

2012 Formula Nippon Rd.6
SPORTSLAND SUGO
22 SEPTEMBER 2012

QUALIFYING

Spectator : 5,400 (Weather : Sunny)



PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S driver Kazuki Nakajima will start from 4th spot and Andre Lotterer 5th spot for Japanese championship Formula Nippon 2012 round 6 in Sportsland Sugo.

- Kazuki crushed in morning free practice and team repaired quickly
- Andre adjusted for each session and he was P5 in Q2 and Q3
- Kazuki was good shape in qualifying and he got 2nd row for race

Drivers	Car No.	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3
Andre Lotterer	1	P10 1:08.024	P5 1:07.435	P5 1:07.486
Kazuki Nakajima	2	P3 1:07.488	P7 1:07.503	P4 1:07.329

Weather	Sunny	
Temperatures	Air: 23-24 °C	Track: 34-27 °C

ANDRE LOTTERER (Driver for car No.1)

“It was really tough qualifying today here in Sugo. The sweet spot of set up for this course was very small. Our set up was good for Sugo basically and we changed small thing and tire pressure for Q3 a just little and achieved P5. Car was good but two cars of Dandelion team on front row were very fast. I will try to make good start and to get points as much as possible for the championship. ”

KAZUKI NAKAJIMA (Driver for car No.2)

“I was very gratitude to staff’s good job that repaired my car quickly after crush and made it to run for qualifying. Car was fine from Q1 but I was able to go to Q3 in last minute as P7. We adjusted again for Q3 and I got 2nd row for race. Compare with last year we progressed our performance in Sugo. Start will be important that it is difficult to over take here in Sugo.”

TSUTOMU TOJO (Engineer for car No. 1)

“It was difficult to set up according to temperature change today here in Sugo. Of course, we tried to make best set for final Q3 session but Andre met a slow car while he made tires warm up that was one of bad factor in the session. Andre is able to make position up from 5th spot and I hope to score points again for championship. ”

MASAKI SAEDA (Engineer for car No. 2)

“We completed the job just before qualifying session start. Car was good and Kazuki was able to set the time from Q1. We adjusted for each qualifying session and Kazuki managed to get P4. It was very busy day and we succeeded to get 2nd row for the race. Weather condition for tomorrow is uncertain but we will try strong race again.”

NOBUHIDE TACHI (Team Director)

“Starting position of 4th and 5th for Kazuki and Andre are not bad but our aim is always best result. So my feeling was very mixed. My staff made great job to fix the Kazuki’s car that crushed in morning free practice. I am so proud my staff again. We have another chance to make good result tomorrow and we will get together for the championship.”

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RACE

Spectator : 8,400 (Weather : Rain)



PETRONAS Team Tom's driver Kazuki Nakajima finished 5th with Andre Lotterer was 10th in Japanes championship Formula Nippon round 6 at Sportsland Sugo.

- Race started with SC under rain condition
- After 4 laps of SC towing, both drivers kept his starting position and Andre had early stage pit stop
- Kazuki kept his position after pitted then he touched with Andre at 5 laps to go while second SC out

Drivers	Car No.	Result / Fastest Lap
Andre Lotterer	1	P10 1:23.284
Kazuki Nakajima	2	P5 1:22.887

Weather	Rain	
Temperatures	Air: 18-17 C	Track: 20-19 C

ANDRE LOTTERER (Driver for car No.1)

“It was very tough race in Sugo under rain condition. Visibility was so bad from start to finish. We took the strategy that to make pit stop early stage for avoid to stacking in the group. We tried to move another field to have good vision but I back to race in the other group. Car was not nice on wet and I struggled to keep my car on track. After SC run in final part of race, some cars had gather around at last corner and I went off once then I got into first corner with Kazuki. We touched and I spun. I disappointed to not score points but still championship open and I go for Suzuka to win again both of race and championship.”

KAZUKI NAKAJIMA (Driver for car No.2)

“Week end of here in Sugo was not what we want to achieve. I managed to keep my starting position and to try to score points as much as possible on wet. At the moment of restart from SC run 5 laps to go, I saw SC board and I stop to over taking lap down car. Some cars got gather and we went into first corner with Oshima and Andre. Me and Andre touched after turn the corner. I am leading championship and I go for final battle in Suzuka.”

TSUTOMU TOJO (Engineer for car No. 1)

“I asked Andre to come pit earlier. But our strategy was not complete what we want to be. Pace of Andre was not good this time in Sugo because heavy water screen disturb Andre to push to over take. And he struggle with less grip from start to finish. And finally Andre touched with Kazuki and spun. We were not able to score point but he is 3rd in championship. We will fight for title in Suzuka.”

MASAKI SAEDA (Engineer for car No. 2)

“Our car was not bad but not as fast as Dandelion cars finished 1-2 this time. Kazuki kept his position and we made quick pit stop, Kazuki managed good fuel save drive before he came in to pit. It was unexpected incident at last moment of race that he lost a position. But we will go for Suzuka to get championship.”

NOBUHIDE TACHI (Team Director)

“I was so frustrated in Sugo week end. We always strong in the race but in this time was not same as usual. And I would not say anything over the incident between Kazuki and Andre. Both of our drivers compete in the championship. I hope Tom's drivers make good race in final round. We want to get 2012 championship.”