

## **OTTO NETS EIGHTH TOP FIVE OF SEASON, REGAINS POINT LEAD**

OSWEGO, N.Y. (August 9, 2014) – Otto Sitterly raced to his G&I Homes / Nicotra Racing No. 7 to a fourth-place finish in Saturday night's 50-lap Novelis Supermodified main event at Oswego Speedway to net his eighth top-five result of the 2014 supermodified season at the Steel Palace.

Sitterly started eighth in the 50-lapper and quickly moved into the sixth spot in the opening couple of laps.

Otto would run sixth for the first 15 circuits before he overtook Michael Muldoon to move into the top five on lap 16. For the next 25-plus laps, Sitterly worked on the No. 68 of Michael Barnes for fourth and it wasn't until the 39<sup>th</sup> circuit that he was able to make it past Barnes for the fourth spot.

Just after that, Barnes made contact with the outside wall on the backstretch, bringing the caution out for the first time in the race.

Otto restarted fourth, behind race leader Joey Payne, Keith Shampine and Joe Gosek. Otto pressured Gosek throughout the remaining 11 laps, but was unable to find a way past the No. 00.

Sitterly settled for the fourth position, and while not a win or top three, Otto has an unmatched eight top-five runs on the season. No other driver has more than five top-fives.

With Dave Gruel finishing 10<sup>th</sup>, Sitterly has regained the points lead that he lost for one week.

With only two points races remaining for the Novelis supers, Otto enters the last "regular-season" race of the summer a mere seven points ahead of Gruel. Pat Lavery is third, but 38 points back of Otto.

Three races remain for Sitterly and the Nicotra Racing No. 7. They'll be back at it this Saturday, August 16, for a regular 50-lapper before the big International Classic Weekend Labor Day weekend.

The Nicotra team will close the 2014 campaign Sunday, September 14 with the Race of Champions weekend at Oswego.

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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

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