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## ***TEAM MUGEN***

**#16 Nojiri won the pole position with astounding strength !**

**#15 Iwasa showed his guts till the last lap**

**Regrettably, TEAM MUGEN could not win the championship for three times in a row**

Series name: 2024 All Japan Super Formula Championship Round 9

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.

Sunday, November 10, 2024, Weather: Cloudy / Road surface: Dry

### [Qualifying]

#16 Tomoki Nojiri: 1<sup>st</sup> place

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

### [Race]

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

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

### [Qualifying]

Though both drivers lost the privilege to win the drivers' championship, there still remains the possibility that TEAM MUGEN could win the team championship three times in a row. #15 Iwasa passed Q1 and considering subtle environmental change, he adjusted the car for Q2. But he could not show the speed performance and ended up with 11<sup>th</sup> grid and need to catch up with the competitors.

### [Race]

In spite of a clean start in the race, both #16 Nojiri who won the pole position and #15 Iwasa starting from 11<sup>th</sup> place lost their positions.

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At 2<sup>nd</sup> lap #1 Nojiri was overtaken by #36 and moved down to 3<sup>rd</sup> position and at next lap by #8 and at 6<sup>th</sup> lap by #65 and his position was down to 5<sup>th</sup>. #16 Nojiri could not go faster and came back to the pit at 10<sup>th</sup> lap. Among the cars having already taken a pit stop #16 Nojiri came back to the track in 4<sup>th</sup> position and tried to catch up with the race. But he could not overtake #8 and ended up with 4<sup>th</sup> place in the race.

#15 Iwasa on the other hand finished 22 laps and took a pit stop and came back to the track in 9<sup>th</sup> position. On the 24<sup>th</sup> lap he overtook #3 and moved up to 8<sup>th</sup> position.

And then he tried to catch up with #5 and overtook it just before the checkered flag and finished the race in 7<sup>th</sup> place.

[Driver: Tomoki Nojiri]

So disappointed.

I have been trying to become the champion for the past one year. I cannot find proper words, but team members have also tried their best to support me. The fans came far to each racetrack...

I am ashamed of myself since I regrettably could not win the title or championship. I will try my best next year. I hope for your continued support without getting discouraged.

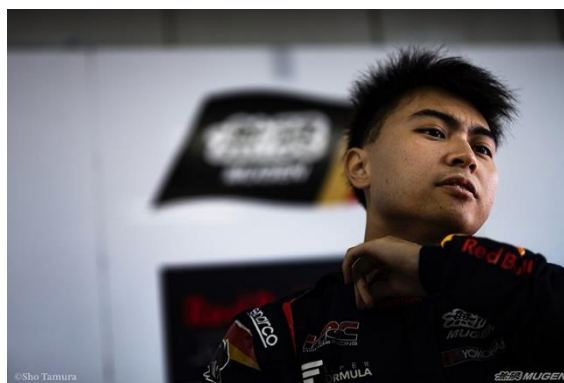


【Driver: Ayumu Iwasa】

Thank you for your support. Of course, I am not satisfied with this season and have been frustrated all through this season. But I believe we could show our best performance at the final race.

At the very last moment (just before the checkered flag on the final lap) I could dare to overtake at any cost.

I had various feelings in the past year. Thank you so much for your support.





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[Director: Tanaka]

This season has just ended. We as a team came together to fight for the race to win the championship but could not make it.

I apology for not being able to satisfy our sponsors, related companies, and fans.

There are various races in which we could not show our performance, which I am afraid was caused by shortage of strength. We will prepare for next season. Please continue to support us. Thank you for your support for the past season.





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