

25th February 2023**2023 BAHRAIN PRE-SEASON TESTING – DAY 3**

Bahrain International Circuit, Bahrain - Length 5.412km

AT04 – 02 / Driver: AM – Nyck de Vries // PM – Yuki Tsunoda

Three-day Total:**456 laps (Yuki: 210 // Nyck: 246)****2.468 km (Yuki: 1.137km // Nyck: 1.331)**

Yuki Tsunoda #22 Time: 1:31.261**79 laps – 427.548 km Pos. 6th**

“We’ve had a productive three days of testing, where we gathered a lot of good data for the season. Today was my first afternoon session for this test, and I was happy with the quality of my driving during performance runs and my feedback to the team. We found some limitations, but looking deeper into it, I am certain the team and I will be able to improve in these areas to make the performance stronger. We’ll be working to keep this momentum going into next week and I hope we can achieve good results for the coming races. As always, it’s a tight midfield, but it’s difficult to compare ourselves to the other teams without knowing what programmes they were running. I’ll rest up, so that I am able to give 100 per cent for the race next week.”

Nyck de Vries #21 Time: 1:38.244**87 laps – 470.844 km Pos. 17th**

“Today was the last day of testing and I’m very pleased with how everything went. We completed many laps and were able to tick all the boxes. We learnt a lot about our package throughout the three days of testing, which will help us put everything together for next week. Equally, the midfield is very tight and competitive, so hopefully we can maximise our potential and get a good result for the first race of the season.”

Jonathan Eddolls (Chief Race Engineer)

“Being our final day of testing, we had several set-up items to tick off the list before heading into race mode next week. Some of these tests yielded results that were not quite as expected, but it was great to scan the envelope of the AT04. I think today we made the most progress out of the three days in terms of understanding the car, optimizing the tyres, aero work and set-up, which seems evident in the lap times. Clearly, everyone is on different plans, especially in terms of fuel loads, so we are being realistic in our expectations for performance at the start of the season, but we believe we should be able to put up a fight with the midfield group. The car ran very reliably for all three days which enabled us to gather all of the necessary data, so we can now analyse over the coming days to put everything together and come up with the best set-up and plan for the race weekend.”

Jody Egginton (Technical Director)

“Today has been a solid day of learning, providing some really interesting results and data to take away and review further. Overall, this test has been very busy and challenging at times, but I’m very pleased to see some good progress being made in understanding our package and the car running very reliably. Both Yuki and Nyck have delivered a good level of performance, giving excellent feedback and pushing the engineers. The workload has been very high, but the trackside mechanics, engineers, and factory support from Faenza and Bicester have risen to the task, which resulted in Scuderia AlphaTauri topping the mileage of this year’s pre-season test. The team has provided excellent levels of support to ensure we have covered the run programme, minimised garage time, and processed the huge amount of data over the three days of testing, so they all deserve a big thank you.”

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