



DCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

Race Report

2016/7/17 Rd-3 FUJI Speedway

Weather : Cloudy/Fair Temperature : 25°C 18 cars (#64 DNS)

Audience : 12,300/16th(Sat.) 22,800/17th (Sun) 35,100/Total

Race day morning opened with drizzling rain at Fuji International Speedway. It was cloudy, and sometimes the blue sky was visible before free practice. The track condition changed from wet to dry. The high speed race at Fuji, this season's turning point, would be a race of speed vs speed, technique vs technique in dry condition.

Vandoorne who started from the pole position got off to an excellent start, however, acceleration did not increase well. At Turn 1, the following car came next to him inside, so he found nowhere to go and dropped his position to 4th place.

Nojiri made up some spaces at the start remarkably and became 13th passing 5 cars on the opening lap.

Shortening a lap by .001 sec, Vandoorne and Nojiri continued their own fight. On Lap 14, as a car span and stopped at Turn 1, the safety car came in.

At this timing, each driver started to make his pit stop one and another.

Both Vandoorne and Nojiri went back on-track after refueling only. However, while Nojiri's car was refueling, Fuel rig blanket for fire resistant had been sucked into the Air intake. Nojiri came back to the pits on the next lap to take it out, however, he got 10sec- pit stop penalty because not getting his car out of the pits safely, and he lowered his position a lot. He pushed hard for a points-paying position, but he ended up with 13th.

At the end of the race, during Vandoorne tried to overtake a slow car ahead, he was passed by the followers one by one, and he dropped his position down to 6th. He battled wheel-to-wheel, at last, on lap 48, he span because of break trouble at Turn 1. He retired from the race then.

#40: Tomoki Nojiri Position 13th (4th among HONDA users)

Somehow, I couldn't get things together in QF or in Race. QF was just a disaster. I have been working on good performance under bad conditions of the surface for a while, but, things just didn't mesh each other especially this time.

We will have official test tomorrow. I am going to verify data of the race and carry out test menu for Motegi strenuously so that I would be stronger and faster by next race.



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#41: Stoffel Vandoorne Retired

There were ups and downs this weekend. It was a definitely positive sign that I took the pole position at Fuji Speedway, which was Team's first this year and my first for Super Formula. It is important we showed good pace in wet conditions. And today, the race in dry condition was more difficult. I think I made OK start, but not so good compared to other cars around. I had a good chance to fight for the podium in the latter half, but the break trouble at Turn 1 and I retired from the race. It is a shame because I could have finished in top 5, but now we have to concentrate on making sure the next race is OK.