

## **Otto wins third in a row with a heavy heart**

Oswego, N.Y. – Otto Sitterly is automatic at Oswego Speedway so far this season. Sitterly drove to his third non-wing supermodified win in three weeks and fourth in a row Saturday night in the Jim Shampine Memorial 75. Otto started 11<sup>th</sup> and passed Ray Graham Jr. for the win on lap 58.

Sitterly entered Oswego's gates Saturday with a heavy heart. A loyal crewmember had fallen earlier in the week, and Al Castrucci's death was clear in the minds of Otto and the entire Nicotra Racing team.

"It means a lot to win the Shampine Memorial," Sitterly began. "Today we're thinking about my friend Al Castrucci, who we lost this past week. He passed away and it brings mixed emotions. This is my third Shampine Memorial win and that means a lot and it's great to win three in a row, but it meant a lot to me and everyone on this crew to win for Albert tonight."

The wins aren't getting any easier. Past the halfway mark, Otto had to work on a strong-running Dave McKnight for second while Graham was several seconds ahead in the lead. Otto made an inside turn one pass on McKnight, which resulted in McKnight spinning out.

"It was a tight pass on my part. He and I were racing hard with each other and we've both been really good with each other. I was a little late and he wasn't going to give me any room. I think we brushed and he went around. I have to go down and talk to Dave," Otto commented.

The yellow put Otto on Graham's tail and at the restart a spirited battle for the lead ensued. It took Otto a number of laps, but another stick to the inside lane on lap 58 got the job done.

"I sized Ray up for a couple laps and a couple times I got under him. He just wasn't ready to give that up. I drove to the outside of him once, and he wasn't ready to give that up. And about the third attempt, I believe he thought I was going to go around him and he drifted up a bit and I just went under him," Sitterly said.

The G&I Homes Nicotra Racing No. 7 now sits 51 points ahead of Pat Lavery in the Oswego standings. To put the point lead in perspective, Sitterly won the last two Oswego championships by 29 and 30 markers.

Otto is back in action this Saturday, June 5, for a regular 45-lapper at the fast five-eighths. It will mark the fourth race in four weeks at Oswego before the first week off of the season.

Time will tell if the night marks Otto's fourth win in four weeks.

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