

## **Billings Continues Great Season With Strong Finishes This Weekend**

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The success of 358 Modified rookie Matt Billings continues to grow, as he posts top five and top ten finishes on a regular basis. With a full weekend of racing on schedule, Billings and his team were looking big results at Chapman's Can Am Motorsports Park, Brockville Speedway and Cornwall Motor Speedway.

On Friday night, the Billings team traveled to Chapman's Can Am Motorsports Park, Arguably one of Matt's favorite tracks, Can Am has been the scene of many great moments for Matt, including a 358 Modified win just a few weeks previous.

The evening started out with a win in his qualifying heat. In the 25-lap feature, the first of the SUNY Canton Series for 358 Modifieds, Billings lined up on the starting grid in 7<sup>th</sup> place. He quickly moved into the top five, and as the field got spread out, it made it tough to advance any further. At the checkered flag, Billings was in 4<sup>th</sup> place.

"It was a good run for us, but once we got to 4<sup>th</sup> we couldn't gain anymore. We will move on, and hope for a little more next week", says a determined Billings.

On Saturday night, Billings was at his home track, Brockville Ontario Speedway. Billings started his qualifying heat race from 6<sup>th</sup> place and moved up to third at the checkered flag.

In the 30-lap feature, he started from 10<sup>th</sup> place, and quickly moved his way to the front. Despite an ill-handling car, Billings was able to work his way towards the front taking 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 to another 4<sup>th</sup> place finish.

"It was pretty tough out there. We were fortunate to get up into the top five tonight, but we will work on it, and we are still looking for a little more here at the BOS, this is a tough racetrack with unbelievable competition", says Billings.

Cornwall Motor Speedway was up next with a Sunday evening event. Billings was involved in a lap one incident after contact with another driver sent him spinning off turn one. After a quick pit stop, he was able to rejoin the back of the field. Unable to make up ground in his heat race, Billings was credited with a 6<sup>th</sup> place finish. In the feature, a 16<sup>th</sup> starting spot left some work to do in the 30 lap feature. It was a slow climb through the field, and the brief rain shower that fell over the track during the feature didn't help their cause. Billings finished 10<sup>th</sup>.

“We really didn’t make enough changes to the car before the feature. We expected it to be tacky, but the track slicked up, and then the rain on top of that didn’t help at all”, commented Billings after the race.

Away from the track, Billings has been nominated as one of the finalists for Sports Person of the year for 2009. With his phenomenal season, Billings stands a great chance to win the prestigious award. The ceremony will take place on Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at CJ’s banquet hall in Brockville. People in attendance will vote for Matt and the other finalists. You can purchase your tickets for the banquet, and to support Matt by contacting Craig Revelle at 613-382-7199 or by emailing [crevelle@ripnet.com](mailto:crevelle@ripnet.com). Tickets are also available CHUM radio, Flowers Brockville, Quickie in Kensington Plaza, Brockville Smoke Shop and Young’s of Prescott.

The Billings team will be back at Chapman’s Can Am Motorsports Park on Friday night, Brockville on Saturday and Cornwall on Sunday.

For more information on Matt Billings and the Billings Racing Team, please visit our website, [www.mattbillings74.com](http://www.mattbillings74.com).



Matt Billings at Chapman’s Can Am Motorsports Park (Rebecca Eisele Photo)

