



Qualifying Report

2022/8/21 Rd-8 MOBILITY RESORT MTEGI

Weather : Cloudy Temperature : 27°C 21cars

The 6th event of 2022 Super Formula at Mobility Resort Motegi consists of two consecutive races, for the first time here.

Following Rd7 on Saturday, Rd8 was held on Sunday.

The long rain had stopped by morning, and QF started under the dry condition. The course surface seemed a little dusty.

In QF1, Makino in Grp A drove with used tires to check the surface. After the red flag interruption because of a car gone off-track at the beginning, he returned to the track with new tires with less than 5 min remaining.

Although he pushed hard shortening his time in each sector, he could not reach the leader by 0.019 sec and moved on to QF2 in second.

Otsu in Grp B started to attack with scrubbed front tires and new rear tires like he did yesterday. He lost time in Sec 1 and Sec 2, and finished QF in 9th.

In QF2, Makino waited until 4 and a half min remaining, then went on-track.

He recorded good times in Sec 1 and Sec 2, however, could not in Sec 3.

He finished in 5th, 0.3 sec behind the leader.

He happened to start the afternoon race from the same place as he did yesterday.

#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 5th (QF1 Grp A 2nd, QF2 5th) 3rd among Honda users

I had a good feeling during QF1 and became second.

I kept the good state in QF2, and the attack I made was very challenging.

Because of the loss in Sec 3, I ended up in 5th, the same place as yesterday.

It was hard to raise my position in the rain here at Motegi yesterday, but this afternoon, it will be a dry race so my target is the podium finish at least.

#6: Hiroki Otsu Position 17th (QF1 Grp B 9th) 9th among Honda users

The surface condition in QF was better than assumed, considering the rain yesterday. So, we changed the set-up for an attack after the check-run.

However, it backfired me. I had trouble cornering in Sec 1 and 2 with a lot of understeer, and I didn't make it to QF2.

We will start under dry condition in the afternoon race.

I will start from behind, but will survive the 37-lap race to finish in the top group.