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## TEAM MUGEN

**#16 Nojiri won 5<sup>th</sup> prize from the bottom group!**

**#15 Iwasa showed the speed and won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in qualifying!**

Series name: 2024 All Japan Super Formula Championship Round 8

Tournament name: All Japan Super Formula Championship the final 23<sup>rd</sup> JAF Suzuka grand prix

Distance: 180.017km (5,807m x 31 laps) ※31 laps or 75 mins.

Saturday, November 9, 2024, Weather: Sunny / Road surface: Dry

### [Qualifying]

#16 Tomoki Nojiri: 14<sup>th</sup> place

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

### [Race]

#16 Tomoki Nojiri: 5<sup>th</sup> place

#15 Ayumu Iwasa: 9<sup>th</sup> place

### [Qualifying]

The final race to recapture the title. TEAM MUGEN will compete in Q1 to earn points. #16 Nojiri could not make tires warm enough after the red flag to get faster speed and he lost in Q1. #15 Iwasa showed the speed in both Q1 and Q2 and got the front row grid position for the race.

### [Race]

#15 Iwasa could not start his car right away when the race started and lost his positions then needed to catch up with other cars going in front. #16 Nojiri had a good start and overtook 3 cars and moved up to 11<sup>th</sup> position at the 2<sup>nd</sup> lap. He continued to overtake at 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> lap and moved up to 9<sup>th</sup> position.

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#16 Nojiri took a pit stop after he finished 10 laps as soon as the pit window opened. #15 Iwasa took a pit stop when he finished 20 laps when the safety car appeared on the track. The race restarted at 22<sup>nd</sup> lap and both #15 and #16 overtook and finished the race 9<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> place.

[Driver: Tomoki Nojiri]

Thank you for all your support. The 8<sup>th</sup> round has just ended.

Regrettably, I fell down to the bottom group. The condition of the car was so good that I could catch up with other cars and ended up the race in 5<sup>th</sup> place.

But I lost the privilege to win the drivers' championship.

I feel so sorry for all the fans who have been supporting us.

My mind currently is totally filled with dissatisfaction towards myself.

I will do my best to show the very best performance at the 9<sup>th</sup> round tomorrow since the potential of our team is so high. Like it or not, there is only one race left. I will try my best. Please continue to support us.



【Driver: Ayumu Iwasa】

Super Formula Championship Round 8 has just ended.

Saturday at Suzuka has gone. Regrettably, I could not win the pole position in qualifying, but we could improve our driving from Q1 to Q2. It is a very positive result for the team that we could win 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Regarding the race I made a regrettable start. I will switch my mind anyway and will not give up then try my best to take the first lights-to-flag win.

Thank you for your support in advance.





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[Director: Tanaka]

By the time when the Rd. 8 ended, both Nojiri and Iwasa lost the privilege to win the drivers' championship.

I feel so sorry for both drivers as the representative of the team.

In qualifying the condition of the Nojiri's car was good but due to the red flag and an additional attack after the red flag he could not compete with other cars well enough and unexpectedly could not proceed to Q2. In the race he showed the speed and moved up to 5<sup>th</sup> place. He must have had potential to show the result. Therefore, his qualifying result was very regrettable.

Iwasa also showed the speed in his qualifying. Though he could not win the pole position, he finished his qualifying in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. His starting grid was good enough to win the race, but he had trouble with the engine control and then he could not even start the race. Since he had nothing to do with the cause of this trouble, but he could not show his result, I cannot be sorry enough for him.

Both Nojiri and Iwasa lost the privilege to win the drivers' championship. But the car's condition is good. We will show our best performance without any regrets tomorrow. Please keep on supporting us.





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