



Qualifying Report

2023/4/22 Rd-3 SUZUKA circuit

Weather : Fine Temperature : 20°C 22cars

Two weeks after Rd1 and Rd2 of 2023 Super Formula, for which new car SF23 had been adopted, Rd3 was held at Suzuka Circuit, concurrently with All Japan Roadrace Championship, as "Suzuka 2 & 4".

It was performed by usual format, QF on Saturday and the race on Sunday.

In knock-out QF1, Makino in GrpA went on-track with used tires for a check run as soon as the session began, and returned with new tires for an attack in the last 5 min.

He warmed the tires carefully and attacked on his second measuring lap. He made it to QF2 in 4th.

Ota in GrpB also started to attack with new tires on his second measuring lap, after a check run.

However, failing to hold enough distance interval with a car ahead in the warm-up run, Ota came up with it in Chicane. Unfortunately, since Bolukbasi, who was also attacking, caught up, Ota got an blocking penalty.

In addition, going off-track in Degner Curve during the attack was considered as a track limit violation, and his record was removed.

Makino adjusted the set-up for QF2, and attacked on his second measuring lap like QF1.

Although recording good times in Sec 1 and 2, he lost time slightly in Sec 3 and finished in 6th.

*Since Miyata in 5th also got a penalty of removing his record for track limit violation, Makino became 5th.



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#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 5th (QF1 GrpA 4th, QF2 5th)

I have changed my view of racing widely since the opener at Fuji.

There are positive parts, but I am still far behind the top group, and I need to try several more things.

I will keep examining and developing in the race tomorrow, so that I can use that experience in the future races.

#6: Kakunoshin Ota Position 21th (QF1 GrpB 10th)

I took a long time with my team to analyze the results after the races at Fuji, and improved my driving and set-ups before coming to Suauka.

I had a good feeling from Free Practice, and came into QF with confidence. However, I was blocked by a car ahead in Chicane, and also was caught up by a car behind.

Being almost overtaken, I couldn't accelerate well in the last corner, and I got a penalty in addition.

I can't stop thinking what if I could have attacked perfectly.

I wish I could have shown my potential in QF.