



Race Report

2024/10/12 Rd-6 FUJI Speedway

Weather: Fine Temperature: 23°C, 21cars

The 6th event at Fuji Speedway adopted a 2-race format, Rd6 on Saturday and Rd7 on Sunday.

DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING was ranked second in the teams standings before the event, and could not waste a chance to earn points for the championship title.

They would be tense two days for drivers, teams and spectators.

It was sunny with a temperature of 23°C, a nice day for a race.

With the strong wind blowing above Main Straight occasionally, the 41-lap race began.

Ohta in second on the front row, made a OK start, however, was crowded out to 6th because of bad positioning in First Corner.

Makino was able to dodge an engine-stalled car and raised one position up to 8th on the opening lap.

On L10 when the pit-stop window was open, the team called Ohta in 5th into the pits. After the remarkable pit-work with 5 seconds', they sent Ohta back to the track.

He quickened his pace in 2nd among the tire-changed group.

On L20, Makino made a pit-stop first among the top five cars in a deadlock situation.

When all cars finished pit-work, Ohta was in 3rd and Makino was in 6th.

Makino made use of fresh tires to overtake Nojiri and Ohta, then came close to Kobayashi in 3rd.

He finished in 4th, slightly behind Kobayashi.

Ohta could not keep his pace because of lack of tire grip from around L10, and dropped his position to 9th at the end.



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#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 4th

In the race, I think I made up for the mistake in QF at least.

My race pace was so good, especially in the latter half, that I could develop the race positively, considering tomorrow.

I am aiming for the championship title, so, we will elaborate strategies for QF and the race tomorrow to win, in order to gather momentum for the JAF Grand Prix at Suzuka.

#6: Kakunoshin Ohta 9th

After the confusion at the start, I couldn't quicken my pace as I expected.

I was especially troubled by the lack of rear grip, and dropped my position largely.

I will analyze data with my team for tomorrow. If we can't improve this point, the race will be tough.

I will adjust myself as well as my car, and change my focus in a positive way to show a good performance in QF and the race tomorrow.