

After a week of rain, a break in the clouds, and much cooler temperatures, Billy and the #86 headed back to Flamboro Speedway for a regular night of racing featuring the Steel City Rumble Series opening night for the super stock class. With the next APC United Late Model Series race scheduled at Flamboro on June 14th, a higher car count than usual was expected with several cars from the APC Series expected to make an appearance. Anticipating the higher car count, Flamboro owner John Casale put out an announcement earlier in the week that the race would now be 50-laps rather than the usual twin 25 lap features and \$2,000.00 to the winner.

The team arrived at the track to find that several top runners in the APC Series were there including the #52 of Jake Sheridan, the #17 of opening APC Series season race winner Josh Stade and the #18 of Cole Quinton among others. The pro late models took to the track for practice with the #86 ending up 3rd on the board in the first session although the driver wasn't particularly happy with the handling of the #86 saying that it felt like it was all over the place and not planting through the corners like usual. The team made the decision to skip the second practice session which proved to be a mistake as the track would take the practice times from the second practice session to set the order for group qualifying putting the #86 in the first group.



While all the cars around them put on four new tires for qualifying, the #86 team stuck with their tire program of one new tire per night, putting on two new right-side tires while using their old left side tires which had close to 100 laps on them. This proved to be the difference between qualifying towards the front and qualifying mid pack as Billy found himself qualifying in the 7th position with a time of 15.390 seconds while the #52 of Sheridan took the pole with a time of 15.123 seconds. With a full schedule of racing and a couple of long red flags in the Ontario Sportsmen Series and in the pure stock class, it was 10:00PM by the time the pro late models hit the track to close out the night. The top-5 qualifiers were inverted for the feature with the #18 of Quinton leading the field to green flag. With the #27 of Kevin Albers starting one row ahead of him, Billy was planning on getting past him early and keeping him behind him all night as the two are locked in a tight points battle for the season championship. As the field came out of turn 2, the #81 of Jacob Mercer got loose on the high side which allowed the #27 to clear him and Billy followed behind in the inside to move into the 6th position. As Billy hounded the #27 from behind over the next couple of laps, he made his move going into turn 3 on lap 3 to take over the 5th position and move into the top-5. As Billy started to put some distance between himself and the #27 of Albers, the #18 had started to fall back through the field allowing Billy to move past him and into 4th on lap 14. The leaders had started to pull away from the rest of the field as Billy tried to run them down. As the laps started to tick away, Billy started to run lap times consistent with the #52, the #17 and the #89c of Shawn Chenoweth who was running ahead of him in the 3rd position, but it was too little too late as Billy brought home the #86 in the 4th position.

Billy and the #86 team get a few weeks off before they return to Flamboro Speedway on Saturday June 21st for a regular night of racing and the popular Meet the Drivers night. The pit gates open at 4:00PM, the front gates at 5:00PM and racing gets underway at 6:30PM.