

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

Spectators: 17,700 (Weather : Cloudy partly Rain)

RACE



PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S dominated first and second podium again in 2012 Formula Nippon round 4 at Fuji Speed Way today. Team drivers Andre Lotterer scored second win this season and Kazuki Nakajima finished 2nd.

- Andre made great start from 8th spot to 3rd on first lap
- Kazuki allowed to go Oshima then he led after pit stop on lap 53 then followed by Andre
- Andre catch up Kazuki in sector 3 three laps to go for win

Drivers	Car No.	Result / Fastest Lap
Andre Lotterer	1	P1 1:29.215
Kazuki Nakajima	2	P2 1:29.206

Weather	Overcast - Rain- Overcast	
Temperatures	Air: 26-25 C	Track: 33-29 C

ANDRE LOTTERER (Driver for car No. 1)

“Today’s race was best race ever had been in Formula Nippon. Started from 8th position and I made fantastic start to 3rd end of first lap. I followed Kazuki and tried to save fuel at beginning of the race. It was not easy race that rain come sometime and difficult to keep my car on the track. My engine had problem when the rain heavier something like misfire. No power when the initial acceleration then suddenly full power comes out. The problem solved final part of the race and I followed Kazuki in P2 after pit stop and I challenged to hip to lead in sector 3. It is really happy to win again and thanks to all. ”

KAZUKI NAKAJIMA (Driver for car No. 2)

“Finishing second in round 4 in Fuji today was not bad but I really frustrating because I lost win three laps to go. I allowed to Oshima at the start but I was no hurry because it will be chance to take over especially at the timing of pit stop. And we made great pit stop to lead. Condition of today was so tricky, damp, dry, wet during race and changed several times. In the final part of the race, Andre was better than me on damp condition. I led again in championship and have to be happy but truth in mind, frustrated. ”

TSUTOMU TOJO (Engineer for car No. 1)

“Andre made amazing start again that he gained 5 positions on first lap. And he was waiting to chance while he followed Kazuki. Once he had engine miss fire but he managed to keep the position. It was great drive with slick tires on wet condition and he boost to catch up Kazuki in very final part of the race. Andre’s great drive made another win for the team.”

MASAKI SAEDA (Engineer for car No. 2)

“Kazuki made good race to finish 2nd but we lost P1 at three laps to go that was shame. Followed to Oshima at beginning of the race after allow to go but we had confident to replace position. And we did it at the pit stop. Then we went for win but Andre got closer to Kazuki on damp condition in end of the race. We will prepare to better car to win in next race.”

NOBUHIDE TACHI (Team Director)

“To finish 1-2 is supremely happy. And I know, Kazuki is really frustrated even he got P2. I honor to have two great drivers made fantastic race and this achievement done by whole team. Andre had bad luck in qualifying then he recovered in the race to win that was Le Mans winner’s performance. And Kazuki is leading again the championship. I hope both of our drivers to give fans to keep on entertain races ahead.”