

## **TWO FOR TWO! OTTO WINS SEVENTH SHAMPINE MEMORIAL**

OSWEGO, N.Y. (May 23, 2015) – A night that included a lot of adversity for the Nicotra Racing team ended with Otto Sitterly in Oswego Speedway's Victory Lane in one of the Canajoharie, New York driver's most impressive performances in his illustrious career at the Steel Palace.

Nicotra's #7 G&I Homes / Riccelli Northern supermodified broke a torque arm prior to the start of the heat race. Otto was forced to park the car and repair it, and start from the 12<sup>th</sup> and final row in the Shampine Memorial 75-lap main event.

With a field stacked with high-quality racecars and capable drivers, Sitterly's chances for a record seventh Shampine Memorial seemed dire. But in true Otto fashion, he meticulously worked his way through the 24-car field, moving into the top five on lap 19 and shooting past leader Ray Graham Jr. on lap 48.

"You know, Ray and I have a history," said Sitterly. "I got a good run in traffic there going into three and took it. Ray and I are good off the track, but on the track I am going to give him everything I have.

"We have a great group of guys," said Sitterly in Turning Stone Resort and Casino Victory Lane. "The outside lane is working well here in the early season so we just bided our time there early and took it as it came to us."

Sitterly bested Brian Sobus to the finish stripe by a 1.7-second margin with Bob Bond finishing third.

The night wasn't as good for Nicotra Racing's other two entries. Dave Shullick Jr., driving the G&I Homes / Riccelli Northern #6 that Davey Hamilton wheeled in the opener, was involved in a first-lap accident which sent him off on the hook. Also involved in the incident was Joe Gosek, racing Nicotra's #00 for the second consecutive week after finishing third in the season opener.

Unfortunately, neither Shullick nor Gosek was able to complete a lap. Neither car was badly damaged, but Otto and the Nicotra crew will have some work to do in the shop to return each car to race-ready condition.

Otto will now own a solid point lead over Bob Bond heading into week three.

The next race is this Saturday, May 30, a regular 50-lap feature for the Novelis Supermodifieds at Oswego.

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

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