

DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING Team Release

Qualifying Report 2024/10/12 Rd-6 FUJI Speedway

Weather: Fine Temperature: 19°C 21cars

In Rd5 at Mobility Resort Motegi, Makino got his second win this season after the dramatic clean battle between the teammates.

After six weeks from the last race, Rd6 and Rd7, a very important series in the final stage of the season to survive the competition for the championship title, was held at Fuji Speedway.

When QF1 for Rd6 started, the air temperature was 19° C, and the surface was 26° C. The team chose the set-up matching the slightly cooler condition than Free Practice yesterday.

Makino in GrpA did a check-run and then went on-track with less than 7 min remaining. After the 2-lap warm-up run, he started to attack. Recording the best time in Sec2 and Sec3, he came out on top.

In his second attack soon after, even though he could not shorten his lap recording the best time in Sec1, he was the only one with the 21 seconds' and made it to QF2 first.

Ohta in GrpB also went on-track with less than 7 min remaining.

However, overshoot occurred in First Corner in his attack-lap and went off the track. The front tire was damaged from this accident, and yet he managed to move on to QF2 in 5th after his second try.

For following QF2, the both drivers adjusted the set-ups consulting their engineers. Makino, who was showing good performance, made a mistake in Sec3, and ended up in 9th.

On the other hand, Ohta shortened his time in Sec2 and Sec3, and finished second by .004 sec.



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#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 9th (QF1 GrpA 1st, QF2 9th)

I've been having a good feeling since Free Practice yesterday, where I could try several things, and I came into QF with confidence.

In QF1, I recorded the best time in each sector and became first, but in QF2, I was 9th because of a mistake in Sec3.

I was aiming for a pole position, though. I have to use every means to make up for it in the race this afternoon.

#6: Kakunoshin Ohta Position 2nd (QF1 GrpB 5th, QF2 2nd)

I managed to pass QF1 despite of some mistakes.

In QF2, I could drive fine to record the best times in two sectors. I'm glad that I raised my position to second.

Of course, it would be better to be in the pole position, but I will start from the front row anyway, so I will focus on making a good start to take advantage in the race.