

Billy and the #86 woke up to nothing but rain on Saturday morning as Flamboro Speedway made the decision to postpone the Gold Rush 123 until the Sunday. Parts of the pits, the infield and the parking lot had flooded making running the race on Saturday impossible. Sunday morning was a different story with the sun shining as the team left the shop at 9:00AM to head to the speedway. Out of the twenty-one teams that had registered for the event, only a disappointing seventeen made it to the track in search of the \$10,000 first prize.



Practice was up first with Billy putting the #86 up into the 5th position in the first session and 7th in the second session with only minor adjustments required with an adjustment to the right front shock in the first session and a spring change in the right rear during the second session. Only sixteen cars would make it out of practice as the #31w of Rick Spencer-Walt blew an engine leaving only sixteen cars. Qualifying was up next will Billy set to head out on track in the second of the four groups where he qualified in the 11th position with a fast time of 15.338 seconds which was .199 seconds off the pole winning time of 15.139 set by the #22p of Chase Pinsonneault.

As the field took the green flag it didn't take long for the front four to start to separate themselves from the rest of the field. Billy took advantage of the preferred inside lane early on as he moved into the top-10 passing the #18 of Cole Quinton. Billy settled into the tail-end of a six-car train that continued to run nose to tail as the laps started to tick away. Despite taking a couple of looks on the inside of the #2 of Mark Burbridge, Billy stayed patient and waited for an opportunity to make a move without using up his tires. Contact between the #2 and the #27 of Kevin Albers sent the #27 up the racetrack allowing the #2 to get back with Billy following right behind him to move up into the 9th position. Despite a few cars pulling off the track throughout the course of the race, all 123 laps went green flag finishing in just over 35 minutes. As the laps counted down, Billy stayed patient and slowly started to pick his way up through the field as several cars started to fall off the pace. Despite getting lapped by the top-2 cars, Billy maintained his steady lap times and picked up a couple of more positions as he finished in the 7th position. Overall, both the team and driver were very happy with their performance as the car never lost its handling over the course of the entire race and Billy was the biggest mover of the race having picked up four positions from his original starting position of 11th.



Billy and the #86 team have a couple of weeks off before they return to Flamboro for a rare mid-week race on Wednesday August 16th. The pit gates open at 4:00PM, the front gates open at 5:00PM and racing gets underway at 6:30PM.