

MEDIA INFORMATION

September 20, 2016
Japan Race Promotion Inc.

Round 6 : September 24 (Saturday) – September 25 (Sunday)

2016 Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship: SPORTSLAND SUGO

Japan Race Promotion Inc. (President: Akira Kurashita, Head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan) today announced details of Round 6 of the 2016 Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship Series, scheduled to take place on September 24-25 at the Sportsland SUGO International Racing Course (length = 3.704km) in Miyagi Prefecture, Japan.

The 2016 Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship Series is the only internationally accredited driver championship in Asia, run over seven rounds and five circuits across Japan. A total of 11 teams (entrants) and 19 drivers (cars) from Japan and overseas* are competing to win this year's series.

* 12 drivers from Japan and seven from five other countries: UK (2), India (1), Germany (1), Brazil (1) and Belgium (2)

Round 6 of the 2016 Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship Series will be run over 68 laps of the Sportsland SUGO International Racing Course (length = 3.704km) for a total distance of 251.88km.

Round 5 was held over two races at the Okayama International Circuit. No. 41 Stoffel Vandoorne (DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING) secured the win in Race 1 and No. 2 Yuji Kunimoto (P.MU/CERUMO INGING) was victorious in Race 2. Both drivers grabbed their first-ever Championship wins in a race meeting packed with incident. Results from Round 5 lift Yuji Kunimoto to first in the driver standings, followed by No. 1 Hiroaki Ishiura (P.MU/CERUMO • INGING) in second. No. 36 Andre Lotterer (VANTELIN TEAM TOM'S) is still without a victory this season, but currently sits third in the standings. The 2016 Championship has been unusually tight so far, with only 8.5 points separating Yuji Kunimoto in top position and seventh-placed No 37. Kazuki Nakajima (VANTELIN TEAM TOM'S). All six races in the first five rounds have been won by different drivers. Round 6 at Sportsland SUGO returns to a single race format with full points on offer again for the top eight drivers. Interest is likely to be high in this second-last round of the season, regardless of how the points gap changes in the driver standings.



In RACE 1, No. 41 Stoffel Vandoorne (DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING) captured his first Super Formula victory in his fifth race after an excellent start from third place on the grid.



In RACE 2, No. 2 Yuji Kunimoto (P.MU/CERUMO • INGING) also secured his first victory in his sixth year with Super Formula thanks to a successful strategy that involved pitting in the first lap.

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2016 Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship Round 6 : ENTRY LIST (Chassis: SF14, Tires: Yokohama)

NO.	DRIVER	DATE OF BIRTH PLACE OF BIRTH	ENTRANT	MANAGER	ENGINE
1	Hiroaki Ishiura	23 April 1981 Tokyo, Japan	P.MU/CERUMO · INGING	Yuji Tachikawa	TOYOTA R14A
2	Yuji Kunimoto	12 September 1990 Kanagawa, Japan			
3	James Rossiter	25 August 1983 United Kingdom	KONDO RACING	Masahiko Kondo	TOYOTA R14A
4	William Buller	17 September 1992 United Kingdom			
7	Kumar Ram Narain Karthikeyan	14 January 1977 India	SUNOCO TEAM LeMans	Hiroyoshi Donuma	TOYOTA R14A
8	Kamui Kobayashi	13 September 1986 Hyogo, Japan			
10	Koudai Tsukakoshi	20 November 1986 Tochigi, Japan	REAL RACING	Katsutomo Kaneishi	Honda HR-414E
11	Takuya Izawa	1 June 1984 Tokyo, Japan			
16	Naoki Yamamoto	11 July 1988 Tochigi, Japan	TEAM MUGEN	Nagataka Tezuka	Honda HR-414E
18	Yuichi Nakayama	25 July 1991 Tokyo, Japan	KCMG	Ryuji Doi	TOYOTA R14A
19	Joao Paulo de Oliveira	13 July 1981 Brazil	ITOCHU ENEX TEAM IMPUL	Kazuyoshi Hoshino	TOYOTA R14A
20	Yuhi Sekiguchi	29 December 1987 Tokyo, Japan			
34	Takashi Kogure	1 August 1980 Gunma, Japan	DRAGO CORSE	Ryo Michigami	Honda HR-414E
36	Andre Lotterer	19 November 1981 Germany	VANTELIN TEAM TOM'S	Nobuhide Tachi	TOYOTA R14A
37	Kazuki Nakajima	11 January 1985 Aichi, Japan			
40	Tomoki Nojiri	15 September 1989 Ibaraki, Japan	DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING	Kiyoshi Muraoka	Honda HR-414E
41	Stoffel Vandoorne	26 March 1992 Belgium			
64	Daisuke Nakajima	29 January 1989 Aichi, Japan	NAKAJIMA RACING	Satoru Nakajima	Honda HR-414E
65	Bertrand Baguette	23 February 1986 Belgium			

