



## COMPETITION RESULTS FROM 2022 FORMULA DRIFT SUPER DRIFT CHALLENGE DAY 1

### EVENT DETAILS

Date: Friday, April 8, 2022

Location: Streets of Long Beach, Long Beach, CA

Event: 2022 Formula DRIFT Super Drift Challenge, Day 1

### COMPETITORS

- Trenton Beechum (USA) – Clonex Racing / Nexen Tire Ford Mustang
- Rome Charpentier (USA) – Garagistic / Federal Tires / imaginegarage E36 BMW
- Michael Essa (USA) – FCP Euro / Liqui Moly / GT Radial BMW M3
- Dean Kearney (Ireland) – Hyper NFT / Daily Driven Exotics (DDE) Dodge Viper
- Kyle Mohan (USA) – KMR / Mazdatrix Mazda MX-5
- Alec Robbins (USA) – Fasetto Nissan 350Z
- Branden Sorensen (USA) – US Air Force / Sorensen Motorsports BMW
- Forrest Wang (USA) – Get Nuts Laboratory / Yellow Speed Racing Nissan S15

### RESULTS

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2. Michael Essa (USA) – FCP Euro / Liqui Moly / GT Radial BMW M3
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### COMPETITION NOTES

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

- Wang's win is more remarkable since he has been out of regular Formula DRIFT competition since 2019. He previously claimed a double victory at the Super Drift Challenge in 2019 and a third-place in 2021
- Second-placed Essa is the only Formula DRIFT Champion in the field, winning the title in 2013
- Charpentier beat Kearney in a close runners-up heat to claim third
- Third-placed Charpentier completed more runs than any other driver. In both his Top 8 run against Mohan and Top 4 against Essa, the judges were unable to separate the drivers after the first pair of runs and requested One More Time, where the drivers repeat both runs
- Mohan and teenager Sorensen were both using back-up cars rather than their Formula DRIFT PRO competition machines following technical issues

## **SUPER DRIFT**

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- Formula DRIFT has a long history with the Grand Prix of Long Beach, dating back to 2005 when their series was invited to conduct an annual full course drift demo for GP fans
- In 2012, Super Drift was introduced on a more traditional Formula DRIFT competition elimination format but drivers don't score championship points
- In 2006, Formula DRIFT worked with Grand Prix of Long Beach to establish its own stand-alone Championship round on Turns 9 to 11, taking place the weekend before the Grand Prix. Streets of Long Beach has since become a mainstay of the annual eight-round Formula DRIFT calendar
- Drifting is judged on a driver's line through the course, angle in the turns, and style throughout the run. The chase car's proximity to the lead car is also a crucial factor



## COMPETITION RESULTS FROM 2022 FORMULA DRIFT SUPER DRIFT CHALLENGE DAY 2

### EVENT DETAILS

Date: Saturday, April 9, 2022

Location: Streets of Long Beach, Long Beach, CA

Event: 2022 Formula DRIFT Super Drift Challenge, Day 2

### COMPETITORS

- Trenton Beechum (USA) – Clonex Racing / Nexen Tire Ford Mustang
- Rome Charpentier (USA) – Garagistic / Federal Tires / imaginegarage E36 BMW
- Michael Essa (USA) – FCP Euro / Liqui Moly / GT Radial BMW M3
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- Driver match-ups for tandem competition runs were decided by a random draw in the absence of traditional FD qualifying runs
- Wang scored a double victory this weekend, taking both 2022 Super Drift wins. It echoes his 2019 double-header and is all the more remarkable since Wang has been out of regular Formula DRIFT competition since the 2019 season

- Sorensen's second place is equally remarkable since the 17 year-old suffered technical issues with his competition car yesterday but came back strong on day 2
- Fortune shone on Sorensen this evening when his competitor for the first heat, local Long Beach driver Mohan, failed to make the start, giving Sorensen a bye run into the Top 4 heat
- Charpentier finished third in both 2022 Super Drift events. On Day 2 he ran against 2013 Formula DRIFT Champion Essa in their Top 8 heat. With both drivers running hard in their BMWs, Essa hit the wall in his chase run, leaving him with major repairs before the Formula DRIFT PRO Championship Round 2 at Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta

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## **EDITOR'S NOTE**

Images from the 2022 FD Super Drift Day 2 can be downloaded

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## **NEXT ROUND**

Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta will host the Formula DRIFT PRO Championship Round 2: AutoZone Road to the Championship presented by TYPE S on May 6-7. Please visit [formulad.com](https://formulad.com) for the competition schedule, ticket information, driver profiles, special content, and the event livestream