

OTTO IS A RACE OF CHAMPIONS WINNER AT OSWEGO

OSWEGO, N.Y. (July 21, 2013) – Otto Sitterly wheeled his Nicotra Racing No. 7 supermodified to his second feature win of the season Saturday at Oswego Speedway in the special 100-lap Race of Champions event at the lakeside oval.

The win gave Sitterly the point lead in the Oswego Novelis Supermodified standings and again served proof that Nicotra Racing's lead driver will be the favorite headed into this Labor Day weekend's Budweiser International Classic 200. The 100-lapper will be the longest distance race at Oswego between now and the Classic.

In a new format mostly foreign to Oswego supermodified racing, the 100-lapper was split into two 50-lap segments. Speedway officials informed teams that the caution would wave at lap 50 and drivers would pull their machines pit side for approximately 30 minutes. Then, the second 50-lap segment would close the 100-lap affair.

Otto started ninth in the main event and bided his time through the first 50 laps. Sitterly worked his way to fourth when the first segment ended, and pulled in the pits to take on a cold Gatorade, but make no adjustments to the G&I Homes supermodified.

Once the green flag waved on segment No. 2 Otto was ready to race. Pat Lavery made a quick pass on Michael Barnes for the lead, and Barnes slipped back to fourth when Brandon Bellinger and Otto made it past.

Otto moved past Bellinger's No. 02 and set his sights on Lavery, who bested Otto for his first-ever supermodified feature win about a month prior.

When Lavery caught lap traffic in Bobby Haynes on lap 77, Otto set up the Oswego driver and made the pass for the lead.

Otto's pass on Lavery turned out to be the pass for the win as Sitterly crossed the stripe nearly four seconds ahead of Lavery for the win.

"We didn't change anything during the break," said Sitterly. "I just pretty much had a Gatorade and made sure the air was still in the tires. If they put up a halfway bonus or something in that first half we would have made it interesting, but there was just no reason to race early. At the end of the race I don't think we went any quicker, but everyone else backed up a bit."

Championship rival Joe Gosek finished in the sixth position, which gives Otto an eight-point lead on Gosek with four point shows remaining.

Oswego opening day winner Davey Hamilton made his return to the Big O for the Race of Champions event. Davey raced the newest Hawk Jr chassis, a car Otto has tested several times as of late but has not competed.

Hamilton started 16th and earned the Hard Charger award as he made it all the way to third when the checkers waved. Davey turned the fastest lap of the race – a 17.067 – on lap 90!

“That was the first time I had driven that car and we came from 16th to 3rd,” said Hamilton. “By myself, that thing is an absolute bullet; I can catch up to anybody. We just have to get it a little better to pass; I am struggling to get by guys. But, we were inside, we were outside, we gained a lot today. I’ll be honest with you, I wish there was another 50-laps because I think there is something there.”

The Nicotra Racing team now has a week off before three straight weeks of Oswego non-wing super racing. The team will be back in action for the prestigious \$10,000-To-Win Mr. Supermodified event Saturday, August 3.

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 and four Oswego supermodified track championships in its seven years of existence.

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