

Long Weekend Comes to an Abrupt End at Cornwall Motor Speedway

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When the weekend started, Matt Billings had a busy weekend lined up, taking full advantage of our Canadian Victoria Day long weekend, and the beautiful summer weather that was in store. Billings traveled to Chapman's Can Am Motorsports Park on Friday, Brockville Speedway on Saturday, and if all went well, they would go to the 100 lap event at Cornwall on Sunday before taking off to Merrittville Speedway on Monday for their kickoff of the 2010 358 Modified Super DIRTcar Series. Billings would have been the only driver to race at all four events of the weekend.

The weekend started out well for Billings and his team. After a second place finish in class at Can Am, and a 6th place overall finish, Billings was looking for big results at the hometown Brockville Ontario Speedway on Saturday night. While he didn't get the win, he did manage to finish 9th and extend his impressive streak of top 10 finishes to eight, including a pair of wins, in just eight races in his rookie season in his Billings Automotive, Stealth Racewear, Race 101, Turn One High Performance Steering Systems, Pastime Motors, Babe Design, Finish Line Web Design, Carquest and Engine Research sponsored Bicknell car.

A jam-packed pit area at Cornwall Speedway on Sunday, with some tough competition put Billings and team to test. This was the first ever 100-lap feature for Matt, and it threw the team a bit of curve ball as to how the car would handle in the early stages of the race with a full fuel cell. A fourth place finish in his qualifying heat locked him into the main event, placing him in the 14th position. Billings held his own through the first part of the race, patiently biding his time as the laps ticked off. Just before the halfway point, on lap 49, two cars spun, coming off turn four, leaving nowhere for Billings to go, and ending the night early, and the weekend.

"We had some pretty major damage to the rear end of the car", says Billings. "It is really disappointing as I was looking forward to going to Merrittville tomorrow, but we have a lot of work to do on the car, and we wont be able to make it".

It will be another busy weekend this coming weekend as our great friends from across the border take their turn to celebrate the first long weekend of the summer with their Memorial Day Weekend events. The Billings team will travel to Chapman's Can Am Motorsports Park on Friday night for the first round of the newly formed SUNY Canton 358 Modified Series. Unlike most nights at Can Am where the Small Blocks must compete against the more powerful Big Blocks, this weekend the Small Block Modifieds will take center stage, and Billings will be looking to win the inaugural Series opener. On Sunday, the Billings team will conclude the weekend with another stop at the Cornwall Motor Speedway, looking for better results then the previous week.

For more information on Matt Billings and the Billings Racing Team, please visit our website, www.mattbillings74.com.



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Matt Billings races for position at Cornwall Motor Speedway. (Rick Young Photo)