



DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

Race Report

2024/11/10 Rd-9 SUZUKA circuit

Weather: Cloudy Temperature: 20°C, 21cars

Audience: 16,000/9th (Sat.) 19,000/10th (Sun) TOTAL 35,000

The 2024 season of Super Formula came down to the final race in the 7th event, JAF Grand Prix.

DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING finished Rd8 on Saturday with Ohta's first 'pole to win' and Makino's third place. In QF for Rd9 aiming for the double titles, Makino ended up in 10th while Ohta was 2nd, so the gap between Tsuboi and Makino widened to 19.5 points.

Although it would be difficult for Makino to win the championship, still he was aiming for a victory when the race started.

Ohta in the second grid on the front row made an excellent start and jumped into First Corner first. Makino raised one position to 9th on the opening lap. Ohta recorded a QF-like 'super lap' again and again, and outdistanced Tsuboi in second, while renewing the best lap. On the other hand, Makino could not quicken his pace among several cars. So, the team called him into the pits after L11, for the purpose of accelerating in clean air.

When Tsuboi made a pit-stop at the same time, the team decided to call Ohta into the pits on the next lap.

After 5-seconds' remarkable pit-work, Ohta returned onto the track in front of Tsuboi.

Although Tsuboi whose tires had been already warm came very close, Ohta kept his position by superb blocking, then recorded super laps in QF mode to lead over others.

He calmly dominated the race and dashed across the finish line first in two races in a row.

Makino raised his position to 7th, and kept putting pressure on Yamamoto ahead but in vain.

Moreover, he was overtaken by Iwasa whose tires were fresh, and finished in 8th. Since Nojiri finished in 4th with points, Makino ranked 3rd in the drivers' standings of the 2024 season.



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#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 8th (3rd in 2024 Drivers' Standings)

This season, in the wake of my first victory in Rd2 at Autopolis, I earned points constantly race by race.

It was a real achievement that I had competed for the driver title until the final race with two wins. 3rd place in the drivers' standings is my best in Super Formula, however, I am disappointed because I was aiming to become a champion.

With Ohta's two wins too, we won the team title and showed DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING's total capability.

I am glad that I contributed to the target achievement as a team.

Now, aiming for the double title next season, we will examine the results of this season and consider measures to improve ourselves.

I thank fans and sponsors for big support, and my team for providing an excellent environment for me.

#6: Kakunoshin Ohta Position 1st (4th in 2024 Drivers' Standings)

I told myself 'Starting is the key, I will win', and concentrated on the race.

I made a good start to be a leader, and I was able to dominate the race at a good pace.

My car had been in the best shape since yesterday, the strategy and pit-work was perfect, and everything went just well.

In the first half of the season, we couldn't leave good results because of troubles in spite of quickness.

However, my team had tried hard all the time to provide the best conditions, and I believe that it brought the two consecutive wins in the final event as result.

I have taken on everything with all I got through the season.

Next season, I will become stronger and quicker to compete for the championship from the season opener.

I hope for your support as you did this season. Thank you so much.

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2024 Season Champion Team