

TEAM Red Bull MUGEN

SUPER GT RACE REPORT

**Despite dramatic change of weather,
#16 scored the very first 3rd place on the
podium in this season by virtue of flexible
strategy and persistent run!**

2022 AUTOBACS SUPER GT Round 6 SUGO GT 300km RACE

Course: 3,621 x 84 laps (304,164km)

September 17th, 2022 (Sat) Weather: Cloudy / Road condition: Dry

September 18th, 2022 (Sun) Weather: Cloudy and Rainy / Road condition: Dry and Wet

■ September 17th (Sat) Qualifying:

Q1: Toshiki Oyu 1st place / Q2: Ukyo Sasahara 7th place / GT500 class 7th place

[Driver Sasahara]



SUPER GT Round 6 SUGO qualifying session ended. The result was 7th place. Oyu recorded the top time in Q1, and which motivated me to win the pole position somehow but in reality, the result was as it was due to poor tire grip.

We changed the setup a bit from Q1 to Q2. I am afraid this setup change should not have been conducted. I will change my mind for the race anyway.

I will try the hardest to move up to higher positions one by one to get on the podium. Please keep on supporting us.



【Driver Oyu】

Result of the qualifying session was 7th place. I was in charge of Q1 and had a good feeling on the car then could record the top time.

I am afraid subtle but change of the road surface temperature and a setup change bothered the result of the Q2 somehow. Especially in the development of tires, only a subtle change can influence race result severely sometime. Probably tire setup this time did not fit the condition of Q2.

We would like to show our own performance to overtake other competitors in the race. I believe we did good at Suzuka round and would like to show our progress here in SUGO as well. We will do our best then, cheer us up, please.



*NOTICE: Though result of the qualifying was 7th place, owing to penalty of other team, the starting grid of #16 was moved up to 6th position.

【Director Tanaka】

In the morning practice session following #64 we recorded the second fastest time and was ready for the qualifying. And in Q1 Oyu recorded the top time then we expected Sasahara to win the pole position in Q2 but could not make it and finished 7th place.

We could not adjust our machine to a subtle change in the conditions from Q1 to Q2 and lost speed in Q2, however, at least we could prove that our performance can break the course record.

We will change our mind and show our powerful performance in the race. Please continue to support us.

■ September 18th (Sun) Race: GT500 class 3rd place

【Driver Sasahara】



3rd place on the podium. I am simply happy.

I was in charge of the second stint. Due to rainy weather the race was very unstable, but I went through it. All the team members did their best to support me. I would say this result 3rd place can attribute to full completion of the satisfactory race. Support from the fans was also quite encouraging to me. All our team members devoted ourselves into this race.

We will be united to win the next round Autopolis. Please continue to support us. Thank you so much.



【Driver Oyu】

3rd place. Seriously happy.

I played a role as a starter (took charge of the first stint) and endured the race somehow. It started to rain in the middle of the race, and I faced a difficulty with it but performed to the best of my ability. The race was quite satisfactory and enjoyable for me.

Following me, Ukyo also did his best. Though the race itself was extremely dramatic, we could take the checkered flag without any mistakes or penalties.

I believe we also could show our teamwork. We will keep on trying our best to win the next round Autopolis.

We thank you so much for your support.

【Director Tanaka】

We had so much difficulty with the race due to timing of the rain and a little rain itself. But I feel purely happy to be able to finish 3rd place and stand on the podium. This result can attribute to cool judgement of two drivers over course conditions and their utmost performance along with proper judgement of all the staff in each case.

I would also like to thank stable performance of Dunlop tires despite of the dramatically changing road surface condition. Dunlop tires have been developing surely enough to show the best performance in the previous Suzuka round and today as well.

We of course will aim at the champion as a next target. We will work hard to get better results. Please keep on supporting us.



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