

It was a busy week for the Spira Racing team as both the #86 mini stock, the #88 mini stock and the #86 St. Jacobs Farmers' Market pro late model were all set to be in action over the weekend. Jake would be doing double duty as he would be racing the #88 mini stock at Sunset Speedway on both Saturday and Sunday while Billy would be with Carson running the #86 mini stock on Saturday night at Flamboro Speedway before joining Jake at Sunset Speedway on Sunday for the rescheduled second round of the APC United Late Model Series.

**Flamboro Speedway:** During the first practice session Carson thought that the car was handling fine; however,



Billy thought differently after talking to Carson he determined that Carson was changing his driving style to suit the car instead of pushing the car to suit how he wanted to drive and then making changes to the car. After making air pressure adjustments to correct a loose in condition, Carson lined up on the outside pole for the first of two scheduled features. After clearing the pole sitter on the opening lap, Carson made his way into the lead pulling ahead of the field by more than six car lengths. The #97, 61 and 71 were gaining fast as they came through the field eventually moving past Carson by lap 7 dropping him back to 4<sup>th</sup>. The caution came out on lap 14 dropping the #91 and the 71 to the back of the field and moving Carson up to 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Through the remaining laps Carson lost three positions while battling hard for position until he made contact with the #03 that caused him to lift off the gas resulting in losing two more positions bringing the #86 home in 7<sup>th</sup>. Prior to the second feature of the night the track hosted an on track autograph session for the large crowd on hand including approximately 80 children from the Help A Child Smile group that are currently receiving cancer treatment at McMaster Children's Hospital. A big thank you goes out to Audrey Mast who supplied the team with more than enough teddy bears that were handed out by Carson to the kids in attendance as he signed hero cards for them courtesy of Dave Franks Photography. At the conclusion of the autograph session and before the second set of features could hit the track, the track itself was hit with a power outage that would eventually end the night early after a long wait for the power to return.

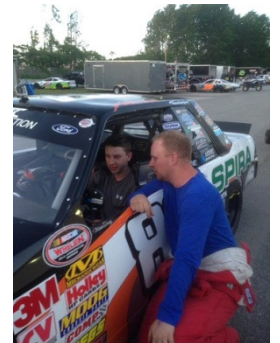


**Sunset Speedway:** Jake was very happy with the handling of the #88 during practice with the handling carrying over into his heat race where he starting 7<sup>th</sup> out of 9 cars. Jake was able to gain two positions to finish 5<sup>th</sup> as the race ran



caution free. In the 'Dash for Cash' Jake started back in 11<sup>th</sup> of 13 cars again he was able to gain a couple of positions finishing 9<sup>th</sup>. Jake drew the pole position for the feature that saw 18 cars take the green flag. Jake would pull away from the field at the start and with a great handling car it looked like he was going to walk away from the field. On lap 18 the caution would come out for the #79 that had blown his motor. Jake continued to run strong at the front of the field until just four laps

remaining when the #33 was able to make the pass and put Jake back to 2<sup>nd</sup> where he would finish while picking up his best ever feature finish and putting him ever closer to that elusive first feature win. Jake earned praise from veteran Warren Paxton who drives the #33 and stated "Shout out to that kid. He can drive and he ran me clean".



Billy and Jake will be in action at Sunset Speedway on Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> for the rescheduled second round of the APC United Late Model Series. The front gates open at 11:30 AM with racing getting underway at 1:00 PM.