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## ARTA Race Report

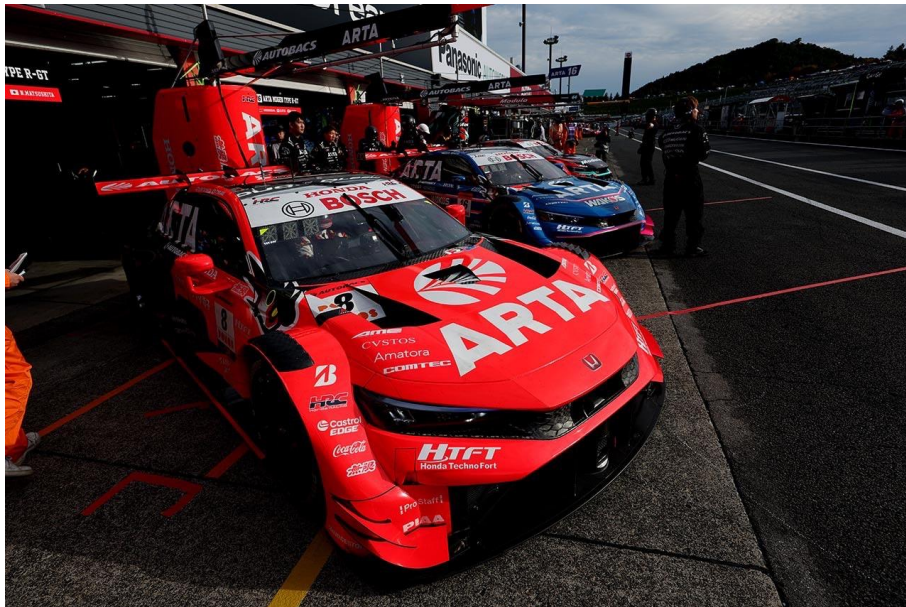
### Round 8 Motegi

#### ■November 1, 2025 (Sat) : #8 Qualifying Report

We qualified 8th but will show everyone a performance worthy of our final race

This race will be the last for the CIVIC TYPE R-GT. We are determined to fight for a good result and end up on a high note.

We finished 15th in the morning session, which was not a good result, but the drivers seemed to feel good. There are no negative feelings within the team.



Tomoki Nojiri made his Q1 attack. The temperature had changed since the morning and there were concerns about the tire compatibility, but Nojiri passed Q1 in 8th place. It was an attack that made us forget the morning's ranking.

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It was Nobuharu Matsushita who was in charge of Q2. He wanted to secure a slightly higher position to get into a position that would give him a shot at the podium, but he finished in 8th place, the same result as in Q1.

However, there was no sign of pessimism among team members, and both the drivers and team were preparing to aim for the podium in the race.



**Director: Aguri Suzuki**

Though we were last in the morning's free practice, session itself was not something to be pessimistic about. I am not worried about the result, and we were able to pass Q1 as well. What is more, the car is in great shape for the race. We want to run well until the end without getting into any troubles or receiving any penalties. If we can avoid such troubles, I believe we can end up with the race with a good result.



**Executive Advisor: Keiichi Tsuchiya**

Things were not going well in the morning, but the team managed to get the car ready in time for qualifying and got 8th place. Considering our performance in the morning, I believe it was great to make it to Q2 and get 8th place. We would like to show our cool comeback tomorrow.



**Director: Hirokatsu Tanaka**

We did everything we could. The morning session was not bad either, but it was difficult for us to get the speed up to where we could challenge ourselves for the lead. However, we were able to make it to Q2. I feel very positive about tomorrow and we would like to aim for the podium.

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**Driver: Tomoki Nojiri**

I was able to get through Q1 and pass the car over to Nobu. I am confident that I could carry out my job there. Nobu also did a great job. I believe we are on the not bad grid, and today's test gave us a good feeling about our race pace. I would like to show strong performance tomorrow and aim for the podium at the end of the final race.



**Driver: Nobuharu Matsushita**

I am afraid that we did not have enough strength to compete for the top spot, but the car has been in good condition over the last few races. I am certain that we could show our best performance. Since we are starting from a really good position for tomorrow, I hope to bring home a podium finish somehow.

## ■November 2, 2025 (Sun) : #8 Race Report

### It was not a glorious finale, but we managed to finish the season in 6th place

The morning of the race arrived on a clear autumn day, perfect for watching the race. Though we no longer had a chance to win the championship, we want to fight hard to achieve the best possible result in the final race of the CIVIC TYPE R-GT.

The starting driver was Nobuharu Matsushita. After the parade and formation lap, the race began.

Matsushita made a good start and moved up to 7th position, but on the next lap he was overtaken by his teammate and was running in 8th position. He continued to make laps, but just before the 8th lap, two GT-300 class cars collided and went off the track. FCY was introduced. The race restarted in the next lap and Matsushita timed it well to move up one position. Here he made light contact with his teammate.