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2016 CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

DRIVERS Standings			2016/4/24 SUZUKA	2016/5/29 OKAYAMA	2016/7/17 FUJI	2016/8/21 MOTEGI	2016/9/11 OKAYAMA		2016/9/25 SUGO	2016/10/30 SUZUKA		
Pos.	No.	Driver	Pts.	Rd.1	Rd.2	Rd.3	Rd.4	Rd.5-1	Rd.5-2	Rd.6	Rd.7-1	Rd.7-2
1	2	Yuji Kunimoto	23.5	8	1.5	0	5	4	5			
2	1	Hiroaki Ishiura	19	0	6	3	6	1	3			
3	36	Andre Lotterer	18	2	0.5	5	8	0	2.5			
4	20	Yuhi Sekiguchi	17	0	0	6	11	0	0			
5	41	Stoffel Vandoorne	16	6	0	1	3	5	1			
6	16	Naoki Yamamoto	15.5	11	2	0	1	0	1.5			
7	37	Kazuki Nakajima	15	0	0	8	2	1	4			
8	19	Joao Paulo de Oliveira	12.5	0	0	10	0	0.5	2			
9	3	James Rossiter	11	3	0	4	4	0	0			
10	10	Koudai Tsukakoshi	11	4	4	1	0	2	0			
11	40	Tomoki Nojiri	6	0	2.5	0	0	2.5	1			
12	34	Takashi Kogure	5	5	0	0	0	0	0			
13	7	Kumar Ram Narain Karthikeyan	5	0	0	2	0	3	0			
14	11	Takuya Izawa	3.5	0	3	0	0	0	0.5			
15	64	Daisuke Nakajima	2.5	0	1	0	0	1.5	0			
16	65	Bertrand Baguette	1	1	0	0	0	0	0			
	18	Yuichi Nakayama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	8	Kamui Kobayashi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	4	William Buller	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

* Winners are in **Bold Italics** / Polesitters are in **Bold**.

TEAMS Standings			2016/4/24 SUZUKA	2016/5/29 OKAYAMA	2016/7/17 FUJI	2016/8/21 MOTEGI	2016/9/11 OKAYAMA		2016/9/25 SUGO	2016/10/30 SUZUKA		
Pos.	No.	Team	Pts.	Rd.1	Rd.2	Rd.3	Rd.4	Rd.5-1	Rd.5-2	Rd.6	Rd.7-1	Rd.7-2
1	1 2	P.MU/CERUMO-INGING	41.5	8	6.5	3	11	5	8			
2	36 37	VANTELIN TEAM TOM'S	32	2	0.5	13	10	0	6.5			
3	19 20	ITOCHU ENEX TEAM IMPUL	28.5	0	0	16	10	0.5	2			
4	40 41	DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING	20	6	2.5	0	3	7.5	1			
5	16	TEAM MUGEN	14.5	10	2	0	1	0	1.5			
6	10 11	REAL RACING	14.5	4	7	1	0	2	0.5			
7	3 4	KONDO RACING	11	3	0	4	4	0	0			
8	34	DRAGO CORSE	5	5	0	0	0	0	0			
9	7 8	SUNOCO TEAM LeMans	5	0	0	2	0	3	0			
10	64 65	NAKAJIMA RACING	3.5	1	1	0	0	1.5	0			
	18	KCMG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

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* Team points: Team Points are the total number of points won by the driver or drivers attached to that team (entrant). Should a team (entrant) enter more than two cars at any race event, only the best two results shall be taken into account. Pole position points shall not be included in Team Points.

