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## TEAM MUGEN

**#16 Nojiri won 3<sup>rd</sup> place on podium and earned points!**

**#15 Iwasa showed outstanding performance and moved up his position dramatically!**

Series name: 2024 All Japan Super Formula Championship Round 5

Tournament name: MOTEGI 2&4 race

Distance: 177.637km (4,801m x 37 Laps) ※37 laps or 75mins.

Saturday, August 24, 2024, Weather: Sunny / Road surface: Dry

Sunday, August 25, 2024, Weather: Sunny / Road surface: Dry

### [Race Review]

Though #15 Iwasa slightly contacted other car just before the first corner, TEAM MUGEN could basically start the race safe and sound.

#16 Nojiri started the race from 4<sup>th</sup> grid but moved down to 5<sup>th</sup> position. #15 Iwasa did 13<sup>th</sup> and then moved up to 12<sup>th</sup> position. They remained the same positions till the middle of the race. #15 Iwasa took a pit stop after finishing 22 laps and came back on the track in the same position. Following #15 Iwasa, #16 Nojiri also took a pit stop and reappeared on the track in 6<sup>th</sup> position.

#16 Nojiri then overtook on 25<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> lap and finished the race in 3<sup>rd</sup> place on the podium. #15 Iwasa also repeated overtaking 6 times from 28<sup>th</sup> lap and moved up to 7<sup>th</sup> place in the end and earned points.

### [Qualifying]

#16 Tomoki Nojiri: 4<sup>th</sup> place

#15 Ayumu Iwasa: 13<sup>th</sup> place



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[Driver: Tomoki Nojiri]

Qualifying session of Super Formula Championship Round 5 Motegi ended up with 4<sup>th</sup> place. Considering situations of the morning free session, I believe I could show good recovery. I wanted to win the pole position honestly rather than 3<sup>rd</sup> place. I still feel regrettable about this qualifying, but at the same time am satisfied with my recovery.

I will start the race from 4<sup>th</sup> grid. The weather is unstable tomorrow. I will manage myself to show the best performance to regain the 3<sup>rd</sup> position here at my hometown Motegi and want to stand up on the podium. I will do my best tomorrow. Please keep on supporting me.



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【Driver: Ayumu Iwasa】

Saturday qualifying session ended. I was in 13<sup>th</sup> place and could not proceed to Q2.

My team including myself was suffering from the conditions from the free session. Disappointedly we could not prepare the machine and setups for the qualifying session. We missed utilizing various chances in each step, and as the result could not show the best performance and ended up qualifying as we had been.



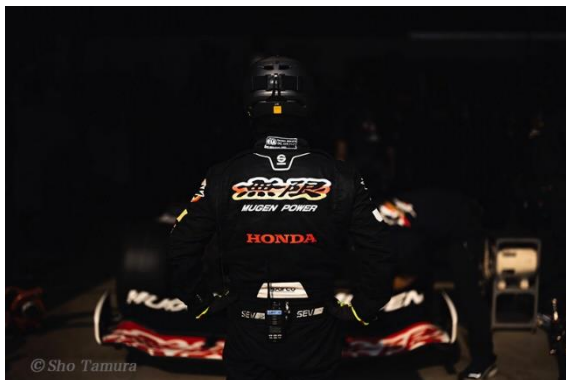
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Frankly, I feel so disappointed and frustrated a lot. But at the same time, I believe there must be some points that need improving fundamentally. The weather will be unstable tomorrow, but I will do my best to prepare for the race and try to move up my position and finish the race in the best position despite of such a weather condition. Please support us.

[Director: Tanaka]

We prepared for Motegi round to achieve further performance, but both #16 Nojiri and #15 Iwasa could not show their best performance as they expected in the morning session, and there left a sense of anxiety before the qualifying session

In the end #15 Iwasa could not proceed to Q2. On the other hand, #16 Nojiri somehow finished qualifying with 4<sup>th</sup> place. I



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am afraid that the race will be tough. Please support both drivers who will fight for achieving further results.

## [Race]

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

#15 Ayumu Iwasa: 7<sup>th</sup> place

## [Driver: Tomoki Nojiri]

I could somehow stand on the podium in 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Super Formula Championship Round 5 Motegi. Thank you for your support.

I was afraid that we were not powerful enough to win the race during this race week. But I could return to the podium, which I believe will have a quite important meaning for the championship competition in the rest of the races.



I would like to do my best to compete for the win in next 2 rounds at Fuji since I suffered a bit from the previous Fuji race in July. Please keep on supporting us at next Fuji round.

## 【Driver: Ayumu Iwasa】

Super Formula Championship Round 5 Motegi ended. I am still suffering from frustration somehow, but at least I enjoyed the race. There are several points that need looking back, but I could show my best performance and do my best thanks to the support from the fans who visited Motegi in spite of the severely hot weather. I am satisfied with today's race as long as all the fans enjoyed it!



I will never give up and do my best for the remaining 4 races at Fuji and Suzuka including the final round to aim for the championship. Please continue to support me.



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[Director: Tanaka]

We faced a difficult weekend because we could not keep the 2 cars under control. Though performance in the race from the standpoint of the drivers was not satisfactory one, thanks to their efforts and strategies, #16 Nojiri could stand on the podium in 3<sup>rd</sup> place despite his 4<sup>th</sup> position's start and #15 Iwasa won 7<sup>th</sup> place from 13<sup>th</sup> grid position at the start of the race.



Our rivals are getting faster and faster and with a slight mistake we might lose positions. We need to prepare firmly for the next round Fuji. Thank you for your support in advance.



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