



Qualifying Report

2023/7/15 Rd-6 FUJI SPEEDWAY

Weather : Cloudy Temperature : 26°C 22cars

The latter half of the 2023 season has just begun with Rd6 at Fuji Speedway. It took the drivers time to be adjusted to the new SF23 and Yokohama's new carbon-neutral tires in the first half.

Even though the team finished Rd5 at Sportsland SUGO on the podium in third place, they must win this race to compete for the championship title.

The wind blowing hard and weak repeatedly in the morning stopped by the time the knock-out QF began.

It was almost windless with 26°C air temperature and 30°C on the surface, which were lower than expected.

Makino in GrpA, who had been in good shape since Free Practice, went on-track with 6 min remaining after a check-run.

He warmed the tires carefully, then attacked. However, his time in Sec 1 and 2 was not as fast as in Free Practice, and he moved on to QF2 in 4th.

Ohta in GrpB went on-track with 5 min and a half remaining. Renewing his best time in Sec 1 and 2 and losing a little in Sec3, he made it to QF2 first.

In the following QF2, the both drivers consulted their engineers and adjusted the set-ups slightly.

Ohta, who attacked first, marked the second fastest lap.

Next Makino recorded the top time after warming up the tires carefully.

The total capabilities of the drivers and the team won the best starting grids, Makino in the pole position and Ohta in the 3rd, in this season.



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

We came into this QF with the set-up based on the one exhibiting good feeling in the second official test last month.

It was so good from the beginning that I could take the pole position.

Ohta also became third.

I am glad that what we were working on together during the hard time in the first half of the season finally paid off.

However, QF is one thing and a race is another. So, I will reset my mind for tomorrow.

#6: Kakunoshin Ohta Position 3rd (QF1 GrpB 1st, QF2 3rd)

I cleared QF1 first, but I think the strategy for QF2 became a little conservative. That is a future task, but still, Finishing QF in third was not bad.

Regarding the fact that I ended in QF1 in the opener at Fuji, I have improved in skill in the first half of the season, thanks to the team.

Both myself and my car are getting better race by race for sure, so I will try to be a dark horse in the latter half.