

OTTO ROUNDS OUT TOP FIVE SATURDAY AT OSWEGO, EXTENDS POINTS LEAD

OSWEGO, N.Y. (August 16, 2014) – Make it nine top-five finishes in 10 starts this year in Novelis Supermodified main events at Oswego Speedway for Otto Sitterly and the John Nicotra Racing team.

Sitterly finished fifth in Sunday's 50-lap supermodified feature at Oswego, which was postponed from Saturday night due to weather.

Otto started eighth in the 50-lapper and ran fourth for much of the race before Joey Payne made his way past Otto in the waning laps. Sitterly held on for a fifth-place result, giving him an unprecedented nine top-fives on the year in an incredible mark of consistency. What's just as impressive is Otto has not finished outside the top 10 in 10 points races this year at Oswego.

Those statistics are normally more than enough to win a championship in any racing division, however this year Dave Gruel has been nearly as consistent as Otto. While Gruel has not won a race this season, he's finished in the top five on five occasions and has actually matched Otto's record of 10 top-10 results in 10 starts.

With one points race remaining – coming up September 14 on Race of Champions weekend at the Steel Palace – Otto has a 13-point advantage on Gruel.

There are two opportunities to gain points Sept. 14 – the 12-lap heat race and the main event. If Otto can run consistent as he has all season, the Canajoharie, N.Y., racer will lock up his seventh Oswego supermodified track championship and sixth for Nicotra Racing.

But before focusing on the points battle this September, Sitterly and the G&I Homes / Riccelli Northern-backed John Nicotra team will prepare for the prestigious International Classic 200 Labor Day Sunday at Oswego.

Sitterly will be gunning for his fourth win in the 200-lapper, which would give him four Classic wins since his first victory in the race in 2009. He also won the event in 2011 and 2012 before finishing second last year.

Dave Shullick Jr. and Davey Hamilton will join Otto as Nicotra Racing teammates for the second consecutive year. Otto will pilot his familiar No. 7 while Hamilton will race the No. 6 and Shullick the No. 2.

Classic Weekend kicks off Friday, August 29 with practice and time trials before the main event Sunday, August 31.

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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