



## MFJ All Japan Road Race Championship, round 5 at OKAYAMA MORIWAKI RACING Race report

GP250 class

#83 Shogo Moriwaki Qfy/1st

Time: 1min31sec915

Race/TOP best time: 1min32sec478



### GP 250

Our MD600 project started last year at Suzuka 8hrs weekend when the very first bike was displayed. Now we have come to where we show the first race ready proto in GP250 class race at the 5th round of All Japan Championship in Okayama. New GP2 Proto class (4 stroke 600cc) was introduced to the GP250 from this year and it provides us opportunities to test the 600 machine.

We brought upgraded ver.7 proto which has new swing-arm and totally new concept ver.9. We chose the ver.7 to fight the weekend because we already had data and tried to further improve the machine potential concretely.

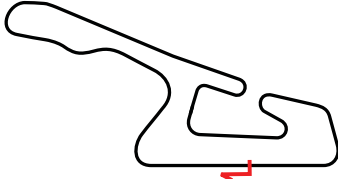
We marked 1min33.663sec at the 1st session of A.R.T. joint test, and improved it to reach 1mi32.348sec before we finish the Friday session. The qualifying session on Saturday also started under clear autumn sky and we looked forward another good test opportunity. We got under 1min32sec at lap 5, readjusted the machine and continued. Our rider crashed the bike one lap after he timed 1min31.915sec at lap 9 and we had to stop our qualifying attack.

We managed to recover from the crash, ran the free practice on Sunday morning, and got ready for the 15lap race. The MD600 shot out from the start and left everyone behind. Constantly lapped under 1min33sec and won the race, marking fastest lap of 1min32.478sec.

**[ CIRCUIT DATA ]**

OKAYAMA CIRCUIT

LENGTH	3.703m
RIGHT TURNS	7
LEFT TURNS	5



#### Mamoru Moriwaki, Team manager's comment

We probably could keep faster average speed during the race if we didn't have the crash on the day before, however, the crash wasn't all bad. It was very first crash for the 600 machine so now we can gain some data from the incident. And the rider didn't injure. We take some measurement on the machine when we return to our shop to study how much impact it will get when you crash with some racing speed. This measurement result is going to be very useful for us. I am happy that we could constantly keep the pace and able to compare with current GP250 machines. It was fruitful race for our development. I already have good image of version #10 proto-machine. I like to start it production right a way. We are planning to enter next round at Motegi and succeed our test and machine set up. There are still many things that I want to try and things need to be done. However, I really like to bring a machine can meet everyone's expectation so I like to ask your support.

#### Shogo Moriwaki's comment

My role is a development rider of the racing machine. Although, running the bike fast is important but I focused on understanding of the machine condition and transfer the information to our engineers as accurate as possible since the Friday test. It was my mistake to miss the hairpin corner line and I couldn't have enough approaching space for following corner. I hit the curb and crashed. There was a list of test items I had to complete during the session and it was bad that I couldn't get the data to my team. I managed to keep below 1min33sec through the race but I would say it could be a second faster if I didn't have that crash. Maybe even below 31sec. Anyway, it was good for me to see all GP250 riders riding, lines that they take and how they control the machines. This all good for me to give a feedback to our engineers to develop a machine that current 250 riders will not struggle to adjust. Our machine set up had improved during the weekend. Sometime it is difficult because the machine specification changes every time we try new settings however, I am enjoying that. Next race is going to be Motegi which I never ridden the 600 and difficult to have clear image, but I know that the machine has potential and I am really looking forward to the next race.



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