

## **OTTO RACES TO RUNNER-UP FINISH JUNE 14 AT OSWEGO**

OSWEGO, N.Y. (June 16, 2014) – Otto Sitterly raced his Nicotra Racing No. 7 to a second-place finish Saturday, June 14 in the Novelis Supermodified 50-lap main event at Oswego Speedway.

Sitterly started 12<sup>th</sup> in the 50-lapper and had to get on the charge right away with several other new Hawk Jr chassis now making up the supermodified field at the Steel Palace. Otto moved his way to fifth by lap seven and was up to fourth by the 10<sup>th</sup> circuit.

Otto passed Shaun Gosselin for third on lap 13 and made his way by Brandon Bellinger for second on lap 15.

But this week the No. 68 of Michael Barnes, who had already driven his new Hawk Jr mount to the lead on lap 9, was just a tick better than Otto down the stretch. Sitterly looked for a way around the 68 a number of times in lap traffic, but each time Barnes had enough to pass the lap car and scoot away from Otto's blue John Nicotra-owned machine.

Otto would finish second to Barnes and ahead of Dave Gruel in third, making it three "new style" Hawk chassis sweeping the top three.

Otto spoke at the podium after the race.

"There are so many competitive and equal cars here and with consistent finishes you have to start back there," said Sitterly. "You just have to sort of take it and Barnesy was really good tonight. He (Barnes) was better in traffic and we just couldn't really maneuver like we would like to. In open track I could see that I could hang with him, but in traffic his car is a lot more maneuverable. I just hoped that I could pounce on him in traffic if he made a mistake, but he didn't, he drove a great race."

Otto now holds a commanding 58-point lead over Gruel in the Novelis Supermodified point standings.

Next up for the Nicotra Racing team are twin 35-lap features for the supers Saturday, June 21.

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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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