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Qualifying Report

2025/3/9 Rd-2 SUZUKA circuit

Weather : Cloudy Temperature : 11℃ 22cars

It was DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING' driver Ohta who won the Super Formula season opener on Saturday. Team's other driver Makino got a point as a result of recovering the time loss during the pit-stop.

When QF for Rd2 at Suzuka Circuit began, it was bright and clear with the strong north wind, which had stopped yesterday.

Makino in GrpA did a check-run with the used tires, and after changing to new tires, went for an attack with 7 min remaining.

On the attack lap followed by an out-lap and 2-lap warming-up, he recorded the fastest time of all in Sec3, and shortened his time in Sec4 to move on to QF2 first.

Ohta in GrpB also went on-track with the used tires as soon as the session started. Like Makino, went for an attack with new tires in the last 7 min.

Although he lost time a little in Sec1 and Sec2, recorded the best time in Sec4, and made it to QF2 in third.

In the following QF2, the both drivers went on-track with 7 min remaining, after adjusting the set-ups.

Because of too much adjustment, Makino could not shorten his time totally, and ended up in 5th.

Ohta finished in 3rd by .04 sec behind the pole time.

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

Honestly, it didn't go well. I couldn't feel the grip, which I had felt during the test, so especially in QF2, I couldn't shorten my time.

The car feeling was not constant, and I think my car was too sensitive to the condition change.

We have been working on this issue, but it wasn't effective in QF.

I will start from a lower position than yesterday, however, I will fight tenaciously with my team, dealing with the new race format.



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

I had more confidence than yesterday in QF, and I did attack well.

However, especially in the first half of the course, I felt that two Mugen's cars were performing better than ours.

Third position is not bad, but there still remains some issues.

I will start from the 3rd grid, just like I did in the season opener.

I will try to jump into First Corner first without a mistake to win consecutively.