

## **Regular season complete, Nicotra Racing turns attention to Classic**

Oswego, N.Y. - August 29, 2011 – Otto Sitterly and the G&I Homes-sponsored Nicotra Racing team finished up their 2011 Oswego Speedway regular season Saturday night and now shifts focus to the biggest supermodified event of the year, Classic Weekend, highlighted by this Sunday's Budweiser International Classic 200.

Otto had a fast car again Saturday night in the regular season finale. A second-place run in his heat race, which saw Sitterly turn a lightning fast lap of 16.741, had the blue No. 7 starting 12<sup>th</sup> in the 50-lap main.

Still with an outside shot at his fourth Oswego track championship in a row, Otto needed to win and simply hope Joe Gosek and Randy Ritskes, who both entered the night about 30 points ahead, experienced some bad luck.

Unfortunately, it was Otto who was dealt a bad hand. While racing through the field and clearly touting one of fastest cars on the track, Otto passed Joey Payne near lap 30 to enter the top five. On the next lap, Payne got into Sitterly's rear bumper, sending the Nicotra-owned mount around and into the wall.

Damage was done to the car forcing its retirement, albeit not nearly as much as the car Otto had been running, which was nearly destroyed a few weeks ago in the Mr. Supermodified feature.

Nicotra assessed the damage to the new Hawk Jr chassis, which finished first and second this month in its first two races with Sitterly behind the wheel.

"I don't think the car's too bad. I know Otto's bummed out. All four wheels are good; we lost the rear wing, front wing and some body panels. I think the front axle is bent just a little bit. This car should be back together pretty quick. We just lost a lot of respect for Joey Payne tonight," Nicotra said.

The accident relegated Otto to a 17<sup>th</sup>-place result but did not affect his position in the points. Sitterly entered and finished the night third in Oswego standings.

It's still up in the air as to how many cars Nicotra Racing will field in Sunday's Classic. Work continues on the chassis heavily damaged in the Mr. Supermodified race, and it's not clear as to whether or not it will be ready for this weekend's activities.

Nicotra stated to LakesideRacingNews.com's Chris Porter that he'll draw for three pit stalls for Classic weekend, but he's not sure the team will have three cars in attendance.

Nicotra has stated that Davey Hamilton will most likely not be able to make it to Oswego for the Classic and multi-time ISMA champion Chris Perley will pilot Nicotra Racing's second car.

**About Nicotra Racing**

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