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Team Release

Qualifying Report

2022/4/10 Rd-2 FUJI Speedway

Weather : Fine Temperature : 21°C 21cars

It was the 2022 opening event weekend at Fuji Speedway. Following Rd1 yesterday, Rd2 QF was held. With higher temperatures than yesterday, the surface temperature rose to 30 degree C. Unlike yesterday, the strong wind fell dead and the weather was perfect for a race.

Otsu, 2021 Rookie of the Year, in GrpA went on track as soon as QF started wearing new tires only in front, just like he did yesterday. Then, he came back into the pits soon to change rear tires to the new ones and started to attack. His times were not bad in Sec 1 and 2, however, he could not quicken it Sec 3. He moved on to QF2 in 6th.

Makino in GrpB went on track with used tires when QF began. Having obtained the operational feel of the car, he went on track again with new tires in the last 7 min. He attacked on his third lap after two laps of warm-up run. However, as well as Otsu, his time in Sec 3 was not good and finished in 6th. Unfortunately, on the point of QF ending, the competitor raised one position up, and Makino became 7th. He did not make it to QF2.

In QF2, Otsu went on track with 6 min remaining. After two laps of warm-up run, he started to attack. Although he adjusted the set-up, things did not get better, and he finished QF in 12th.

#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 13th (QF1 GrpB 7th) 6th among Honda users

We took the measures against the issues from yesterday, including changing the set-up especially for Sec 3. I had a better feeling in Sec 3, but I had to give up the performance in Sec 2 a little instead. Totally, our strategy didn't work and I couldn't go to QF2. However, my performance in Sec 3, which will be particularly important in the race, is much better now. So, I will focus on making a good start and aim to finish in the top group.

#6: Hiroki Otsu Position 12th (QF1 GrpA 6th, QF2 12th) 5th among Honda users

I went into QF with a different set-up from yesterday. I managed to clear QF1, but I couldn't shorten my time in QF2 as I expected. I will start from the 12th grid. I had a better feeling about the set-up which I tried in QF, so I will prepare my car perfectly in a short time before the race with my team crews.