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Qualifying Report
2022/10/29 Rd-9 SUZUKA circuit
Weather : Fine Temperature : 18℃ 21cars

The 2022 season, which consists of 10 races in 7 events, comes to the final events at Suzuka Circuit celebrating its 60th anniversary.

The 7th event which is held as JAF Grand Prix adopts a 2-race format, Rd9 on Saturday and Rd10 on Sunday.

On both days, knockout QF1 and QF2 will be held in the morning, and a 31-lap race will be in the afternoon.

The drivers' tension rises in the busy schedule.

Makino in GrpA went on-track with used tires and did check-runs. Then, he started to attack with new tires with 5 min and 30 sec remaining. Renewing his best times in Sec1 and Sec2, he recorded 1 min 36 seconds alone to move onto QF2 in first.

Otsu in GrpB also went on-track with used tires to get the feeling of his car as soon as the QF began. He returned on-track with new tires in the last 5 min.

After warming the tires carefully, he started to attack, however, could not go fast in the anterior half section. Even though he recovered in Sec4, he finished QF in 8th.

In QF2, the top 12 drivers from QF1 competed.

Makino adjusted the QF1 set-up slightly.

In the attack lap following a one-lap warm-up run, he shortened his QF1 time. However, since his rivals had shortened theirs much more, he ended up in 6th.



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#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 6th (QF1 GrpA 1st, QF2 6th) 4th among Honda users

I had a good feeling about my car during QF1, and made it to QF2 first. We figured out that the set-up would work in QF2, too, even if the surface condition was improved, so I went into QF2 barely changing it. I had a certain response and could shorten my best time, but my competitors did better jobs. I finished in 6th, however, in the afternoon race, I will start from the 3rd row where I have a good chance of finishing in the top group. I will concentrate on the race today.

#6: Hiroki Otsu Position 16th (QF1 GrpB 8th) 10th among Honda users

My car didn't go as I expected and I couldn't get enough grip from the tires. I couldn't quicken my pace especially in Sec1 and Sec2, thus I couldn't make it to QF2. The time is limited before the race, but I am trying to solve the problems with my team. I will start from the rear, but I will make a good start first, and push really hard to finish in the top group.