



Qualifying Report 2019/5/18 Rd-2 Autopolis

Weather : Rain Temperature : 15°C 20cars

Last year at AUTOPOLIS, the race was canceled due to the bad weather. Can DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING, whose drivers swept the front row in QF last year, maintain a high level with new drivers and new SF19? An important race for the middle stage of the season has begun here.

Because of low air pressure and a stationary front, strong wind and heavy rain started in the midnight on Friday in AUTOPOLICE area.

Free Practice in the morning was held, however, a series of spins and crash brought a red flag condition again and again. The weather got worse in the afternoon, and since recovery was not expected, cancellation of Knock-out QF was determined.

QF was decided to be held in 40min (8:45~9:25) on Sunday to determine the grid positions of the race in the afternoon.

#1: Naoki Yamamoto

I was disappointed that today's QF was canceled because of the weather. However, it got worse after Free Practice, and drivers' injury, damaging cars and accidents to audience, these things should not happen. So, determining cancellation was necessary. I'm sorry to fans who came to see the extreme competition of Super Formula in QF, but tomorrow you can enjoy QF and race in one day. I hope to see you at the circuit.

#5: Nirei Fukuzumi

This is my first drive at AUTOPOLICE, and I felt certain response from my car on dry surface on Friday and also during Free Practice in the bad weather. This race will be very important for me in the first half of the season, especially after I got no point in the season opener. I will prepare for one-day event tomorrow keeping tension and concentration, and produce good result.