

## **OTTO BREAKS TORQUE ARM WHILE LEADING GRAND PRIX 75**

OSWEGO, N.Y. (July 4, 2015) – Otto Sitterly was well on his way to his fifth Oswego Speedway Novelis Supermodified win in six races this season Saturday night, July 4 when the torque arm broke on his G&I Homes / Riccelli Northern / Nicotra Racing #7 on lap 62 of the 75-lap main.

Otto was leading when he pulled his Hawk Jr chassis pit side more than three-quarters of the way to victory in the extra-distance main event. Starting 12<sup>th</sup>, Sitterly wasted no time getting to the front of the field. He moved to seventh by lap 10 and made passes on Michael Barnes and Dan Connors Jr. to make it to the top five on lap 15.

Otto passed several competitors over the next 15 laps to move into second and challenge 1996 Indianapolis 500 veteran Joe Gosek for the lead. Otto raced with Gosek for a handful of laps before making the pass for the lead on lap 34.

Sitterly had mostly clear sailing for nearly 30 laps when the torque arm broke on the #7. Otto would finish 16<sup>th</sup>.

Nicotra Racing debuted a brand new Hawk Jr Supermodified this past weekend with Ohio's Dave Shullick Jr. racing the new Nicotra #2. Shullick quickly got the new car down to very fast lap times in the lower 16-second bracket during Friday night testing.

Starting deep in Saturday night's Grand Prix field, Shullick was racing near the top 10 when mechanical issues forced him to stop on the track on lap 49. "Shoe II" pulled the new car pit side and was credited with 18<sup>th</sup> in his second non-wing Oswego start of 2015.

Otto's DNF and Bob Bond's feature win has brought Bond to within 12 points of Otto in the updated point standings. Six points races still remain on the schedule plus Labor Day's International Classic 200.

Next up is Oswego's Summer Championship 50-lapper Saturday night, July 18.

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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 now 23 regular-season Oswego feature races since the team's debut in 2007.

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