



# DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

## Team Release

### **Race Report** **2017/10/22 Rd-7 SUZUKA CIRCUIT**

Audience: 9,500/21<sup>th</sup>(Sat.), canceled/22<sup>th</sup>(Sun.)

Rd7 at Suzuka Circuit was the last round of Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship / the long-established JAF GRAND PRIX.

As a result of considering worsening of weather and track conditions due to Typhoon No.21, Judging Committee decided to cancel the all competitive events scheduled on Oct 22.

**#40: Tomoki Nojiri 2017 Driver Standing 17th (6th among HONDA users)**

I was going to start from the 2nd place on the grid in both Race1 and Race2, and to win the victory which I had been eager for all through the season, the engineers and I were discussing thoroughly. I am disappointed that the race was canceled. However, we must avoid to get hurt, to damage cars, or hurt audience in the bad weather, so I think Judging Committee's quick decision was good.

This season, I showed my quickness in QF with 2nd position three times and the pole position once, but in races I wasn't stably fast. I reflected that I could have tried harder. My team had always supplied the best car for me and I had been supported by so many people for a year.

Thank you for your support and cheering!

**#41: Takuya Izawa 2017 Driver Standing 13th (3rd among HONDA users)**

It was a confusing, frantic QF because of the changing weather. I was to start from 3rd position in Race2 of the season finals, and I found out the cancellation during the team meeting where we were considering how we would compete in the difficult conditions tomorrow. It is too bad because we believed we could play superiorly. Well, there is nothing we can do about a typhoon.

In this season, I had gotten some points even if I wasn't so good in QFs. I am disappointed that I couldn't show my strength through QFs and races. My driver standing ended up low. I wish I could have finished Race2 on the podium at the very last.

My team had done great jobs with devotion this season, and a lot of people supported me. All these things had made this year wonderful.

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2017 Team Standing 8<sup>th</sup> (2nd among HONDA users)