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September 22nd, 2025

ARTA Race Report

Round 6 SUGO

■September 20th, 2025 (Sat): #8 Qualifying Report

**We have identified areas for improvement with the car,
then want to break this bad streak tomorrow**

One of our goals this year was to earn points in every race, but we missed that goal after finishing with zero points at previous Suzuka round. We came here to SUGO with a strong determination to score points in all remaining races.



Rain fell early in the morning practice session. Although the road surface was dried up in the latter half of the session, we could not confirm the setup due to instable conditions and the car did not perform as we expected. As a result, we finished the morning session in 9th place.

We made some setup changes to prepare for qualifying, and Nobuharu Matsushita made an attack in Q1.

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Despite some improvements, we finished the qualifying in the 11th place and were not able to advance to Q2.

As preparation for tomorrow since we have identified areas for improvement with the car, in spite of our starting from the back, we would like to aim to score a lot of points.



Director: Aguri Suzuki

After qualifying, we found some key points, and we could have avoided being eliminated in Q1. We will review them thoroughly and prepare for tomorrow. Now that we know what to do for improvement, I am really looking forward to tomorrow's race.



Executive Advisor: Keiichi Tsuchiya

We could not get the setup right this morning, and the drivers said that they were not feeling great. Unfortunately, we did not make it through Q1, but since we are finding out what to do for improvement, we will prepare to score points tomorrow.



Director: Hirokatsu Tanaka

The car was not going so well this morning. We made some setup changes for qualifying but were not able to get a well-balanced car. Despite the increased success weight, I believe we could have aimed for a higher position. If we had been able to share the good parts of our teammate #16, we could have been a little better. It was a disappointing race. Since we have found areas to improve, I am sure that we can make up ground tomorrow.

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Driver: Tomoki Nojiri

Unfortunately, we were eliminated in Q1. The front ride height was higher than we expected, and the car was not ready as we had hoped. However, I feel like having the potential to compete and I would like to fight hard until the end and earn points depending on the temperature tomorrow, though.



Driver: Nobuharu Matsushita

I believe we had the ability to get through Q1, but I cannot say for sure whether we could have aimed for a high position. However, there were some areas where we did not come together. There were some points we could not settle well on in the last few races, and the car is heavy, but there are heavier cars than ours ahead of us, so I want to turn that around and make tomorrow a meaningful day.

■August 21st, 2025 (Sun): #8 Race Report

The biggest reason leading to such a race result was our inability to advance through Q1, but we are determined to make up for it in the remaining two races

As usual, we warmed up to check our setup for the race before the race started. We had the potential to move up from the back. Since SUGO is notorious track for rough races, we prepared various countermeasures and awaited the start.

As the starting driver, Tomoki Nojiri took the wheel and the race started after the parade lap and formation lap.

He got off to a clean start and maintained his position going into the 2nd lap. His pace was good, and by the 7th lap he could succeed to move up to the 8th position. He then rose to the 7th position on the following lap.



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On the 19th lap there was contact between two GT300 class cars, resulting in a FCY. The cars were recovered in the following lap, and the race restarted.

There were no changes in the positions until after 25 laps, when the team made a routine pit stop and Nobuharu Matsushita took over the car.

He rejoined the race in the 8th position. Following other pit stops, he moved up to 7th position by the 32nd lap but was overtaken on the 37th lap and dropped back to the 8th position.

Due to continuous pit stops by other cars, he was back to the 6th position and FCY was announced. This was because a GT300 class car had stopped at the exit of pit track. After the car was recovered and the race restarted on the 47th lap, there was contact on the main straight shortly after, bringing out the safety car, and the race was red flagged due to a huge crash. At this point, he was in the 5th position. After a delay of about an hour, the race restarted behind the safety car. The race became a timed race, and the checkered flag was displayed at 4:30 PM.



Immediately after the restart, a GT300 class car stopped, and a FCY was announced again. The race restarted on the 58th lap.

He was in a dead heat, but swerved to avoid contact during the battle, dropping him to the 9th position. The checkered flag was displayed, but the car in front received a penalty, and the team's official result was recorded as the 8th place in the end.



Director: Aguri Suzuki

Nojiri did an excellent job, steadily improving his position on a track where passing was difficult. Nobu also showed his fierce battle in the second half of the race, which really motivated everyone. It is unfortunate that we dropped in the rankings, but this race showed our future potential.

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Executive Advisor: Keiichi Tsuchiya

Both Nojiri and Nobu drove great races. Winning the championship is getting more difficult, but I hope they can make their presence known in the remaining races.



Director: Hirokatsu Tanaka

Our race pace was very good, so I regret our qualifying position. We lost positions in the final stages, but considering our success weight, we had a chance here, so it was unfortunate. But we will do our best in the next two races.



Driver: Tomoki Nojiri

Since my race pace was good, I regret not being able to get through Q1 due to a combination of car-related mistakes in qualifying. I was really determined to gain even one position toward the end of the race, but that did not work out and I dropped down the order. There are many different types of races, but I will switch my mindset and do my best in the next one.



Driver: Nobuharu Matsushita

I am sure I was running a good race, but on the final lap, there was a GT300 class car in front of me, and the car behind me cut me on the inside. I had to swerve to the outside to avoid contact, which caused me to drop significantly in the order. It was a disappointing race, but I will switch my mindset and aim for satisfactory results in the remaining two races.

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■September 20th, 2025 (Sat): #16 Qualifying Report

Thanks to Otsu's accurate feedback, we have secured pole position for the second consecutive race, and tomorrow we are aiming for victory!

We took pole position at Suzuka last time but were disappointed in the race. This time, we are aiming for an even better result than we did at Suzuka.

