



Synergy Force MORIWAKI Club
Suzuka 4 Hours Endurance Road Race
鈴鹿4時間耐久ロードレース「シナジーフォース・モリワキクラブ」
メリッサ・パリス選手&シェリーナ・モレダ選手
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Female Team makes Strong Appearance at the SUZUKA 4 HOURS Endurance Race 2014.



Not only did the only female team entered in the Suzuka 4 Hours Endurance Road-Race managed to finish the extremely tough race, but they also greet the chequered flag being 28th out of 69 teams!

Synergy Force Moriwaki Club's with the U.S riders Melissa Paris and Shelina Moreda made a strong effort on Saturday at the Suzuka 4 Hours Endurance Road Race in Japan at Suzuka Circuit International Racing Course. The Team's main target was to reach the finish line. Therefore, a result of 28th surprised everyone extremely positively. The duo





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improved their position with 31 places from their 59th grid position. Riding the Synergy Force Moriwaki Club Team Honda CBR600RR, they were supported by the very experienced and professional Moriwaki team.

The team was extremely relieved and pleased with the result as the weekend didn't have the best possible start. On Thursday, during the only practice session planned for the day and first out on the Honda CBR600RR, Melissa Paris crashed unexpectedly during her second lap, accelerating out of the hairpin. The motorcycle's rear tyre lost grip, slid and found grip again, which threw the rider off the machine, sliding along but luckily out of the path of oncoming riders. Fortunately, Paris was unhurt, but she was unable to return with the bike to her team in the pit to share it with her co-pilot, Shelina Moreda standing by for her stint, which meant that Moreda was not able to participate the only practice session before the official qualifying practice on Friday.

The Moriwaki Team mechanics repaired the crash damage in time for the sessions on Friday when Moreda had the chance to discover the track in the free practice session for only the second time, following the tests two weeks prior. Both women improved on their lap times considerably with 37°C and close to 90% humidity. Melissa's qualifying time put the Synergy Force Moriwaki Club Honda CBR600RR in 59th position, in a field of 69 strong participants.

Melissa Paris said after the race,

'After this race I am feeling really satisfied. The work everyone put into this was so incredible. It's hard to know what to expect when you come to an event like this you really don't know anything about the track or other riders or what the situation is going to be like. So you are sort of coming to things blind and I think we knew it was going to be really hard but to see such an improvement from qualifying to the actual race is something which I think makes me going to want come back and do it again. Also this family atmosphere with the Moriwaki family, Synergy and the FIM is incredible. This is a project,





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which everyone works so hard for and it inspires you as a rider to push. I just want to do it again!

Shelina Moreda said:

'I think we are completely a different team now that what we started with at the test. Both Melissa and me were really new to Suzuka and nervous. We knew that we had a big task ahead of us but we really came together this weekend and our improving just between the qualifying and the race was amazing. I am extremely proud of Melissa as my teammate. From the start I knew things were clicking. She ran across the track and I was holding the bike and everything went super smoothly right from that moment. The pit stops were flawless and the team was incredibly supportive. I am really impressed with the whole thing; it is a dream to be racing here. I think I might be the happiest girl in the whole world right now. Incredible team, incredible track and awesome bike I got a killer team mate, crazy cool sponsors and FIM Women's commission here in person supporting me - I couldn't ask for more!'

Midori Moriwaki, Team principal

'Before the race many people asked me what are my expectations for the result and I always said that I am really happy if only we could finish. Suzuka International Racing Course is one of the most challenging race tracks in the world and Suzuka 4 Hours Endurance Race is extremely competitive. I couldn't believe that at our first competition together with these two wonderful women we could do so well. This has been a special project for us and I am really thankful and happy now.'

Nita Korhonen, director of Women's Commission

'I am so proud and happy for Melissa and Shelina. They did such a fantastic work in these extremely challenging circumstances. It was also great to see how the Moriwaki people so warmly welcomed them to be part of their team and worked extremely hard for this project. Also the excitement towards this project the main sponsors Synergy Force and

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Motul have shown is incredible. I also want to thank them and the Moriwaki team for being part of this unbelievable experience.'

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