



**DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING**  
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## **Qualifying Report**

### **2021/10/16 Rd-6 TWINRING MOTEGI**

Weather : Cluody/Rain Temperature : 20°C 19cars

Around one month and a half after the midsummer Rd5 here at Motegi in August, Fukuzumi, who unfortunately retired from the last race, will have virtually no chance for the drivers' championship title unless he wins Rd6. At the same time, for the teams' championship title, both Fukuzumi and Makino can not afford to lose this race.

In QF1, Fukuzumi in GrpA went on-track with new tires in the last 6 min. After warming up tires, when he was just about to start attacking, the qualification was interrupted by a red flag because of a spun car. It was restarted with 3 min remaining. In the difficult condition with unwarmed tires, Fukuzumi finished first, just like Free Practice, and moved on to QF2.

Makino in GrpB warmed up tires carefully, and became third on his fourth measuring lap. He made it to QF2.

In QF2, while Fukuzumi was waiting to go on-track, it began to sprinkle. Unsure of the surface condition, he started with dry tires. Even though some of the competitors changed to wet tires, Fukuzumi held on to them. He finished QF in 7th in GrpA.

Makino in GrpB started with dry tires first and then, in accordance with the surface condition, changed to wet tires to attack. He finished in 4th to QF3.

In QF3, Makino attacked with new wet tires and recorded the fastest lap. Then he changed tires to attack again, however, time was up. He ended up in 7th.

#5: Nirei Fukuzumi Position 14th (QF1 GrpA 1st, QF2 GrpA 7th) 7th among Honda users

Based on the result from the last race, my team and I took time preparing for this round. Due to this development, my car has been well-balanced since Free Practice in the morning, and I made it through QF1 first.

When it started to rain during QF2, I decided to stay on-track with dry tires, but the tires were not warmed enough and I went off the track.

As a result, I misjudged the situation, however, I just kept myself aggressive. The weather will be unsettled tomorrow. We will aim for a higher rank with the team's total ability.



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#6: Tadasuke Makino Position 7th (QF1GrpB 3rd,QF2GrpB 4th,QF3 7th)4th among Honda users  
During the one month and a half interval, we looked over all data of this season and examined set-ups.

I had a good feeling from the start, and I was third in QF1.

However, I felt a big difference from the leader. From QF2, we responded to the wet condition.

In QF3, I didn't have enough time to attack and it was a strategic mistake.

There are unpredictable factors for tomorrow's condition, but we will finesse my way through the race to leave a good result.