

OTTO WINS SIXTH OF THE SEASON BUT FALLS 4 POINTS SHORT OF TRACK TITLE

OSWEGO, N.Y. (September 21, 2015) – Otto Sitterly and Nicotra Racing capped another fine Novelis Supermodified season at Oswego Speedway with a dominating Fall Championship 75-lap feature win over championship rival Bob Bond.

Otto started fourth in the 25-car field and took the lead from Tim Devendorf on lap eight. Sitterly would go on to lead the rest of the way for the win, but Bond would move into second on lap 36 and follow the blue G&I Homes / Riccelli Northern machine the rest of the way.

For Bond, who entered the race 12.5 points ahead of Otto in the Novelis Supermodified point standings, this would be enough to secure his first track championship by a slim 4-point margin over Sitterly.

“It was a very good day today, but we wanted one position further up in the points,” Otto said to Oswego County Today’s Chris Porter. “Throughout the season there were a number of things that took place and there’s not any one thing that we can blame it on. We were not as consistent as the 47 car (Bond) even though we were the car to beat week in and week out.

“Six wins without a wing and then our King of Wings win, we’re pretty happy as a team,” Sitterly continued. “Classic was a close one and we just missed the point championship, but overall we’re pretty happy.”

Sitterly pointed to several unfortunate incidents throughout the year that cost the Nicotra team the championship. A broken torque arm while leading with just a few laps to go on July 4 gave Bond his only regular-season win of the season. And another broken torque arm in a heat race cost him valuable points. Sitterly says the torque arm issue will be something the team will focus on correcting over the winter.

“I have to thank all our guys. We have a really hard-working bunch that come from all over the state to help out. Of course, I want to thank Johnny Nicotra, who is going through a hard time with his wife, and all our thoughts are with him. And of course my family who support me week in and week out. We’re looking forward to next year,” Otto said.

With the Oswego season now complete, focus will turn to the shop and preparations for the 2016 season. With the front independent suspension permitted at Oswego in 2016, the team will be ready with their primary #7 “as is” with the solid front axle, and testing will begin with at least one Nicotra machine as an independent front.

Side note: Former CART and IndyCar star Adrian Fernandez was on hand at Oswego for the Fall Championship as a guest of John Nicotra’s to witness his first

supermodified race. Fernandez was thoroughly impressed and joined the team in victory lane.

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

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