



The summer heat was in full force as Billy and the #86 team arrived at Flamboro Speedway on Saturday where they immediately put up the tent supplied to them by Hy-Grade Steel Roofing System to protect the team from the blistering sun. With the next APC United Late Model Series race scheduled at Flamboro on July 12th, a few APC Series teams made an appearance including the #71 of Cory McAllister, the #51 of Mike Bentley and the #22 of two-time defending APC Series champion Kyle Steckly.

Billy exited the pits as the pro late model division took to the track for the first of two practice sessions; however, Billy quickly came over to the radio to report that the temperature had risen to 240 degrees and that he was coming back into the pits. Once the hood was removed and the engine had cooled, the team found that the cooling system had an air bubble that had produced steam at the temperature sensor and that had caused the temperature to build up. After putting some water into the radiator, the car was ready for the second practice session where Billy was quite happy with the handling of the #86 as he was second quickest behind the #22 of Steckly.

After chasing what was thought to be a power steering leak as the team had replaced a line that was thought to be the culprit, Billy lined up on the inside of the second row starting 3rd behind the #31 of Kevin Gallant in the first of two 25-lap features. The field took the green flag, and it was the outside line that had the advantage as the entire lane made its way past the #31 putting Billy and the #31 at the tail-end of the field. After voicing his displeasure over the radio, Billy was told that he was running .2 seconds quicker than the rest of the field as he got to work picking up as many positions as he could. The #86 mounted a furious charge as he moved into the 5th position by lap 3 and into the 3rd position by lap 13 as he started to run down the leaders while moving past the #22 of Steckly and the #71 of McAllister. With the #27 of Kevin Albers pacing the field, the #22 tucked in behind Billy as he continued his charge to the front. With ten laps to go, Billy passed the #51 of Bentley coming out of turn 2 with the #22 following him through. The laps continued to tick away as Billy got to the bumper of the #27 on lap 18 before making his move for the lead passing the #27 on the inside coming out of turn 2. With just seven laps remaining, Billy was able to keep the #22 at bay to pick up the win and his fifth feature win of the season with the #22 finishing 2nd and the #51 in 3rd.



By virtue of winning the first feature of the night, Billy found himself on the inside of row 3 starting 6th for the second and final feature of the night. The #86 was hooked up on the bottom right off the drop of the green flag as he



picked up a couple of positions again coming out of turn 2 as contact towards the front of the field caused the outside lane to check up allowing the #86 to move up into 3rd as they completed lap 1. After a spirited side by side battle with the #51 of Bentley, Billy moved up into the 2nd position out of turn 4 with 15 laps to go. Just two laps later he made quick work of the #71 of McAllister to take over the lead and looking to sweep the night for the second time this season. The #22 of Steckly was right on the bumper of the #86 over the next 15 laps putting on quite the show for the fans in attendance. With the #86 handling so well on the bottom of the track, the

#22 couldn't make a move as Billy held on to the lead with five laps to go. At the back of the field, things were starting to get a little hairy as the #51, the #71 and the #27 were all running tightly together before contact between the #71 and the #27 would send the #27 hard into the outside wall in turn 4 bringing out the caution with just two laps remaining. A late race restart was not what Billy wanted to see as the #22 would now restart on the outside of Billy setting up what was sure to be an exciting finish. As the #86 led the field to the green flag, the #22 made his move as he pulled ahead coming out of turn 4 and down the front straightaway before completing the pass out of turn 2 putting Billy back into the 2nd position. Despite a couple of looks Billy would have to settle for 2nd as the win slipped away and the #22 picked up the win.

Billy and the #86 team enjoy a weekend off before they return to Flamboro Speedway on Saturday July 19th for a regular night of racing. The pit gates open at 4:00PM, the front gates at 5:00PM and racing gets underway at 6:30PM.