



After enjoying Canada Day with their families, Billy and the #86 team headed west to take part in the Canada Day Weekend celebration at Delaware Speedway with the APC United Late Model Series for the Spectra Premium 100. With little breeze and temperatures in the high 20s, the team went to work setting up all their equipment on pit road as Delaware is the only track on the schedule that mandates teams work from pit road for the entirety of the day. Thanks to sponsor Hy-Grade Steel Roofing System the team was able to keep cool and stay out of the sun under their Hy-Grade sponsored tent.

The team struggled throughout practice, which seems to be a common theme this season, as Billy was quite happy with the handling of the car, but the #86 was lacking speed and it showed on the speed charts as Billy was half a second slower than the quickest cars on track with Billy's fastest time being 18.661 seconds. The struggles continued in qualifying as Billy put the #86 in the 23<sup>rd</sup> position on the starting grid with a time of 18.596 seconds while the #52 of Jake Sheridan won the pole with a lap of 18.190 seconds.

Starting back in 23<sup>rd</sup> on the grid, Billy and 30 other pro late models took the green flag, but the field barely got up to speed before the first caution of the night came out on lap 4 for the #46 of Billy Zardo who had come to a stop outside of turn 4 after contact with the wall. With just four laps under his belt Billy didn't have adequate time to analyze the car to see how it was running despite having moved up into 17<sup>th</sup>. A green flag run of 28 laps followed before the second caution flew on lap 32 for the #17 of Josh Stade having issues in turn 4. Billy came over the radio to say that the #86 was now extremely loose and it felt like the brakes were fading quickly. Despite having his hands full, Billy was holding his own as he was able to fight off the #74 of Erik Dalla Riva and the #97 of Blair Wickett for 17<sup>th</sup> before the #97 was able to put Billy back one position into 18<sup>th</sup>. The third caution came at the halfway point of the race for the #79 of James Horner who stalled coming out of turn 2. Several cars had started to come to pit road under the caution and the call was made for Billy to do the same as the #86 hit pit road to make an adjustment with the tire stagger and well as lowering the track bar. Despite coming to pit road Billy restarted in the 19<sup>th</sup> position only losing one spot on the track though he would have several lapped cars between himself and the tail-end of the lead lap cars. The initial restart saw contact just a few rows ahead of Billy coming down the



backstretch with the #47 of Jordan Sims getting loose off the corner and sliding across the track collecting both the #21 of Matt Pritiko and the #4 of Connor James resulting in heavy damage to all three cars. Unfortunately for the #86 team they wouldn't get a chance to see if their changes made a difference as Billy made contact with the #10k of Jesse Kennedy on the restart into the middle of turn 3 & 4 causing Billy to get sideways and subsequently hit from the car running behind him sending him down pit road and narrowly missing the pit wall. The #86 came to a stop at the entrance to pit road as the car stalled and Billy tried to get the car going again. Unfortunately, this was the end of the night for the #86 as the team realized a bad alternator was the reason behind the consistent lack of power as well as draining the brand-new battery that had just been installed. Dejected, the team watched the rest of the race from pit road that finished with the #84 of JR Fitzpatrick bringing home his third straight APC Series victory.



Cole and the #18 team return to Flamboro Speedway on Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> for a regular night of racing. 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 Flamboro on Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup>.