



DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

Race Report

2024/10/13 Rd-7 FUJI Speedway

Weather: Fine Temperature: 26°C, 21cars

Audience: 18,600/12th (Sat.) 24,800/13th (Sun) TOTAL 43,400

Rd7 at Fuji Speedway was held as one of the two races of the 6th event.

Three drivers were ranked closely in the top group, and DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING was tensely watching for an opportunity to make their driver break away from them before the final event at Suzuka.

Makino, who started from the second row, got off to a hot start and raised his position up to second.

Ohta also made a good start to jump up to 10th overtaking 4 cars and finished the opening lap.

In First Corner on L2, one car stopped and caused the safety car (SC) in.

On L7, the race was restarted, and right after the pit-stop window opened on L10, the team called Makino into the pits to change tires.

On L12, another car stopped in First Corner because of a sideswipe accident, and SC came in again.

The stay-out group including Ohta headed to the pit-road all at once. Makino in second among the tire-changed group and Sato who was returning on-track had a contact accident when they tried to clear the second SC line ahead.

Since Sato was slightly in the lead, Makino gave way to him.

Makino, who was in 4th when the race was restarted on L17, overtook Sato and became 3rd, then a deadlock situation in the top three drivers began.

Ohta quickened his pace after pit-stop and reached 5th.

On L32 in the latter half of the race, two cars crashed in TGR Corner, and SC came in for the third time.

After the damaged cars were collected, the race was restarted on L39.

Although both Makino and Ohta pushed hard in the last three laps, they could not raise their positions. Makino finished in 3rd and Ohta in 5th.

*After the race, Sato got a 10-sec penalty for contacting Makino, and also violation of minimum car weight was found in the post-race inspection and he was disqualified. Ohta became 4th.



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#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 3rd

I couldn't make use of the advantage of changing tires after L10 at fastest, because of the SC situation right after.

Contact with Sato made my car balance worse, and I couldn't develop the race as I planned.

Since I managed to get third place on the podium, I still have a chance in the final races. The gap to the leader has widened, however, it is possible to catch up in the two races remaining.

I will prepare well for the final event, JAF Suzuka Grand Prix.

#6: Kakunoshin Ohta Position 4th

I raised my position from 14th to 4th, and I'm glad that I could contribute to get the team points.

Overcoming yesterday's bad condition by changing the set-up means a lot, positively, for the last round at Suzuka.

I hope Makino wins the driver's title and I will contribute to winning the team's title.