



## TEAM MUGEN

**#16 Nojiri struggled but steadily gained points**

**#15 Iwasa regrettably retired due to machine trouble**

Series name: 2025 All Japan Super Formula Championship Round 3

Competition name: MOTEGI 2&4 Race

Distance: 4,801m x 33 Laps (158.433km) \*33 Laps or 75 minutes.

Qualifying: Saturday, April 19, 2025, Weather: Sunny / Road surface: Dry

Race: Saturday, April 19, 2025, Weather: Sunny / Road surface: Dry

### ■ Overview of the race

With a clean start #15 Iwasa and #16 Nojiri both made good starts. #15 Iwasa moved up to 4<sup>th</sup> position and #16 Nojiri up to 7<sup>th</sup>. There were contacts among some cars behind and the safety car was deployed early on. The race restarted on the 4<sup>th</sup> lap.

#16 Nojiri took a pit stop after completing 10 laps. #15 Iwasa chose to stay out even though the # 6 in front of him pitted, and he had to chase the # 65 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> position.

#15 Iwasa took a pit stop after 18 laps. He returned to the track in 4<sup>th</sup> position. #16 Nojiri tried to overtake #1 which had just come out of the pits but was overtaken by #37 going behind him and dropped back to 10<sup>th</sup> position.

#15 Iwasa had shift gear trouble on the 28<sup>th</sup> lap and was not able to take the checkered flag. #16 Nojiri could not speed up satisfactorily but managed to hold off #14 and finished in 9<sup>th</sup> place.





April 19<sup>th</sup> (Sat)

**Qualifying:**

**#15 Ayumu Iwasa 6<sup>th</sup> place**

**#16 Tomoki Nojiri 8<sup>th</sup> place**

**Race:**

**#15 Ayumu Iwasa DNF**

**#16 Tomoki Nojiri 9<sup>th</sup> place**

[Driver: Iwasa]

The 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the Super Formula has ended. It is a very disappointing result. Of course, it is disappointing that I had to retire due to machine trouble, but this week I started off this race week from harsh situation but could make the car have pace, then it is even more frustrating.

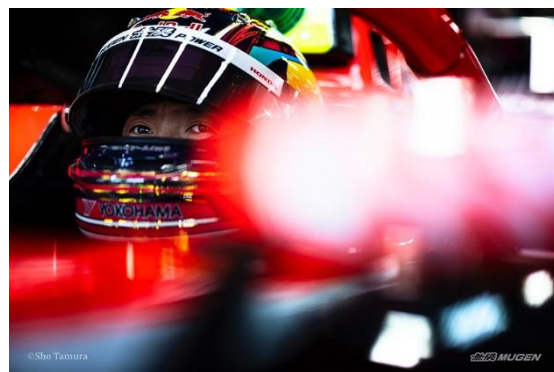
But the result itself will not change. Of course, I should not forget about today's race but will change my mind set for tomorrow and do my best in the qualifying session. I will do my best. Thank you for your support.



[Driver: Nojiri]

The 3<sup>rd</sup> round has just ended, and I ended up in 9<sup>th</sup> place, which was a very tough race. I tried my best to get the best performance out of our car, but I just could not pick up the pace, however, I tried my best as hard as I could to get some points.

Of course, since this is not the position I sought for, I am simply disappointed. There were many areas where I was not competing at all and we have consecutive games this time, so I would like to start again tomorrow and do my best with the team.



I would be happy if you could cheer us on again tomorrow. I will do my best. Thank you very much.



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[Director: Tanaka]

Since Friday's exclusive practice, neither #16 Nojiri nor #15 Iwasa have been able to adapt to the Motegi conditions well.

Each team changed their direction and made some adjustments to their setup before qualifying and the race. Although the car's balance improved a little, something was still lacking. Even under such conditions, both drivers focused on their driving, and #16 Nojiri finished in 9<sup>th</sup> place and earned points.



#15 Iwasa also improved his position at the start and was in 4<sup>th</sup> position in the latter half of the race, keeping an eye on the car going in front of him, but he was forced to retire due to an internal problem in the gear shift unit.

It is disappointing that this was an unlucky accident, not something the driver or team could have prevented. We will switch our mindset and do our best for tomorrow. Please keep on supporting us.



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