

OTTO REGAINS POINT LEAD WITH A RUNNER-UP FINISH

OSWEGO, N.Y. (August 16, 2015) – A week after getting involved in an accident and recording his only DNF of the season thus far, Otto Sitterly raced to a solid second-place finish Saturday night at Oswego Speedway, which regained the Nicotra Racing G&I Homes / Riccelli Northern #7 team the point lead in the Novelis Supermodified division.

Otto started 10th in Saturday's 50-lap feature and diced it out in the early going with fellow Hawk chassis drivers Dave Gruel, Michael Barnes and Dave Danzer. Sitterly out-raced his closest competitors and shot into the top five on lap 15. He moved into the fourth spot just a lap later with a pass on Jeff Abold, and proceeded to run fourth for the next 20 laps.

It looked as though Otto may have to settle for the fourth position until things shook up on lap 34. An accident right in front of Sitterly forced him to make some quick decisions to navigate through the wreck. He successfully made it through, and would restart third behind Brandon Bellinger and Joe Gosek with just 15 laps remaining.

Otto shot past Gosek with ease on the restart, setting up a showdown with Bellinger, who was in the market for his first career feature win.

Sitterly spent the remaining 15 laps working on Bellinger's #02, showing a wheel several times but not able to mount enough steam to shoot past the leader. Otto would settle for second to record his seventh top-five finish of the season. Sitterly was also awarded the Hard Charger award by advancing nine positions in the 50-lapper.

"I was pretty much where I was," said Sitterly. "Congratulations to the Bellingers, they are a good bunch of people. It was an awesome run for the kid, once we got behind him we were really just too tight. We got in that deal with Kody (Graham) and Joe (Gosek) a bit there, maybe it bent the front end some? I don't know? If I tried to roll the outside, the front end would just take off into the dirt. Good job to those guys."

Otto now holds a slim 3-point lead on Bob Bond in the Novelis Supermodified point standings. Only two points races remain, including this Saturday's 50-lapper, which will mark the final tune-up before the prestigious Budweiser International Classic 200 Sunday of Labor Day weekend.

The championship will be decided Saturday, Sept. 19 with a \$3,000-to-win Fall Championship 75-lapper.

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

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