

Otto Takes Third, Extends Point Lead

OSWEGO, N.Y. (July 14, 2012) – Otto Sitterly netted his fifth top-five result of the season with a third-place run Saturday night in the Novelis Supermodified 50-lap feature at Oswego Speedway.

The third-place result – Otto’s first top-five finish in over a month (since June 9) – was one position better than Pat Lavery. This is significant because Lavery entered the night only six points back of the G&I Homes Nicotra Racing No. 7 in the Oswego supermodified standings. Otto’s point lead is now 11 markers heading into the July 21 Race of Champions show.

Sitterly finished second in his heat race and started ninth in the feature. When the green flag waved, Otto began marching his Hawk Jr chassis to the front – a sight Oswego fans have witnessed each and every week during the 2012 campaign.

Sitterly moved into the top five on lap nine, and made it past Jerry Curran for fourth on lap 12. The Canajoharie shoe then had to work on up-and-comer Shaun Gosselin for nearly 20 laps before making an inside move on Gosselin’s No. 26 on lap 30 to take away the third position.

But third-place was all she wrote on this night. With Ray Graham Jr. and Randy Ritskes ahead, Otto stayed glued to Ritskes’ rear bumper over the remaining 20 laps, but couldn’t muster enough to pass the Canadian.

Otto now has two wins, a third, two fifths and a pair of DNFs in seven nights of racing thus far.

Nicotra Racing debuted the newest Hawk Jr chassis at Friday evening’s “Fast Friday” practice at Oswego. Otto shook down the new car and will continue testing until he believes it is ready to race.

Next up is the annual Race of Champions weekend at Oswego, this weekend, July 20-21. Otto will be looking for win No. 3 on the year in Saturday’s special 62-lap supermodified feature.