostalgic feature race introduction loved by all the fans where the cars would face the stands in silence as drivers were introduced. The Evil Iron sprinter would push off for the start in 7th Position for the 35-lap main event and immediately pick up a spot on the way to the front as the field spread out and began to lap the back-markers. There seemed to be some cautious driving all around as the racers eased into the first night of racing for the year and on the 20th lap Barrett made an abrupt turn off the backstretch out of turn 2 and darted into the pit area where he unbuckled and climbed dejectedly from the machine. "I looked down at the gauge and saw that it was beyond pegged and had to pull in" exclaimed Barrett to the crew. Coincidentally pulling in at the end of the same lap was the team's nemesis from last year, Scott Aumen. Both cars were sidelined for the night watching Matt Mansell drive on to the victory. This twist in fortunes for the top two cars from last season should make the Championship chase that much more exciting! Guy and crew later discovered that the problem was linked to a malfunctioning bypass valve in the fuel system which may have also been one of the contributing factors to similar problems in seasons past. Fortunately it seems no further motor damage was done and Team G-Force will be ready for a win at the Strawberry Cup June 13 at Western Speedway.

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