

Otto nets a pair of seconds in last two Oswego features

OSWEGO, N.Y. – Otto Sitterly is not hanging his head after finishing second for the third straight supermodified feature at Oswego Speedway. After winning the first four races of the season, the Canajoharie, N.Y., shoe hasn't graced victory lane since early June but continues to rack up top finishes at the lakeside oval. Entering the final regular-season race on Aug. 21, Sitterly holds a commanding point lead over New Jersey's Joey Payne and has to do very little other than show up in two weeks in order to ensure his third straight Oswego track championship.

Sitterly finished second to Ray Graham Jr. in the \$10,000-To-Win Mr. Supermodified 50-lapper Aug. 1. The G&I Homes-sponsored Nicotra Racing team returned Saturday to run second to Jerry Curran in the 60th Anniversary 60-lap special.

Sitterly has started 10th or worse in nearly every feature this season, and he continues to pass the most cars on a weekly basis. But when a consistent winner stops visiting the top step of the podium, albeit finishing second, the natural question is, "What's wrong?"

"Other than one night, we've been first or second all year," Otto stated. "We're not hanging our heads. We've got a really good (Budweiser International) Classic racecar and we'll come back here in two weeks and have a really good car for the twin 30s."

When asked about the 60-lap affair, Otto gave credit to Curran, an Oswego veteran who's had a string of bad luck in recent years.

"The car wasn't perfect but first of all, Jerry was fast. We were extremely tight. The car just tightened up and it's done it a couple of weeks in a row. We've made some changes to the car to try to make it better early in the feature. It's real good early in the feature, but it's just not as good late so we need to make some changes. But we're pretty happy for this time of year, and Classic is just around the corner and we have a real good car for that race," Sitterly said.

As stated, only one race remains before the most prestigious supermodified race of the season. Otto and the non-winged supers will return to Oswego Aug. 21 for twin 30-lap affairs, which are a longtime tradition at The Big O. Oswego will then take a week off before swinging the gates open Friday, Sept. 3 for 2010's version of Budweiser International Classic weekend. The weekend will end with the 200-lap Classic, a race Otto won for the first time last year.

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