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Saturday night was definitely a night of ups and downs, but there was plenty of excitement on the track.

Ashley and Brenda hit the track first in the Lightning Fast Ladies heat. They started the race 1/2 lap behind to make things interesting, but quickly caught the field. After slicing through the field it became another mother-daughter battle. Ashley came out on top with Brenda finishing second.

Willis made the modified trophy dash by way of his blistering 20.03 qualifying time that was quick time of the night. With the inverted start, Willis had to start dead last. He quickly moved through the field into second place. He stayed right on the tail of the #5 Of Butch Reid to the end and finished a strong second.

Ashley started in the second modified heat and ran a smooth and impressive race. She finished 3rd out of 6 cars. Her highest finish in a heat race this year.

The Lightning Fast Ladies A-main had Ashley and Brenda starting in the rear again. This time Brenda was in the familiar #8 car. After moving through the field, Brenda collided with the 06 car after the 06 moved up into her. Brenda held her ground and moved into the lead with Ashley close behind in second. Brenda won the A-main for the second straight time with Ashley coming in second. This was Brenda's third win in 3 different cars. (There is no truth to the rumor that she will drive a riding lawn mower in next weeks race.)

The much anticipated 50 lap Modified shoot-out was the lace race of the night. Ashley started on the pole with Willis starting second row outside. At the drop of the green, Willis raced up to the front row and won the drag race down the back straight to move into the lead. Ashley fell back to the middle of the pack, but stayed with the pack. Willis ran a spectacular race. He stayed smooth on every lap and kept the field behind him. On lap 33, The #00 of Garry Richards II finally found an opening and got past Willis. Butch Reid bumped Willis on lap 41 and moved past him for second. Willis' car started going away toward the end of the race and he ended up finishing 4th. Ashley seemed to get faster as the race went on and she ended up finishing 7th.