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GET TO KNOW THE BASICS

■ WHAT IS SUPER FORMULA?

Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship Series is the top category of Japanese formula racing featuring purpose-built racing cars with single-seat, open cockpit and open wheel. Organized by Japan Race Promotion Inc. and fully sanctioned by the Japan Automobile Federation (JAF), SUPER FORMULA traces back its origins to the Japanese Championship Formula NIPPON first launched in 1996. 2013 saw the relaunch of the series given a new name of SUPER FORMULA.

■ CHAMPIONSHIP

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2016 CHAMPIONSHIP POINT SCORING SYSTEM

POSITION	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th & beyond	PP
1 race round	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	1
2 races round Race 1	5(+3)	4	3	2.5	2	1.5	1	0.5	0	1
2 races round Race 2	5(+3)	4	3	2.5	2	1.5	1	0.5	0	1

- * PP=Pole Position (a driver who set the fastest lap in the qualifying session). One point is awarded to the pole sitter (only to the driver but not to the team).
- * In the 2-race rounds, half points are awarded for both Race 1 & Race 2.
- * In the 2-race rounds, three extra points are awarded to each race winner of Race 1 & Race 2 (i.e. up to a maximum of 18 points are awarded to the driver who claimed pole position and wins of both Race 1 & Race 2).
- * In case two or more drivers/teams are in a dead heat for a championship standing at the end of the season, the driver/team with the higher number of superior race results is awarded the position.

■ CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

The Drivers' Championship title is awarded to the driver who scores the most points over the course of the season. The Driver Champion is given the Series Driver's Champion Cup and prize money by Japan Race Promotion Inc. On top of this, he receives the Confederation's Cup offered by Parliamentary Association for Motorsport Promotion of the Liberal Democratic Party of Japan, as well as the Commissioner's Cup from the Japan Tourism Agency. Towards the Team Champion, the Minister's Cup will be awarded by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, plus prize money by Japan Race Promotion Inc.

■ RACE CAR

Chassis

Since 2014, SUPER FORMULA race cars have used the SF14 chassis, which is made by Italian company Dallara and is based on the "quick and light" design concept. Leveraging the characteristics of this "quick and light" chassis, SUPER FORMULA race cars are capable of cornering speeds higher than those in Formula One. The adoption of the SF14 chassis has led to a dramatic improvement in the quality of races, leading to greater interest in SUPER FORMULA overseas.

Engine

Honda and Toyota, two of Japan's leading automakers, have developed engines for SUPER FORMULA based on the NRE engine concept^{*1}, which is part of automaker efforts to develop next-generation engines. SUPER FORMULA cars are currently powered by the Honda HR-414E or the Toyota R14A.

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All engines are fitted with fuel flow restrictors. By setting fuel flow limits, the key to winning races is how efficiently fuel can be converted into power. Competitive development between automakers has resulted in a highly efficient engine with higher brake specific fuel consumption (BSFC) and net thermal efficiency than hybrid vehicles currently on the market, helping to advance the development of next-generation engines.

*¹ NRE engine specifications

Honda, Toyota and Nissan together agreed on a number of criteria for race engines that incorporate environmental technology while also preserving the excitement of motor sport.

- Cylinder configuration : Inline-four
- Displacement : 2,000cc + turbo
- Fuel intake system : Direct injection
- Fuel flow limits : 95kg/h for Suzuka and Fuji Speedway circuits, 90kg/h for other circuits

Overtaking System

SUPER FORMULA introduced an overtaking system (OTS) in 2009 as part of initiatives to make races more exciting. SUPER FORMULA was the first competition in the world to adopt this system.

