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The weather was threatening rain and the temp was bitter cold after sundown, but the racing went on at Sandia

Willis started the modified heat outside row 2. He was passed by Charlie Daniels but got by John Colbert to maintain his 4th position. The heat finished with Willis placing 4th. Ashley started last, but stayed with the pack the whole way. She made a strong challenge on Deral Meek Sr. as he barely held her off for 6th place.

The A-main started with the same line-up as the heat. Willis made his way around John Colbert for third. Willis's car became loose as the race progressed and he fell back to 5th. Deral Meek Sr. blew an engine with 8 laps remaining sending several cars sliding through the oil. The race resumed after the cleanup and brief rain delay. The final 8 laps produced no position changes with Mick Jepsen taking the win and Willis placing 4th. Ashley started last but kept heat on the pack the entire way. She finished 6th and has started challenging the pack for position.

The balance this year is incredible. The top four positions in the modified division are amazingly separated by only 3 points. The top 3 positions in the mini stocks are only separated by 4 points.