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The night was filled with good news and some bad luck for the Gantt racing team. 3 victories in 3 different cars for the team. However the night ended with some bent race cars.

Willis started the modified heat on the outside of the front row. He quickly moved into the lead and started to open a gap between him and the pack. The 31 of Bruce Martin moved into second and closed the gap on Willis. Willis kept a smooth line and held off the other drivers for his second heat win of the year. Ashley started on the inside of row 3 and stayed competitive with the field as she ended up in 7th.

The A-main started with Ashley on the pole and Willis on the inside of row 2. Willis roared past the front row to take the lead with the 7 of Mick Jepsen moving up to second. The luck of the Gantt Racing team was about to take a turn for the worst. Jepsen took over the lead a few laps later, and Willis fell to 4th when his car kept sliding up in turns 3 and 4. Jepsen blew his engine on lap 8 laying oil all over the track. Willis hit the oil and spun in turn 3. Ashley also hit the oil and her spinning car crashed into Willis sending the rear of her car on the top of the front of Willis'. Both cars were able to continue, but Willis had some sheet metal damage to the front. Willis took his car to the hot pits while the other cars lined up for the restart. When the green flag dropped, Willis came out a half lap down. He made a furious charge in the final laps to finish 4th. Ashley bounced back from the crash and raced past the 3 of John Colbert enroute to a 5th place finish. This was her first top 5 finish of the season. She continues to get faster each week. The 00 of Garry Richards recorded his first A-main win of the year. 4 different winners in 4 A-main races for the modifieds.

Brenda borrowed the 09 car for the Powder Puff heat and ran away from the field in her first race of the year. She borrowed the #99 for the A-main and easily cruised to victory leading flag to flag. 3 wins - 3 different cars. All in a nights work for the Gantt team.