The OTS encourages drivers to make more overtaking maneuvers, one of the most exciting parts of motorsport.

The SF14 OTS system uses the fuel flow restrictor fitted to engines to temporarily increase fuel flow to the engine, boosting power*². Drivers use a button on the steering wheel to activate the system for 20 seconds up to five times each race. Overtaking lamps (OTL) on the roll hoop indicate when the system is in use, allowing spectators to see when drivers have activated their OTS.

The racing driver with the most Championship points has the distinction of an OTL with red lamps, called "leader's red."

*² Overtaking system specifications

- Mechanism : Activating the overtaking system boosts fuel flow by 10kg/h
- Impact : Activating the overtaking system increases engine output by around 60PS, or 10%
- Rules : Drivers are allowed to use the system up to five times per race for 20 seconds each time.

Tires

Yokohama Rubber became the sole tire supplier this season. The company has not been involved in top-flight motorsport in Japan since 1996, a hiatus of 20 years.

Yokohama Rubber's ADVAN racing tires perform well against SUPER FORMULA's rigorous criteria for grip, durability and safety, adding to the excitement of race events.

■ OFFICIAL QUALIFYING KNOCK-OUT STYLE

Qualifying will be based on a knock-out format, with each team (driver) given one lap in a set time segment to secure their fastest lap of the Sportsland SUGO International Racing Course (length = 3.704km).

As the name of the qualifying round suggests, drivers are knocked out if they do not post strong qualifying times. In the event of 19 entries, the five slowest cars during the 20-minute long Q1 session will be knocked out of the next session and assigned the 15th to 19th positions on the grid. After a 10-minute interval, the 7-minute long Q2 session will determine the 9th to 14th positions in the same way. After another 10-minute interval, the final 7-minute long Q3 session will decide the top 8 positions on the starting grid.

■ RACE

The race on September 25 (Sun) will be run over 68 laps of the Sportsland SUGO International Racing Course (length = 3.704km) for a total of 251.88km.

2016 CHAMPIOSHIP RACE CALENDAR

	DATES	CIRCUIT	QUALIFYING FORMAT	RACE FORMAT
Round 1	April 23 – 24	Suzuka Circuit	Knockout	250km
Round 2	May 28 – 29	OKAYAMA International Circuit	Knockout	250km
Round 3	July 16 – 17	Fuji Speedway	Knockout	250km
Round 4	August 20 – 21	Twin Ring Motegi	Knockout	250km
Round 5	September 10– 11	OKAYAMA International Circuit ^{*2}	Time / knockout	2-heat
Round 6	September 24– 25	Sportsland SUGO	Knockout	250km
Round 7 ^{*1}	October 29 – 30	Suzuka Circuit	Knockout	2-heat

