

Several APC United Late Model Series regulars made an appearance at Flamboro Speedway to get some laps in before their 100-lap event the following weekend. Trouble started early in the day for the #86 team as Billy commented that when he went to start the car to go through tech that the brake pedal went straight to the floor before it stiffened back up again. This told the team that there was potentially a leak in the brakes somewhere so the team quickly got the #86 up on jackstands so Billy and Dave could start working on the brakes. Billy found a leak on the left front caliper but unfortunately by the time he got it fixed they had missed the first practice session of the day. With the tire program that Flamboro runs, the team was going to put on two new right-side tires for the second feature of the night so the decision was made to only run 5-6 laps in the second practice session to scuff the new tires.



Billy lined up on the outside of row 4 in the first feature of the night; but the team would have their work cut out for them as the visiting APC Series teams would all be running sticker tires. The field took the green flag with everyone running side by side for a few laps before settling down when Billy found himself running in the 9th position. Billy stayed there for most of the race until lap 26 when a late caution came for the #22 of Kyle Steckley who spun coming out of turn 4. With only a handful of laps remaining, Billy was able to pick up one more position on the final lap as he passed the #54 of Danny Benedict on the inside going into turn 3 finish in 8th.

With the inversion of the field for the second feature, Billy lined up on the inside of row 2 in the 3rd position behind the #22 and the #54 who was on his outside. Billy quickly took sole possession of 3rd as he cleared the #7 of Ty Cavallin coming out of turn 3. The caution came out shortly after as contact farther back in the field sent the #27 of Kevin Albers into the outside wall between turn 3 & 4. Billy restarted in the 3rd position with the #18 of Cole Quinton to his outside though the #18 was able to get the jump on Billy heading down the backstretch to put Billy back into 4th. The #18 was one of the cars running sticker tires and he was followed by the #17 of Josh Stade who passed Billy on the outside of turn 4 one lap later to put him back into 5th before the #55 of JR Fitzpatrick made his move as well dropping Billy into 6th. Just before the halfway point of the race things went sideways for the #86 as Billy suddenly went high up towards the wall in turn 1 & 2 and while the team tried to figure out what was going on, Billy's spotter was on the radio as a freight train of cars made their way past Billy on the inside. Once Billy had himself straightened out, he came over the radio to say that he had no power steering as heading down the front straightaway he had seen a bunch of white smoke coming out from the hood and was afraid that the engine had expired. After he realized it wasn't the engine and that he didn't have any power steering, he had to adjust his driving style and after catching back up to the tail-end of the field, he ran out of laps to finish 11th. Bringing the car back into the pits, the team put the hood up and saw that the power steering cap had come off resulting in the power steering fluid coming out.



After a two-week break, Billy and the #86 team return to Flamboro for Meet the Drivers Night this coming Saturday June 24th 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.