There were no changes in the rankings after that, and on the 22nd lap he made a routine pit

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stop and handed the car over to Tomoki Nojiri. He returned to the track in 14th position.

By the end of the 30th lap, there was only one car that had not made a routine pit stop, and his apparent ranking was 8th.

On the 35th lap he dropped one position to 9th.

On the 37th lap, all cars completed their routine pit stops, and he was running in 8th position. There was a fierce battle for 7th position among 6 cars, but he lost one position at the hairpin and ended up in 9th place. He was pushed out at the 4th corner on the 44th lap but continued to run without losing position.



On the 50th lap, the two cars in front of us collided at the end of the back straight, slowing speed and allowing us to move up to 8th.

On the 53rd lap, we overtook one car at the fourth corner to move into 7th position. As the gap between us and the cars in front and behind us widened, we considered our remaining fuel and switched to fuel-efficient driving.

Our position remained unchanged, and we finished the race in 7th place. Afterwards, the 2nd place car was disqualified during vehicle inspection, and we earned points in 6th place.

Thank you for your support this season, and we look forward to seeing you again next season.



**Director: Aguri Suzuki**

It was frustrating that we had to pay attention to fuel economy during the race. We wanted to run the race in a way that allowed us to fight to the best of our ability. This year we have struggled with fuel economy, but I am sure that this issue will be less next year. If we have a strong race and avoid getting caught up in any troubles or accidents, I am certain we can get the results we want. We will start preparing now for next year. I would like to thank all the fans and everyone who supported us this year. Thank you very much. I look forward to your support again next year.

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**Executive Advisor: Keiichi Tsuchiya**

I am disappointed with this result, as I felt we had a good chance of making it onto the podium. We had to think about fuel economy, which meant we had fewer chances to overtake the car in front of us. I feel bad for the driver. We wanted to race to the best of our ability without worrying about fuel economy. I would like to thank the fans who have always supported us. Your support gives us strength. I look forward to seeing you again next year.



**Director: Hirokatsu Tanaka**

It was the last race for the Civic Type R-GT, and the car was not bad, and the pit work and refueling worked well together, but we were held back by the car in front. There were some areas where we needed to think a little more strategically. We will do our best for next year. Thank you for your support this year.



**Driver: Tomoki Nojiri**

It was a very intense race, and I had cut down on fuel consumption and refueling, therefore, I could not use any fuel, but I was glad that I managed to recover and pull away from the pack. There are still some things I need to improve as a driver for next year. I will try again. Thank you for your support over the past year.



**Driver: Nobuharu Matsushita**

During my stint, since the car in front of me could not increase its pace, I was kind of boxed in. I tried to save fuel during that time and instead tried to get ahead a little in the second stint, but the car in front of me got past me again. Nojiri managed to bring his car back amid all the difficulties, and we finished in 6th place. I believe we did everything we could. I would like to thank everyone for their support and encouragement over the past year. Thank you very much.

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#### ■November 1, 2025 (Sat) : #16 Qualifying Report

**Although we only managed to reach 9th place in Q2,  
we felt good and will continue to push forward as we did last time**

After scoring no points in the first half of the season, the #16 ARTA MUGEN CIVIC TYPE R-GT's performance has steadily improved in the second half, taking pole positions in two consecutive races and earning a podium finish in Round 7.

This time, all cars were unloaded, giving us the opportunity to put our true potential to the test.

We finished 8th in the morning session, which is by no means a good position, but the car balance and the driver's feeling were good, and the team is in a positive mood.



It was Hiroki Otsu who challenged Q1. Otsu is highly dependable, maximizing the car's potential and making it through Q1 even when the car's balance is slightly off.

He did not disappoint us, finishing in 9th place and handing the baton to Ren Sato for Q2.

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In Q2, due to changes in the road conditions, it was difficult to get the car in order, but we managed to get the 9th fastest time.

We have been gradually getting results in the second half of the season. We want to finish off the season with a result in the final race that is better than the 7th race.



**Director: Aguri Suzuki**

#16 has been getting better since the second half of the race, but this result was achieved owing to some of the cars with heavy success weights. This time, all the cars have no weight. This race will really assess our abilities. Qualifying was not a good result but considering the results of the first half of the race, I do not think this is a bad position. We want to catch up like in the last race and show off the true speed of #16.



**Executive Advisor: Keiichi Tsuchiya**

We had high hopes after taking pole positions for two races in a row, but the main reason was that we were not able to adapt well to the changing conditions. I feel sorry for Ren. Even though we were in 9th place, we were able to come from the back and move up to the top, just like in the last race. We will not give up and fight until the end.



**Director: Hirokatsu Tanaka**

The long run went really well. We would like to do our best to bounce back like we did in the last race. We will be aiming for the podium here as well.

