

On a sunny Saturday morning, Billy and the #86 pro late model team along with Cole and the #18 team made their way down Highway 6 to Flamboro Speedway for race #5 of the APC United Late Model Series.

During practice, the #86 was hitting the track so the crew added some shims to the front end to raise the car up off the track. The car was a little loose off the corners but overall felt pretty good as Billy was able to pick up a considerable amount of time between the two practice sessions. The #18 would go out for two practice sessions as well as Cole diagnosed a loose condition through the centre of the corner. In the middle of the session Cole pulled off the track to make an adjustment to tighten up the car and head back out on track where the adjustment helped but it was not enough. Going into the second practice the team made another adjustment to help the #18 through the centre of the corner as well as coming off the corner and this time it worked as Cole was happy with the handling heading into qualifying.



The mini stocks were out first for qualifying and Cole managed to qualify 3rd for their 50-lap feature. Billy was out in one of the early groups for qualifying as he put down a lap of 15.159 seconds to put him in the 4th position. His qualifying time lasted until the last couple of groups as he would end up in 10th as the #29 of Ryan Kimball took the pole position with a time of 15.019 seconds. With the inversion, the #86 would be starting on the outside pole for the feature.

Cole lined up on the inside of row 2 for the 50-lap mini stock feature and quickly settled into 3rd by himself. Cole stayed tucked up behind the leaders who were running side by side at the front of the field. It stayed this way until lap 20 when the leaders finally got into single file and a few laps later Cole made his move and took over the 2nd position on lap 23. Cole started to slowly catch the #76 of Shawn Taylor who was leading and managed to get up to within one second of the #76. Unfortunately, the #18 started to fall off the pace around lap 40 due to him pushing the car too hard early on but Cole was able to hang on to bring the #18 home in 2nd.



Twenty-one pro late models took the green flag and Billy was able to drop down to the preferred inside lane quickly while only losing one position to slot into 3rd. The first caution came on lap 7 for the #97 of Blair Wickett who had come to a stop in the infield off turn 4. Billy came over the radio to report that the car felt great and that he would be able to hang up front with the leaders for the rest of the night. As the field came around turn 2 the #52 of Jake Sheridan suddenly hung a hard right for the pits and the entire outside line moved up one position. Inside of throwing the caution and getting the field straightened out, APC officials threw the green flag as Billy restarted 3rd instead of 2nd. Despite restarting on the inside, Billy was unable to

get a great jump as the #22 of Kyle Steckley dropped down in front of the #86 to drop Billy back into 4th. One lap later the #3 of Shae Gemmell was able to get around Billy on the inside to drop him back into 5th. A long green flag followed which allowed Billy to get into a nice rhythm as he ran by himself in 5th as the top-5 ran nose to tail. On lap 33 there was contact up at the front between the #22 of Steckley and the #29 of Kimball which allowed Billy to take advantage of the #29 who got stuck on the outside to move up into 4th. Lap 50 was when the wheels fell off the bus for the #86 team as a caution flew for the #89c who had pulled his car to the infield. On the ensuing restart Billy got lifted from behind by the #84 of series points leader JR Fitzpatrick sending the #86 sideways allowing the #84 to get by on the inside followed by the #17 of Josh Stade and the #10 of Tom Gibbons. As Billy fought hard on the outside, the #8 of Jordan Howse was running on the inside of the #86 and came up the track down the backstretch resulting in Billy hitting the outside wall and knocking out the toe. Billy gathered the car back up and pulled back in line front of the #10s of Gord Shepherd who showed his displeasure in turn 1 as he got into the back of the #86 sending Billy up the track. Once things had calmed down on lap 54, Billy found himself all the way back in the 13th position with an ill handling car that should have been contending for the win. The rest of the race ran caution free as Billy hung on to a disappointing 15th place finish.

Cole and the #18 team return to Flamboro Speedway on Saturday July 23rd 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 Sauble Speedway on Saturday July 30th for the Stewart's 100.