

Billings Survives Brockville Marathon and Finishes Third; Rough Conditions at MIR Forces Billings out Early

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With the region continuing to be hit by rain almost daily, Matt Billings and his team from Brockville, Ontario not only have been battling their competitors, but each race so far this season, they have had to battle less than ideal track conditions, as the wet weather has caused fits for race teams as the soft grounds tear up with the pounding from the powerful Modifieds. The team had planned to race at Chapman's Can Am Motorsports Park on Friday night, Brockville Speedway on Saturday night, but once again, rain played a major roll in the weekend events.

Rain developed late last Thursday lasting well into Friday, forcing Can Am to cancel their racing program, and soon after Mohawk Raceway, in Hogsburg, New York did the same. With Monday being a holiday on the other side of the border as they celebrated Memorial Day, MIR officials took the opportunity to hold the rained out Friday events on Monday evening.

On Saturday night at Brockville, it was survival of the fittest, as several cars ended the night with torn up equipment. Billings began the night with a second place finish in his qualifying heat, and lined up 12th for the 30 lap main event. Narrowly avoiding both incidents that caused red flags and heavy damage to other cars, Billings escaped the carnage and went on to finish third at Brockville, matching his finish from opening night.

"It was a tough night out there tonight. I don't know what it is, but it sure wasn't a great night at the track. I am happy that we salvaged a third place out of this and hopefully next week will be much better racing", says Billings. "We were able to get out of here with the car still in one piece, so we have to be happy with that".

On Monday night, with Mohawk Raceway rescheduling their Friday night's cancelled features Billings seized the opportunity to get some track time. Billings only has one other visit to the Speedway back last fall, and felt the seat time was valuable. Again, they dealt with very rough conditions, but Billings scored a second place finish in his qualifying heat after starting from fourth. In the 50 lap feature, Billings started from fifth and had a fast car early, moving up to third. On lap 13, battling in lapped traffic, Billings made contact with one of the slower cars, folding up the front end and ending the night early.

This coming weekend Billings will be back at Can Am on Friday night, and Brockville Speedway on Saturday night. Billings has been real fast of late, and the first win of 2011 is just around the corner. Billings Motorsports would like to invite everyone to stop by the Brockville Speedway website, www.brockvillespeedway.com and place your vote for Matt Billings for the Double Dash for Cash event on June 18th.

Matt Billings is a proud supporter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation, taking part in a fundraiser earlier this year. He will also take part in a fundraiser later in the year for the Alzheimer's Society of Canada. In addition, Billings will have his car on display in Brockville on June 1st at Tim Horton's on William St. for their Camp Day events. For more information on the Heart and Stroke Foundation, please visit www.heartandstroke.ca or for the Alzheimer's Society, please visit www.alzheimer.ca.

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Matt Billings scores a third place at Brockville for the second week in a row.
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