

2025 FIM ENDURANCE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

“Coca Cola” SUZUKA 8 HRS. RACE RESULT & REPORT

- **EVENT PLACE** : Suzuka Circuit/Japan
- **EVENT DATES** : Aug. 1-3, 2025
- **TEAM**: Team Kawasaki Webike Trickstar
- **MACHINE NO.** : #11



RIDER “Blue”	RIDER “Yellow”	RIDER “Red”
Roman Ramos	Mike Di Meglio	Gregory Leblanc
QUALIFY (riders best lap)		
● Roman Ramos 2.06’ 994	● Mike Di Meglio 2.06’ 851	
● Gregory Leblanc 2.08’ 320		
QUALIFYING POSITION average lap time of 2 fastest riders		
13th	2.06’ 923	
RACE RESULT	Laps best lap time	
8th	213 2.08’ 513	



Aug. 1 Qualify

Team Kawasaki Webike Trickstar entered the Suzuka 8 Hours, Round 3 of FIM Endurance World Championship, with a trio of riders: Roman Ramos, Mike Di Meglio, and Gregory Leblanc, same riders line-up as the opening round of EWC 2025 Le Mans 24HRS Endurance Race fighting for the victory till the last minute. Having placed 5th overall in the previous round at Spa 8 Hours and currently sitting 2nd in the championship, Suzuka marks an important race for the team concerning the championship.

Two qualify sessions are held in a same day on Friday.

First one which each rider made an attack for making the team qualifying position as better as possible, and the second one which riders focused on adjusting their bikes for the race.

The first qualifying session starting at 12:00 PM was held under the extremely harsh condition with the strong sunlight and high air and track temperatures.

Numerous crashes occurred during the session which forced the red flag interruption, making for an eventful qualifying session.

[Rider Blue | Roman Ramos]

With new tires on both front and rear, Ramos recorded 2.06’ 994 on his second lap which improved his personal best time and finished the session in 12th place in the group.

[Rider Yellow | Mike Di Meglio]

Fitted a new rear tire, Di Meglio recorded 2.07’ 656 at his second lap. Although the session was red-flagged during his third lap, he fitted new tires on both front and rear when the session restarted and immediately improved his lap time down to 2.06’ 851 and finished in 12th position in the group so does Ramos.

[Rider Red | Gregory Leblanc]

Leblanc checked out the bike which KWT would use for the final race with the used tires of Di Meglio, completed his session with the consistent lap times with the race pace scoring 2.08’ 525 as his best lap.

The combined lap time from Ramos and Di Meglio meant that Team Kawasaki Webike Trickstar would start the final race from 13th position on the grid on Sunday.

Under the sweltering heat and humidity of Suzuka qualifying sessions, each rider showed stable performances and confirmed the machine condition. The whole team is promising to fight as one team, aiming to improve their position even further in the race.



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Aug. 3 Race

With the air temperatures reaching to 36° C and the track temperatures reaching up to 69° C, it was a grueling 8 hours for riders, machines, and teams.

In the morning warm-up session Di Meglio recorded 2.07' 403 which placed KWT in the 4th place overall. After making the final checks and adjustments of the race bike, the team was fully prepared for the start.

Serving as the starting rider, Di Meglio had shown a strong start from 13th position on the grid, finishing the first lap in 9th place.

Although he struggled to keep the consistent lap times sometime but capitalizing on KWT's fuel-efficiency, he completed a long 28-lap stint and returned for the pit work in the 2nd place which had given the team the race momentum.



Ramos took over the next stint. Exiting the pit in the 15th place, he steadily was moving up, maintaining a consistent pace to completed his session.

His calm riding supported the team's rhythm, and handed the baton over to Leblanc in the 13th place.

During the third stint when Leblanc was on the track, the team moved up the position from 13th to 10th, however KWT received 10-second stop-and-go penalty by overtaking under a yellow flag, and this made the team to lose over a minute.

Nevertheless, the team remained undeterred and made a comeback, fully serving the penalty during the next stint of Di Meglio. All the riders steadily completed their duties and continued the race.

The air temperature remained high in the afternoon, and it had made the race even more physically demanding, but the riders continued riding strong.

