

Billy and the #86 team had the weekend off as Cole and the #18 team returned to Flamboro Speedway for a regular night of racing. In a rare appearance they were joined by Samantha and the #81 team as Samantha was in between races with the #83 pro late model at Sunset Speedway.

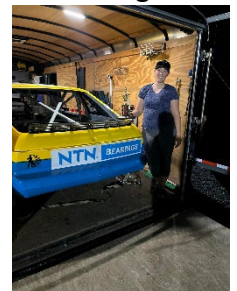
Race day started with two practice sessions for the mini stock class and Samantha was quickest in the first session while Cole was looking to try and loosen up the car in the centre of the corner. Though Samantha was comfortable in the car the team tried to make a small adjustment, but Samantha didn't like it, so the team took it out before the first feature. During the second practice some fluid was laid down on the track making it hard for Cole to diagnose how the car was handling but as practice ended Cole also believed that the handling had improved from the first session.

Cole started on the pole for the first of two 25-lap features with Samantha starting back on the outside of row 3 in 6th. At the drop of the green flag Cole was able to get a good jump on the field but quickly started to struggle after the team had made the car too loose after the second practice. Cole struggled to hang onto the lead until lap 13 when he got loose and fell back into 3rd. Meanwhile Samantha made her presence felt as she had moved up to battle with the field and as they came out of turn 2 on lap 14, #33 of the Mike Gilmour who started to spin by



himself, collected Samantha and the #76 of Shawn Taylor bringing out the caution but giving the lead back to Cole. Samantha brought the #81 to pits where the team went to work pulling the right front fender away from the tire. Samantha rejoined the back of the field as Cole again was able to get a good jump on the restart but as the laps started to wind down, he started to lose his advantage on the 2nd place car as he continued to struggle with the handling of the #18. Luckily Cole was able to hang on to pick up the win while Samantha brought the #81 home in 6th despite the car not handling the same as it had before the contact on lap 14.

After the feature the #18 team went work tightening up the car while the #81 team went to work adjusting for a slight loose condition Samantha was feeling before the accident. While the #81 team was working they found that the right front spring been knocked loose out of its pocket which would explain the difference in handling after the contact. Roles were reversed for the second feature as Samantha started on the pole while Cole started back in 6th. Cole moved up into 5th by lap 3 as he was very happy with the handling of the car after the adjustments made during the break. Samantha maintained the lead as the field strung out single file and Cole moved up in 4th a straightaway behind the leaders. On lap 22 the 3rd place car ran into issues moving Cole up into 3rd. Meanwhile at the front of the field Samantha had her hands full with the #76 of Taylor as the #81 started to tighten up but she was able to fight off the #76 to bring home the win and a sweep of the night's features for Spira Racing with Cole finishing in 3rd.



Billy and the #86 team return to Sauble Speedway for the first time since 2018 with the APC United Late Model Series and the Stewart's 100 on Saturday July 30th. The front gates open at 5:00PM with racing getting underway at 6:00PM. Cole and the #18 team have the weekend off but they will be back in action at Flamboro on Saturday August 6th as part of round 2 of the Grisdale Triple Crown.