

## DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING Team Release

## Qualifying Report 2025/8/9 Rd-8 Sportsland SUGO

Weather: Fine Temperature: 30°C 22cars

From the 2025 season, Rd8 at Sportsland SUGO is held during the summer vacation in August.

Ohta, who achieved his third win of the season in the last Rd7 at Fuji Speedway and became second in the drivers' standings, and Makino, who is piling on points steadily with two wins this season, try to build momentum here for the double titles, the champion of the teams' rankings and of the drivers' rankings.

In Free Practice in the morning, Makino had trouble in the driving system, and lost the opportunity to test his car. On the other hand, Ohta, who was executing the test programs smoothly, also had trouble in the latter half of the session. Both of them had to face QF with remaining issues.

Ohta in GrpA went on-track with new front tires. After warming them for a lap, he made a pit-stop to wear new rear tires, and then started to attack with 4 min remaining. He could not quicken his time entirely because of lack of tire grip, and finished in 8th, failing to make it to QF2.

Makino, who solved the problem from Free Practice, checked the feeling of his car with the first set of new tires, and made an attack with the second set of new tires. He moved on to QF2 in 5th.

In the following QF2, Makino and his engineer decided to adjust the set-up, and went on-track with 4 min remaining. Since he could not shorten his time in Sec2 and Sec4, he ended up in 7th.

#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 7th (QF1 GrpB 5th, QF2 7th)

Considering the trouble during Free Practice in the morning and barely practicing there, I feel lucky to pass QF1 and finish QF in 7th.

However, we still have issues from the last race at Fuji.

It will be a survival race in the rain tomorrow, so I will survive to earn as many points as I can.



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#6: Kakunoshin Ohta Position 16th (QF1 GrpA 8th)

I was doing all right in Free Practice, confirming what we had prepared.

In QF, however, I couldn't feel tiregrip as I expected, and I am frustrated that I couldn't move on to QF2 because of poor performance totally.

The weather will be unsettled tomorrow. I will prepare well with my team to finish in the top group.