



# DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

## Qualifying Report

**2024/7/20 Rd-4 FUJI SPEEDWAY**

Weather : Fine/Cloudy Temperature : 33°C 21cars

Right after Tuyu-ake, Rd4 at Fuji Speedway was held as 'SUPER FORMULA SUMMER FESTIVAL 2024', like it was last year.

A lot of Super Formula fans, including families on summer vacation, enjoyed several events for the festival.

In the Fuji round last year, DOKOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING showed remarkable performance by Makino in pole position and Ota in third in QF.

This year, Makino recorded the top time in Free Practice in the morning, and expectations for QF were increasing.

The air temperature was 33°C and the surface temperature was 50°C when QF began. It was almost the same condition as it was during the official test two weeks ago.

In QF1, Makino in GrpA went on-track with 5 min remaining, after a check-run. He warmed the tires thoroughly, then started to attack.

He recorded a good time in Sec1 and Sec2, however, could not shorten his time in Sec3, and moved on to QF2 in 2nd.

Ohta in GrpB also went for an attack with less than 5 min remaining.

Because of the loss time in Sec3, he managed to make it to QF2 in 6th.

For the following QF2, the both drivers changed the set-ups, consulting their engineers.

Makino who attacked first recorded the best time overall in Sec2, however, again, could not shorten his time in Sec3, and ended up in 6th.

Ohta quickened his pace in Sec1 and Sec3, and finished QF in 5th.



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

I had a good feeling both in the Official Test and in Free Practice, and I was second in QF1.

Because I was far behind the leader, we decided to adjust the set-up for QF2. As a result, we couldn't get the expected effect, and I became 6th.

I am not disappointed because it was the aggressive choice for the pole position. Starting from the third row along with Ohta tomorrow will be competitive enough, so I will shift my emotional gear to perform well in the race.

#6: Kakunoshin Ohta Position 5th (QF1 GrpB 6th, QF2 5th)

The set-up, which we had closely analyzed the data from the official test at Fuji two weeks ago to decide, was pretty good in Free Practice, but I barely passed through QF1.

I am glad I raised my position to 5th after changing the set-up for QF2.

Starting from the third row is not bad to aim for a victory.

I have confidence in my performance in a race, and I am positive of the race tomorrow.