



DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

Qualifying Report

2021/4/3 Rd-1 FUJI Speedway

Weather : Cloudy Temperature : 20°C 18cars

At Fuji Speedway, where Yamamoto/ DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING had won the 2020 Drivers' Championship last December, 2021 Super Formula kicks off. The two cars of DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING have been in good condition since the two official tests in March. Makino is still regulating his physical condition and Ukyou Sasahara drives Car #6 instead as well as the official tests. Unlike 2020 Super Formula which held Qualifying and Race the same day as a preventive measure against COVID-19, this season, it is returned to the original two-day format, Qualifying on Saturday and Race on Sunday.

As soon as knock-out QF1 began, Fukuzumi in GrpA warmed his car and did a check-run. With less than 6min remaining, he went on-track with new tires. He moved on to QF2 in second place.

Sasahara in GrpB also did a check-run on starting of QF1, and went on-track in the last 6min. He recorded the fourth fastest time in his third attack to QF2.

In the following QF2, adjusting the set-up slightly, the both drivers went on-track as soon as the course opened. They were planning to attack after a check-run, however, they were caught in traffic of warming-up cars and had to attack without warming their tires enough. They barely made it through QF3 with Sasahara in 6th and Fukuzumi in 7th.

In QF3, the both drivers changed the set-up a little based on the results from QF2, and went for an attack. Even though Sasahara was in second on attacking, a rival soon recorded faster time. Sasahara became 3rd earning precious one point. Fukuzumi finished QF in 4th behind Sasahara.

#5: Nirei Fukuzumi Position 4th (QF1 GrpA 2nd, QF2 7th, QF3 4th) 4th among Honda users

I had a good feeling about my car, but something was missing for a pole position. My team did a good job to recover the performance, so the 4th place is certainly not what we expected.

It will be a race in the rain tomorrow. Sasahara and I will start from the second row, so we should get off to a hot start to end up on the podium together. Anyway, I will give my all.



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#6: Ukyou Sasahara Position 3rd (QF1 GrpB 4th, QF2 6th, QF3 3rd) 3rd among Honda users

I had been trying a lot of things since Free Practice for preparation.

The set-up I checked during QF1 didn't produce good results, but the adjustments in QF2 and 3 worked well. I appreciate the team's total capabilities.

I have a good chance of winning by starting from the second row.

I will go forward believing in myself and the team, and I'm sure it will bring a good result.