



Qualifying Report

2020/11/15 Rd-4 AUTOPOLIS

Weather : Fine Temperature : 22°C 20cars

In moderate weather with the temperature of over 20 degrees, Super Formula Rd4 was held at Autopolis International Racing Course, the only circuit in Kyushu, as a lot of spectators looked on under the measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

2-group format was taken in Knock-out QF1.

Fukuzumi in GrpA went on-track with the used tires as soon as QF1 started to grasp a feeling of car performance. With 6 min and a half remaining, he went on-track again, and after warming the tires carefully, started to attack on his third lap. He became second and moved on to QF2, while checking the surface conditions and heat generation of tires.

As well as Fukuzumi, Yamamoto in GrpB did a check run with the used tires, and went on-track in the last 6 min. Right after Yamamoto finished attacking, a crashed car caused a red-flag interruption. The session was restarted with 3 min remaining, and Yamamoto who was the only one recording 24 seconds' made it to QF2 in first place.

After an interval of 10 min, QF2 started.

The two cars of DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING went on-track in the last 6 min of the session. Yamamoto came in second recording the same lap time as the first place, and Fukuzumi followed in the third for QF3.

In QF3 to determine the top eight drivers, the surface temperature rose to near 30 degree. Tire management was the key. Both Yamamoto and Fukuzumi went on-track with 5 min remaining. First, Yamamoto marked the second fastest time. Then, Fukuzumi shortened Yamamoto's lap, however, he could not reach Nojiri's by 0.001 sec and ended up in second place. Yamamoto finished QF in third.

#5: Naoki Yamamoto Position 3rd (QF1 Grp B 1st, QF2 2nd, QF3 3rd) 3rd among Honda users
I am very frustrated, but it was the best result this season.
I think my fast team mate and I showed our team's total capability.
I hope to stand on the podium together, just I will be on the highest.



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#6: Nirei Fukuzumi Position 2nd (QF1 Grp A 2nd , QF2 3rd , QF3 2nd) 2nd among Honda users
I had a good feeling about my car since the free practice yesterday, and I was confident to finish QF in the top group.
In QF2, I made a small mistake, but I could attack without restraint in QF3 and I was so close to the pole position!
I will start from the front row tomorrow, and I am aiming for my first win.