



Race Report

2024/6/23 Rd-3 Sportsland SUGO

Weather: Rain Temperature: 20°C, 21cars

Audience: 6,400/22nd (Sat.) 9,300/23rd (Sun) TOTAL 15,700

On a race day at Sportsland SUGO, it was raining hard with a temperature of around 20°C, a completely different condition from yesterday when QF was held under a clear sky.

In Free Practice in the morning, there was a car span at the very beginning. Also, another car crashed on Home Straight and it caused the red-flag cancellation.

Thus every driver had to go into the race without practicing.

Because of the cancellation of Free Practice, Warm-up Run before the race was extended from 8 min to 20 min.

However, right after the session started, Yamamoto crashed in the last corner, and a red-flag interruption occurred.

The race was greatly delayed to repair the guardrail in the last corner.

At 15:35, Formation Lap started more than an hour late.

After 5 laps led by a safety car (SC), the race started once, however, Oshima, who was accelerating for a start, crashed in the last corner and again, SC came in. At this moment, the order in the top group remained the same, Makino in 4th and Ohta in 7th.

When SC left the track at the end of L12, the battle in racing speed began.

Ohta went off-track because the surface was slick with rain.

Fortunately, he returned on the track without crashing, only dropping his position largely. After this, Sakaguchi in 13th crashed in the same corner, and a red-flag interruption occurred again due to guardrail damage.

The final rank was determined at the end of L12, 2 laps before the red-flag came out, and the race was officially over at this point, when Makino was 4th and Ohta was 14th.



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#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 4th

First of all, it was good that nobody was injured and we brought our cars back without damage.

However, I feel sorry for a lot of fans who came all the way to watch the race in the rain, that the race was over with a red flag.

I think there are a lot of issues with wet set-ups.

We will have a test before the next round at Fuji, so we should work on them strenuously to leave a good result at Fuji, where I felt a certain reaction last year, and to give impetus to my performance in the latter half of the season.

#6: Kakunoshin Ohta Position 14th

The course conditions were severe.

I had gone off-track in the last corner, but luckily I could finish the race without damage neither to my car nor myself.

I realized that there are some issues with competing in the rain and set-ups, which we have to improve at the Fuji test before Rd4 at Fuji.