

After two long weeks of repairing the #86 pro late model from the previous race at Sauble Speedway, Billy and the #86 team were ready for the trip north to Sunset Speedway and the Stewart's & Kubota 100 with the APC United Late Model Series.



The car was setup for the much higher banked track with softer bump springs and a softer right rear spring, but the team struggled with the handling of the car throughout the first practice session. In the pits it was found that the left front shock had not been set and that the first practice session was basically a write off. After making the adjustment, the handling was night and day as the team scrambled to make some last-minute adjustments before group qualifying. The #86 rolled out on the track for group qualifying with Billy putting down a lap time of 14.240 seconds that ultimately put him back in the 18th position out of the twenty-six that attempted to qualify.

The grandstands were packed as the field took the green flag with Billy quickly getting up to speed and picking up two positions into 16th by lap 3 only to lose those two positions plus some more as he tried to get by the #74 of Erik Dalla Riva on lap 13. The first caution flew on lap 19 for the #31 of Jade Franklin who had blown an engine down the front straightaway collecting the #48 of Dwayne Baker and the #8 of Jordan Howse. Billy came over the radio and reported that after a handful of laps the handling on the #86 was quickly starting to go away as he was unable to get to the throttle coming out of the corners. The decision was made to bring the #86 to pit road to add a spring rubber to the left rear, remove a shim from the left front and add a round of wedge before sending Billy back out at the tail-end of the field. The second caution of the night came out a handful of laps later for contact between the #54 of Danny Benedict, the #10s of Gord Shepherd and the #47 of Jordan Sims. With the car still extremely loose coming off the corner, Billy brought the #86 back down to pit road to add one more spring rubber in the left rear as the team was out of spring rubbers but the spring was now full. The remaining laps had the #86 handling the best it had all day as Billy got up on the wheel and brought the car home to a 13th place finish. Though it was not the best finish, the driver and team were happy finishing the race with no damage and were proud with the gains they had made on pit road.



Cole and the #18 team along with Blaise and the #81 team both return to Sunset on Saturday August 20th for a regular night of racing. The front gates open at 4:30PM with racing getting underway at 6:00PM. Billy and the #86 team have the weekend off but they will be back in action at Sauble on Saturday August 27th with the APC Series.