



## DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

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### Qualifying Report

**2019/4/20 Rd-1 Suzuka Circuit**

Weather : sunny      Temperature : 20℃      20cars

In 2019 season, new chassis 'SF19' was adopted, and both the engine and tires were updated. This new car had showed its potential by setting a new course record during the official test in off-season. Also, the line-up of drivers were changed including seven rookies from around the world.

DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING accepted 2018 SF champion Naoki Yamamoto, and Nirei Fukuzumi, who attended FIA F2 championship in Europe and came back strong. Car numbers were changed to '1' and '5'. The team is ready to go into Super Formula new era.

In knock-out QF1, all cars began to attack with medium tires. Soon after it started, QF1 was interrupted by red flag because of a car crashed in Corner 1.

It was restarted with 15 min remaining, however, a series of accident brought red flag condition tree times. Attacking in four minutes left, Fukuzumi reached 4th position and Yamamoto gained 5th. They both made it to QF2.

In following QF2, where all the cars attacked with soft tires, Yamamoto kept renewing his best time. However, he was blocked by a car ahead in Chicane and lost time. He ended up in 5th place. Fukuzumi drove as fast as Yamamoto and gained 4th place. They moved on to QF3.

Yamamoto who aimed for 1st position changed set-up a little for attacking. Although he had no mistakes in QF3, it was not enough and he became 3rd position. Fukuzumi could not shorten his time in Sec1, and ended up in 4th.

#1: Naoki Yamamoto Position 3rd (QF1 5<sup>th</sup>, QF2 5<sup>th</sup>, QF3 3<sup>rd</sup>) 3<sup>rd</sup> among HONDA users  
It was my first QF with DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING, and off course, I was aiming at the pole position. So, I am a little disappointed with the result, but Fukuzumi who is in 4th position and I will start from the second row, where we can go for the win. I will change my focus in a positive way, and will examine strategy and set-up with my team to cross the goal line first.



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#5: Nirei Fukuzumi Position 4th (QF1 4th, QF2 4th, QF3 4th) 4th among Honda users  
From QF1 to QF3, I had a good feeling and I could attack without a mistake. However, the result shows that I could do more. I learned much about the necessity of working on the set-up. Tomorrow, I think the team strategy and a start will be the key for the race. I will push aggressively and aim to reach the podium together with Yamamoto.