



DOKOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

Race Report

2024/7/21 Rd-4 FUJI SPEEDWAY

Weather: Fine/Cloudy Temperature: 32°C, 21cars

Audience: 18,100/20th (Sat.) 31,100/21st (Sun) TOTAL 49,200

Decorated with Princess Yohko cup, this race was held as the 1st Princess Yohko Cup Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship Round4 Fuji Speedway.

It was the first weekend of summer vacation, and more than fifty thousand inspectors enjoyed the Super Formula Summer Festival.

On Mid-Summer day 'Manatsu-bi' with a temperature of over 30°C and high humidity, continuing from yesterday, an 8-min Warm Up Run started, and then, Ohta complained of engine trouble.

The team tried to find the cause and to fix it before the start of the race on the dummy grid, but in vain.

Ohta had to retire from the race here.

Makino, who started from the third row in 6th, got off to a hot start and jumped into the first corner in 3rd with good positioning. Oyu in 2nd, Makino in 3rd and Nojiri in 4th kept competing in a close fight within a second, and on L10 when the pit-stop window opened, Nojiri headed to the pits.

Makino, who changed tires on L11 and returned on-track in front of Nojiri, could not block Nojiri whose tires were already warmed up.

Although he succeeded to under-cut Oyu who made a pit-stop on the next lap, was overtaken in Dunlop Corner by Oyu to become 3rd among the tire-changed group. It became deadlocked.

In the latter half of the race, Makino could not block Tsuboi, who was quickening his pace with the fresh tires, and dropped one more position.

Then, he fought with Fukuzumi, who started from the pole position, until the second to the last lap, when Fukuzumi finally overtook him.

Makino finished the race in 5th.



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#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 5th

I made a good start with good positioning, and became 3rd.

However, the first stint was pretty tough. We had another plan to make a pit-stop earlier on L10, but I communicated with my pit and decided to do it on L11.

As a result, I was overtaken by Nojiri.

The difference between my race pace and the top group's was large, and we realized several issues during the race. We have a lot to work on.

#6: Kakunoshin Ohta DNS

I had confidence in my long-run pace in the race, so I focused on starting.

I am very disappointed that I couldn't make a start because of the engine trouble.

We have been having a hard time, but will overcome with the entire team together to make a comeback in the latter half of the season.