

## **OTTO STARTS LAST AND FIGHTS TO TOP 10**

OSWEGO, N.Y. (August 22, 2015) – Otto Sitterly fought through a tough night at Oswego Speedway Saturday to finish ninth in the final regular-season Novels Supermodified feature before Classic Weekend.

In a bizarre turn of events, a part broke on the Nicotra Racing G&I Homes / Riccelli Northern #7 while Otto was scuffing his tires on the warm-up laps of the heat race. Scheduled to start seventh in the heat, Otto and the Hawk Jr machine were forced pit side to make repairs, as the car slammed into the inside wall on the front stretch just prior to the green flag of the heat.

Unable to rejoin the heat race, Otto would forfeit the preliminary race that sets the starting lineup for the main event. He would start dead last in the 21-car field for the 50-lap feature.

In a strange race that for the first time in 2015 went green to checkered without a single caution flag, Sitterly was the only car on the track making ground through the field. He picked off several cars in the opening laps and spent the rest of the race working on many of the faster cars in the field, most of which were mired in traffic just outside the top 10.

Otto was able to make it past Joe Gosek and Michael Barnes around the lap 30 mark of the feature, but that was all he'd muster as he rode behind the #15 of Michael Muldoon for the remaining 20 laps.

Otto would settle ninth to record his ninth top-10 finish on the season.

The finish now puts Sitterly unofficially 12.5 points behind Bob Bond with only one points race remaining, the Fall Championship 75-lapper on Saturday, Sept. 19.

Before the points season wraps up, the Nicotra Racing team will turn its focus to the biggest race of the year, the Budweiser International Classic 200 Sunday of Labor Day weekend.

Nicotra Racing will field three G&I Homes / Riccelli Northern-sponsored Hawk Jr chassis in the prestigious event – the #7 for Sitterly, #6 for Davey Hamilton and the #2 for ISMA points leader Dave Shullick Jr.

With no races scheduled, the team will take this weekend off to prepare for the biggest weekend of the year. Nicotra Racing will be gunning for their fifth Classic 200 win since winning their first in 2009.

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

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