



DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

Qualifying Report

2024/6/22 Rd-3 Sportsland SUGO

Weather : Fine Temperature : 32°C 21cars

DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING, which has been in good condition since the latter half of last year, goes into Rd3 at Sportsland Sugo, the highlight of the first half of the 2024 season.

Ohta, who won the final race at Suzuka as a rookie last season, and Makino, who won his first victory at Autopolis last time, are willing to get on the updraft with higher level of quickness and strength in this race for the latter half of the season.

During Free Practice in the morning, Ohta had a throttle trouble, and went off-track at the entrance of Umanose Corner.

Because of the severe damage to his car, he lost a chance to test it.

Thanks to the mechanics' rapid work, Ohta in GrpA was barely in time for QF, and confirmed the car condition in a check-run.

He went on-track with 4 min remaining to attack, and without free practice, recorded the third fastest time to move on to QF2.

Makino in GrpB changed to the new tires after a check-run, and went for an attack with 4 min remaining. Although he lost time in the first few sectors, made up for it in the latter half and made it to QF2 in 6th.

In the following QF2, the both drivers consulted their engineers and decided to adjust the set-ups before going on-track with 4 min remaining.

Makino could not shorten his time in Sec1 and Sec2, however, recorded the fastest seed and the fastest time overall in Sec4 and finished in 4th.

Ohta also lost time in the first few sectors and tried to recover in the latter half, however ended up in 7th.



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#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 4th (QF1 GrpB 6th, QF2 4th)

We reflected the positive state in the last race at Autopolis to my car this time, and as a result, I was in 4th place.

My top speed and the time in Sec4 were the best among all, but my times in the first half sectors were far behind the leaders' times.

There are still a lot of issues with QF at SUGO.

Anyway, tomorrow is another day. It will rain, and starting from the second row, I still have a good chance to win the race.

I want to finish on the podium, at least.

#6: Kakunoshin Ohta Position 7th (QF1 GrpA 3rd, QF2 7th)

I damaged my car because of a trouble, and I could barely drive in Free Practice. It was a disappointment, however, my team managed to prepare the car just in time for QF.

At Sportsland SUGO, the track is narrow and the course is very technical, so it was quite a challenge to attack in QF with new tires without free practice.

For all that, I could move on to QF2. However, the time difference between the leader's and mine is large, and there remain some issues.

Unstable weather is forecasted for tomorrow.

I will prepare well with my team for the race to finish in the top group.