*1 The 15th JAF GRAND PRIX SUZUKA

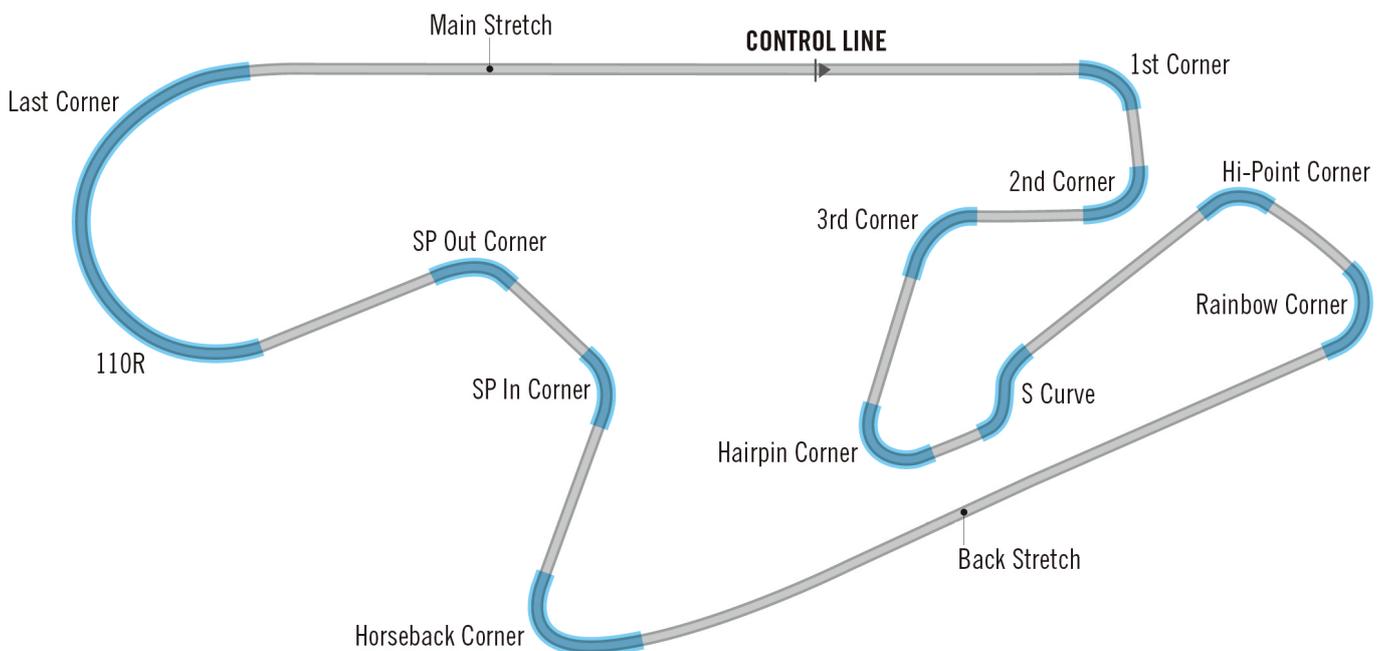
*2 Round 5 at AUTOPOLIS has been canceled due to the Kumamoto earthquake. The Okayama International Circuit hosted Round 5 as the alternative venue.

■ Sportsland SUGO International Racing Course

Located in Murata in Miyagi Prefecture, Sportsland SUGO is an exciting circuit that makes full use of the natural terrain. The course is relatively short with a tight layout, but the large variation in gradient makes it a challenging circuit. A standout feature of the course is the steep 10% rise in gradient from the high-speed Last Corner into the Main Stretch. This layout and regular incidents at the course have earned SUGO respect from drivers and the wider racing community.

Sportsland SUGO

International Racing Course



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ABOUT THE SPORTSLAND SUGO ROUND

- **Official name :** 2016 Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship Series Round 6: Sportsland SUGO

- **Held jointly with :** 2016 Japanese Formula 3 Championship Round 15,16,17
JAF SUGO Super FJ CHAMPIONSHIP Round 5
JMRC Tohoku Moty's Roadster-cup Round 4
2016 N-ONE OWNER'S CUP Round 11

- **Dates :** 2016 September 24 (Saturday) : QUALIFYING
2016 September 25 (Sunday) : RACE [68 Laps]

- **Location :** Sportsland SUGO International Racing Course, Miyagi Prefecture (Circuit length: 3.704km)

- **Hosted by :** SUGO Co., Ltd. / SUGO SPORTS CLUB (SSC)

- **Official recognition by :** Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA)
Japan Automobile Federation (JAF)

- **Authorized by :** Japan Race Promotion Inc. (JRP)

- **Sponsored by :** Miyagi Prefecture Tourism Federation (Public Interest Incorporated Association)
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TV Coverage & Race Footage Delivery

• J SPORTS :

Live broadcast of all rounds (both qualifying and race). Rebroadcastings and digest programs also available.

On-air dates : Sep. 24 (Sat) 13:00 -15:00 [Live coverage of the qualifying sessions on J SPORTS 3]

Sep. 25 (Sun) 13:30 -16:50 [Live coverage of the race on J SPORTS 3]

*For more info on the programs, visit J SPORTS website < http://www.jsports.co.jp/motor/super_formula/ >

• BS FUJI :

“SUPER FORMULA Go On!” features all race highlights. First show broadcast on Friday in the week after the race.

