



Qualifying Report

2022/4/23 Rd-3 SUZUKA circuit

Weather : Fine/Cloudy Temperature : 25°C 21cars

Only Two weeks after the 2022 Super Formula opening event with series of R1 and Rd2, R3 was held at Suzuka Circuit which celebrated the 60th anniversary of its founding. Rd3 consisted of QF on Saturday and the race on Sunday as usual. This season, knock-out QF is carried out with QF1 and QF2.

In the last race at Fuji, Makino and Otsu did not perform satisfactorily, however, they were expected to show their true colors at their favorite circuit, Suzuka.

In knock-out QF1, Makino in GrpA went for a check-run with the used tires as soon as QF started, then, with 5 and 30 min remaining, he returned on track with new tires. After warming tires carefully, he started to attack on his second measuring lap. He finished in 5th for QF2.

Otsu in GrpB also attacked with new tires on his second measuring lap after checking the course. He became 6th and made it to QF2.

Makino adjusted the set-up for QF2, considering the tire feeling and the fact that the drivers in the top group had attacked on their first measuring laps in QF1.

In QF2, he attacked on his first measuring lap. He lost time slightly in Sec1 and Sec2, recorded his best time in Sec3 and quickened time in Sec4. However, he ended up in 6th.

On the other hand, Otsu stuck with the plan of attacking in the second measuring lap, and finished in 8th.

*Kunimoto in 5th got the penalty of reducing 3 positions on the grid for blocking, thus, Makino will start from the 5th grid and Otsu will from the 7th grid.

#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 6th (QF1 GrpA 5th,QF2 6th) 2nd among Honda users

I had a good feeling about my car from the morning, and I prepared for the race by testing several items.

In QF, the condition changed a lot, so we adjusted the set-up.

However, the adjustment didn't meet the change amount of the condition, and I lost time especially in the first few sectors.

Rain is forecasted for tomorrow. I will examine the strategy and set-up with my team and focus on finishing first.



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#6: Hiroki Otsu Position 8th (QF1 GrpB 6th, QF2 8th) 3rd among Honda users

We couldn't finish the car as expected.

It is a common issue of Makino and me that we cannot fasten time in Sec1 and Sec2.

Tomorrow, I will start from the fourth row in the rain.

During the test, my pace in race simulation was pretty good, so I will push aggressively to finish the race on the podium.