



Qualifying Report

2023/10/29 Rd-9 SUZUKA circuit

Weather : Fine Temperature : 17°C 20cars

The 7th event of Super Formula, which is held as the 22th JAF Grand Prix, contains two races, Rd8 on Saturday and Rd9 on Sunday.

The track damaged from the serious crash during the Rd8 race yesterday had been repaired by the morning, and knock-out QF1 and QF2 for Rd9 were held as scheduled under the clear blue sky.

Ohta in GrpA went on-track with the used tires for a check-run.

Then, changing to new tires, he started to attack with less than 5 min remaining. Although he recorded his best time in Sec2 and Sec3, he lost a little time in Sec1, and moved on to QF2 in second by .079 sec.

Makino in GrpB also went on-track with the used tires as soon as the session started.

To avoid traffic, he returned onto track to attack wearing new tires with 5 min and 30 sec remaining, slightly earlier than planned.

Feeling a lack of tire grip, he showed good performance, and made it to QF2 in 4th.

QF2 was competed by the top 12 drivers in QF1.

The both drivers of DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING had adjusted their set-ups a little, and then went to attack.

Because of too much adjustment on the set-up, Makino could not quicken his time totally, and ended up in 10th.

On the other hand, Ohta shortened his QF1 lap largely, however, could not reach the leader. He finished QF in second.



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#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 10th (QF1 GrpB 4th, QF2 10th)

Although I had a good feeling about my car, I couldn't drive fast.

It was even harder under the situation in which I was far behind the leader.

I adjusted the set-up in a short time before QF2, but couldn't get the response that I expected and I became 10th.

I will try a different set-up for the afternoon race, and will fight tenaciously to finish in the top group.

#6: Kakunoshin Ohta Position 2nd (QF1 GrpA 2nd, QF2 2nd)

I had been confident in attacking since the QF yesterday, and during QF2, I had such a good feeling that I believed I could take pole position.

I am disappointed that I was in second, however, I will start from the front row like Rd7 at Motegi.

I will try to go into First Corner without a mistake.

I am surrounded by three drivers who are competing for the championship title, but I will drive my race for victory, meaning consecutive podiums in both rounds of the 7th event.