

## **Santos has third Nicotra car if he wants it**

**HOMESTEAD, Fla. (Jan. 24, 2010)** – Open-wheel racing star Bobby Santos III found a new supermodified ride last September when John Nicotra Racing purchased a third car just before Oswego Speedway's International Classic weekend. The purchase resulted in an open seat, and Nicotra called Santos and the two struck a deal for the Classic 200. Santos was running a steady race in the top 10 before a late-race accident ended his day early.

According to Nicotra, Santos will be the driver of the No. 6 Hawk Jr. Chassis on Classic weekend, if his schedule allows him to make it to Oswego.

“Bobby is an outstanding driver and the car is his if he wants it,” Nicotra said. “If Bobby can't make it, we'll find somebody else to drive it. But we'd really like Bobby if he can get to Oswego for at least the Classic.”

Nicotra says the team hopes to run all three cars at some point during the 2010 regular season, but probably won't run all three at one time until Classic weekend. Defending Classic champion Otto Sitterly, who maintains all three mounts at his Canajoharie, N.Y., shop, will race weekly at Oswego. Indy car star Davey Hamilton will race opening day and potentially a few other shows before the Classic.

While preparing for the new season, Nicotra took some time to reflect on his first three years of supermodified car ownership.

“We've accomplished a lot in just three years, and I have to give the credit to Otto, Davey, our sponsors and everyone on the team,” Nicotra said. “I'm looking forward to another great season with three great cars and three great drivers. We hope Bobby (Santos) comes back to run with us. We're really happy to have Davey on opening day; it'll be his final warm up before Indy. He hopes to run a few shows for us and then the Classic. Of course Otto will be there every week giving it 100 percent. The guy is unbelievable.”

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