



Jake was the only driver from the Spira Racing stable that would see the track this past weekend as he returned to Sunset Speedway for a rare Friday night event. With the NASCAR Pinty's Series set to take over the track for the weekend the usual Saturday night showcase was moved to Friday night and with two consecutive top-5 finishes Jake was looking to continue his string of strong finishes heading into an off week. With their cooler packed full of ice courtesy of sponsor Northern Ice, Jake and his dad Wade loaded the #88 and headed north Friday afternoon.

With the sun high in the sky and the heat radiating off the pavement Jake took to the track for practice. The car continued to handle well right off the trailer as Jake was again happy with the handling only having to make minor adjustments through air pressures to keep up with the changing track conditions. With the temperature being very high, the track was very greasy resulting in the cars sliding all over the track looking for more grip wherever they could find it.

In the first heat race of the night Jake lined up in the 5th starting position out of 7 cars. By lap 2 Jake moved into the 4th while the last five laps were a battle with the #17 and the 76 for 2nd, 3rd and 4th, Jake would come out on the losing end of that battle finishing 4th. Due to time constraints there would be no 'Dash for Cash' so the team went to work prepping for the 25-lap feature.



With the sun setting in the distance, Jake lined up for the feature back in the 13th out of 18 cars and it didn't take



long for him to begin his march towards the front. As Jake cracked the top-10 just before the halfway point the caution came out on lap 12 as the #36 spun on the backstretch and the #6 and 76 came together on the front stretch simultaneously. Restarting in the 7th position, the caution would come back out once more on lap 22 before the rest of the feature would run caution free. Now starting 6th, Jake would

pick up one more position before running out of laps to pick up his third consecutive top-5 finish. As the cars went through post-race inspection the 1st and 2nd place cars would be disqualified handing the win to the #17 for his first career victory while moving Jake onto the podium with a 3rd place finish. With two weeks off before their next race Jake and his dad Wade are looking to do their homework and see what they can do to finally put the #88 in victory lane.



Jake has a rare weekend off as Billy is back in the #86 pro late model at Sauble Speedway on Saturday June 25th for the third round of the APC United Late Model Series. The front gates open at 5:30 PM, qualifying is at 6:00 PM with racing getting underway at 6:30 PM.