



TEAM Red Bull MUGEN

SUPER GT RACE REPORT

**It went well but due to sudden accident
the team had to hold back the tears
in the latter half of the race**

2022 AUTOBACS SUPER GT Round 3 Takanokono Hotel SUZUKA GT 300km RACE
Course: 5,807 x 52 laps (301,964km)
May 28th, 2022 (Sat) Weather: Fine / Road condition: Dry
May 29th, 2022 (Sun) Weather: Fine / Road condition: Dry

■ May 28th (Sat) Qualifying:

Q1: Ukyo Sasahara 8th place / Q2: Toshiki Oyu 4th place / GT500 class 4th place

[Driver Sasahara]



Qualifying of SUPER GT Round 3 SUZUKA has just finished. We will start the race from the 4th grid tomorrow. Since we tried our best and won the 4th place in the qualifying, I am satisfied with this result. We had been trying to proceed to Q2 from the beginning of this season and eventually we did it today. I believe this result should be considered as a big growth of the team and will be a motivation for the team.

Frankly, our lap time in the free practice was barely fast enough to advance to Q2. But before the qualifying started, the team adjusted the car and then I could finish Q1 in the 8th place and advance to Q2.

What I could do for Toshiki (Oyu) in Q2 is to provide driving data of Q1 with the team and the team would adjust the car based on the data for him. Toshiki then in fact showed his perfect performance and finished the Q2 in 4th place.

I am looking forward to the race. We as a team will do our best in the race and share our happiness of winning with the fan.

Please give us a rousing cheer tomorrow!



【Driver Oyu】

Thank you for your hard work. I could qualify 4th place in the 3rd round. We adjusted the car between Q1 and Q2 and happily moved up to 4th place. I would like to praise the efforts of the team. Of course, starting from the front row is the best, but we still have a chance to win the race from the current position, 4th grid.

We struggled in the past two rounds and could not show results in qualifying. But here at Suzuka round we did. I believe we could make a step forward. We would like to get the better result and share the happiness with you all in the race.

Though the temperature seems to rise more tomorrow, we will try our best beyond our real strength. Please continue to support us!

【Director Tanaka】

We could eventually satisfy ourselves with the performance in the qualifying. Sasahara could advance to Q2 with 8th place of Q1 and with the help of his data to be reflected on the car, Oyu could finish the Q2 in the 4th place. Our goal is set higher but looking back the process we went through I would like to regard this result a great one.

The temperature will surely rise tomorrow. We the TEAM Red Bull MUGEN will be united to show our best performance. Please continue to cheer for us.

■ May 29th (Sun) Race: GT500 class 13th place (completed 37 laps)

【Driver Sasahara】



The temperature was extremely high in the race. I completed the first stint despite I was so concerned about heat during the race. Taking even a few laps exhausted me a lot but the race itself went so well that I could happily maintained the same potion and hand over the baton to Oyu.

I believed Oyu would keep this pace and show the result which could lead to the next race, but in reality, he had no choice but to take a pit stop emergently due to a trouble. He then crashed into the back of one of the GT300 cars and retired from the race in the end. I feel sorry for the car we crashed into.

I could feel that our performance has improved good enough to be able to compete with other participants from the qualifying session. But our goal is to beat other competitors regardless of success weight. There are two months left till the next race. We would like to do our very best preparation during this period.

I will dedicate all my strength into this preparation anyhow.



【Driver Oyu】

Sasahara-san was in charge of the first stint and maintained the position till I took over him. But due to slow warm-up, I lost some positions. I then kept my position for a while, however, due to a tire trouble, I had no choice but to take an emergent pit stop. After that unordinary vibration was recognized and I had to go back to the pit again.

I went out of the pit without tire change and FCY was announced before the tires were warmed up and then I crashed into the back of a car.

I would like to sincerely apologize for #244 and all who working on the car.

We had been struggling from the beginning of this season, but eventually could win the 4th place, and which is incredibly positive result for us. But there were some issues to be solved. I would like to work with team members to solve the issues and grow up myself. Thank you for continuing your support.