Fans who want the stories behind all the action can tune in to the highlights show to get the inside track on race incidents.

The show also features interviews with drivers and secrets from the pit lane about the race cars, giving viewers a unique insight into the exciting world of SUPER FORMULA.

On-air dates : Round 6 Sep. 30 (Fri) 23:30-24.25

Round 7 TBA

Omnibus TBA

*For more info on the programs, visit BS Fuji website < <http://www.bsfuji.tv/pub/superformula/pub/index.html> >

• FUJI TELEVISION CS :

NEXT Live Premium

“SUPER FORMULA TV” features all race highlights plus talk show with invited guest drivers.

A 30-minute show with race highlights and studio guests, giving an insight into the world of SUPER FORMULA.

This year studio guests will include drivers involved in the 2016 championship and famous racing legends who have competed at the top level. Two guests will talk about their passion for formula racing, revisiting famous incidents from the past and through to the present day. The show will be hosted by Fuji TV's Formula 1 race announcer.

On-air date : Sep. 30 (Fri) 14:25 – 14:55

Guest drivers : Yuhi Sekiguchi and Yuji Ide

*For more info on the programs, visit CS Fuji website < http://otn.fujitv.co.jp/b_hp/914200066.html >

• FUJI TELEVISION :

“Chousoku Go-On” each program will feature drivers or team directors currently in the spotlight, giving behind-the-scenes

insights into the excitement of races, driver skills and pit lane news. Racing personalities Kamui Kobayashi and

Daisuke Nakajima, who are competing in this year's series, will also be on hand to lead the talk show from the viewpoint

of drivers. Video streaming service Fuji TV On Demand (FOD) is available from Sep. 26 (Mon).

On-air date : Sep. 18 (Sun) 26:45-27:15

Facilitator : Pierre Kitagawa

Narrator : Hina Higuchi (Nogizaka 46)

Guest : Nobuhide Tachi and Satoru Nakajima

• niconico:

Live coverage of the qualifying sessions.

< <http://www.nicovideo.jp/> >

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- **GYAO!:** Race footage of each SUPER FORMULA round will be available on-demand 10 days after each round.
< <http://gyao.yahoo.co.jp/sports/> >
- **You Tube:** Review show of qualifying and competition round the evening after the race.
< <https://www.youtube.com/user/superformulavideo> >
- **FOD:** (Fuji TV On Demand) Fuji TV's program Chousoku Go-On will be streamed for free 8 days after the broadcast date.
< <http://fod.fujitv.co.jp/s/genre/sports> >

***On-air schedule is subject to change.**

Visit SUPER FORMULA official website < <http://www.superformula.net/> > for updates.

■ Super Formula to be seen on TV in 182 countries worldwide

From this season, a new 52-minute English language TV highlights package will be broadcast in 121 countries.

At the moment, the confirmed potential viewing audience is roughly 35 million households.

Adding on TV news reports about the races, the number of countries that will be able to see Super Formula action rises to 182.

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Ticket Information & Enquiries

■ Advance purchase	• Admission ticket	: ¥5,200 (Single)
	(valid for both days)	: ¥9,400 (Pair)
	• Paddock pass + Pit-walk	: ¥23,200 (Adult)
	(valid for both days)	: ¥10,300 (Junior high school students and younger)
	• Parking tickets (one day)	: Passenger cars ¥4,000
■ At the door	• Admission ticket	: ¥3,100 (Sat)
		: ¥6,200 (Sun)
	• Paddock pass + Pit-walk	: ¥4,000 (Sat)
		: ¥6,000 (Sun)
	• Pit-walk pass	: ¥2,000 (Sat)
		: ¥2,000 (Sun)
	• Parking tickets (one day)	: Passenger cars ¥1,000 / Motorcycles ¥500

Ticket details : Please visit the Sportsland SUGO official website for more details.

< http://sportsland-sugo.co.jp/watch/20160925_sf/315 >

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