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SUPER FORMULA RACE REPORT

#1 Nojiri in 3rd place, 6th podium of the season

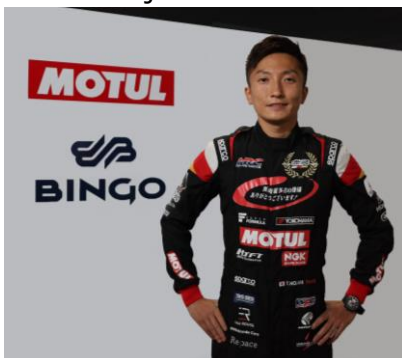
#15 Sasahara tried his hardest and won

7th place from 12th and scored points

2022 Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship Round 7 Mobility Resort Motegi
Course: 4,801km x 37 laps (177.637km) ※37 laps or 75 mins.
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- Qualifying: #1 Tomoki Nojiri: 4th place / #15 Ukyo Sasahara: 12th place
- Race: #1 Tomoki Nojiri: 3rd place / #15 Ukyo Sasahara: 7th place

【Driver: Nojiri】



Round 7 is over. Friday's exclusive run was not very good, so we made adjustments for qualifying, and as a result, in Q1 we could improve the car better enough to have confidence in Q2.

We made adjustments for Q2, but it seems that there was a slight misalignment in the settings. On the other hand, I by mistake returned to the track where a chunk of cars was going. Those are the mistakes that we feel regretful in Q2. Looking back on the qualifying, I believe the 4th position on the 2nd row in the race is within a range of aiming for victory. So, it was not a bad

position!

In the race, it suddenly started raining when we were on the grid (before the start), and all the cars needed changing the settings and the tires in a hurry, and I am afraid the mechanics must have a pretty tough time.

In the end, the race started with a safety car appearing and was conducted in the rain

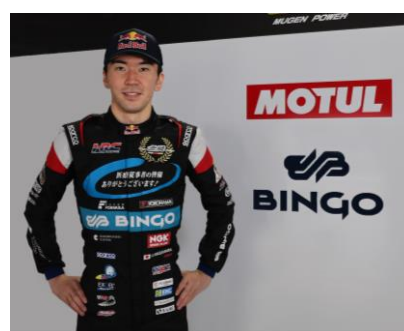
until the checkered flag was waved. I moved from 4th up to 3rd in the qualifying, and pushed for 2nd place, but I could not see what was ahead of me because of the water splashed by the car in front of me, and it was really scary.

I concentrated all my nerves and ran through the race, anyway. The top car was slowing down a bit and I expected the race would be a close battle, but the car in 2nd cleverly blocked me and I finished the race in 3rd place in the end.

Considering our final goal, winning the series championship, it was not a bad result, and we were also able to accumulate the points stably. But to be honest I wanted to win this race! We will do our best to win the race on the second day, tomorrow. Please cheer us on.

【Driver: Sasahara】

Since the car had improved significantly from the official practice to Q1, my expectations for Q2 were growing. As I was the last to enter the track in qualifying, I was too concerned about the gap between me and the car in front of me to save enough time to make a time attack. The result of the qualifying session itself was disappointing, but performance of the car was getting better, so I changed my mind and focused on setting up the car for the race.



While I was waiting on the grid for the start, it started to rain and continued till the end of the race. Right after the start, I was able to maintain my position steadily, overtake several cars, and thanks to some of the slow cars falling behind, I was able to move up from 12th to 7th position, earning points solidly.

As Mr. Nojiri said, the race was very tough due to water screen bothering our sight. Even so, I was able to overtake several cars and move up my position, which gave me confidence in myself.

In the qualifying and the race of Round 8, which will be held tomorrow, I will reflect today's disappointment as a motivation for doing my best from the qualifying session to get my revenge. Thank you very much for your support in the rain.

【Director: Tanaka】

Since both Nojiri and Sasahara's cars performed well in qualifying and the race, I believe that they could have gained better results.

We had such a bad operation in Q2 that it had a significant impact on the result of the race in the end. In particular, the fact that Sasahara was unable to attack in Q2 was something that the team must have avoided, and above all, I am terribly sorry for Sasahara. It is a shame because he was fast in the race in wet conditions.

At the same time, I am confident that both Nojiri and Sasahara changed their minds and did the best performance in the race. We will do our best to make the qualifying and race on the second day much better than today, so please continue to support us.









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