



## **COMPETITION RESULTS FROM 2023 FORMULA DRIFT SUPER DRIFT CHALLENGE DAY 1**

### **EVENT DETAILS**

Date: Friday, April 14, 2023

Location: Streets of Long Beach, Long Beach, CA

Event: 2023 Formula DRIFT Super Drift Challenge, Day 1

### **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. Rome Charpentier (USA) – Garagistic / Vitour Tire E36 BMW
2. Forrest Wang (USA) – Yellowspeed / NRG Nissan
3. Trenton Beechum (USA) – Nexen Tire / Clonex Racing BMW

### **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
- Rome Charpentier built on an incredibly strong second place at Round 1 of the Formula DRIFT PRO Championship last weekend to win his first Super Drift event
- Second place Forrest Wang competed in a back-up car to save his competition car for Round 2 of the Formula DRIFT PRO Championship. Wang won Super Drift twice in 2022 while Charpentier secured two third place finishes in 2022 and another in 2021
- Trenton Beechum swapped from a Ford Mustang to BMW for 2023 and is immediately seeing better results
- Super Drift was the first time Sam Maghmoumi had run the Long Beach course. He beat Kyle Mohan in the Top 8 heat but withdrew from the Top 4 with clutch issues



## **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
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- 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 spun 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