

OTTO CLOSES SEASON WITH WIN AT OSWEGO'S FALL CHAMPIONSHIP

OSWEGO, N.Y. (Sept. 16, 2012) – On a cool overcast Saturday night at Oswego Speedway, Canajoharie, NY's Otto Sitterly once again prevailed in the Novelis Supermodified division behind the wheel of the brand new Nicotra Racing No. 7. Based on the qualifying inversion draw Sitterly, the reigning champion of the Budweiser International Classic 200, started on the pole position and led all 75-laps to earn the top prize of \$2,500 as the champion of The Post-Standard and Syracuse.com Fall Championship at the Steel Palace.

Sitterly had to hold off the late charge of Mexico, NY driver Mike Barnes on his way to the victory. Barnes passed several cars in the final circuits to close on Sitterly, but was unable to make the final pass off of the fourth corner to earn the win. The 2012 championship runner-up Pat Lavery finished in the third position ahead of Jeff Holbrook and Kody Graham in the Top 5 positions. Ray Graham, Brian Sobus, Stephen Gioia III, Dave Gruel, and Shaun Gosselin filled the Top 10 order.

“Starting position really means everything,” said Sitterly in Chris Nelson Insurance Victory Lane. “Mike Barnes was really coming on there at the end, so nice run for those guys. This is a great way to end the season it was just unfortunate that it was such a long race for everyone, but that is how it goes sometimes.”

Sitterly went on to comment on the newer Hawk chassis he piloted on Saturday night, which earned its first Oswego Speedway main event win.

“It will go around the outside, but it really is a handful to drive,” said Sitterly. “It sounds foolish, but it is really not that good right now. The car just isn't that good in traffic and it changes dramatically from when you start to the end of the race. At points in time it is all over the track, it really is a handful.”

Sitterly ended another terrific season at Oswego with four feature wins, including his third International Classic 200 triumph, and his fifth Oswego supermodified track championship.

The coming months may see Sitterly and the Nicotra Racing team travel to New England for the season-closing ISMA winged races, but no official decision has been made.

The winter will see the Nicotra team concentrate on improvements to the new Hawk Jr chassis while routine service of the team's other two more proven Hawk Jr chassis.