



Qualifying Report

2022/8/20 Rd-7 MOBILITY RESORT MOTEGI

Weather : Cloudy Temperature : 27°C 21cars

At Mobility Resort Motegi in midsummer in the 2022 season, two consecutive races were held for the first time at this circuit. It was already tough enough for drivers, staff and race cars to compete in this oppressive heat and humidity, but they had to attend qualifications and a race both on Saturday and on Sunday. Besides managing physical conditions, countermeasures against heat for cars and tires would be of primary importance.

In QF1, as soon as the course opened, Otsu in Grp A started a check-run scrubbing tires, and with 5 min remaining, he went on-track with new rear tires. Because the car balance was insufficient when entering a corner, he finished in third for QF2.

Makino in Grp B also attacked with the scrubbed front tires and new rear tires. Even though he improved his best time in each sector, he lost time a little in Sec 2, and he moved on to QF2 in third.

In the following QF2, Makino attacked in his first measuring lap, and Otsu did in his second measuring lap. Makino went on-track in the last 4 and half minutes. Without any problem in set-up adjustment and tires, he improved his best lap and finished in 5th.

On the other hand, Otsu waited for good timing and went on-track.

However, he got caught in the traffic and had to attack before warming the tires well. Without a high grip performance, he ended up in 11th.



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#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 5th (QF1 Grp B 3rd, QF2 5th) 4th among Honda users

I was feeling OK in QF1, but I changed set-up and attack timing slightly for QF2, assuming driving faster. Both changes worked and I shortened my time in QF1. Unfortunately, the drivers in the top group shortened their times much more and I became 5th.

It is hard to overtake at Motegi. So, I focus on starting, and aim for victory with race strategy and the total team capability.

#6: Hiroki Otsu Position 11th (QF1 Grp A 3rd, QF2 11th) 6th among Honda users

In QF2, I was stuck in the group of drivers attacking in the second measuring lap, and I couldn't bring my tires in the best condition.

I was confident to finish in the top group because I had a good feeling during QF1.

I should have changed the strategy according to circumstances, and I will in the Rd8 QF tomorrow.

I change my focus in a positive way for the race in the afternoon and will make an excellent start to survive.