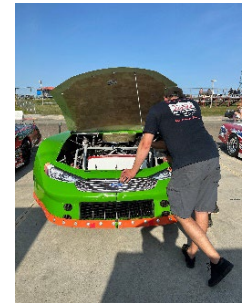


Two weekends into the 2023 season and the #86 team finally started to feel like there starting to make some headway on the handling of the #86. The team was busy fixing a leak on the power steering and making some adjustments to the setup before Saturday. Though they still some work to do, the car has continued to get better with each passing race and Saturday was no different as Billy came over the radio after first practice to say the car was handling the best that it had all season. The team made the decision to sit out the second practice session to get the car ready for the twin 30-lap features.



Billy started deep in the field back in the 13<sup>th</sup> starting position for the first feature of the night, but he was able to make a small charge from the back making his way up to finish 8<sup>th</sup> just behind the #18 of Cole Quinton before running out of laps. Between features Billy was kept busy by the number of kids that came by the #86 in the pits to pick up a hero card and an autograph. Shoutout to the two boys who were coming through getting all the drivers to sign their arms. A few small adjustments were made before the second feature as a couple of spring rubbers were put into the right rear to again try and help the car rotate through the centre of the corner. Billy lined up on the outside of row for the second feature of the night and he was quick to get down to the bottom lane in the opening laps to slot into the 3<sup>rd</sup> position. With the #97 of Blair Wickett right on his bumper, Billy made his move on the #38 of Bill Pearsall a few laps later to move into 2<sup>nd</sup> bringing the #97 with him. The #7 of polesitter Ty Cavalin had jumped out to a big lead but it was a dog fight for positions 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> will Billy at the front of the pack as they separated themselves from the rest of the field. Billy tried to hold them off as long as he could put just before halfway the #97 made his move on the inside which allowed the other cars to follow him by as Billy dropped back into the 6<sup>th</sup> position. The rest of the race ran caution free as Billy held off the #2 of Rick Burbridge to finish 6<sup>th</sup>.



Billy and the #86 team return to Flamboro for a regular night of racing this coming Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> with twin 30-lap features on the schedule. The pit gates open at 4:00PM, the front gates open at 5:00PM and racing gets underway at 6:30PM.