



TEAM MUGEN AUTOBACS

2026 Super Formula Round 2 Race Report

#1 Iwasa, unable to improve race pace, finishes in 8th place
#16 Nojiri, qualified 4th but trouble on the first lap affected his performance

Series Name: 2026 All Japan Super Formula Championship Round 1 & 2

Event Name: MOTEGI 2&4 RACE

Distance: 4,801m x 37 Laps (177.637km) *37 Laps or 75 mins

Qualifying: April 5, 2026 (Sun) Weather: Cloudy/Sunny / Track Condition: Half-wet

Race: April 5, 2026 (Sun) Weather: Cloudy / Track Condition: Dry

■ Race Overview

Heavy rain fell Saturday night, and although it stopped by Sunday morning, the track remained half-wet. While slick tires were fitted, the track was a delicate surface, requiring drivers to stay in the dry, narrow spaces to avoid going off-track.

In the morning qualifying session, both drivers advanced to Q2. #1 Iwasa finished 3rd, and #16 Nojiri finished 4th, giving TEAM MUGEN AUTOBACS a second row starting position for the race.

In the race, #1 Iwasa was overtaken at turn 3 on the first lap, dropping to 4th place. He changed tires on lap 15, rejoining the race in 16th place and gradually improving his position. However, pit strategies from other cars hindered his progress, preventing him from moving up the ranks as he wished. In the end, he finished the race in 8th place.





Meanwhile, #16 Nojiri contacted another car at the exit of the S-curve on the first lap. Due to damage to the front wing, the car returned to the pits for replacement, forcing it to start from the back of the pack. On lap 26, it changed tires, returning to 20th place and moving up to 18th before finishing the race.

April 5th (Sunday)

■ Qualifying

#1 Ayumu Iwasa Q1: 3rd place / Q2: 3rd place

#16 Tomoki Nojiri Q1: 2nd place / Q2: 4th place

■ Race

#1 Ayumu Iwasa 8th place

#16 Tomoki Nojiri 18th place

[Driver: Iwasa]

Round 2 is over. Qualifying was third place, which was not bad, and I definitely felt we could have aimed for pole position, but the setup just did not click. Conversely, being third in that situation confirmed that we have a good base, which was a positive point for us.

Regarding the race, I felt something was off with the car's handling from the start, and although I do not know the reason, I could not go very fast. I did everything I could on the track, but I gradually lost positions throughout the race.

First, I need to clarify whether there was a problem or not, and depending on the results, I will make improvements. For the next race at Autopolis, where I have not won yet, I will prepare thoroughly to win and push hard to aim for pole position. Thank you.





[Driver: Nojiri]

Thank you for your hard work. I finished 18th in the second race, quite far back. Qualifying went fairly well, but in the race, I had some trouble at the start, which caused me to fall behind. After that, I could not get into a rhythm and even made contact. It felt like the race was over on the first lap, and I have a lot to reflect on.

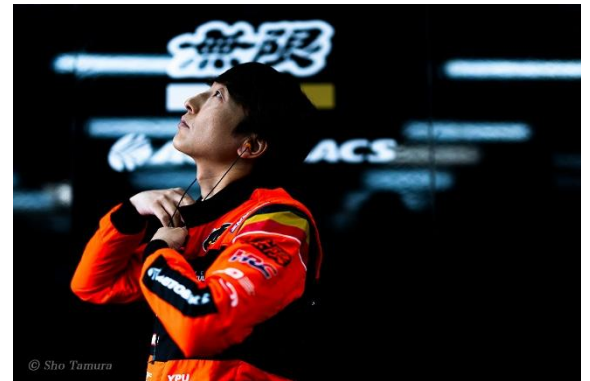
I will work hard to be able to compete in the next race, as this is only the second race. Please continue to support me. Thank you very much.

Regarding the race, in that rain, I focused on simply avoiding collisions and bringing the machine back to the pit in a position where I could compete well in Sunday's race. For the second race, I will do my best to start from a good position and win. Thank you for your support.

[Director: Tanaka]

In the second race, Iwasa qualified in 3rd place and Nojiri in 4th place. Therefore, we could not line up on the front row, but we were able to line up on the second row of the grid, which was a very promising qualifying result for the race.

In the race, neither car had any speed at all, and we lost a lot of positions, for which I am deeply sorry to the many fans who were cheering us on. We will do our best to have a cool race that is typical of MUGEN in the next race. Please continue to support us.





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