



DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

Qualifying Report **2025/4/19 Rd-3 Mobility Resort MOTEGI**

Weather : Fine Temperature : 23℃ 22cars

The second event of the season in Mobility Resort Motegi is held as a doubleheader on the weekend, just like the opening event.

Since the race at Motegi was annually held in August, how to respond to the difference of the air and the surface temperature will be a challenge for the teams and the drivers.

By the time of QF, both the air and the surface temperature were more than 10 degrees lower than last year's.

In QF1, Makino in GrpA had adjusted the yesterday set-up slightly, and went for a check-run. He went on-track with less than 5 min remaining, and started to attack after a warm-up run.

He made it to QF2 in first recording the best time in Sec2 and Sec4.

Ohta in GrpB also went on-track with 5 min remaining, after a check-run.

He could not shorten his time entirely, and moved on to QF2 in 4th.

In following QF2, speculating on a change of the surface condition, both Makino and Ohta consulted their engineers and changed the set-ups a little.

Makino went on-track in the last 5 min, and Ohta did with 4 and a half min remaining, last of all.

Makino recorded the fastest time of all in Sec1 and Sec2, and succeeded to take pole position.

Ohta could not reach him, in spite of recording the best time in Sec3, and finished in 2nd.

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

So far, I couldn't keep a good shape after QF1 and had dropped my position in QF2 a lot of time, so, transition from QF1 to QF2 has been an issue.

Today, I could handle it calmly.

I will start from the front row along with Ohta.

I will make a good start, and then I wish to show you an exciting battle with Ohta, just like last year.

#6: Kakunoshin Ohta Position 3rd (QF1 GrpB 4th, QF2 2nd)

I was anxious how my feelings at Motegi last year would change, because the conditions would be different in April.

However, I had a good feeling in Free Practice yesterday, so I came into QF with confidence.

I couldn't shorten my time as I expected in QF1, but adjusting the set-up a little by sharing Makino's comment worked well in QF2 to become second.

In the team, we usually share data to develop strategies through the weekend, and I will dare to compete with Makino aggressively in the race in the afternoon.