

## **OTTO FINISHES FIFTH IN OSWEGO MR. SUPERMODIFIED RACE**

OSWEGO, N.Y. (August 2, 2014) – Otto Sitterly raced his John Nicotra Racing machine to a fifth-place finish in the 2014 Novelis Mr. Supermodified 75-lap main event Saturday night, August 2 at Oswego Speedway.

A sixth-place finish in his heat race meant Otto would have to start the prestigious \$10,000-To-Win main event outside the top 12, as only the top-four finishers in the night's heat races get re-handicapped for the main event.

Still, with 75 laps to make his way to the front, Otto would have plenty of time to get his G&I Homes Hawk chassis into contention.

Sitterly raced inside the top 10 for much of the first half of the race before several cars in front retired early. Around the lap 40 mark Joe Gosek and Keith Shampine would pull off the speedway, while Brian Sweeney and Joey Payne were involved in a wreck while running inside the top five.

The mid-race attrition moved Sitterly up to the fifth position, where he would begin to challenge top-five runners Michael Barnes and Pat Lavery.

Otto would make several looks in lap traffic in attempts to find a way past either Barnes or Lavery, but once traffic thinned out Sitterly would run several car-lengths back of the other runners.

Fifth position is where Otto would finish. The top five was swept by Hawk Jr chassis with Dave Danzer winning, Barnes second, Bob Bond third, Lavery fourth and Otto rounding out the top five.

Saturday's fifth-place run gives Otto seven top-five results on the year, which is two more than any other driver in the class.

Sitterly is in the market for another Oswego Novelis Supermodified championship. He now sits two points behind Dave Gruel in the standings. Three point races remain this year with two before Classic weekend and the September 14 Race of Champions weekend season closer.

Next up for Nicotra Racing is a regular 50-lap main event this Saturday, August 9.

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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 18 regular-season feature races in its seven years of existence.

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