

OTTO WINS ANOTHER (HIS FIFTH) OSWEGO OPENER; GOSEK FINISHES THIRD IN NICOTRA 00

OSWEGO, N.Y. (May 9, 2015) – Nicotra Racing came away with a big win and two of the top-three podium positions Saturday at Oswego Speedway in Oswego, N.Y., with Otto Sitterly racing to his fifth career Novelis Supermodified opening night win behind the wheel of the G&I Homes / Riccelli Northern #7 and 1996 Indianapolis 500 veteran Joe Gosek – driving Nicotra blue for the first time ever – finishing a strong third place in a G&I Homes / Riccelli Northern car numbered #00.

With no prior testing, Gosek impressed in the oldest Hawk Jr supermodified in the Nicotra stable.

The Oswego, N.Y., veteran started outside pole and chased Dan Connors for the lead before passing him on lap 11. From there Gosek led until a midrace restart, when Otto, who started eighth, shot past his first-time teammate for the lead. Gosek slipped to third in the same corner, and held the position to the finish.

Otto was on a rail up front, pulling out to a comfortable lead over Bob Bond and finishing over five seconds ahead.

“I was very apprehensive before the feature; I did not expect this,” Sitterly admitted to Oswego County Today’s Chris Porter. “We tested last night and we’ve been all over the map with it the last couple weeks (of testing). Supermodifieds are a moving target; once in a while you get lucky and you learn some stuff and you hit it. We had a good night tonight.”

After gaining the lead, Otto’s closest calls were a couple spinning lap cars in front of him.

“I was looking at young (Mike) Muldoon nose to nose at one point and I thought I had him,” Otto said. “Timing is everything; I yanked the wheel left at the last second and let my foot off the brake so I didn’t slide into him, and missed him by probably a foot. I want to thank John Nicotra and everyone who helps make this effort possible.”

Gosek commented on his ride for the night.

“The car drove very good and it was very consistent,” Gosek said. “John’s stuff is always competitive; this is one of the older cars and it’s definitely not as fast as the newer ones. We finished behind two newer cars tonight, so I guess we’re first in class. This is a good team and it was a good night.”

Davey Hamilton was also in town to make up the three-car Nicotra Racing team. Behind the wheel of the blue #6, Hamilton time trailed sixth and started seventh in

the feature. Hamilton ran just outside the top five until he retired from the race with mechanical issues. Davey will be back in the 6 at Oswego later this season.

Otto and the team will be back in action Memorial Day weekend for the Jim Champagne Memorial 75 on Saturday, May 23.

John Nicotra Racing is a Supermodified race 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 four International Classic 200s, six Oswego Supermodified track championships and 20 regular-season feature races since the team's debut in 2007.

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