



Billy and the #86 made the long trip up Highway 6 to Sauble Speedway for race #6 of the APC United Late Model Series and the Stewart's 100 on the Saturday of the Civic Holiday long weekend.

Much of practice was spent trying to loosen up the #86 through the corners though Billy was quite happy with the car down the straightaway. Despite all the changes and Billy being comfortable with the handling of the car, the team felt like they were chasing the setup as their practice tires were quickly approaching 150 laps. Based on the average practice time between the two practice sessions, Billy would find himself in the first qualifying group. The car was much faster on new tires as Billy put together a fast time of 14.394 seconds which put him in the 16<sup>th</sup> position when all was said and done with the #22 of Kyle Steckley winning the pole with a time of 14.155 seconds.

Twenty-four pro late models took the green flag just after 9:00PM in front of a packed house and Billy was quick to come over the radio to let the team know they had a good car; it was just a matter of being there at the end to have a chance at the win. The first caution came on lap 69 for the #10s of Gord Shepherd who had come to a stop at the top of turn 4. Near disaster struck on the restart as the #3 of Shae Gemmell, who was running 3<sup>rd</sup>, didn't get up to speed coming to the line sending the remaining of the field scrambling including the #86 who went high and did some quality drifting as he got pushed through turn 1. Billy maintained his position just inside the top-15 as the field restarted though it was a short run the #48 of Colton Everingham got into the back of the #10 of Tom Gibbons coming through turn 2. Running hard on the restart, the #21 of Matt Pritiko spun off the side of the #86 battling for 12<sup>th</sup> coming out of turn 4 on lap 35 after the two had run side by side for several laps. With 47 laps to go disaster struck for the #86 as contact between the #81 of Andrew Gresel and the #83 of Dale Shaw sent the #83 spinning in the middle of turn 3 & 4 collecting the #97 of Blair Wickett. Billy had lots of time to check up but got hit from behind by the #10s which sent Billy sideways sliding hard into the side of the #97. Billy was able to get going and get off the track and into the pits but quickly came over the radio saying that the car was now dragging on the ground. After a very slow trip through the pits Billy came to a stop at the trailer and the team quickly determined that their night as over as the Panhard bar bracket had broken effectively ending their night. After loading the car into the trailer, the team stuck around to watch the remainder of the race which was won by the #17 of Josh Stade who picked up his first career APC Series victory.



On Sunday morning the team was back at it as they unloaded the #86 to see what kind of damage they were looking at from the night before. Work started immediately on fixing what damage they could before the car was loaded back into the trailer for the trip to McColl Racing Enterprises on Thursday. The list of damage was long with the team fixing the Panhard bracket, the right rear shock was bent, the driveshaft was bent along with a motor mount.

Cole and the #18 team return to Flamboro Speedway on Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> for a regular night of racing. The front gates open at 5:00PM with racing getting underway at 6:30PM. The race was originally scheduled to be a part of round 2 of the Grisdale Triple Crown but due to a shortage of tires round 2 of the Grisdale Triple Crown has been postponed until the Frostoberfest weekend. Billy and the #86 team have the weekend off but they will be back in action at Sunset Speedway on Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup> with the APC Series and the Kubota 100.