

## DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING Team Release

## Qualifying Report 2018/7/7 Rd-4 Fuji Speedway

Weather: cloudy/rain Temperature: 22°C 19cars

The state of air is unstable and it has been raining on and off under cloudy sky. The surface is Wet to Dry, still the condition is changing so often that set-up of tire and attack timing will be the key.

Knock-out QF1

Just few minutes before QF1, small rain dropped but track still dry.

Both driver were in good shape already in free practice.

After checking the surface condition with medium tire, Nojiri recorded 15<sup>th</sup> and Matsushita 5<sup>th</sup>. When Nojiri pit out for attack with new tire, rain drop again and he couldn't time-up under wet condition, and he ended in 15th place.

In following QF2, short rain stopped and track become dry.

Matsushita put soft tire and he left his competitor far behind in Sec1, but he spun off at Sec2 and he ended QF2 in  $10^{th}$  position.

#5: Tomoyuki Nojiri Position 15<sup>th</sup> (QF1 15<sup>th</sup>) 5<sup>th</sup> among Honda users

I had adjusted myself either to practice session on Friday or to free practice this morning, and I had good feeling. However, I wasn't well-matched to QF condition, and I was finished in QF1.

I will work on a race strategy with my team, and do my best to bring a point home at least.

#6: Nobuharu Matsushita Position 10th (QF1 5st QF2 10th ) 3rd among HONDA users My car had top potential for QF3. However, because of my mistake at Sec2 and the intense competition, I ended up in QF2 in 10th position.

Tomorrow, I will make a good start first, and try to get some points in the end. I will develop a strategy with my team to race for the score the points, and will show my ability 100%.