



TEAM MUGEN

#15 Iwasa stood on the podium at his 2nd round!

#16 Nojiri surely gained points at 9th place.

Series name: 2024 All Japan Super Formula Championship Round 2

Tournament name: 2024 All Japan Super Formula Championship Round 2 Kyushu Round

Distance: 191.634km (4.674km x 41 Laps or 75 mins.)

Saturday, May 18, 2024, Weather: Sunny / Road surface: Dry

Sunday, May 19, 2024, Weather: Sunny / Road surface: Dry

[Qualifying]

#15 Ayumu Iwasa: 1st place (1'26.632)

#16 Tomoki Nojiri: 5th place (1'27.063)

[Driver: Tomoki Nojiri]

The result of my qualifying at Autopolis today is 5th place. I feel so disappointed at the result. Condition in the free session had been not good and I tried to recover from it step by step.

I could recover somehow and Iwasa won the pole position with fast time. But I am afraid that there must have been something a little more we could do.



At the same time, we did our best in the limited time today. The race tomorrow is the most important for me and with this result I still can stand on the podium even on the center of it. I will communicate with team members well enough to figure out how we can get a good start and keep a good pace.

I thank you, fans for cheering me up. Weather in this weekend will be so good for watching the race. I hope many fans come to support us tomorrow. I will do my best.



【Driver: Ayumu Iwasa】

Since it was the very first time for me to drive at Autopolis, I concentrated on adjusting my driving to the track in the free practice. Pace was not bad and feeling of the car was incredibly good. I felt potentials from the start. Since I had confidence, I anyhow tried to adjust the car in detail considering qualifying.



Condition of the car in the qualifying session was so good that I could go through sector 1, 2, and 3 comfortably. Due to such a condition, I felt that I must have been driving in a good position. At the last corner I noticed that the engine lost power and was upset a bit.

I had confidence that as long as I could show my own performance in Q2, I could compete for pole position. I had confidence and felt potential then could do well with confidence, I felt some sort of pressure though.

I would like to get a good start from pole position in the race for the fans. The race result depends on not only how to start but also performance during the race. I will then try my best to show the utmost performance from the start to the goal to win the race together with team members. Please support us.

[Director: Tanaka]

We, all the team members are so happy that Iwasa who only tried SF race only once and drove at Autopolis for the first time, won the pole position.

Though he showed his speed at the season opener, he could not gain any points. Since I noticed that he prepared for the Autopolis round, I would like to praise his job and driving.



Nojiri was not so bad. He simply could not adjust subtle things enough and ended up with 5th place. Both Iwasa and Nojiri will collaborate with team members as one team to show the best performance in the race tomorrow. Cheer us up, please.

【Race】

#15 Ayumu Iwasa: 2nd place

#16 Tomoki Nojiri: 9th place



[Driver: Tomoki Nojiri]

I have been away from Autopolis for two years. Frankly, I wanted to show my better performance. In the qualifying session I could not show my performance till the end of the session.

The race started from my poor condition in the morning free session. I tried to recover from such a condition but not really.



I could keep my position in the beginning of the race. But my strategy was not the best and my driving, neither. They are the main reasons why the result is as it was in this weekend.

I will do my best to recover a loss at next round Sugo. I feel sorry for the fans who supported me a lot. I will try my best to show the performance worth supporting.

【Driver: Ayumu Iwasa】

Though I won the 2nd place, it is a deeply regrettable result for me.

Obviously, I was fast and could win the race potentially. I simply could not make it as the result. I delayed at the start, which I believe is the main reason I could not win but at the same time there were several points need adjusting, (but in reality, we could not) for winning the race. That is why I regret the result.



In this week end we were fast in the qualifying session and pace itself was so good in the race. We proved that we were fast and could recognize ourselves fast. I will be faster to win the race together with team members. Please support us.



[Director: Tanaka]

Since balance of the Iwasa's car was good in the morning free session, I expected him to win the race, but he ended up with 2nd place. His car and Iwasa himself were brilliant. Then so disappointing. But I am happy with the fact Iwasa stood on the podium at his 2nd round. We believe we could show how fast Iwasa was at Autopolis. I hope that he will stand on the center of podium soon.



Nojiri could not finish preparation of his car in this weekend and faced difficulties. He will fix the car by the next round, Sugo and will show his performance, I am sure. Please keep on supporting us.



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