

## **OTTO NETS TWO TOP-FIVES ON JUNE 15 AT OSWEGO**

OSWEGO, N.Y. (June 18, 2013) – Otto Sitterly raced his G&I Homes Nicotra Racing supermodified to a pair of top-five runs at Oswego Speedway Saturday night. Sitterly finished second in the 50-lap Novelis Supermodified makeup feature from the June 1 rainout and took fifth in the regularly scheduled 50-lapper.

In the first main event, Otto started 10<sup>th</sup> and quickly showed speed in the Nicotra No. 7. Otto passed several cars in the early going to move into fourth place and challenge early leaders Kody Graham, Pat Lavery and Shaun Gosselin.

The running order shook up around the lap 30 mark, when Lavery made it past Graham for the lead and Sitterly advanced his Hawk Jr chassis to second. A caution with about 10 laps to go put Otto on Lavery's bumper for the restart, and a clear shot at the team's third win of the season.

But Lavery had enough in his Hawk Jr chassis to pull away from Otto over the remaining 10 laps. The win gave the Oswego driver his first feature win, while Otto captured his 87<sup>th</sup> career top-five supermodified finish at the Big O (10<sup>th</sup> all time).

“Congratulations to Pat, Hoef, Billy and all those guys,” said Sitterly. “It is long overdue of course, everybody knew it was coming. Now he'll probably rattle off about six of them here in the next couple years. It was a little bit of a crapshoot as to what we were going to have today; we don't run too many day features. We were good, a little tight, but no excuses they were better than us today.”

The nightcap saw Otto start 12<sup>th</sup> and become involved in an early race accident. Lavery and Jerry Curran came together in turns one and two with Lavery's machine taking considerable damage. With nowhere to go, Otto spun the No. 7 which resulted in some damage to the tail section.

Sitterly went pitside for service and restarted the race at the back of the field. Otto began another march forward, passing a host of fast supermodifieds to move into the eighth position.

A restart with 14 laps to go resulted in a championship-caliber move from the Canajoharie, N.Y., veteran. When the green flag waved, Sitterly swung his Nicotra machine to the outside of Tim Devendorf, Dan Connors and Tim Snyder in turns three and four, passing all three in one shot and moving into the top five.

But that was all Otto could muster in this one. He worked hard on Joe Gosek throughout the last 10 laps, but Gosek had just enough to hang onto the fourth position. Otto had to settle for fifth, crossing the stripe behind winner Graham, Gosselin, Michael Barnes and Gosek.

The Nicotra team was able to roll the car on the trailer with minimal damage from the second main event. The necessary repairs will now be made in Otto's Canajoharie shop before heading back to Oswego for the fifth regular-season night of the 2013 season.

Otto and team will take this weekend off as the speedway is closed for graduation weekend in Central New York. Next up is another regular 50-lap shop June 29 at Oswego.

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Nicotra Racing is a supermodified team owned by John Nicotra and maintained by driver and chief mechanic Otto Sitterly. Nicotra Racing is based in Homestead, Fla., and Canajoharie, N.Y., and has won three International Classic 200s and four Oswego supermodified track championships in its seven years of existence.

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