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TEAM Red Bull MUGEN SUPER GT RACE REPORT

Found out the potential for the next race with strategic challenges

2022 AUTOBACS SUPER GT Round 4 FUJIMAKI GROUP FUJI 100Lap RACE

Course: 4,563 x 100 laps (456,3km) August 6th, 2022 (Sat) Weather: Cloudy / Road condition: Dry August 7th, 2022 (Sun) Weather: Fine / Road condition: Dry

■ August 6th (Sat) Qualifying:

Q1: Toshiki Oyu 13th place / GT500 class 13th place

[Driver Sasahara]



The qualifying for the SUPER GT Round 4 at Fuji Speedway has just ended. Today's Fuji was so cool that I had doubt about it was August, and we had a tough time heating the tires in the official practice this morning.

We had hoped that we could manage to advance to Q2 in the qualifying, but unfortunately the temperature and road surface temperature went down, and we could not make it.

But who knows what will happen in the race whose distance is guite long this time. I will simply look ahead and not give up to spread opportunity steadily to win the race. I will do my best, so please support us.

Disappointedly, the qualifying ended up with 13th place. I was in charge of Q1 but could not pass the baton of Q2 to (Sasahara-san).

I tried changing the setting of the car in a short running span but could not find the time to show the performance of the tires because I could not adjust the tires to the (low temperature) condition well. This can be a future improvement. At least, I put out all my strength (in this qualifying).

[Driver Oyu]





I think the weather will be better and the temperature will rise in the race. I believe the driving environment tomorrow will fit our strategy that we have been preparing through this race week. I will definitely show you a good run. The team is also preparing for the race, fans, please look forward to the race and keep on supporting us, please.

[Director Tanaka]

Toward this 4th round, we came to the Fuji Speedway after repeated testing and development, but in the qualifying we could not advance to Q2. The result was 13th place, which was far from what I expected.

In the qualifying, the ambient temperature and road surface temperature were much lower than we expected, and we could not bring out the performance of the tires. Since the race will be long, we will never give up and try to get the top position. Thank you for your support.

■ August 7th (Sun) Race: GT500 class 13th place

[Driver Sasahara]



The race was over. I was in 13th place, but I really did everything I could do. My stint was double, and the pace after changing the tires was good, and we switched our target to earning points.

Tires did not lose grip much, so I went without changing (tires) to get out in front of my rivals. However, the last 15 laps were tough because the tires lost grip.

There was something to be gained as a team through such a challenge. Believing that this challenge will lead to the next race, we will do our best as a team.

I feel sorry for sending disappointing race result reports to everyone who supports me every time, but I believe that one day I will be rewarded for my effort and then I will keep on doing my best. Please do not be fed up with but continue to support us. Thank you very much.

[Driver Oyu]

The race was over. Unfortunately, we could not gain any points. But I think we could try everything we could do.

It was a tough race anyway.

I noticed that the accuracy of the setup for the tires and potential of the team have been increasing. I crashed in the last race, but thanks to the team's perfect repair of the car by this race (Fuji), I was able to run with confidence and no mistakes.





I have a good feeling for the next Suzuka. Of course, there are still some remaining issues, and as a team, we need to solve such issues one by one to set the stage for victory. Thank you for your continued support. I will do my best to deliver impressive performance to you. Thank you very much.

[Director Tanaka]

It was a disappointing result, but I think the race itself was very good in terms of stability of race pace. The strategy without tire change in the second pit stop did not lead to the result, but it could be regarded as a promising option and positive trial including the possibility for winning in the future race.

We have not been able to produce any visible results, but we are definitely accumulating positive experience, so please look forward to our performance in the future and continue to support us.

[Note] As a penalty for contacting with other car in the previous race, the team in this round was notified in advance to be demoted from the result of the qualifying by five positions. Therefore, the ream started the race from the tail end, 15^{th} grid.

























