

With other racetracks across the province cancelling their races for the night, Billy and the #86 made their way to Flamboro Speedway for the fourth race of the season and Meet the Drivers Night. Not long after the team unloaded, the skies opened, and the team settled in for what turned out to be a long delay in getting the show underway. After a shortened practice session that was used to scuff in two new left side tires, 11 cars lined up for the first of twin 30-lap features.



Contrary to how things have gone so far this season in terms of drawings numbers to determine the starting order for the first race, Billy drew the pole for the first race alongside the #18 of Cole Quinton. With newer than normal tires and the car handling well, the team knew that this would be their race to lose as the #86 took the green flag. Jumping out to an early lead, Billy was closely followed by the #18 as the two set the pace for the majority of the race pulling away from the rest of the field running nose to tail. On lap 28 with just two laps remaining, the caution came out for contact between the #18 of Chad Corcoran and the #7 of Ty Cavallin in turn 4. On the restart Billy and the #18 ran side by side with the #18 hanging tough on the outside. Going into turn 3 on the last lap, the brakes locked up on the #86 as Billy slid up the track making contact with the #18 though both drivers were able to hang on. A drag race to finish ensued with Billy holding on to lead flag to flag bringing home his first win of the season.



As Billy pulled off the track to head through tech, he came over the radio and said that it felt like something was broken in the right front as his steering alignment was way off. The team looked at the front end back in the pits and though they couldn't see any damage, they went ahead and adjusted the toe that had been knocked out from the contact with the #18. Billy lined up in the 7th position for the second feature and quickly jumped up into 4th as the outside line checked up after taking the green flag. The front group of cars strung out single file as Billy was starting to get into a nice rhythm and was starting to run down the top 3. After the first feature, Billy had commented that the car felt like it had no drive coming out of the corner and it soon became apparent why. Billy had dialled in the brakes all the way back to the rear as the front brakes were dragging which would explain why they had locked up at the end of the first feature. As Billy continued to run laps as the race hit the halfway mark, he noticed that the centre line on his steering wheel kept ending up in a different position each time he came out of the corner. Not wanting to risk something happening, Billy pulled off the track and headed to the pits early as it was apparent that some damage had been done to the steering rack because of the contact at the end of the first feature.

Sunday night Billy was interviewed on the popular Race Time Radio, if you would like to listen/watch the episode you can go to www.racetimeradio.com.

Billy and the #86 team are off for the Canada Day long week but will return to Flamboro for a regular night of racing on Saturday July 8th for twin 30-lap features. The pit gates open at 4:00PM, the front gates open at 5:00PM and racing gets underway at 6:30PM. Also added to the schedule is a rare mid-week show at Flamboro on Wednesday August 16th. An updated schedule is now available on our website at www.spiraracing.ca.