



## ***TEAM MUGEN***

**#16 Nojiri got a rocket start and won 3<sup>rd</sup> place on podium!**

**Despite disappointing result, #15 Iwasa won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in qualifying to prove his speed**

Series name: 2024 All Japan Super Formula Championship Round 4

Tournament name: 2024 All Japan Super Formula Championship Round 4 Fuji Round

Distance: 187.083km (4.563km x 41 Laps) ※41laps or 75mins.

Saturday, July 20, 2024, Weather: Sunny / Road surface: Dry

Sunday, July 21, 2024, Weather: Sunny / Road surface: Dry

[Qualifying]

#15 Ayumu Iwasa: 2<sup>nd</sup> place 1' 22.560

#16 Tomoki Nojiri: 7<sup>th</sup> place 1' 22.792

[Driver: Tomoki Nojiri]

After the Rd. 4 qualifying session, I was disappointed at the result of the qualifying, precisely speaking my performance in qualifying. We now are having a trouble with finding a proper piece (for the puzzle) among us and as the result cannot get the best time. I feel regretful about it.

I would like to prepare enough to revenge at the race. I am afraid that the situation would get more serious toward the competition for series championship. Win at Fuji will play an important role for it. I will never give up and try my best to the end. Please keep on supporting us.





【Driver: Ayumu Iwasa】

My result was second place in qualifying. My result has been the second place for the past a couple of the races. I would like to avoid this repetition as soon as possible. Since we could get a huge improvement from the qualifying, I believe we could take a big step this time.

I also believe that with the help of the team members I could improve my performance.



I will switch my mind and run for the win tomorrow. Cheer us up, please.

[Director: Tanaka]

In the qualifying session Iwasa won 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Nojiri did 7<sup>th</sup>. The competitors are getting faster then, even with a slight mistake the driver standings might change dramatically. I felt difference in ability among each car and each team has become slight.

Iwasa could not get better result due to a slight issue and then missed a chance to win the pole position and finished the qualifying session with 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Considering the condition of the morning free session, he did very well, though. Since he can start the race from the front row tomorrow, I hope he will try his best to win the race.



Nojiri made a small mistake for adjusting his condition and ended up with 7<sup>th</sup> place in qualifying. But I believe he will show his revenge match in the race.

Keep on supporting us, please.

[Race]

#16 Tomoki Nojiri: 3<sup>rd</sup> place

#15 Ayumu Iwasa: 11<sup>th</sup> place



## [Race Review]

#15 Iwasa starting the race from the second grid position left the grid late and moved down to 13<sup>th</sup> position. On the other hand, #16 Nojiri starting the race from the 7<sup>th</sup> grid overtook 3 cars and moved up to 4<sup>th</sup> position. He lost one position then took a pit stop after 10 laps. After going back to the track, he made an undercut over Makino and Oyu.



Though #16 Nojiri continued to run with an attention to Tsuboi who had not taken a pit stop yet, he was overtaken by Oyu at 17<sup>th</sup> lap and was by Tsuboi at 31<sup>st</sup> lap after Tsuboi's tire change and went down to 3<sup>rd</sup> position. He then kept his position and won 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the podium. #15 Iwasa took a pit stop at 39<sup>th</sup> lap and ended up the race with 11<sup>th</sup> place.

## [Driver: Tomoki Nojiri]

Though I could not win the race, I believe today's race was valuable to me. My strong will to win the race reflected on our race strategy and I am confident that today's race was very fun to watch.



But since I lost the race, I would like to revenge in the next race. Please continue to support us.

## 【Driver: Ayumu Iwasa】

I started my race from the second position, but due to an engine stall, I lost many positions.



Despite there were so many troubles over this weekend, we could win good results in qualifying and improve the car with working closely together with team members, the race ended without my making use of such efforts.

We need to adjust the car and driving method for the next race Motegi having distinctive characteristics of the track. I will work with the team members to improve the car to show the best performance and speed as the result. Please support us.



[Director: Tanaka]

Both Nojiri and Iwasa showed their best performance under severe condition of each other in the race. I would like to applaud Nojiri for his moving up to 3<sup>rd</sup> position from the 7<sup>th</sup> thanks to the strategy of TEAM MUGEN. Iwasa lost his positions a lot due to improper direction from the team. I feel deeply sorry for him. We would like to improve ourselves by next race to prepare the condition in which both drivers can enjoy their race.



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