



TEAM MUGEN

#15 Iwasa achieved his long-awaited first SUPER FORMULA victory
with a perfect lights-to-flag win!!

Series: 2025 All-Japan Super Formula Championship, Round 8

Event: 2025 All-Japan Super Formula Championship, Round 8, Tohoku Tournament

Distance: 3,586m x 51 laps (182.886km) *51 laps or 75 minutes.

Saturday, August 9, 2025, Weather: Sunny / Track: Dry

Sunday, August 10, 2025, Weather: Rain / Track: Wet

■ Race Overview

On the race day, a rainy session began after the morning practice. Though the rain subsided during the start, the race began under the safety car. Each car completed laps while thoroughly warming up their tires. The safety car ended on the 5th lap, and the race restarted on the 6th lap.

A clean start resulted in no change in the order as the race entered the 7th lap. While cars behind were overtaking and going off the track, #15 Iwasa remained in the lead, while #16 Nojiri continued to monitor the cars in front and behind him. On the 10th lap, #64 went off the track, bringing out the safety car. At this point, #15 Iwasa was in the lead. #16 Nojiri was in 10th position. The race resumed on the 14th lap. On 17th and 18th lap, Nojiri was overtaken to drop to 12th position.

On the 19th lap, #12 contacted #14, which subsequently crashed, bringing out the safety car again. After the vehicles were recovered and the tire barriers repaired, the race resumed on the 29th lap. At this point, the race was switched from a lap count (51 laps) to a time race (75-minute time limit).

Even at this point, #15 Iwasa was still holding on to the lead. #16 Nojiri made a comeback from 11th position, but was overtaken on the 34th and 35th lap, dropping him to 13th position. #15 Iwasa achieved a lights-to-flag win, marking his first victory in SUPER FORMULA.





Saturday, August 9th

■ Free Practice

#16 Tomoki Nojiri: 2nd Place

#15 Ayumu Iwasa: 6th Place

■ Qualifying Q1

Group A: #16 Tomoki Nojiri: 3rd Place

Group B: #15 Ayumu Iwasa: 2nd Place

■ Qualifying Q2

#15 Ayumu Iwasa: 1st Place

#16 Tomoki Nojiri: 11th Place

[Driver: Iwasa]

My start in free practice was not bad, but I could not find a decisive improvement. Even so, I adopted a better option, and made adjustment based on my accumulated experience, which resulted in a good start in Q1.

In Q1, I was able to eliminate the negative aspects of free practice, fine-tune my driving, and made adjustments based on some suggested improvements. In addition, thanks to the small improvements I have made up until then, I was able to secure pole position in Q2.

Tomorrow is the race day, and we will have a thorough meeting and go for the win. Please keep on supporting us.

[Driver: Nojiri]

Unfortunately, I qualified in 11th place. Aside from the result, I also regret that I was not able to drive in a way that suited the car, made a mistake that dropped me down the rankings, and was unable to adapt to the car's current conditions, which is my job in order to aim for pole position.

I will take a good look at my performance tomorrow so I can drive well. I will do my best tomorrow as well.





[Director: Tanaka]

Iwasa drove brilliantly in qualifying to take pole position. He was fast in the morning practice session, and it was great that we were able to try out various adjustments in preparation for qualifying. The driver and staff did a great job, especially in the heat.

Nojiri also felt good in the morning practice session, and we were looking forward to qualifying, but the car's balance changed significantly, and he was not able to drive as well as we had hoped. Since there may be some issues with the car, we will check it thoroughly before the race.

Rain is forecast for tomorrow, so I hope Iwasa can hold on to his position and win the race. Nojiri is strong in rainy races, so I am looking forward to seeing him make a comeback in the race.

Sunday, August 10th

■ Race

#15 Ayumu Iwasa, 1st place

#16 Tomoki Nojiri, 15th place

[Driver: Iwasa]

I did it! Thank you very much. I finally won! That is one win for now. It is just starting from here.

I am really sorry to the team and everyone who has been supporting us for the results of the races so far.

We were able to earn full points in this important race in our quest for the championship.

We will fight to the end in the remaining two races, at Fuji and Suzuka. Thank you very much to everyone who has been supporting us.





[Driver: Nojiri]

Thank you for your hard work. I was so far down that I could not tell where I was. I need to find the reason for my loss.

I went into the race feeling mysteriously unwell from the start of the morning session. I will analyze my condition thoroughly and be ready to compete.

Fortunately, the next race will be held at Fuji Speedway and there is an interval, so I will do my best to make a comeback. Thank you so much.

[Director: Tanaka]

I am very happy that Iwasa achieved a lights-to-flag in today's race, and that it was Iwasa's first Super Formula victory. There were several races where he could have won earlier, but a team error caused him to miss a race, and I am truly sorry to the companies, sponsors, and many fans that support Iwasa. I am happy to finally be able to announce our victory.

I feel like we are finally on the starting line, so we will fight without error in the remaining races to win the championship.

Nojiri had trouble with the balance of his car, which made for a very tough race. We believe there was an issue with the car's setup, so we will work hard to find the cause before the next race so we can show him the kind of racing he is known for.

Thank you for your continued support.





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