



## **DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING**

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### **Qualifying Report**

**2025/5/18 Rd-5 AUTOPOLIS**

Weather : Cloudy    Temperature : 16°C    22cars

The start of the rainy season has already been announced for the southern Kyushu region.

On Saturday, Free Practice and QF were all canceled yesterday, due to the rainstorm and poor visibility.

Therefore, on 18th, QF was held in the morning and the race was in the afternoon, as a one-day race.

In QF which was held as a 40-min timed qualifying in fog and occasional drizzling rain, Makino changed the set-up to adjust the car balance after a check-run with the used tires.

Ohta also did a check-run with the used tires, and recorded the fastest time at that point. Both drivers went for the second attack with new tires.

Makino warmed the tires carefully, and then started to attack.

However, he could not shorten his best time and became 13th. On the other hand, Ohta was 7th although he recorded the best time in Sec1.

Speculating on several situations such as red-flag and how warm the tires got, Ohta went on-track again with 5 min remaining.

Makino also went for his third attack with less than 4 and a half min remaining. When they were on the attack lap after a warm-up lap, the yellow flag came out just before the checker flag, because a car dropped some parts when going off-track.

As a result, without making their third attacks, Makino finished QF in 13th and Ohta did in 8th.



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#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 13th

In the one-day race, QF became off-the-cuff.

Unlike the last two events, the result was much tougher than I imagined.

I wish I could have attacked, however, even if I could, I'm afraid that my car would not have the potential to compete for a pole position.

I will make up for it in the race in the afternoon.

#6: Kakunoshin Ohta Position 8th

I had had a good feeling since the start.

In the final attack, I went on-track earlier regarding warming tires and red-flag risk, and it was right.

I was performing with the time close to the leader, so I'm very disappointed that I had to stop attacking because of the yellow flag in Last Corner.