

OTTO THIRD IN OSWEGO SPRING CHAMPIONSHIP, TAKES COMMANDING POINT LEAD

OSWEGO, N.Y. (June 3, 2014) – Otto Sitterly drove the Nicotra Racing No. 7 to his third consecutive top-three finish Saturday night, May 31, in Oswego Speedway’s Novelis Supermodified Spring Championship 50-lap main event.

The third-place effort gives Otto and the Nicotra team three consecutive top-three finishes in the opening three races of the 2014 Oswego campaign. Sitterly finished second on opening day and followed it up with a win in the Jim Shampine Memorial on May 24.

Otto’s strong runs to open the season have catapulted the team to a commanding early-season point lead in Oswego’s Novelis Supermodified standings. After just three races Sitterly holds a 51-point lead over Saturday’s race winner Randy Ritskes.

Otto started 11th in the 50-lap main and as usual utilized every lap to gain positions. He had the blue Nicotra machine into the top 10 by lap eight and past Dave Danzer for ninth on lap 18. Otto shot past Dave Gruel, Joe Gosek and Tim Devendorf to move to sixth just before the lap 30 mark, and with a strong group of cars ahead of him, it looked as though Sitterly may have had to settle for a rare finish outside the top five.

But Otto wouldn’t be denied. He raced past Jessica Zemken just before the lap 40 mark and made it past Pat Lavery for fourth on lap 42.

Otto wouldn’t stop there. He passed Michael Barnes for third on lap 44 and made it to the rear bumper of Michael Muldoon for second before the race ended.

It was another blue-collar, working man’s effort for the Canajoharie, N.Y., driver, as he continues to “wow” the Oswego crowd with clean, aggressive inside and outside passes as he marches to the front.

“We’re still just a little bit tight,” Otto said after the race. “Traffic is tough, we gained a few spots there at one point and had to give them back because of the yellow, but that’s part of it.”

The non-wing supers have a week off before Nicotra Racing is back at it June 14 with another 50-lap feature for the supermodifieds.

John 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, five Oswego supermodified track championships and 17 regular-season feature races in its seven years of existence.

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