【Director Tanaka】

We showed the result and got ready for the race, but #16 crashed into the back of one of the GT300 cars and retired from the race. I feel so sorry for its driver, team members, and those who working on the car. I take this occasion to deeply apologize for them all.

Sasahara took charge of the first stint and kept 4th position and Oyu took over him in the second stint. Their performance was worth evaluating till the accident occurred. They lost a right to compete due to the accident and then crashed and retired from the race in the end. I feel so sorry for all the people who supported us.

But we also found some positive aspects in this race. We would like to make use of them for the next race.

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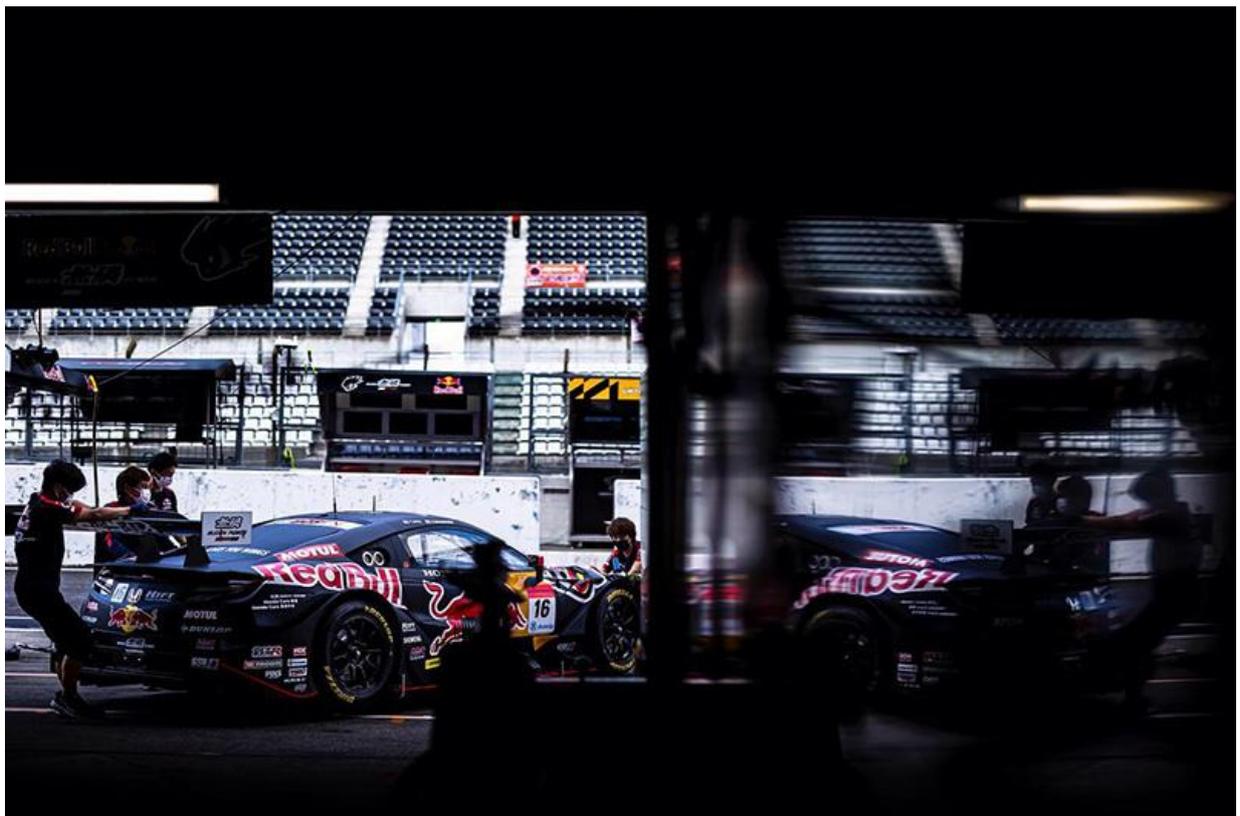
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