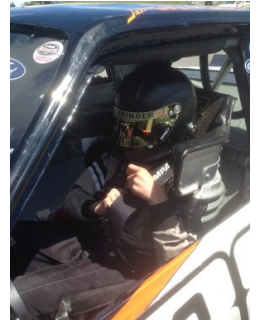


Jake returned to Sunset Speedway for his second back-to-back feature and he was joined by Billy in the #86 pro late model for the rescheduled second round of the APC United Late Model Series. After a rough start to the Series, Billy and team were looking to build some momentum as the series started to pick up steam with four races in five weeks.

After almost picking up his first feature win the previous evening, Jake continued to be happy with the handling of his car with only minor air pressure adjustments required during practice. In his heat race Jake started in the pole position but he got caught up in the outside lane, ultimately dropping him back to 5<sup>th</sup> where he would finish. Due to time restraints the 'Dash for Cash' was cancelled and the cars lined up for their feature where Jake would start back in 8<sup>th</sup>. Jake had another great start and had moved his way up to 5<sup>th</sup> but that's as far as he would get once again as he would finish there as the race ran caution free. With back-to-back top 5 finishes Jake continues his successful start to the season and finds himself 4<sup>th</sup> in the standings.



Billy and team struggled with the handling of the #86 throughout practice with Billy spinning out in turn 4 after drifting through much of turn 3 on the first lap due to a very loose handling car. Despite making numerous changes throughout practice, Billy felt like he was burning up the right rear coming off the corners as he wasn't able to get on the throttle until almost halfway down the straightaway. At the conclusion of practice, the team threw a mixed bag of changes at the #86 hoping to tighten up the car before qualifying. Billy hit the track for time trials as the 15<sup>th</sup> car to qualify and laid down a lap of 14.330 seconds jumping up to 2<sup>nd</sup> on the board while also picking up almost three tenths of a second from his practice times. As the point leaders made their qualifying runs after Billy, he would ultimately end up in the 7<sup>th</sup> starting position picking up his second consecutive top-10 qualifying run.



As the field came to the green flag the #24 missed a shift causing the field to stack up behind him and for the second consecutive race, Billy would find himself in the wrong place at the wrong time as when the field stacked up he looked to the inside of the #81 but launched the #86 off the left rear tire of the #81 as the two made contact sending Billy into the air before landing just past the start/finish line against the inside wall. The #86 was hooked up to the tow truck and brought down pit road so the crew could go to work. Unfortunately the field took the green flag before the crew was finished putting the #86 one lap down. A quick caution did come out shortly thereafter so after pulling off the hood, pulling back the front fenders and straightening out the front bumper thanks to a large pry bar borrowed from the #44 team of Steve Laking, Billy was sent back out to join the tail-end end of the field just as they were heading into turn 3 to take the green flag. The crew did a great job fixing the damage that including damage to the air box and with just the valence dragging on the track, Billy was able to get back to up to speed and was running lap times that were comparable to those of the lead lap cars. Despite being able to pass a few cars and avoid contact with others spinning in turn 4 late in the race, Billy would finish a disappointing 16<sup>th</sup>. As Billy brought the wounded #86 back to the trailer, the team was left to think about what could have been and what could they do to get a little bit of luck back on their side as this was the second straight race that they had suffered collateral damage after another car had trouble getting up to speed.



Both Billy and Carson are off this coming weekend as Jake returns to Sunset Speedway on Friday June 17<sup>th</sup> for a regular night of racing with the front gates opening at 5:30 PM and racing getting underway at 7:00 PM.