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Qualifying Report

2025/3/8 Rd-1 SUZUKA circuit

Weather : Cloudy Temperature : 10°C 22cars

In the Super Formula 2025 season, there are more 2-race events than in past years. Due to this change, the season opener on 8th becomes a 27-lap race with the mandatory tire change after L10, and Rd2 on 9th is a 31-lap race without the tire change window.

Also, the hardware change of adopting the new spec tires in which the sustainable material ratio was increased will test each team's total ability to maximize strategies and tire performance this season.

In knock-out QF1, Makino in GrpA started for a check-run with the used tires as soon as the session started, and then went back on-track with new tires with 6 and a half minutes remaining.

After warming the tires carefully, he started to attack on his third measuring lap. Although he locked the brake in Sec2 and lost time largely, moved onto QF2 in third.

Ohta in GrpB also changed to the new tires after checking the track condition, and attacked on his third measuring lap.

He recorded the best time in Sec3, however, lost time a little in Sec1, and made it to QF2 in second.

Both Makino and Ohta adjusted the set-ups for QF2.

Makino went on-track wearing new tires in front to scrub and warm them, and Ohta went for a check-run, too.

With 6 min and 20 sec remaining, they started to attack.

Neither of them could shorten their times in Sec1 and Sec2.

In spite of recording the fastest time of all in Sec3, Ohta finished in 3rd by .1 sec.

On the other hand, Makino finished in 4th, and they both will start from the second row grids in the season opener.



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#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 4th (QF1 GrpA 3rd, QF2 4th)

I had trouble in my car during Free Practice yesterday, and I attacked for the first time with the new tires today.

Since the wind speed and direction were completely different from yesterday, I couldn't match my car especially to Sec2.

It was difficult because I lost the good feeling from the official test, but I somehow managed to get the second row position.

I will shift the emotional gears to raise my position in the race.

#6: Kakunoshin Ohta Position 3rd (QF1 GrpB 2nd, QF2 3rd)

The condition had changed a lot since yesterday, and adjusting the set-up was so difficult that I couldn't attack satisfactorily.

Overpushing in QF2, I was afraid that I might become around 10th.

I am sure my car has potential, so I will make an excellent start to win the season opener at Suzuka.