

## **Otto, Davey one-two in Oswego opener!**

OSWEGO, N.Y. (May, 7, 2012) – Nicotra Racing started the 2012 season the same way they ended 2011 – one-two in the supermodified main event at Oswego Speedway.

After Otto Sitterly won last year's Budweiser International Classic 200 over teammate Mike Lichty, the Canajoharie, N.Y., racer won Saturday night's season opener at the Big O over teammate Davey Hamilton in a 50-lap event that saw Sitterly race from deep in the pack and make the pass on David Gruel for the victory.

The win marked Otto's fourth season-opening win at Oswego (2006, 2008, 2010, 2012) as he continues to make his presence known in the speedway's record books.

Otto took the lead with an inside pass on Gruel on lap 46. The pass actually was the second overtaking move Sitterly had to make on Gruel for the lead; the caution waved within the same lap when Otto first passed the Double Deuce Racing driver for the lead.

Hamilton, who looked like he was in position to score his first Oswego victory behind the wheel of a Nicotra Racing super, followed Otto through on the inside of Gruel and ended up in second.

"I was really nervous today and actually for the last week," Sitterly admitted after the win. "Everybody's really fast and we've got a new tire and we're probably going a little bit faster than we need to. It seemed to slow down in the feature but we need everybody to be able to race one another. This one wasn't a gift by any means. We started back in 12<sup>th</sup> and worked our way through the pack early and took the inside lane to make it by David Gruel.

"The cars are so even," Otto added. "If you're going to wait, you're going to finish 10<sup>th</sup>."

"Obviously, we're really happy to start the new season the same way we ended last year," John Nicotra said. "Otto hit the setup perfect on his car and Davey was a little tight. It's quite an accomplishment for Otto to win four times on opening day. Davey did great, too; it was definitely one of his best runs in one of our cars."

Otto's four wins on opening day puts him in a tie with Joe Gosek and Mike Ordway, behind only Jim Champine (seven) and Bentley Warren (five).

Next up for Nicotra Racing is the Jim Champine Memorial 75, Saturday, May 26 at The Steel Palace.

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