The safety cars were involved twice towards the end of the race, creating a difficult situation to require strategic consideration of fuel consumption and pit work timing, but the excellent fuel efficiency of KWT bike allowed the team to respond calmly even in this sensitive situation, patiently waited for the right moment for the safety cars to deactivate and moved on to the final stint.



Ramos was in charge of the final stint. Under the scorching hot conditions, he remained focused and crossed the finish line in the 8th place.

KWT finished in the 8th place overall, 3rd among the regular EWC teams and earning a valuable 13 points.

With this result, KWT stands currently in the 3rd place in EWC championship, reducing the gap to the leader to just 5 points.

After the misfortune at Suzuka last year, all three riders fully demonstrated their individual strengths and made a remarkable recovery.

KWT will now compete the final race, Bold' or 24 Hours, with the series championship at stake in mid-September.



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Roman Ramos

We had raced in the very tough condition, but with all the efforts of the team, we were able to achieve to the 8th place overall.

Last year's Suzuka was a very tough one for me, and I was so frustrated since then that I was not able to finish the race due to my physical reason, so I'm happy that I could give my all this year and completed the race.

I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to all the Japanese fans, as well as my team and teammates.

Competing against with the Japanese top teams is not an easy task, but I think we did a really great job.

With this result, we are now in the 3rd place in the EWC championship, just 5 points behind the leader.

I believe that we still have a good chance to win the title in the championship.

With this momentum, the whole team will work together even harder and give it our all for the final race, the Bold' or 24Hours race in September.

Thank you for your continued support!



Mike Di Meglio

I was really happy to be back at Suzuka.

Every time I race here is a special experience, and the enthusiasm of the fans was incredibly impressive.

I'd also like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who spoke to me in person in the fan zone.

The entire team gave it their all in the race, finishing in the 8th place.

To be honest, I would have liked to aim for a higher position, but this was the best result we could have achieved.

Although we didn't achieve the position we had hoped for, I believe we were able to secure important points for the championship.

It also motivates us to keep chasing the leaders.

As we are close to the championship leaders, we will definitely fight harder to chase for the title at the final race, Bold' or 24 Hours.

With the points gap to the leader is also small, I will work hard with the team to prepare thoroughly and perform at my best there.

Thank you for your support! See you again at the Bold' or!!



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Gregory Leblanc

As we were aiming between top 5 to 10 finish for the reality, I feel that finishing at 8th position is positive both for the team and for our championship.

We're currently just 5 points behind the leader in the standings which means that there's no doubt that the final race Bold' or will be a big battle for the title.

As a team, we'll be focused on our goal and approach for the Bold' or with a strong mindset.

And I, along with my teammates, will do my best to achieve the best possible result. I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to all the Kawasaki fans and everyone who supported us at Suzuka.

Thank you so much! See you again next year at Suzuka!



Ryuji Tsuruta, Team Manager

The team was able to finish in 8th place at Suzuka this year.

During the race, we made steady progress while conserving fuel and aiming to complete the race by 8 stints.

However, a rider was given 10-second stop-and-go penalty for overtaking during a yellow flag section.

Other than that, the race proceeded without any major issues, so this penalty loss was extremely disappointing.

However, despite the harsh conditions with temperatures reaching nearly to 40° C, each rider maintained a high level of concentration and fought hard to the end as a team.

Looking back to the last year, Gregory fell during the warm-up session on Sunday and was unable to start due to the injury, leaving us to start with just two remaining riders.

Furthermore, Roman fell due to the heat stroke during the second stint and was unable to continue which was a bitter experience for the team.

With this tough experience, it's significant that both riders were able to complete the race this time and deliver such a brilliant performance. Additionally, Mike, who joined us this season, set a new record for the team's best lap time and contributed greatly throughout the race with a very stable average.

All three riders did a fantastic job. With this result, we've reduced the gap to the leader in the EWC championship standings to just five points, which allows us the chance to win the title at the final race at Bold' or 24 Hours race.

We'll work even harder to unite ourselves as we head into the final round of the season with the positive prospective.

Finally, we'd like to express our sincere gratitude to Kawasaki, Bridgestone, and all our other sponsors and related partners for their continued support, as well as to our fans. We appreciate your continued support.

