

Despite the forecast for rain with thunderstorms, the track did not postpone the event so Billy and the #86 team headed to Flamboro Speedway for the seventh round of the APC United Late Model Series along with Jake and his #88 mini stock that would be running with the Flamboro regulars as the Sunset Speedway mini stock division was off for the weekend. After going through tech and measuring the team's race tires, the rain started to fall and it would come down in buckets including a pretty good light show from the thunderstorms that moved into the area. Hours later the sunshine returned but the event was postponed to the following day due to some flooding in the infield. The team returned to the shop where they met up with the #44 of Steve Laking, the #44t of Cole Timm and the #6 mini stock team of Kyle Jackson from Sauble Speedway who used the shop to do some work on his car before going out to dinner with the other teams.



The teams arrived at the track at 10:00 AM on Sunday morning and found that instead of their usual two practice sessions, the pro late models were given one practice session that ran for 45 minutes. Billy took to the green track due to the previous day's rain and he was quite happy with the handling of the car despite a small tight condition in the centre of the corners. With such a long practice session, the crew was able to work on improving the tight condition before parking the #86 and getting ready for qualifying. The mini stocks were up next and Jake felt the #88 was loose on exit but they were able to improve the handling with spring rubber and air pressure adjustments. Once the team pushed the #86 through pre-qualifying tech, Billy lined up for time trials where he would be the tenth car on the track. The APC Series officials gave the pro late models one extra warm-up lap for qualifying which paid off for Billy as he



became the first car of the day to go under 15.3 seconds with a 15.251 second lap that put him on the pole with nine cars left to qualify. Only two cars would be able to best Billy's time putting him in the 3rd position with the #81 of Andrew Gresel winning the pole with a track record breaking time of 15.164 seconds. The top-5 qualifiers made their way back through tech and once post qualifying tech was completed, the top five would draw numbers from a hat from 1-5 that would set the top-5 starting positions for the 100 lap race. Luck would be on Billy's side as he drew the #1 putting him on the pole with the #81 to his outside.

The mini stock division would run their twin 25-lap features with Jake starting back in 12th out of 16 cars in the first one. By lap 2 Jake had moved inside the top-10 to the 8th before the first caution on lap 5 that ended with the #6 of Kyle Jackson sailing through the infield on the front straightaway to avoid contact and eventually regaining control and rejoining the field in 10th. Restarting in the 6th position, Jake would start to fall back as the #88 started to tighten up dropping him back to 10th with the #6 right on his bumper. Jake would be able to pick up a couple of positions before the checkered flag to finish 8th. After making spring adjustments, Jake restarted 9th in the second feature where he would stay until the caution would come out for the #71 spinning off someone's bumper on the back straightaway. Restarting 7th with the #6 ahead of him in 5th, the two cars would run out of laps to gain any more positions with Jake finishing 7th and the #6 picking up a 5th place finish in his first visit to Flamboro Speedway.



The APC series hit the track for their 100-lap feature and the #86 was looking right at home sitting at the front of the field, however as they took the green flag, the #81 was able to get a jump on Billy on the outside of turn 1 completing the pass to take over the lead coming out of turn 2. Billy would settle in behind the #81 as the field stretched out single file until lap 18 when the first caution came out for the #5 spinning off turn 2. As Billy restarted outside the #81 he reported that the car was getting tight and he was afraid that it was going to get progressively worse, not allowing him to rotate the car as well as he would like in the corners. Ken was confident that the tire stagger would come in over the course of the race as they did at the previous event and that Billy should just hang tight and do what he could to stay near the front. With Billy stuck on the outside, the #81 pulled away bringing the #21 with him and then Billy battled with the #44 of Steve Laking before Steve also made the pass on the inside dropping Billy back to 4th. On lap 63 the #83 was also able to make his way around the #86 dropping Billy back to 5th before the second caution of the night came on lap 67 for two separate incidents



with a spin in turn 2 by the #5 and the #17 hitting the wall outside turn 1. Restarting on the inside, Billy ran side by side with the #83 for 4th before the caution quickly came back out for the #71 spinning off turn 4 and then the two renewed acquaintances on the restart but it was the #83 that was able to make the pass dropping Billy back to 5th. After a couple of quick cautions Billy was able to move past the #21 into 4th on lap 75 and then he made his way into 3rd on lap 77 as the #44 went high into turns 3 & 4. On lap 82, contact between the #89c and the #44 sent the #44 spinning down the back straightaway and on the restart the #2 and #23 made hard contact on the back straightaway bunching the field back together. After the final caution on lap 83 for the #3 that hit the wall on the back straightaway, Billy restarted 3rd and challenged the #83 for 2nd before the #83 was able to secure the position dropping the #86 back to deal with the #44t of Cole Timm. As the laps wound down Billy had his hands full with the #44t all over his back bumper and as the field took the white flag the #44t was able to complete the pass on the inside of the #86 after a great battle between the two drivers with the tearing up of decals being the only damage to the two cars. Although Billy was not able to get on the podium, he would finish 4th behind the #81, #83 and the #44t and the team was extremely happy with the day's results as it was a good points night for the team as they would move into 8th in the APC Series standings, only one point behind the #27 of Mat Box.



Billy is off this coming weekend though he will be joining Carson as he returns to the #86 mini stock at Flamboro Speedway for a regular night of racing on August 20th. The front gates open at 5:00 PM with racing getting underway at 7:00 PM. Jake and Samantha return to Sunset Speedway that same night for a regular night of racing with the front gates opening at 4:30 PM and racing getting underway at 6:00 PM.