



# DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

## Race Report

### 2024/8/25 Rd-5 MOBILITY RESORT MOTEGI

Weather: Fine/Cloudy Temperature: 33°C, 21cars

Audience: 8,300/24<sup>th</sup> (Sat.) 10,500/25<sup>th</sup> (Sun) TOTAL 18,800

Rain was forecasted for the latter half of the race at Mobility Resort Motegi. Thick clouds and the strong sunlight came alternately, so the team and the both drivers, Makino and Ohta, considered settings and strategies carefully until the last minute.

Ohta in the second grid in the front row made a steady start maintaining his position.

Makino got off to a hot start to go into First Corner side by side with Ohta. After Ohta in second and Makino in third finished the opening lap, they edged closer and closer to Yamashita in the lead.

On L10 when the tire-change window opened, the team called Ohta, who was restricted to Yamashita's pace, into the pits.

After changing tires, Ohta renewed the best time every lap and reduced the gap with the stay-out group at a quick pace.

Makino made a pit-stop after L22 aiming to press hard in the latter half.

He returned on-track in third, and then overtook Oyu for a second position.

Here, a battle between the teammates, Ohta in the lead and Makino in second, had begun.

Makino with a fresh tire advantage reduced the gap with Ohta rapidly, and with 2 laps remaining, a clean fight at close quarters between them took place all over the course.

On L36, in 90 Degrees Corner, Ohta suddenly went off-track because of a car trouble, and retired from the race.

Makino took the lead instead, and won his second win this season.

He became second in the drivers' standings with 5 points behind the top.



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### #5: Tadasuke Makino Position 1st

I am happy that I won the race, but it's too bad that we missed out on a 1-2 finish in the team.

To be honest, I think his performance was better than mine this time.

Anyway, I enjoyed competing with Ohta, and as a team, we could show our strength in the race.

We took different strategies, and it was a big achievement that either of them worked well.

It was the race which convinced us that Ohta and I will fight for first place again in the rest of the rounds.

### #6: Kakunoshin Ohta Retired

I felt that everything was working favorably for us from Free Practice all through the weekend.

I chose the race strategy with my team at the risk of the toughness for tires in the latter half.

It was great that I could fight with Makino and I did have a good chance to win.

I am very disappointed at the trouble, but it happens in a race.

Although I couldn't leave a good result, the fact that we had fought with all our might together as a team until the end means so much.