

2012 Formula Nippon Rd.5
TWIN RING MOTEGI
4 AUGUST 2012

QUALIFYING

Spectators: 10,000 (Weather : Sunny)



PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S driver Kazuki Nakajima will start 3rd spot and Andre Lotterer 4th spot tomorrow's race for Japanese championship Formula Nippon 2012 round 5 in Twin Ring Motegi.

- Andre struggled less grip in Q1 and he was 11th fastest for Q2
- Kazuki was very solid in qualifying and he had confident to get Pole but was not complete
- Andre back to good shape in Q2 and Q3 and he got 4th spot for race

Drivers	Car No.	Q1	Q2	Q3
Andre Lotterer	1	P11 1:35.435	P4 1:35.147	P4 1:34.712
Kazuki Nakajima	2	P2 1:34.929	P2 1:34.974	P3 1:34.600

Weather	Sunny Hot	
Temperatures	Air: 31-32 °C	Track: 42-44 °C

ANDRE LOTTERER (Driver for car No. 1)

"It was very strange thing happen again as in Fuji last round. I was fastest in free practice in a morning. It was quite good feeling and good grip. But I had complete different feeling that less grip in Q1. I was confused that how could I push to maximum to following qualifying sessions. And in Q2 and Q3 were got better but still I have uncertain area over tires. We will check some elements and go for the tomorrow race. We are always very strong in the race and I hope I will make good start and win again."

KAZUKI NAKAJIMA (Driver for car No. 2)

"I was surprised while I looked up the tower after Q3 attack. I had good feeling that I was able to get Pole but my car number was 3rd on ranking board. Both of IMPUL cars made good qualifying and faster than me and Andre. I was quite happy about car today, from morning free practice to all three sessions of qualifying and we have very good set up for race tomorrow. I hope we will make good race again but this time I will win follow by Andre."

TSUTOMU TOJO (Engineer for car No. 1)

"Andre reported me just same feeling that he did in Fuji. I suppose that matching of tires and car with Andre were very sensitive right now in the qualifying today here in Motegi. We need to solve this problem for next qualifying anyway. For tomorrow, 4th position is not but for Andre. He always strong in race and hope for another winning."

MASAKI SAEDA (Engineer for car No. 2)

"We are very good shape from morning practice. Kazuki said that car was quite good. We could get together for here in Motegi today but two IMPUL cars faster. From 3rd position, we will make another strong race tomorrow and win."

NOBUHIDE TACHI (Team Director)

"It was really frustrating after qualifying against IMPUL racing today. Andre had strange happening again but I believe that our staff will solve the problem and he will make good start to gain positions for tomorrow. For Kazuki, He showed off good shape and I hope he will make winning battle with Andre again."

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RACE

Spectators: 16,000 (Weather : Sunny)



PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S driver Andre Lotterer finished 2nd place today with Kazuki Nakajima came home 4th place in All Japan Formula Nippon round 5 at Twin Ring Motegi.

- Andre made bad start but he maintained his starting position 4th
- Kazuki also made bad start to loose two positions from 3rd spot to 5th
- Andre gained one position to 3rd after pit in and another one position while 2nd runner Matsuda had gear failure. Kazuki passed Matsuda for 4th finish

Drivers	Car No.	Result / Fastest Lap
Andre Lotterer	1	P2 1:38.621
Kazuki Nakajima	2	P4 1:38.998

Weather	Sunny	
Temperatures	Air: 34-34 C	Track: 52-46 C

ANDRE LOTTERER (Driver for car No. 1)

“It was bad start but I kept my start position. First half of race was so hard that I had not enough grip while I chase Tsukakoshi. So we came pit earlier and we succeed to replace the positions. In second half of the race, car was got better and I managed good pace and finally, Matsuda had trouble, may be gear box or something. It was hard weekend but we completed 2nd finish to get points. It was the something good for championship.”

KAZUKI NAKAJIMA (Driver for car No. 2)

“My start was not so good and I lost two positions until 3rd corner. Start was very important here in Motegi that it was very difficult to take over. My car was not bad this weekend and I did reasonably good race to keep 5th position following my team make. To get point as much as possible in this type of race is needed for championship. I keep on lead and go for Sugo.”

TSUTOMU TOJO (Engineer for car No. 1)

“Andre’s start today was no good because he could not gain any position, just keep starting order. He was faster than Tsukakoshi but it was impossible to make over take here in Motegi. He made good race to keep concentrate from start to finish. Sorry for Matsuda but we got position up and got 8 points, one point gap to Kazuki. It is going to be start the battle of series.”

MASAKI SAEDA (Engineer for car No. 2)

“Our car was reasonably good for here in Motegi but two IMPUL car were one step forward from us in qualifying to race. I will talk with Kazuki to find something better to put the car. Fortunately, we got one position up and got 5 points to keep on leading in championship. We go for rest of races which get harder.”

NOBUHIDE TACHI (Team Director)

“2nd finish for Andre was good for the battle of championship but I was very frustrated that we could not win. Congratulate to Mr. Hoshino and Team IMPUL, they were strong in here in Motegi today’s race and qualifying yesterday. We want beat them next round in Sugo. With Kazuki, he made another solid race to get precious points. I hope both of Tom’s drivers will make the championship.”