



With Samantha's wrist fully healed, she and Jake made their way to Sunset Speedway for a regular night of racing as Billy, Ken, David and Hags loaded the #86 pro late model and headed to Victoria Park East Golf Course in Guelph for the annual Guelph Wish Fund for Children Charity Golf Tournament. Since the #86 team had the weekend off, the foursome would be competing in the tournament and arrangements were made to put the car on display at the golf course. During the week the spare hood was prepared to display the larger Guelph Wish Fund decal to match the hood on the #86 mini stock. Over the years that Billy drove the #86 mini stock at Spira Racing, all winnings were donated to charity including the Guelph Wish Fund for Children and that tradition continues this season with the winnings of young Carson Nagey who is now driving the #86 mini stock in his rookie season being donated to the Guelph Wish Fund for Children. With Billy's only golf experience being at the driving range and Ken, David and Hags having played golf together for many years, the afternoon proved to be interesting and a lot of fun. Billy had trouble making consistent contact with the ball, however he accomplished his goal as he had the longest drive of the team on one hole as he crushed one that out distanced his seasoned teammates. A great afternoon was had by all and after draining some long distance putts the team came home with a respectable score of six under par.



At Sunset Speedway the mini stock class hit the track for practice and both Jake and Samantha were happy with the handling of their cars as they were fast throughout the practice sessions. The #88 required no adjustments while the #81 tried a few minor adjustments including air pressures to see if they could squeeze more speed out of the car for the heat races. Jake and Samantha would both go out in the first heat race with Jake in 6<sup>th</sup> out of 8 cars while Samantha would start on the pole at the front of the field. Samantha got a great start putting herself up front while the outside lane didn't get as great of a start resulting in Jake falling back to the tail-end of the field in 8<sup>th</sup>.



On lap 4 Jake had made his way up back up to 6<sup>th</sup> while Samantha battled with the #85 who finally made it past the #81 dropping Samantha back to 2<sup>nd</sup>. The race would run caution free with Jake coming home 6<sup>th</sup> and Samantha hanging onto the 2<sup>nd</sup> position. The 'Dash for Cash' was up next as Samantha lined up on the inside of the second row in 3<sup>rd</sup> while Jake started on the inside of the same row in 11<sup>th</sup>. At the green flag Samantha dropped back to 5<sup>th</sup> while Jake started to make his way towards to the front. By lap 7 Samantha had fallen back to 7<sup>th</sup> as Jake moved up to the 9<sup>th</sup> position where they would finish.

After a brief rain delay, the mini stocks took to the track for their feature where Samantha lined up on the outside of the second row in 4<sup>th</sup> while Jake started 12<sup>th</sup>. The feature was a quick one as it ran under green the entire race with Samantha dropping back a few positions to 7<sup>th</sup> on the 3<sup>rd</sup> lap while Jake moved into the top-10. As the laps continued to quickly tick by, Jake made his way past Samantha as the two ran nose to tail in the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> positions respectively. Jake picked up a couple more positions to move up to 8<sup>th</sup> as Samantha slid back and was now running in the 11<sup>th</sup> as they moved past the halfway point. Both Jake and Samantha were able to battle back in the later stages of the race with Jake finishing 7<sup>th</sup> despite running on a broken spring that was later discovered back at the shop, while Samantha was able to bring home a top-10 finish finishing 9<sup>th</sup>. At the conclusion of the race the skies opened up again and rain cancelling the remainder of the night's events.



Billy heads to Peterborough Speedway on Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> for the fifth round of the APC United Late Model Series as Jake and Samantha have the weekend off. The front gates open at 4:00 PM with racing getting underway at 6:00 PM.