

Cole and the #18 headed to Flamboro Speedway on Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> while Samantha and the #81 team made their way north to Sunset Speedway though Samantha would not be piloting the #81 on Saturday night. With Samantha committed to driving the #83 pro late model as part of the weekly late model division at Sunset, Samantha's younger brother Blaise would be taking the wheel of the #81 in his mini stock debut.

At Flamboro, race day started again with two practice sessions for the mini stock division. Cole went out and quickly found that the adjustments made during the week had paid off as he was quite comfortable with the cars handling. The #18 showed a lot of speed in practice and the team worked towards tightening up the car going into the corner before qualifying. Cole was in the last group for qualifying ahead of the 40-lap feature race. The #18 sat at the top of the board until the final lap when the #76 of Shawn Taylor took the top spot by just 0.014 of a second. Heading into the feature Cole was confident with the handling of the #18 but the team went to work on loosening the car through the centre of the corner as the track started to cool down.



With an invert of the top-5 positions, Cole lined up on the outside of the second row in 4<sup>th</sup> for the feature. The green flag flew, and Cole committed to the high line while the top-3 slotted into the bottom lane. Maintaining the high line Cole worked his way up into the lead by lap 4. Cole tried to pull away from the #76 but multiple times the #76 would bring the fight to the #18 but Cole would manage to hang onto the lead while on the top. Eventually after a multi-lap battle, on lap 26 the #76 found his way past Cole putting the #18 back into 2<sup>nd</sup>. Shortly after the lead change the caution came out on lap 26 for a spin in turn 4. The #18 lined up on the outside of the first row for the restart with just over ten

laps to go. The green flag flew again, and Cole was able to hang onto the outside of the #76 for a few laps but eventually Cole slotted into 2<sup>nd</sup> before the leader to try and make a charge. However, on lap 40 the checkered flag flew as Cole brought home the #18 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> position.

At Sunset Blaise spent practice figuring out the track and getting up to speed. He had tested the #81 at Flamboro a few weeks earlier but this was his first time driving out onto the track at Sunset. Blaise started and finished 6<sup>th</sup> in both of heat races but he was able to find more rhythm and speed in his second heat as he got more comfortable in the car.

The familiar yellow #81 lined up in the 12<sup>th</sup> position for the feature and as the green flag dropped Blaise made an early pass on the inside to move up into 11<sup>th</sup>. The first caution flew bringing the #81 up into 8<sup>th</sup> on the restart. Starting on the outside Blaise dropped a position as the field got rolling again dropping him back to 9<sup>th</sup> though he made it up shortly after by making a pass on the outside to move back into 8<sup>th</sup>. Another caution brought the #81 up into the 6<sup>th</sup> position for the restart but shortly after the restart Blaise got pushed to the outside going 3-wide falling back into 9<sup>th</sup>. As the laps winded down Blaise closely tailed the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> place cars before attempting a 3-wide pass on the outside with two laps to go before thinking better of it and backing out to bring home the #81 in 9<sup>th</sup> with a top-10 finish in his first race.



Billy and the #86 team return to Sunset Speedway for the final time this season on Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup> with the APC United Late Model Series and the Stewart's & Kubota 100. The front gates open at 4:30PM with racing getting underway at 6:00PM. Cole and the #18 team have the weekend off but they will be back in action at Sunset on Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup> for a regular night of racing.