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Race1 - Duval wins suzuka race1

Race2 - Oliveira grabs title with suzuka race2 win

Round 7 (suzuka, JAPAN) of 2010 Formula NIPPON championship was contested as a thrilling race and title showdown. This round was held in two races.

The Race1 (20laps) started in the morning, the pole position was Loic Duval (DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING). Duval had a machine trouble, but he won somehow. Takashi Kogure (Nakajima racing) was in second place. Andre Lotterer (PETRONAS TEAM TOM'S) was in third place.

The Race2 (28laps) started in the afternoon, Oliveira won race2. Lotterer was in second place. Kogure was in third place. Duval was in fourth place. Joao Paulo de Oliveira (Mobil 1 TEAM IMPUL) grabbed title of the 2010 championship. Mobil 1 TEAM IMPUL grabbed title of the 2010 team point. Naoki Yamamoto (Nakajima racing) grabbed title of the 2010 rookie of the year.

Race1 - driver's comments

“We have to be focus on the second race.”

Winner: Loic Duval (DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING)

“It was the first race to keep the option to win the championship by I win the race. We did it. Some really happy for the race, but it was tough one. We had good start. That was good enough to keep the first position.

But, after I have some trouble to the victory, I have to keep the pace, but I have lost some oil from rear tires, and losing a grip. I think guys after me couldn't see very well, Sorry.

Speed was good enough. Now, I mean this race was just one step. Second race is very important. So, we have to be focus on the second race, now.”

“I have to win the second race.”

2nd: Takashi Kogure (Nakajima racing)

Start was pretty good. I succeeded my plan get in front of car No.36 and No.19 at start. we kept the tire in first half of the race, then we thought getting more speed in second half of the race. But I couldn't see front well, because Loic have lost some oil. I used all tear-off shield I had, but I couldn't see more. I focus on safety driving, and I only thought keeping the second position to the end. Result was good, and the second position kept the option to win the championship. I have to win the second race.

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3rd: Andre Lotterer (PETRONAS TEAM TOM’S)

“Nothing special race, you know. Just I have an average start. I lost one place, I gained one, then I did whole race with third place. I was trying to take some opportunity to pass Mr. Kogure. My car was good balance and quick, but he didn’t do major mistake. With short race, that is almost impossible to overtake. Anyway, it was good in front of JP. Afternoon race, it will be tough start, because I am fifth. I’m looking forward to this afternoon race.”

Race1 - director’s comments

“Just win the race!”

Kiyoshi Muraoka (DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING)

“Yes! We are very happy. Winning race is very very important. Since MOTEGI winning, we had many chance to win race, and that was a reason why we have kept high motive. The results of AUTOPOLIS should motivate us, but the cost of repairing car was so high. Winning the race, just winning the race is most important for us.”

Race2 - driver’s comments

“I had to keep pushing all way.”

Winner: Joao Paulo de Oliveira (Mobil 1 TEAM IMPUL)

“It was the tough race. It was a lot of pressure. Four drivers still win the championship before the race. Objectively, nothing could go wrong. I focus on my strategy and be watching other one what doing. I knew Mr. Kogure was probably different strategy from begging. It was too fast for me. And I just focus on myself, looking at the margin to Andre. I saw that the margin was kind of the safe for the peace top. I had to keep pushing all way.”

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2nd: Andre Lotterer (PETRONAS TEAM TOM’S)

Start was good. Action having into the first corner was good advantage for jumping up to the third position. It was very important for this race. I knew I started at the fifth. I had risk a lot. Actually after I was expected a lot more my package, looking back the first race at this morning, was quite strong, setup and packaging was good. But I lost touching first and two. I imagined that JP was the similar strategy than me. It couldn't keep up with... We head to rise, but tire was bad, compare to the first race. I felt my tire was really bad, compare to the first race. I really had hard fight, took a lot of risks. Until we changed one tire, and everything was better to the end. Team did fantastic job. I gained one position,

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3rd: Takashi Kogure (Nakajima racing)

“I expected we moved first because we changed whole setup from the first race. But car was really hard to control. So we had to change the way. We hoped pushing up, but when engine was stopped, I really went pale. I have never did a engine stopped at pitting stop in Formula NIPPON. I really apologize all staff who work for my car. Still I cannot believe my mistake.”

Race2 - director's comment

“I am very very excited this race!”

Kazuyoshi Hoshino (Mobil 1 TEAM IMPUL)

“It was really meaningless to take pressure to drivers, so I didn't say anything before the second race. I was not a lot of pressure, today. Our strategy was good. We thought doing our best, because the strategy of TOM's was really nice recent two races. We have to do it compare to TOM's did. I have remembered whole races of this season. Now, I am very very happy! I can't stop racing! I hope the all car racing activities makes people happy.”

2010 Formula NIPPON Champion's comment

“It's very releasing.”

Joao Paulo de Oliveira (Mobil 1 TEAM IMPUL)

“It's very releasing to wake up tomorrow with the champion. It was the winner of tough season. Last race, we had still four driver who can win the championship. It had been very tight, and nothing could go wrong to the last. I think the team id great job. Many have to thank. Also, Okada-san, my engineer who work for my car this year. Especially, my first engineer, Kato-san who departed from the team. We had to re-adapt to ourselves, and we worked a different way from the first race. And also Hoshino-san (team director) supported whole races. He has been very supported, and that was one of the reason why fought really comfortable to win in the team.

