

2012 Formula Nippon Rd.7
SUZUKA CIRCUIT
3 NOVEMBER 2012

QUALIFYING

Spectator : 12,000 (Weather : Cloudy)



PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S driver Kazuki Nakajima will start from 16th and 9th spot and Andre Lotterer 5th and 7th spot for race 1 and race 2 of Japanese championship Formula Nippon 2012 round 7 (final) in Suzuka.

- Q1 result for starting grid of race 1 and top 8 of Q3 and non qualifier of Q2 and Q1 are following grid for race 2
- Andre adjusted a little after Q1 and he improved time in Q2 and Q3
- Kazuki changed a lot for Q2 and he got good shape but he could not pass to Q3
- Kazuki set 13th time in Q1 but he will start 16th due to of he got checkered flag twice in that session

Drivers	Car No.	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3
Andre Lotterer	1	P5 1:39.460	P8 1:39.381	P7 1:39.092
Kazuki Nakajima	2	P13 1:39.979	P9 1:39.452	

Weather	Overcast/cool	
Temperatures	Air: 14-14 °C	Track: 16-16 °C

ANDRE LOTTERER (Driver for car No. 1)

"I was not complain about my car here in Suzuka today. I felt good but time was not fast as some cars in front of me, we did not know why. We did what we could from free practice and qualifying. Team did not mistake and me ether from data check. We have to find out why we were not fast against championship opponents. I hope make good start again and try to clinch the championship."

KAZUKI NAKAJIMA (Driver for car No. 2)

"In the start of today was not so good and we change my set up for qualify. Then I adjust again from Q1 to Q2. It worked very much and car was good shape but it too late to pass. Championship is not finish yet. Of course, it will be hard two races tomorrow and we go for get points."

TSUTOMU TOJO (Engineer for car No. 1)

"Andre satisfied the set up today basically. And he improved lap time session by session. But improve rate was not as much as some cars in front of us. We will change some for race tomorrow. In race one, we wish Andre make super start again to gain some position to get point as much as possible then in race two, we will take good strategy to push Andre up. We aim another champion with him."

MASAKI SAEDA (Engineer for car No. 2)

"We brought our car to Suzuka was not bad but we needed to change for qualifying. From Q1 to Q2, we changed again and we got good shape and gained lap time faster but we could not pass to Q3. We had hard time today and we will have hard race from back of the field. We just do strong race tomorrow."

NOBUHIDE TACHI (Team Director)

"Big disappointed qualifying today for our team and fans here in Suzuka. That was problem that we could not find out, why we could not achieved to top of qualifying. For Kazuki, it was worse than Andre. But 2012 championship is still open. Our team and drivers work hard for the tomorrow races and I hope we will have smile end of race tow."

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RACE

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PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S driver Kazuki Nakajima finished 12th and win for 2012 champion, with Andre Lotterer was 5th and 8th in Japanese championship Formula Nippon round 7 at Suzuka circuit.

- Race 1 was 20 laps race and Race 2 was 28 laps with four tires change duty
- Kazuki struggled very much in Race 1 but he won Race 2 and championship after changed setup from first race to second one
- Andre was not able to make good start like as he did and he finished 4th in championship

- Tom's team clinched the title again from last year

Drivers	Car No.	R1 Result / Fastest Lap	R2 Result / Fastest Lap
Andre Lotterer	1	P5 1:43.611	P8 1:43.436
Kazuki Nakajima	2	P10 1:44.111	P1 1:43.280

Weather	Sunny/OVERCAST	
Temperatures	Air:17/17-17/18 C	Track: 23/20-24/23 C

ANDRE LOTTERER (Driver for car No. 1)

“For me, that was not happy weekend here in Suzuka but Kazuki achieved great result to win Race 2 and championship. Our team won the title, 2011 by myself and Kazuki this year. Team’s hard and great job made best ever result in this year. I was stuck in the middle field group and if I was able to make good start, I got some more points and I fought for championship with Kazuki. I would like to say ‘ARIGATOU’ to great Japanese fans who support me every time.”

KAZUKI NAKAJIMA (Driver for car No. 2)

“We had hard time in qualifying and first race in the morning. I wanted win but honestly say, I was not expect win both of Race 2 and championship. Team made great job to changed set up from morning and that was worked great. Race strategy was also fantastic and I got a little luck that one of championship contender out of race first half of Race 2. It was really nice feeling right now to be a 2012 champion. Thanks to every one to gave me cheering all the time.”

TSUTOMU TOJO (Engineer for car No. 1)

“Andre was not able to make good start in both of race here in Suzuka. And he was not able to show off his speed while he was stuck in the group. I called Andre to change the tires end of on lap two that was our team’s decision, front car in my team first to pitted. So Kazuki came first then Andre. We could not get points with two races that was the big thing to lose the championship.”

MASAKI SAEDA (Engineer for car No. 2)

“I feel happy after Kazuki won Race 2 and championship. We spend tough weekend from qualifying. Our set up was not able to work property then we changed for Race 1 with less down force to gain positions form back of the field. We changed set up for Race 2 again and that was work very much. And strategy was right with Kazuki’s great drive make aim for championship came true.”

NOBUHIDE TACHI (Team Director)

“I was not expect to get championship for Kazuki after Race 1. That was great moment again to reach the top of the series with him. It was really tough weekend and team got together in short time from Race 1 and Race 2. That was great job to clinch the title. 2012 title was the reward for team’s hard work in whole year. With Andre, he also made good races and to get 4th in championship after busy his season. I was happy to share the today’s achievement with fantastic team staff.”