

## Sitterly battles “tight” car on way to 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at Oswego

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**Oswego, N.Y. - Aug. 11, 2009** – A season certainly is going well when a third-place finish is a slight disappointment. That’s the case with the potent Nicotra Racing No. 7 supermodified team. A third-place finish in the Just The Right Stuff / Fleet Pride-sponsored 45-lap main Saturday night at Oswego Speedway had Otto Sitterly sounding a bit disappointed following the race, even when considering the Canajoharie, New York, racer started 10<sup>th</sup> in the feature and passed more cars than anyone else in the race.

“We were just extremely tight,” Sitterly stated. “It is what it is. I don’t know why; maybe the Silver Crown cars put some different rubber on the track Thursday night. We didn’t alter our setup really. We were just desperately, hanging on... tight. Totally protecting, and not going. I tried the outside a couple of times when we had that restart and I got behind (Joe) Gosek and (Doug) Didero, and I just couldn’t turn the car.”

Sitterly finished behind race winner Didero and Gosek in the feature after finishing second in his 12-lap heat. The night proved another consistent one for the driver of the G&I Homes No. 7; the third-place result was his fifth top three of the season.

The Nicotra-owned team now has two wins, five top 3s and an unmatched seven top 5s in seven non-winged Oswego features this season. In three winged supermodified starts, the team has a DNF in the Oswego opener, a sixth in the King of Wings 50 and a solid seventh in an ISMA 50 lapper at Connecticut’s Stafford Motor Speedway.

The statistics tell the story – Sitterly and the potent Nicotra 7 have only finished worse than seventh once all season while racing against stout competition in both non-winged and winged affairs. Sitterly has finished no worse than fourth in seven non-winged Oswego starts.

The consistency is proving reward as Otto holds a 29-point lead over Didero in the Oswego supermodified point standings. Two nights of racing remain – a regular 45 lapper this Saturday and twin 30s on Aug. 22, which will close out the Oswego regular season. Sitterly and Didero have proven to be the fastest cars week in and week out at Oswego, and an exciting finish to an ultra-competitive season looks to be in store for them and the rest of the Oswego supers.

They’ll get back at it this Saturday night.