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After the first two races, I started believing in the championship. In the beginning, we fought very hard, especially to get up the speed with guys like Andre, Loic, and Kogure since they have more experience with a car. But I also have some experience for Formula NIPPON in the past. This time, I had a really good car consistent, and we have worked very very well this year. Making good decision is every time, but there are few things didn't go right. But that is the way of the championship. Up and down. But we have more ups and downs. And that is why we win the championship."

2010 Formula NIPPON Champion team director's comment

"This is a just result that each staff work for."

Kazuyoshi Hoshino (Mobil 1 TEAM IMPUL)

We had few chance to grab championship before. Gus-stopping at SUGO.... Pit-stopping mistake at AUTOPOLIS.... But team director must take all responsibilities. I have really apologized to Oliveira. Anyway Oliveira won final race and grabbed championship. Before the race, we had a lot of meeting about the strategy, how many tires we need, when we change tires....but we did all things well what we expected. So we are very very happy, now. We have many thanks to all great fans who supported us and TOYOTA. This is a just result that each staff work for. I have many thanks to all."

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Formula NIPPON Round 7 SUZUKA Race1 Result

Suzuka Circuit (international racing course 5,807km)

2010-11-07 Weather: Cloudy | Course: Dry | 14 ° temperature / 16 degrees track temperature

Po	No	Name	Team	Time	Delay	Best time
1	1	Loic Duval	DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING	34' 31.275		1' 42.622
2	32	Takashi Kogure	NAKAJIMA RACING	34' 32.652	1.377	1' 42.740
3	36	Andre Lotterer	PETRONAS TEAM TOM' S	34' 33.308	2.033	1' 42.739
4	19	Joao Paulo de Oliveira	Mobil 1 TEAM IMPUL	34' 35.282	4.007	1' 42.991
5	37	Kazuya Oshima	PETRONAS TEAM TOM' S	34' 47.288	16.013	1' 43.439
6	31	Naoki Yamamoto	NAKAJIMA RACING	34' 50.598	19.323	1' 43.378
7	8	Hiroaki Ishiura	Team LeMans	35' 03.818	32.543	1' 44.206
8	16	Yuji Ide	MOTUL TEAM 無限	35' 04.953	33.678	1' 44.304
9	20	Kohei Hirate	Mobil 1 TEAM IMPUL	35' 06.187	34.912	1' 44.395
10	10	Koudai Tsukakoshi	HFDP RACING	35' 08.331	37.056	1' 44.554
11	2	Takuya Izawa	DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING	35' 10.987	39.712	1' 44.381
12	18	Katsuyuki Hiranaka	KCMG	35' 11.385	40.110	1' 44.334
13	7	Kei Cozzolino	Team LeMans	35' 16.524	45.249	1' 44.527
14	3	Tsugio Matsuda	KONDO RACING	33' 19.241	1Lap	1' 44.457
-	29	Takuto Iguchi	DELIZIEFOLLIE/CERUMO·INGING	34' 26.258	10Laps	1' 43.408

FASTEST LAP: 1'42.622 (2/20) 203.71km/h No.1 Loic Duval (DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING)

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Formula NIPPON Round 7 SUZUKA Race2 Result

Suzuka Circuit (international racing course 5,807km)

2010-11-07 Weather ☐: Clear | Course: Dry | 19° temperature / surface temperature 27 degrees

Po	No	Name	Team	Time	Delay	Best time
1	19	Joao Paulo de Oliveira	Mobil 1 TEAM IMPUL	49' 31.945		1' 43.956
2	36	Andre Lotterer	PETRONAS TEAM TOM' S	49' 34.517	2.572	1' 44.328
3	32	Takashi Kogure	NAKAJIMA RACING	49' 35.023	3.078	1' 43.216
4	1	Loic Duval	DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING	49' 53.683	21.738	1' 45.084
5	31	Naoki Yamamoto	NAKAJIMA RACING	49' 53.778	21.833	1' 44.262
6	20	Kohei Hirate	Mobil 1 TEAM IMPUL	49' 54.259	22.314	1' 44.431
7	37	Kazuya Oshima	PETRONAS TEAM TOM' S	49' 58.759	26.814	1' 44.940
8	16	Yuji Ide	MOTUL TEAM 無限	49' 59.400	27.455	1' 44.562
9	3	Tsugio Matsuda	KONDO RACING	50' 15.499	43.554	1' 45.826
10	8	Hiroaki Ishiura	Team LeMans	50' 16.310	44.365	1' 45.286
11	2	Takuya Izawa	DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING	50' 16.618	44.673	1' 45.443
12	10	Koudai Tsukakoshi	HFDP RACING	50' 23.082	51.137	1' 44.382
13	18	Katsuyuki Hiranaka	KCMG	50' 24.580	52.635	1' 45.638
14	7	Kei Cozzolino	Team LeMans	50' 25.215	53.270	1' 45.020
-	29	Takuto Iguchi	DELIZIEFOLLIE/CERUMO-INGING	8' 59.993	23Laps	1' 46.248

FASTEST LAP: 1'43.216 (20/28) 202.54km/h No.32 Takashi Kogure (NAKAJIMA RACING)

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