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2026 SUPER FORMULA Round 3 (Supplemental Race)

Race Report

#16 Nojiri Secures Second Place in Tough Supplemental Race !

#1 Iwasa Retires After Starting from Pole Following Unfortunate Trouble

Series: 2026 All-Japan SUPER FORMULA Championship Round 3 Supplemental Race

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

Distance: 4,563m x 25 laps (114.075km or 50 minutes)

Qualifying: April 25, 2026 (Saturday) - Weather: Cloudy; Track: Dry (Autopolis)

Race: July 19, 2026 (Sunday), 10:05 a.m. - Weather: Sunny; Track: Dry (Fuji Speedway)

【Race Summary】

The supplemental race for Round 3 in Kyushu, which had been postponed due to severe weather, was held at Fuji Speedway as a 25-lap short race. The starting grid reflected the qualifying results from the Kyushu round, and with no mandatory tire change, the race unfolded as a sprint battle.

Starting from pole position, #1 Iwasa suffered an anti-stall issue at the start and entered Turn 1 after dropping into the midfield. At that point, he made contact with another car, went off the track, and retired from the race.

Starting from third on the grid, #16 Nojiri maintained third position. A Safety Car was deployed to allow the recovery of Car #1 after it went off track, and the race continued behind



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the Safety Car for some time.

The race resumed on Lap 10. Immediately after the restart, as the car ahead ran wide at Turn 1, #16 Nojiri moved up to second. However, the Safety Car was deployed again, and the race did not fully resume until Lap 18.

Over the final eight laps, Nojiri battled the leading car using the overtake button, but the gap did not close enough, and he finished second. It was his first podium finish since Round 11 at Suzuka last year.



July 19, 2026 (Sunday)

Qualifying (April 25, Saturday / Autopolis)

#1 Iwasa Pole Position

#16 Nojiri 3rd

Race (July 19, Sunday / Fuji Speedway)

#1 Iwasa DNF

#16 Nojiri 2nd



【Ayumu Iwasa】

In the Round 3 supplemental race, I started from pole position, but the car went into anti-stall at the start and I lost a lot of positions. After that, when I entered Turn 1, I was pushed from the side by a following car, which damaged the car and forced me to retire.

The start was everything, so it was extremely disappointing. Also, because Round 7 was scheduled immediately afterward in the afternoon, I had to switch my mindset quickly. Thank you for your support.

【Tomoki Nojiri】

In Round 3, I ultimately finished second and achieved my first podium of the season. It finally felt like a return to the podium, although it took quite some time.





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Thank you for your support.

【Team Director Tanaka】

This season, #16 Nojiri had not been able to achieve the results he wanted in the races, so although he did not win, I am very pleased that he secured a second-place podium finish. I believe this created positive momentum for Round 7 in the afternoon.

#1 Iwasa experienced conditions on the grid that were very different from what we had expected for the track surface, which slowed his acceleration at the start. He then made contact with another car at Turn 1 and retired. It was a major setback that we had limited time to assess and repair the car before the afternoon race.



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