

### **Otto's Top-five Streak Ends at Five**

OSWEGO, N.Y. (June 16, 2012) – Otto Sitterly began the 2012 Novelis Supermodified season at Oswego Speedway as the only driver to finish in the top five in the first four races, including wins on opening night and Memorial Day weekend's Shampine Memorial 75.

But Sitterly's luck finally went sour Saturday, June 16, when he was involved in a lap 36 incident with Dave Gruel while racing in the top five and making a bid for the fourth position.

Otto made a lap 34 pass on Brian Sobus to move into the fifth position. With 15 laps remaining a caution slowed the field, giving Otto a chance to move deeper into the top five and potentially have a shot at leader and eventual winner Mike Barnes.

Sitterly jumped to the outside of Dave Gruel on the lap 36 restart and the two drivers touched entering turn three. Gruel was able to continue but Otto jumped the nerf bar of Gruel's machine and his Nicotra Racing G&I Homes car made contact with the outside wall.

The contact was enough to end Otto's night after another valiant effort that included passing numerous cars in another hard charge to the front from the 12<sup>th</sup> starting position. He was credited with finishing 14<sup>th</sup>.

The up-side is that Oswego has its first week off since before Memorial Day, giving Otto and the Nicotra team an extra week to repair the No. 7.

Despite Otto's first DNF of the season he still leads the Oswego supermodified point standings by 20 markers over Pat Lavery.

Next up for Otto and the Nicotra Racing team is a 75-lap feature Saturday, June 30.