The conditions in the morning free practice shifted from rain to dry, making for an unstable ride, but the car's balance seemed good. We finished in 12th place, which was not a great position, but the feeling seemed good.



Hiroki Otsu was in charge of Q1.

Rain was forecast for the afternoon, but it did not rain, and Q1 began in dry conditions.

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Otsu made it through Q1 in 2nd place but felt the need for some minor changes to the car and requested the team for a setup change.

This worked out perfectly, and Ren Sato, in charge of Q2 set a track record, securing his second consecutive pole position. We want to win this time no matter what, and gain momentum for the final stages of the race.



Director: Aguri Suzuki

The team built a great car, but I am also certain that Otsu gave us accurate feedback after Q1, and the team was able to bring that out. Ren drove without any mistakes and even set a track record, which was amazing, but we need to focus on tomorrow most of all. We got pole position last time at Suzuka, but lost in the race, so we would like to win the race somehow this time.



Executive Advisor: Keiichi Tsuchiya

#16 was consistent in both rain and dry conditions. What was great about qualifying was the feedback Otsu gave us after Q1. The team put that into practice, and Ren was able to stay focused and drive the whole way, which is why we got pole position. We want to hold on to pole position and win tomorrow, so please support us.



Director: Hirokatsu Tanaka

I did not feel bad about the morning session, but the conditions were unstable, therefore, I was not sure if it was really good or not. To be honest, there were some aspects I was not sure about, especially in terms of what we should do for qualifying. Despite that, our qualifying run turned out to be very good, and we were able to secure pole position for the second race in a row. Tomorrow, we will not be looking for revenge for Suzuka but will do our best to win the race.

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Driver: Hiroki Otsu

The weather changed from rain to dry during the morning session, and I was not able to drive very well in the dry, so I was worried about whether I could get a good time in qualifying. My driving was not perfect, but I was able to get through Q1 in second place. There were some points I wanted to improve in Q1, and the team worked well to address those, which I think led to pole position. Tomorrow would be an important day and I will do my best to win.



Driver: Ren Sato

We adjusted the car's setup based on Otsu's feedback in Q1, and the car is now more balanced. Also, while watching Otsu's Q1 performance, I was able to make a good attack while imagining my own driving, which allowed me to secure pole position. Tomorrow, I will do my best to make use of my being a front runner to avenge my loss last time.

■August 21st, 2025 (Sun): #16 Race Report

**It is frustrating because I was able to race in the top group,
but I want to put that feeling into the final two races**

At the previous race, Suzuka, I started from pole position and maintained the lead throughout the race, but I lost positions during a pit stop and missed the podium. This time, I want to win at all costs.

The starting driver was Hiroki Otsu. Immediately after the start, he was caught up by the second-place car, but he opened up a slight gap on the main straight on the first lap and continued to lap.

However, from the 4th lap, when lapped down GT300 classes began to appear, he was overtaken on the straight on the 5th lap.

Otsu could not increase his pace, and dropped to the 3rd position just before the second corner on lap the 14th lap

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On the 19th lap, there was contact between two GT300 class cars, resulting in an FCY. The car was recovered in the following lap and the race restarted.

There was no change in the positions, and Otsu made a routine pit stop on the 30th lap, handing over to Ren Sato, who rejoined the race in the 6th position.

Although his pace was not bad, he dropped to the 7th position on the 39th lap.

With other cars pitting, he had moved up to the 5th position, but then an FCY was adopted. This was because a GT300 class car had stopped at the exit of pit road. After the car was recovered, the race restarted on the 47th lap, but immediately afterwards there was contact on the main straight, bringing out the safety car, but a significant crash resulted in a red flag. At this point, he was in the 4th position.



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After a delay of about an hour, the race restarted under the safety car. The race became a timed race, and the checkered flag was displayed at 4:30 PM.

Immediately after the restart, a GT300 class car stopped, and an FCY was announced again. The race restarted on the 58th lap, but it was time for the checkered flag, and he finished in 4th place.

We were unable to earn points in the first half of the season, but we have been gaining points in two consecutive races at Suzuka and SUGO and are starting to ride a wave of momentum. We will be preparing to gain even higher positions in the remaining two races.



Director: Aguri Suzuki

It was a difficult race, but I do not think there was anything to be pessimistic about. We have made great progress compared to the first half of the season, and I am really looking forward to the remaining two races. I believe we can achieve even better results.



Executive Advisor: Keiichi Tsuchiya

It is disappointing because we had the potential to challenge for the podium, but looking at the season as a whole, we have been improving steadily, so we need to achieve good results in the remaining two races.



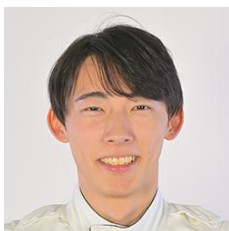
Director: Hirokatsu Tanaka

Our pace was not bad, but we pushed a little too hard and went off track, which was a shame, as we lost positions. I felt like we would have a chance to win, so it is unfortunate that we could not turn that into a result, but we will do our best to win the remaining races.



Driver: Hiroki Otsu

During my stint, the race was tough on the tires, making it difficult for me to increase my pace and causing me to drop in the rankings. I expected Ren's stint to be tough at the end as well, but the accident reduced the number of laps, then tire performance did not drop. However, it was difficult to recover my position at SUGO, where overtaking is difficult. It was a disappointing race, as I was just one step away from the podium finish. I will try to get revenge at the next race, Autopolis.



Driver: Ren Sato

I am extremely disappointed at my 4th place finish. The pace in the race was definitely the key factor. Since a car running the same package made it to the podium, I will thoroughly examine what went wrong and utilize that knowledge next time. However, being able to race in the leading group until the end was a major improvement, so I will try to get revenge next time.

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