

## **Sitterly takes solid point lead at Oswego with another top 3 Saturday**

**Oswego, NY, June 21, 2009** – Otto Sitterly gave the Nicotra Racing No. 7 a fine run Saturday night at Oswego Speedway, driving to another top-three finish with a solid third-place run. Otto started 12<sup>th</sup> in the 22-car, 45-lap supermodified feature and, like he has all season, worked his way through the fast field of supers, taking the third spot away from Stephen Gioia III on Lap 43 to ensure his fourth top-three finish of the season.

Otto's prime competitor for the 2009 Oswego supermodified track championship, Doug Didero, fell victim to an early race accident, forcing his No. 3 to go off on the hook. Didero's misfortune and Otto's terrific run now give the Nictora-owned, G&I Homes Inc.-sponsored No. 7 a 37-point lead over Joey Payne with a little more than half of the '09 season in the record books.

But Otto, always focused on improvement, wasn't thinking about the points after Saturday's 45 lapper. He spoke about his run: "It was a long race. The car was pretty good but we were a little too tight and I couldn't really make the passes on the outside the way I wanted to. I got squeezed a few times but I think if the car was on, I should have been able to make the pass (for third) sooner. I just needed a little bit more time; I got into third place around two to go, and I just didn't have time."

Sitterly now has an unprecedented record at Oswego so far this season. In seven 2009 supermodified features at The Steel Palace, Otto has two wins, four top 3s, five top 5s and a sixth-place finish in the King of Wings 50. The Nicotra team also took their show to the road last week for an ISMA event at Stafford Speedway, finishing a strong seventh in a 28-car field at the half-mile Connecticut oval.

Otto, who has more wins this year than he did in all of 2007 and '08, says a more consistent approach to the weekly setup of their cars is what's making the difference.

"Basically, this year my philosophy with the racecar is that we have a pretty decent, raceable car and I'm not changing a whole lot. This is my fourth year with a Hawk car and other than little changes we make here and there, the R and D if you will that we've done the last couple years, that's over with. Last year, we brought a different spring and weight package to the track every week, and tried all kinds of different things, and those days are gone.

"Now, we feel like each week we unload, we pretty much know the racecar we have."

Oswego is taking the week off for Sandusky Speedway's 32<sup>nd</sup>-annual Hy-Miler Supermodified Nationals. Otto will be back in action Saturday, Aug. 1, for the \$10,000-to-win Mr. Supermodified 50 at Oswego.

**About Nicotra Racing and Otto Sitterly**

John Nicotra is in his third year of supermodified car ownership. He owns two cars (No. 6 and No. 7) – one driven by Otto Sitterly weekly at Oswego and the other a backup for Otto but primarily saved for Indy car racer Davey Hamilton. With Otto behind the wheel, the team won the Oswego track championship in 2008 and now has its sight set on a second straight title at the lakeside oval.

Otto Sitterly is a supermodified veteran who has 11 supermodified feature wins and two Oswego track championships to his credit. He fielded his own No. 79 before teaming with Nicotra Racing in 2007. Now, he's looking for his third Oswego title and his first win in Oswego's prestigious Budweiser International Classic 200 this Labor Day weekend.

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