



Qualifying Report

2023/4/9 Rd-2 FUJI Speedway

Weather : Fine Temperature : 9°C 22cars

The opening event of the new Super formula, adopting new car SF23 and new Yokohama tires using sustainable materials, took place at Fuji Speedway.

Following Rd1 yesterday, QF for Rd2 started. Unlike QF for Rd1 which had changed to a 45-min time trial since Free Plastic before that had been canceled because of the bad weather, it was a knock-out QF as usual.

Under the lucid sky, the session for GrpA began first.

Makino in GrpA did a check-run with used tires, then changed to new tires to attack. In Sec1 and Sec2, his time was not bad, however, he could not quicken his pace in Sec3. He made it to QF2 in 5th

Ota in GrpB also attacked with new tires after a check-run with used tires.

He warmed up the new tires for 2 laps, and started to attack in his third measuring lap.

Recording the 6th fastest time, he was supposed to move onto QF2, however, this time was removed as a penalty for driving off-track and he did not make it to QF2.

In QF2, Makino went on-track just before the close time. While warming up carefully, he tried to adjust the space to a car in front.

However, positioning against competitors did not go well, and also there was confusion in communication with the team.

As a result, he unwillingly finished QF without making an attack.



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Team Release

#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 12th (QF1 GrpA 5th, QF2 12th)

We had taken measures against the issues yesterday for the race.

I had much better feeling about my car, but still, the time loss in Sec3 was big.

We changed the set-up assuming that lap times would be shortened as the surface condition improved in QF2.

However, we failed to manage the attack timing and the time remaining.

This is what we have to work on.

I will refresh my mind for the race to finish in higher rank.

#6: Kakunoshin Ota Position 19th (QF1 GrpB Time removed)

I changed the set-up from yesterday's.

Since I had a better feeling, I wished to record the first half of 2 min 22 seconds.

However, I lost time because I went off the track, and got a penalty for it.

I couldn't make it to QF2.

Although we don't have much time, we will prepare for the race to bring some points home.