



DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

Qualifying Report

2024/11/9 Rd-8 SUZUKA circuit

Weather : Fine Temperature : 15°C 21cars

After Rd7 of 2024 season, DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING is second in the teams' standings.

In the drivers' standings, Makino in second follows Tsuboi by 14.5 points, and Ohta is eighth.

Both the team and the drivers go into Rd8 running after the top.

Makino in GrpA went on-track with used tires for a check-run.

Then, he changed to new tires and started to attack with less than 5 min remaining. Recording the best time overall in Sec3, he finished first by a large margin of .298 over the 2nd driver, and moved on to QF2.

Ohta in GrpB also grasped the car feeling with used tires, and went back on-track with new tires with 5 min remaining.

When he started to attack after warming tires carefully, the car ahead, which was also on attacking, went off the track in Sec1, and caused the red flag interruption. QF was restarted with 3 min remaining.

It was a close contest in every section, and Ota made it to QF2 in second.

In the following QF2, the team sent Makino off to the track with 5 min and 30 sec remaining, and Ohta with 5 min remaining.

After one lap-warm up run, Makino recorded the best time in Sec3 on the attack lap. Ohta renewed it soon and also recorded the best time in Sec4, then took his first pole position in Super Formula.

Makino ended up in 4th to start from the second row in the afternoon race.



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#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 4th (QF1 GrpA 1st, QF2 4th)

In QF1, I had a certain reaction from my car which was in good balance, so I was able to record the fastest time.

Considering the surface condition change and the rise in both the air and the surface temperature, I changed the set-up for QF2.

Although I shortened my time in Sec3, I lost time in the first half, and will start from the 4th grid in the second row in the race this afternoon.

Fortunately, I can start in front of tsuboi and Nojiri, so I will do my best to survive the competition for the championship title for tomorrow.

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

I had a good feeling from the beginning of QF, and my challenge in driving took effect.

Winning the pole position, I gained confidence.

In the race in the afternoon, I will focus on starting and push aggressively to contribute to the team for the team title and the driver title.