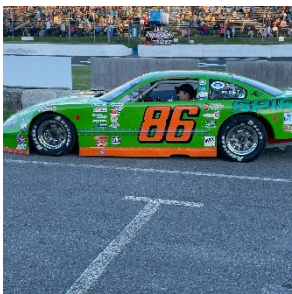


For the first time since 2018, Billy and the #86 hit the highway and made their way east to Canada's fastest 1/3 mile and Peterborough Speedway for the AP Emissions Technologies 100 with the APC United Late Model Series. The team was confident heading into the event coming off a top-10 finish in the London Recreational Racing 100 at Flamboro Speedway and a 2nd place finish at Flamboro in round 1 of the Grisdale Triple Crown last weekend.

Billy went out for the first of two practice sessions for the afternoon, and while he was happy with the car though it was a little tight in the middle and loose off. The decision was made to take some shims out of the front of the car to try and get the nose down. Billy went back out for second practice to scuff his race tires, and he came into the pits saying that it felt like the nose of the car was bouncing around quite a bit and that the car couldn't get planted as well as it did in the first session. With a bit of time between the end of practice and qualifying, the team took some rebound of the front shocks before getting in line for tech. Qualifying was up next with Billy putting the #86 back in the 16th position with a time of 13.455 seconds while the #84 of JR Fitzpatrick won the pole while setting a new track record of 13.189 seconds. After qualifying the #8 of Jordan Howse left the impound on pit road and headed back to his pit, there for rescinding his starting position and moved Billy up one spot and on the inside in 15th.

The field took the green flag and the top lane quickly tried to find their way down to the bottom of the track resulting in some bumping and banging. Billy hung out single file for the first 25 laps looking to get a feel on how the car was handling and to try utilizing the same strategy he had the previous event at Flamboro which was to ride around and make sure that his equipment was going to be there at the end of the race. The first caution of the night came on lap 27 for the #54 of Danny Benedict who had slowed on track. Billy restarted in the 15th position and again was able to bide his time and pick up a position on the restart as the cars on the outside were stuck with nowhere to go. A common theme throughout the night was how well Billy was able to stay up on the bumper of the car ahead of him to keep those cars on the outside there and allow him to pick them off. Chaos struck on lap 40 as contact between the #4 of Connor James, the #83 of Dale Shaw and the #32 Treyton Lapcevich had Billy and rest of the field scrambling to avoid the #83 stopped in the middle of turn 1 & 2 with heavy damage to the #32 of Lapcevich. As a result of this incident and some incidental contact, a number of cars ahead of Billy made the decision to come to pit road which allowed Billy to keep his preferred inside lane restarting in 9th. The rest of the race went by quickly as Billy was able to see the leaders but did not have enough to get up front and start making moves. Though he was able to pickup one more position to move into 8th, that is as close as he would get as Billy brought the #86 home for his second consecutive top-10.



Cole and the #18 team return to Flamboro Speedway on Saturday June 25th for Meet the Drivers Night. The front gates open at 5:00PM with racing getting underway at 6:30PM. Billy and the #86 team have the weekend off but they will be back in action with the APC Series at Delaware Speedway on Saturday July 2nd for the Spectra Premium 100.