

The threat of rain loomed at Flamboro Speedway on Saturday as both Sunset Speedway and Full Throttle Motor Speedway cancelled their racing for the night. Despite the dark weather on the horizon, both Billy and the #86 team along with Cole and the #18 team arrived at Flamboro for round 1 of the Grisdale Triple Crown Series. Both the mini stock division and the pro late model division got two practice sessions in the later part of the afternoon. Practice for the #18 saw the team try to tighten up the car after some changes while the #86 was a little loose coming off the corners and not getting down on the shocks in the second practice some spring rubbers were removed from the right rear spring and shims were removed from both front shocks to assist in getting the car down.

The mini stocks were up first for their first of two 25-lap features where Cole lined up on the outside of row 4 in 8th. Cole got off to a slow start after getting caught up behind some other cars but as the field strung out



Cole struggled to find speed and was only able to make his way up to 5th. The rest of the race saw the field really spread out resulting in Cole having to settle for 5th. Group qualifying was up next for the pro late models and at the end of five laps Billy put the #86 second on the board with a fast time of 15.189 seconds behind the #13 of Shane McGinnis who won the pole with a time of 15.072 seconds. Before the second feature of the night, the #18 team made some substantial changes to the car to experiment with the speed in the #18. Cole lined up on the inside of row 2 in 3rd and got a start taking the

lead going down the backstretch on lap 1 but the yellow flag came out for an improper start. Cole again lined up in 3rd and settled into 2nd on the restart. Cole took over the lead and on lap 3 and hoped to sail off into the sunset but that would not be the case as Cole started to feel the pressure from the #76 of Shawn Taylor. The two ran nose to tail until the caution flew again on lap 20 setting up a five-lap shootout. The final five laps saw Cole battling hard with the #76 who was running up high. Coming out of turn 4 on the final lap the two made contact as it was a drag race to the checkered flag with the #18 barely making it to the line in front of the #76 as Cole picked up his first feature win of the season.



As the pro late models lined up on the front straightaway for in-car driver introductions, the announce team went car to car starting at the back of the field to see which driver would give up their starting position to go to the tail-end of the field and try to race their way to a \$1,000 bonus if they were to win the race. When they got to the #86 Billy gave them the thumbs up to signal that he would go to back but the #13 of polesitter McGinnis also decided to

go to the back so the #86 would start the 100-lap event from the pole. The field took the green flag and Billy jumped out to the early lead followed by the #55 of J.R. Fitzpatrick who was running in place of regular driver Chris Howse. Lap 22 was the end of the lead for Billy as the #55 moved by on the inside and he remained there for the remainder of the race as it would go caution free and run flag to flag. Despite being able to close the gap, Billy was unable to get any closer than half a straightaway to the #55 to bring home the #86 in the 2nd position.



Billy and the #86 team return to Peterborough Speedway for the first time since 2018 with the APC United Late Model Series and the AP Emission Technologies 100 on Saturday June 18th. Billy holds an average finishing position of 7.0 over the four races at Peterborough which is good for second behind the #89c of Shawn Chenoweth. The front gates open at 3:00PM with racing getting underway at 5:00PM. Cole and the #18 team will enjoy a rare weekend off but they will be back in action at Flamboro on Saturday June 25th for Meet the Drivers Night.