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TEAM MUGEN monopolized the front row in qualifying!

#15 Iwasa took second place on the podium!

#16 Nojiri had to swallow his tears after an unlucky safety car

Series name: 2025 All Japan Super Formula Championship Round 1

Competition name: 2025 NGK Spark Plug All Japan Super Formula Championship Round 1 and 2

Distance: 156.789 km (5.807 km x 27 laps or 75 mins.)

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■ Overview

Both Nojiri and Iwasa passed the first qualifying round with the top time. Both cars confirmed the setup for Q2. The session started and the other cars entered the track. After a short wait, both Nojiri and Iwasa also entered the track. Nojiri won the pole position and Iwasa won the second grid position, and got ready for the race in a position where they could aim for a 1-2 finish.

In the race, Iwasa got off to a good start and moved up to 1st place. Nojiri was chasing him from 2nd place, but a crash occurred behind them, and the safety car (SC) was deployed.

The race resumed on the 5th lap, but a crash occurred on the 9th lap, and the SC was deployed for the second time. By the end of the 10th lap, all cars had taken a pit stop, and Iwasa maintained his position and returned to the track. Meanwhile, Nojiri was affected by the SC deployment and dropped to 8th place before returning to the course.

On the 14th lap, Iwasa was overtaken and took second place. The SC was then deployed for the third time, but the race resumed on the 18th lap, and on the 19th lap, Nojiri overtook and moved up to 7th place.





They took the checkered flag and Iwasa took 2nd place on the podium, earning 15 points, and Nojiri earned four points for 7th place.

[Driver: Iwasa]

I was disappointed to come in second in both the qualifying and the race. My start and race pace were good, so I had a chance to win, but I was lacking in my own ability and missed the win.

I will compete in the race tomorrow again then switch my mindset to do my best to win. Thank you in advance for your support.



[Driver: Nojiri]

I was hoping that I could get a good start in the opening race, as I had an incredibly good lap in the qualifying and was in pole position. In the race, I did not get a good start, but I managed to stay in 2nd place and could see the possibility of moving up depending on how things went from there.

However, the timing of the SC was too bad for us #16, and it was unable to avoid a double pit stop, causing it to drop in the rankings.



We will improve our pace and start among team members, and we will start again tomorrow from qualifying and hope to line up on the front row. Thank you for your support in the 2nd race.

[Director: Tanaka]

We have been able to start the season with two cars again. Once again, we would like to express our gratitude to all of our sponsors, affiliated companies, and many fans who have supported the team.

There have been some changes to our team structure this season, and we were a little worried about the performance of the team and the car, but all the staff did an excellent job, and of course Nojiri and Iwasa drove with great concentration, so we had a perfect qualifying result of 1-2.





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I wanted Iwasa to win the race, but he has already changed his mindset and is preparing for tomorrow, so please look forward to tomorrow's Rd. 2 race.

Due to the rough start to the race, Nojiri had no strategic options and lost his position. He has now switched his focus and is preparing for Rd. 2.

Both cars are fast, so I hope everyone looks forward to tomorrow's race. Please give us your support.

