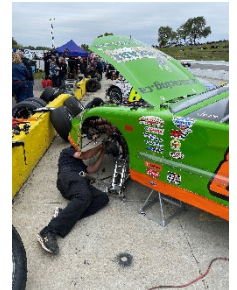




The APC United Late Model Series season concluded at Delaware Speedway and like much of the season for Billy and the #86 team, it was one to forget. The team loaded up early Saturday morning and made their way down Highway 401 for the last APC Series race of the season. With some rain in the forecast for mid-day, the team quickly went to work unloading the trailer and setting up on pit road before pushing the #86 through technical inspection and getting ready for the first of two practice sessions scheduled for the afternoon.

In the first practice the car was tight through the centre of the corner and loose off, so a few adjustments were made to loosen the car up. Second practice was more of the same though now the car was tight at the exit of the corner to the point that Billy felt like he was going to knock the wall down. With the help of Mike from McColl Racing Enterprises, a few more changes were thrown at the #86 before getting into line for technical inspection with the hopes of at least making the car drivable. Billy was the third car in line for qualifying as he put together a lap of 18.238 seconds which was good for 23<sup>rd</sup> on the starting grid. The #19 of Connor Pritiko picked up the pole with a time 17.928 seconds breaking the previous track record held by Dale Shaw.



Twenty-nine pro late models took the green flag and Billy quickly started to fall back through the field until the first caution came for the #9 of Brandon Watson who had laid oil down all over the track after the oil drain plug had come loose. With a lengthy track cleanup ahead of them, Billy brought the #86 down pit road for some more adjustments to see what could be done. Billy reported that at the start of the run the car felt pretty good, but it didn't take long for the car to start to tighten back up. A second caution allowed the team to come back down pit road once again, but they were starting to run out of adjustments they could make so some major air pressure adjustments were made before sending Billy back out on track. Unfortunately, the rest of the race was all about survival as Billy rode around towards the back of the pack trying to stay out of the way of the leaders and those in the championship hunt ultimately finishing back in the 21<sup>st</sup> position two laps down. Congratulations goes out to the #84 of JR Fitzpatrick who picked up his second APC Series championship. In the shop on Tuesday, it was discovered that the lock nut on the left-rear lower control arm had come loose, and the lower control arm had spun itself tight as well as a slow leak was found on the left-rear tire which would have contributed to the ill-handling issues on the #86.



On Sunday, Cole took the #18 mini stock out to Fendley Park in Orangeville for the Autism Speaks Canada Walk. Despite the rain, there was a great turnout of sponsors, volunteers, families, special guests, vendors, children's exhibitor's, food sponsors and families present at the walk as they surpassed their fundraising goal raising \$17,000.

The 2022 season is almost over for Spira Racing team as Billy and the #86 team, Samantha and the #81 team along with Cole in a prolate model as the #18 mini-stock has been sold head to Flamboro Speedway for Frostoberfest. The mini stock class kicks things off on Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> as Samantha looks to bring home her first igloo trophy. The front gates open at 12:00PM with racing getting underway at 2:30PM. Sitting second in points in the Grisdale Triple Crown, Billy looks to finish off what has certainly been a trying season on a high note as he looks to bring home the Grisdale Triple Crown championship on Sunday while Cole makes his pro late model debut at Flamboro in the #18. The front gates open at 12:00PM with racing getting underway at 2:30PM.