

2012 Formula Nippon Rd.4
FUJI SPEED WAY
14 JULY 2012

Spectators: 9,500 (Weather : Cloudy partly Rain)

QUALIFYING



PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S driver Kazuki Nakajima got his maiden Pole Position in the Japanese championship Formula Nippon 2012 round 4 in Fuji Speed Way today. And Andre Lotterer will start from 8th grid for tomorrow race.

- Kazuki was 2nd fastest both of Q1 and Q2 and he drove well on wet Q3 with slick for Pole
- Andre was fastest in Q1 followed by team mate Kazuki but he had strange feeling in Q2 and was not able to pass to Q3.
- It was right decision that team asked to Kazuki rush into track when rain started at Q3 session start
- Andre qualified 9th but penalties for other driver should mean he start from P8

Drivers	Car No.	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3
Andre Lotterer	1	P1 1:25.811	P9 1:26.417	
Kazuki Nakajima	2	P2 1:25.901	P2 1:25.976	P1 1:36.694

Weather	Overcast-Rain/Damp-Dry-Wet	
Temperatures	Air: 24-25 C	Track: 27-28 C

ANDRE LOTTERER (Driver for car No. 1)

“It was very strange thing happen on me and team in Q2. We did not touch anything over my car from Q1 to Q2 but feeling was completely changed. It was something like put double full tank fuel on the car especially at sector 3, no grip at all and very bad braking behavior. We will find what was wrong in qualify. It was disappointed qualify today but 8th position is not bad in Fuji. It is possible to get points and podium finish. I will try as much possible to make up some places in race tomorrow.”

KAZUKI NAKAJIMA (Driver for car No. 2)

“It is really nice feeling to get my first Pole position in Formula Nippon here in Fuji Speed way. From Free practice, my car had a lot of potential to make good qualify result. In the final qualifying session, we made good decision to go quickly in to the track. With on slick tires on wet was very hard job actually. I concentrated to keep my car on the track where heavy rain at final sector. It will be nice view from Pole position tomorrow and I have confidence to make good start to lead.”

TSUTOMU TOJO (Engineer for car No. 1)

“Andre was fastest in Q1 and we did not any change for Q2. But he was 0.6 second slower than Q1 time. It was big thing but we could not find any mechanical fouler. We will try to find what was wrong more and we go for to race better tomorrow. Andre had one position up for race and he always make good start and we hope him up some position for Podium finish.”

MASAKI SAEDA (Engineer for car No. 2)

“Kazuki made great job to get his first Pole in this series. From spring testing, Kazuki was good shape in Fuji and he kept his shape. I asked Kazuki to go with on slick in to damp track at Q3. He was the first driver to get into the track and showed of tremendous drive on very slippery condition. For the race, we hope he will make good start and to get his second win this year.”

NOBUHIDE TACHI (Team Director)

“It was mix feeling in the qualifying today here in Fuji. Kazuki got his first Pole in Formula Nippon was very nice to us and for entire series I think. But Andre had something very strange happening. He was fastest in Q1 but he was not able to pass the session for Q3. We put power to solved problem and hope both our driver to share podium tomorrow.”