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Qualifying Report

2020/12/20 Rd-7 FUJI Speedway

Weather : Fine Temperature : 6°C 20cars

Super Formula 2020 season, which had finally opened almost five months late since the schedule had changed greatly under the measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, finished Rd6 in the corona crisis.

Now, the last round at Fuji Speedway in December starts.

After Rd6 at Suzuka, Yamamoto tops the drivers' standings along with Hirakawa. Getting QF points will be advantageous for the drivers' title.

In knock-out QF1, Yamamoto in GrpA first checked the surface temperature of the Fuji Speedway track in the cold weather of December, and also the tire condition after using the tire warmer which had been allowed since the last race at Suzuka. He went on-track again with new tires with less than 6 min remaining. He moved on to QF2 in third place.

Fukuzumi in GrpB also did a check-run as soon as QF1 started, and went on-track in the last 6 min. He marked the fourth fastest time on his third attack and made it through QF2.

In the following QF2, after adjusting the set-up slightly, the both drivers went on-track as soon as the course was opened. Fukuzumi started to attack first after a check-run. Since the new set-up might not have worked, he barely made it to QF3 in eighth. (He became the seventh later because one driver was penalized.) Yamamoto was the third for QF3.

In QF3, based on the result from QF2, adjustment was applied to aero-balance and some other for attacking. Yamamoto recorded the fastest time at the beginning, however, ended up in third and earned precious one point. Fukuzumi marked the first half of 1'20 seconds, however, finished QF in sixth.



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#5: Naoki Yamamoto Position 3rd (QF1 Grp A 3rd, QF2 3rd, QF3 3rd) 2nd among Honda users
Even though I had a good feeling from the start, I knew something was missing for the pole position. However, my team made an excellent recovery from that state and so I can start the race from the third position. It is good to be in front of the driver with whom I am competing for the title, but I will focus my attention on winning the race instead of on the drivers' championship.
Anyway, I will give out all of my strength.

#6: Nirei Fukuzumi Position 6th (QF1 Grp B 4th, QF2 7th, QF3 6th) 5th among Honda users
All through QF, I couldn't keep a balance, so I tried several set-ups but couldn't reach 1'19 seconds'.
In the race, I will share data with Yamamoto and we will fight together as a team to win the teams' championship.