

Zaif NCXX RACING has decided on its team to take part in the final of the “Coca-Cola 42nd Suzuka 8 Hours Endurance Race (Suzuka 8 Hours)” to take place at Suzuka Circuit, Mie Prefecture, on Sunday, July 28.

Zaif NCXX RACING will take part in the Suzuka 8 hours after welcoming Zaif to partner the team this year of NCXX RACING & ZENKOUKAI, which won the SST Class last year, and NCXX RACING, which came 5th, and changing the team names to Zaif NCXX RACING & ZENKOUKAI and Zaif NCXX RACING.

Riders for Zaif NCXX RACING & ZENKOUKAI, which will be looking to retain its title, will be Kengo Nagao, currently ranked 5th (after four rounds) in the ST600 Class in the All-Japan Road Race Championships, and Stefan Hill, who is currently competing in the FIM Endurance World Championship. Both will ride Yamaha YZF-R1 bikes.

Nagao picked up his first victory of the 2019 season in the ST600 Race 1 in the fourth stage at Tsukuba and is looking to further succeed. Zaif NCXX RACING, meanwhile, has a Nagao connection with his younger brother, Kenji, taking on the ST600 race for the first time on a 3-member team that also includes Toshiki Kunimatsu, a legendary rider who will be racing the Suzuka 8 Hours for the 30th consecutive year in 2019, and Tadayuki Yoshida.

Kunimatsu’s 30 consecutive appearances in the Suzuka 8 Hours is a record that he will update by appearing again this year.

Check out the official Zaif NCXX RACING team website for more details about the team (Japanese only):
<http://www.ncxx-sl.co.jp/8tai/en/index.html>

NCXX RACING History

2014 First race in Suzuka 8 Hours, 21th place overall

2015 Made Suzuka 8 Hours final for second consecutive year

2016 First podium place at Suzuka 8 Hours for third consecutive final

Race results

#52 NCXX RACING SST Class 3rd place (29th overall)

2017 Strengthened team and made final for the fourth consecutive year, making the podium for the second consecutive year

Race results

#502 NCXX RACING SST Class 3rd place (25th overall)

2018 ZENKOUKAI added as a sponsor, competed with two teams and won first SST Class title

Race results

#806 NCXX RACING & ZENKOUKAI SST Class Champions (18th overall)

#502 NCXX RACING SST Class 5th place (26th overall)

2019 Zaif added as a sponsor, competing with two teams aiming to reach the Suzuka 8 Hours final for consecutive years

#806 Zaif NCXX RACING & ZENKOUKAI

#502 Zaif NCXX RACING

