

Weekend of October 22nd – 24th: Lee USA Speedway

This weekend, Austin Brehio Racing ventured to yet, another new track – Lee USA Speedway in Lee, NH. Austin left school early on Friday to head over to practice. Due to a last minute change in the order of events, he missed his first practice and was only able to get onto the track twice during the entire session. He felt that the car was very loose both times, but he liked the track. He said it was “the easiest track I’ve run on. It is just like a go-kart track with wide sweeping corners and short straight-aways.” He felt comfortable on it right away!

He went to the track Saturday for one last practice after the team had made numerous adjustments to the car. For this practice – the car was actually tight. He wasn’t able to stay for the heat race because he had a soccer game in Goffstown at 2:45 in the afternoon. They tied that game and are still undefeated with only one more game to go in the regular season.

Sunday was race day. It was very cloudy and cold. The features began and were going quite well. His feature was lined up while the modifieds were running their 100-lap event. However, on lap 68 of that race, the rain came – resulting in a 1.5 hour rain delay. At the end of that, the track was dry and they decided to run Austin’s feature before finishing the modified event. Austin started in 14th out of 19 cars. On the first lap, he passed three cars right away and was flying up the outside. However, he was a little too anxious and tried to tuck his car under the #2 on the second lap going into turn 3 and ended up getting on the rumble strips and spinning out. Luckily no one ran into him, so he just went to the rear of the field to start working his way back up through. He was moving back up through the pack and was going into turn 1 when the #08 of Josh Ball made a late entry under Austin just as Austin was coming down into his groove, so Ball caught Austin’s left rear quarter panel spinning Austin in the middle of the turn. So – back to the rear AGAIN! He still was doing a great job working his way back up through the all the way up to 7th or 8th when the #88 pinched Austin a little in turn 1 and 2, resulting in Austin getting his left-side tires down in the wet grass and causing ANOTHER spin. To the rear for a 3rd TIME! This time, he was able to keep working his way up through the pack, avoiding a couple more accidents in front of him and working his way up to a 4th place finish! We were very proud of him for doing such a great job at a new track.

Unfortunately in tech after the race, his car was found to be a little light in weight – so he was disqualified. It was still a great experience for him and he loved the track!