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**Driver: Hiroki Otsu**

It was a close call, but I managed to get through Q1 without any issues. I had a lot of things in mind for Q2, but the time difference ended up being larger than we expected. We were not able to adapt to the conditions, though the feeling is good, I felt the difficulty of competition with no-weight. Since #8 car seems to be good for long distances, we will use that as a reference to prepare for tomorrow.



**Driver: Ren Sato**

I struggled in qualifying this time, but I was able to make it to Q2, and since I was able to catch up at Autopolis, I believe the Civic has the power to catch up as well. I will do my best tomorrow as well.

## ■November 2, 2025 (Sun) : #16 Race Report

**The second half of the season went well, but if we could have achieved results sooner, we could have been in the championship race**

We want to finish the final race of the season with a result better than our third place finish last time. In particular, we want this race to give tribute to the CIVIC TYPE R-GT which will show its final appearance this time.

The starting driver was Hiroki Otsu. At the start, Otsu moved up one position and made it through the straight on the 1st lap in 8th position. On the next lap, he passed his teammate #8 to move up to 7th. He continued to lap, but just before the 8th lap, two GT-300 class cars collided and went off the track. The FCY was deployed. The race restarted the following lap, but he contacted #8 afterwards. This caused the car to lose balance, resulting in problems stopping straight when braking.



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On the 10th lap, Otsu reported a problem over the radio. The rear of his car seemed unstable due to the contact. His lap times did not drop, but control was difficult, and he lost one position on the 12th lap.

After a close battle, he made a routine pit stop on the 23rd lap, handing over to Ren Sato. He returned to the track in 14th position.

After 30 laps, only one car had not made a routine pit stop, and his car was apparently in 10th position.

On the 34th lap, he lost one position at the first corner, putting him in 11th position. On the 35th lap, the pit stop command was given to drive for fuel economy.

On the 37th lap, all cars had completed their routine pit stops, and the car had risen to 10th position, within the ranks of the prizewinners. However, he continued to drive for fuel economy and lost another position on the 40th lap. He dropped further to 12th by the 44th lap. On the 47th lap, he overtook one car to move up to 11th.



On the 50th lap, the two cars in front of us collided at the end of the back straight, slowing their speed and allowing me to move up to 9th position.

On the 54th lap, we were hit from behind by another car on the straight before corner 3. We were able to continue driving and the damage was minimal.

After that, the battle for 8th position was intensified. It was a close race, tail-to-nose, but the position remained unchanged until the end, and we finished the race in 9th place. After that, the second-place car was disqualified, and we in the end finished the race in 8th place.

Thank you for your support for #16 this season.

Now is the time to start preparations for next season.

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**Director: Aguri Suzuki**

This car has been fast all season, but it has not translated into good results. We were able to get some points today, but if we had not made contact we could have finished higher. It is important to race in a way that avoids these kinds of small accidents. Next year we want to eliminate these kinds of mistakes. If we do that, I believe the results will come naturally. I would like to thank all the fans who supported us this year and everyone who gave us their backing. Thank you very much. We will be preparing so that we can

compete for the championship next year.



**Executive Advisor: Keiichi Tsuchiya**

The contact with #8 early on had an impact. It looked like we could have run at a good pace, but that is racing. However, since #16 was able to show its true speed in the second half of the season, I imagine if we had been able to show this power earlier, we could have joined the championship battle. Next year, we want to have a race where we can steadily accumulate points from the beginning. Thank you for your support this year. I am very grateful to the fans and sponsors who supported us even when we were not getting

results. We will do our best next year to produce results and live up to your expectations.



**Director: Hirokatsu Tanaka**

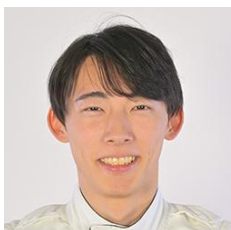
The car was going really well, but during the first FCY we contacted #8, which caused some discomfort in the left rear and made it difficult to stop in a straight line when braking. Even in those conditions, Ren drove well until the end. We struggled in the first half of the season, scoring no points, but in the second half we were able to score points in the last race and move up the rankings a little, which was good, but if we had been able to improve our form a little earlier, we might have been able to fight for the

championship. We would like to start preparing now for next year. Thank you for your support this year as well.



**Driver: Hiroki Otsu**

My pace was good, and I tried to overtake from the start and keep increasing my pace, but I contacted #8 and my balance got worse. From there I could not increase my pace, and even after Ren took over, we were not able to increase our pace as we wanted, so it was a disappointing result. Thank you for this season. I wanted to achieve a better result in this final race for the CIVIC TYPE R-GT. I will do my best to make use of this experience next year.



**Driver: Ren Sato**

The balance of the car was really good, but we contacted #8 early on, which caused the balance of the car to be thrown off. In the second half, I managed to hang on, but then I was hit from behind by another car and was in a battered state, but somehow, I managed to finish within the points. Nothing has been fixed yet regarding the next season. But I will do my best to make use of what I have learned for next year. Thank you for this year, and I look

forward to working with you again next year.

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