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2026 SUPER FORMULA Round 6 Race Report

#1 Iwasa Charges from 22nd on the Grid to Claim a Hard-Earned Point! #16 Nojiri Endures a Difficult Race Following an Unfortunate Trouble

Series: 2026 All-Japan SUPER FORMULA Championship Round 6

Event: 3rd Princess Yoko Cup 2026 All-Japan SUPER FORMULA Championship

Distance: 4,563m x 41 laps (187.083km or 75 minutes)

July 18, 2026 (Saturday), 8:15 a.m. - Weather: Cloudy/Rain; Track: Wet

July 18, 2026 (Saturday), 4:20 p.m. - Weather: Cloudy; Track: Dry/Wet

【Qualifying Summary】

Rain from Friday and Saturday morning remained on the circuit. Although the weather was cloudy when qualifying began, the track surface was still wet, and the session started at 8:15 a.m. with all cars on wet tires.

In Q1 Group A, #1 Iwasa attacked aggressively from the start, but the wet-condition setup could not be fully optimized. He was eliminated in Q1 after setting the 11th-fastest time in the group, placing him 22nd overall in qualifying. This was Iwasa's first Q1 elimination since Round 5 at Motegi in 2024.

Meanwhile, #16 Nojiri set the fastest time in Group B and advanced to Q2. As the wetness on the track gradually began to ease, the team made setup adjustments during the pit stop and put everything into the final attack lap, but the changes had little effect and he finished 12th.





【Race Summary】

Compared with the morning session, the track had dried considerably, and all cars lined up on the starting grid with slick tires. Just as the start lights came on, Car #16 suffered an engine stall and was moved to the pit lane for safety reasons and restarted from the back of the field.

Starting from 22nd, #1 Iwasa jumped up to 18th on the opening lap. He continued to push hard over the following laps and climbed to 15th. The team delayed the tire change as long as possible, bringing him in on Lap 38. He returned to the track in 13th, overtook three cars over the final three laps, and finished 10th to secure one hard-earned point.

#16 Nojiri, who had started from the very back, was forced to endure a difficult race throughout and finished 24th without an opportunity to move up the order.



July 18, 2026 (Saturday)

Qualifying

#1 Ayumu Iwasa 22nd

#16 Tomoki Nojiri 12th

Race

#1 Ayumu Iwasa 10th

#16 Tomoki Nojiri 24th



【Ayumu Iwasa】

Round 6 at Fuji in the summer has now come to an end. In this morning's qualifying, the conditions were wet but not fully wet, with some dry sections as well. To be honest, we have continued to struggle with performance in these mixed conditions, and it is something we need to improve properly going forward.

Because I started the race from 22nd on the grid, I focused





solely on recovering positions and tried several different approaches with the car concept.

Towards the end, rain began to fall, so we took a gamble by stretching the tire-change timing as far as possible, and we were able to finish 10th and score one point. This result allowed us to reaffirm our strengths and positives, and I see it as a very productive race in preparation for tomorrow.

Tomorrow, I will start the morning Round 3 race from pole position and the afternoon Round 7 race from sixth on the grid. Of course, I will be aiming for two wins, so thank you for your support!

【Tomoki Nojiri】

Regarding qualifying for Round 6, Q1 was held in wet conditions with relatively heavy rainfall, but we were able to set a very strong time and finish in the best possible position, first in our group. In Q2, the track changed significantly as it began switching to dry conditions, and we could not improve our performance, finishing 12th.

For the race, I started from 12th. The car felt fairly good, so I was aiming for points and possibly a podium, but an unexpected engine stall turned it into a very difficult race and effectively ended our chances before the start.

Tomorrow, I will start the rescheduled Round 3 race from third and the Round 7 race from pole position, so I will do my best to finish the weekend with two wins.

Thank you for your support.

【Team Director Tanaka】

Round 6 did not produce the results we had hoped for in either qualifying or the race. First, qualifying was held in wet conditions after the rain, with only a small amount of water remaining on the track. We were unable to match the car setup to these conditions, and #1 Iwasa was unexpectedly





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eliminated in Q1 and qualified 22nd. #16 Nojiri showed strong pace in Q1 and advanced at the top of his group, but as the track conditions changed in Q2, we could not improve performance and ended a disappointing 12th.

In the afternoon race, #16 Nojiri suffered an engine stall at the start, which caused a major loss. This forced us to extend the opening stint as long as possible. Although the driver pushed hard, he finished the race without gaining positions. #1 Iwasa started from 22nd, and although the balance of the car was by no means ideal, he drove patiently to the finish and ultimately climbed to 10th position, earning one point for the team.

Tomorrow, both Round 3 and Round 7 will start from strong grid positions, so we will do our best to deliver exciting races. Thank you for your support.



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