



## Qualifying Report

**2024/8/24 Rd-5 MOBILITY RESORT MOTEGI**

Weather : Fine/Cloudy Temperature : 36°C 21cars

Four races had finished in the 2024 season and five more to go.

Round 5 at Mobility Resort Motegi in midsummer, the halfway point of the season, was held concurrently with All Japan Roadrace Championship, as 'Motegi 2&4 Race, The finale of the Summer Vacation at Motegi'.

The state of air became unstable from the effects of the typhoon, and a break in the weather like 'Guerrilla Rainstorm' was forecast.

When QF started, it was extremely hot with the air temperature of 36°C and the surface temperature of 50°C.

In QF1, Ohta went on-track for a check-run with the used tires as soon as the course was opened. With 5 min remaining, he started to attack with new tires. The balance of the car was good, and he finished first in GrpA.

Makino in GrpB also went for an attack with new tires after a check-run with the used tires.

He recorded the best time in Sec1 and Sec2, and passed QF1 in first in GrpB.

In the following QF2, both Makino and Ohta adjusted their set-ups to correspond to the surface condition change before going on-track.

Makino recorded the best time in Sec2, and kept the fastest time as far as Sec3. However, he could not quicken his pace in Sec4, and finished in 5th.

On the other hand, Ohta recorded a good time in the entire course without a sector best, and finished in a close second by .08 sec.



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*Team Release*

#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 5th (QF1 GrpB 1st, QF2 5th)

We brought the set-up which was arranged for Motegi based on the one for the last QF in Fuji. I had a good feeling about it from Free Practice, and recorded the top time in QF1.

The adjustment to the set-up for QF2 was effective and I had a better feeling about my car, however, I couldn't reach the fastest time.

It will rain tomorrow. I need to focus on starting, and aim for a victory with a race strategy and the total team capabilities.

#6: Kakunoshin Ohta Position 2nd (QF1 GrpA 1st, QF2 2nd)

My car was so perfect in QF1 that I could make it to QF2 first with a long lead. We dealt with the condition change in QF2 well and I didn't make a mistake, however, I could've done better.

I am glad that I will start from the front row, and I am thankful to my team for preparing the excellent car.

I will make a good start to win the race tomorrow.