

For the first time since the beginning of the season, Cole and the #18 returned to Sunset Speedway for a regular night of racing where they were joined by Blaise and the #81 team where Blaise was making his second appearance of the season having run his first event a couple of weeks prior.

The day kicked off with two 10-minute practice sessions for the mini stock class. The #81 team made a slight adjustment to the car as Blaise found the car to be tight while Cole and the #18 team had their hands full. Cole only completed a couple of laps before pulling off the track as the brakes were shaking hard making the car difficult to control getting into the corner. With new brakes for that weekends race, the team went out for second practice hoping that the brake pads would seat themselves. However, the second practice would be very similar as the first in dealing with the brake issues as Cole again had to pull off the track. Randy Shaw and the #81 team came over to help to see what the issue was and after checking both brake rotors they found that the right front rotor had warped. Using a spare rotor, the team got the warped rotor replaced before the first heat race of the night. Meanwhile Blaise found that the #81 was still tight but the left front tire went flat before they were able to learn much more about the handling of the car.

Cole and Blaise were in the same heat races with Cole starting in the 4th position while Blaise had to start scratch back in the 7th. Cole quickly went four wide heading into turn 1 and after some slight contact in the corner and then settled into 3rd and set his eyes on 2nd while Blaise made a move early on to move up into 6th before the red flag came out on lap 4 for a car blowing a motor. On the restart Blaise moved up into 5th while over the closing laps Cole was able to take over the 2nd position where he finished. Blaise ran side by side for 4th over the final two laps before ultimately coming up just short to finish 5th. Cole started on the outside pole for the second heat race



with Blaise starting a couple of rows behind him in 6th. Though it took a couple of tries, Cole got a good jump once the race got going but contact going into turn 1 forced him to settle into 2nd and Blaise made another pass early on to move up into 5th. After a few laps Cole made his move and took over the lead, though shortly after the #18 was sent spinning in turn 1 & 2. Blaise now restarted in 3rd while Cole had to restart in 5th as an involved car. Blaise fell back into 4th spot on the restart while Cole started making his way back up through the field. As Cole took over the 2nd position, Blaise made a move on the inside on lap 8 and this time made it stick as the #18 and

the #81 made is a 2-3 finish. After the feature Cole and the #18 team went to work to replace the left front brake rotor hoping that it would finally solve their brake issues while Blaise was quite happy with the performance of the #81 so no adjustments were made before the feature.

Luckily for Cole and the #18 team, replacing the left front rotor seemed to do the trick as the #18 came alive for the feature. Cole started back in 9th while Blaise started 12th out 15 cars that took the green flag. By lap 5 Cole had made his way up into 5th while Blaise maintained the 12th starting position. A spin brought out the caution on lap 10 as Cole restarted in 5th while Blaise restarted in 11th. Cole made it 3-wide on the restart moving him into 4th while Blaise made a couple of passes on the outside to move up inside the top-10 into 9th. By lap 18 Cole had moved up into 3rd but that's as far as he would get as he finished 3rd while the #81 started to tighten up around lap 23 and Blaise dropped a couple of positions over the closing laps to finish 11th.

Billy and the #86 team are back in action on Saturday August 27th as they return to Sauble Speedway for the final time this season with the APC United Late Model Series. The front gates open at 4:00PM with racing getting underway at 6:00PM. Cole and the #18 team along with Blaise and the #81 team both have the weekend off but they will be back in action at Sunset on Saturday September 3rd & Sunday September 4th for a double header.