



# DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

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## Qualifying Report

2024/5/18 Rd-1 AUTOPOLIS

Weather : Fine Temperature : 30°C 21cars

Two months after the season opener, which was held in the cold winter air with the temperature of around 10°C, it was clear and hot like summer at Autopolis, the only international circuit in Kyushu.

By the time QF started, it became a perfect day for race watching with the air temperature of 30°C and the surface temperature of 50°C.

In QF1, Ohta in GrpA went on-track with used tires for a check run as soon as the course opened, and with 3 min remaining, he started to attack after a warm-up run with used tires.

He was slightly behind the top time in Sec2 and Sed3, however, he shortened his time largely in Sec3 and moved on to QF2 first.

Makino in GrpB also went for an attack after a warm-up run.

He recorded the best time in Sec2 and became top of the group to make it to QF2 just as Ohta did.

Makino, who adjusted the set-up, recorded the best time overall in Sec1 and renewed his best in Sec2 and Sec3, however, since Iwasa shortened his time more, he became second.

On the other hand, Ohta, who did not adjust the set-up, lost time slightly in First Corner. Even though he recovered his loss in Sec2, he could not quicken his pace in Sec3 and ended up in 7th.



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#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 2nd (QF1 GrpB 1st, QF2 2nd)

Honestly, at the beginning of Free Practice in the morning, I felt uncompetitive without tire grip nor a certain reaction, but it got better and better as we proceeded with the set-up, and then I performed well in QF.

In QF2, as a result of examining my concern closely, I could shorten my time. I am frustrated that I couldn't reach Iwasa, however, I think we are going in the right direction according to my feelings about the car.

I will be fully prepared for a race tomorrow.

#6: Kakunoshin Ohta Position 7th (QF1 GrpA 1st, QF2 7th)

Like Makino. I was struggling at the beginning of Free Practice, however, my team's effort was incredible and I had a better feeling about my car rapidly. I am glad I got through QF1 first.

Before QF2, I was hesitating about adjusting the set-up.

Also, I had a few mistakes, so I couldn't shorten my time. I am very disappointed that I couldn't bring out my ability.

Tomorrow, I will aim for the podium with a good start and flexible strategies.