

COMPETITION RESULTS FROM 2023 FORMULA DRIFT SUPER DRIFT CHALLENGE DAY 2

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Saturday, April 15, 2023

Location: Streets of Long Beach, Long Beach, CA

Event: 2023 Formula DRIFT Super Drift Challenge, Day 2

COMPETITORS

- Joao Barion (Brazil) Corvette Barbarius
- Trenton Beechum (USA) Nexen Tire / Clonex Racing BMW
- Rome Charpentier (USA) Garagistic / Vitour Tire E36 BMW
- Diego Higa (Brazil) Toyota GT86
- Dean Kearney (Ireland) HyperNFT Dodge Viper
- Sam Maghmoumi (Lebanon) 412 Motorsport BMW E82
- Kyle Mohan (USA) Mazda MX5 Rotary
- Forrest Wang (USA) Yellowspeed / NRG Nissan

RESULTS

- 1. Dean Kearney (Ireland) HyperNFT Dodge Viper
- 2. Rome Charpentier (USA) Garagistic / Vitour Tire E36 BMW
- 3. Diego Higa (Brazil) Toyota GT86

COMPETITION NOTES

 Driver match-ups for tandem competition runs were decided by a random draw in the absence of traditional Formula DRIFT qualifying runs

- The majority of drivers used their Formula DRIFT PRO competition machines for Super Drift, developing up to 1000hp in most cases, with Dean Kearney's Viper producing 1350hp
- Dean Kearney received a bye run in the Top 8 after Kyle Mohan was unable to get his Mazda MX5 to the start line. Kearney then had a good battle with Trenton Beechum in the Top 4 to reach the Final
- In the Final, Kearney span to a halt on his second run. However, the livestream replay showed Rome Charpentier had over-rotated in Outside Zone 3 and appeared to use the handbrake to regain control. With nowhere to go, Kearney's spin was adjudged Charpentier's fault and Kearney climbed to the top step of the podium
- Dean's last podium in Super Drift was a second place in 2019 in a Final he lost to Forrest Wang
- Rome Charpentier was hoping to build on yesterday's Super Drift win after beating Forrest Wang in an epic Top 8 heat before eliminating Diego Higa in another close match in the Top 4. However, his small mistake against Kearney cost him the winner's trophy
- Higa was awarded third place when a technical problem for his run-off competitor, Trenton Beechum, meant he was unable to complete the second run