

With the next APC United Late Model Series race scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup> at Flamboro Speedway, Billy and the #86 team were greeted by a larger car count than usual when they arrived at the track as several pro late models were using the Saturday night show as a practice session in anticipation of the upcoming race.

Billy went out for the first practice session of the day where he was pleased with the handling of the car despite the spring rubber that was snuck into the right rear to see if Billy would like it more or less than the way the car handled during the last race. The team had put on a new set of tires to scuff them in as they wanted them in their inventory. The #86 was third quickest after first practice so the team put on their practice tires for the second session and Billy moved up to the quickest in the field. Feeling confident, the team put on the set of race tires from their previous week, filled the car with fuel and sent Billy out for the first of twin 25-lap features.

With one car deciding to start scratch at the tail-end of the field, Billy started the first feature on the inside of the second row in the 3<sup>rd</sup> position. As the field took the green flag, Billy took advantage of the inside land and quickly took over the 2<sup>nd</sup> behind the #2 of pole sitter Rick Burbridge. As the race started to close in on the halfway mark, Billy started to close in on the #2 as he started to set him up to make a pass for the lead. Coming out of turn 3 just past



halfway, Billy made his move on the inside of the #2 as the headed down the front straightaway. Behind them, contact a little further back sent the #55 of Chris Howse spinning in the middle of turns 3 & 4 bringing out the caution and putting Billy back into the 2<sup>nd</sup> on the restart. During the caution Billy came over the radio and told the team that the throttle was sticking and that it was something the team would need to look at before the next race. The #86 has been handling well on the outside this season and Billy continued to use it to his advantage as he ran hard on the outside of the #2 before he

was able to make the pass and takeover the lead. The caution came out one more time over the last half of the race, but Billy was able to pull out front and bring home his first feature win of the season.

After passing technical inspection, Billy brought the #86 back to the pits and the team went to work to see if they could see what was causing the issue with the throttle. The team found that one of the return springs on the throttle had broken and the spring had become tangled with the other springs causing the issue. No other adjustments were made as Billy was very happy with the handling of the car and felt like he could make a charge from the back of the field as he would be starting back in the 11<sup>th</sup> for the second feature. Starting on the preferred inside lane proved helpful off the start as Billy was able to pick up a couple of positions. An incident early in the race sent the field scrambling and had Billy on the brakes as several cars got together coming out of turn 2. The rest of the race ran caution free with Billy fighting hard for the 5<sup>th</sup> spot over the closing laps, but the car had started to tighten up over the last half of the race so had to settle for a 6<sup>th</sup> place finish.

Billy and the #86 team return to Flamboro Speedway on Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup> for "Meet the Drivers Night". The pit gates open at 4:00PM, the front gates at 5:00PM and racing gets underway at 6:30PM.