

Otto runs second to Ritskes

Oswego, N.Y. (August 22, 2011) – Otto Sitterly was the bridesmaid for the first time this season Saturday at Oswego Speedway.

In a year that's had plenty of ups and downs, Sitterly wheeled his G&I Homes Nicotra Racing No. 7 supermodified to a second-place result in Saturday night's 50-lap feature at the Big O. The finish marked the first time Otto has finished second in a main event this season, and one of the few times he's finished inside the top five and not won.

Sitterly started 10th in the 24-car field and had to work hard to get into the top five. After moving into seventh a few laps into the affair, Ray Graham Jr. was able to scoot by Otto, relegating him to eighth.

Otto worked hard to move back into seventh on the 12th lap before getting past Jerry Curran and Graham for fifth by lap 20. Sitterly quickly wheeled his Hawk Jr mount past Stephen Gioia, Dave McKnight and others to take over the runner-up position on lap 21.

For the second week in a row, Dave Danzer's No. 52 raced out front with Otto chasing. But this week the hand was played a little different as a hard-charging Randy Ritskes raced his super past both Otto and Danzer just before lap 30. Otto followed Ritskes past the 52 a lap later, and over the last 20 laps the veterans waged one of the best battles the lakeside oval has seen all season.

Otto flexed his muscle and passed Ritskes with a handful of laps remaining, but Ritskes regained the lead a lap later and fended off Otto's challenges to the finish.

Sitterly had to settle for second, giving the Nicotra team six top-five results on the season. Otto is still the top feature winner of the year with three triumphs, while Ritskes and Graham each have two.

One regular season race remains for the Oswego supermodifieds, coming this Saturday night. Track champions will be crowned, and Otto still has an outside shot at his fourth championship in a row and fifth overall. He enters the night in third place – 31 points behind leader Joe Gosek and 22 back of second-place Ritskes.

If both Gosek and Ritskes have bad luck, Otto has a shot.

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