

The 2022 racing season ended on Saturday October 1st & Sunday October 2nd as Samantha and the #81 team, Cole and the #18 team along with Billy and the #86 team headed to Flamboro Speedway for the annual Frostoberfest event. Samantha was looking to pick up her first igloo trophy in the mini stock division while Cole was making his pro late model debut at Flamboro. With one event having been cancelled, Frostoberfest would be the finale of the Grisdale Triple Crown with Billy sitting second in the standings behind the #55 of APC United Late Model Series champion JR Fitzpatrick.

Day 1 of Frostoberfest saw Samantha behind the wheel of her familiar #81 mini stock looking to become the second Spira Racing driver to bring home the coveted igloo trophy as Billy won the same event back in 2013. The #81 was fast all day throughout practice including qualifying as Samantha qualified second with a time of 17.720 behind the #92 Kyle Neumeister who won the pole with a time of 17.683 seconds. With the inversion the #81 started on the pole for the 50-lap feature as the race got off to a rocky start due to a wreck on lap 2 coming out of turn 2 collecting several cars. Samantha held the lead on the restart as she battled the #71 of Cory McAllister. The second caution of the night came on lap 21 as contact between the #18 of Dave Dippel, who was a lap down at the #71 sent the #71 around while tearing the nose off the car. At the halfway mark Samantha continued to lead until lap 26 when the #2 of Bobby Mercer made the pass to drop Samantha back into second. On lap 30 Samantha dropped back into third as the #76 of Shawn Taylor made the pass while going around a lapped car. The rest of the race went caution free as Samantha tried to hang onto third though she would eventually bring home the #81 in fifth.



Billy qualifying in 13th with a time of 15.193 seconds. The #29 of Ryan Kimball won the pole with a time of 14.864 seconds. Twenty-four pro late models took the green flag as the #32 of Treyton Lapceovich started on the pole after the invert. As has been the story for the much of the season the #86 team has struggled to find speed and despite the cooler temperatures Flamboro was not going to be any different as Billy found himself outside of the top-10 for much of the race. Cole held his own against a lot of veteran drivers except for one incident that saw him spin off the front bumper of the #38H of Jake Hooker, Cole kept his nose clean in his first 100-lap race finishing back in 13th on the lead lap while Billy brought home the #86 in one piece in 12th.

Day 2 of Frostoberfest saw the pro late models in the main event as Billy and the #86 team were looking to cap off what has been a disappointing season with a win while the #18 team was looking to put down some laps and get Cole some seat time as he made his debut at Flamboro in the pro late model division. After two rounds of practice, qualifying was up next with Cole qualifying the #18 in 11th with a time of 15.164 seconds and



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