

DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING Team Release

Qualifying Report 2024/11/10 Rd-9 SUZUKA circuit

Weather: Cloudy/Fine Temperature: 17°C 21cars

In Rd8 on Saturday, DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING succeeded to send the both drivers onto the podium, and ranked second in the teams' standings. Ohta made his first 'pole to win' to become second in the drivers' standings, and Makino finished third.

The team went into Rd9 with a possibility of winning the double titles, both drivers' and teams' championship on Sunday.

Makino in GrpA went on-track with used tires for a check-run, then went to attack with new tires with less than 5 min remaining.

After an out lap and a warm-up lap, he quickened his time in the latter sectors and moved on to QF2 in second.

Ohta in GrpB also went on-track with used tires as soon as QF began.

Like Makino, he started to attack with new tires with 5 min and 30 sec remaining.

Although he did not record the best time in any sector, showed quickness on the entire course, and made it to QF2 in second.

In the following QF2, the both drivers adjusted their set-ups and went on-track with less than 5 min remaining.

Because of too much adjustment, Makino could not shorten his time totally, and ended up in 10th.

Ohta showed good performance in Sec3 and Sec4, however, could not reach the leader and finished in second.



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#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 10th (QF1 GrpA 2nd, QF2 10th)

I had a good feeling about my car, but couldn't shorten my time in QF2.

This season, I can't bring QF1 conditions into QF2, and have been working on it with my team.

Since Tsuboi, who is competing for the title with, got QF points, the situation became tougher.

I will continue challenging myself without giving up, focusing on winning the race.

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

I have been in good shape since Rd8 yesterday, and went into QF with confidence.

I felt something strange about the throttle when braking in Chicane, however, fortunately, there was no trouble.

I will start from the front row, so I will try to jump into First Corner without a mistake, and hope to win consecutively to contribute to the teams' championship.