



## DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

### Race Report

#### 2016/9/25 Rd-6 Sportsland SUGO

Weather : Clear Temperature : 27°C 19 cars

Audience : 6,700/24<sup>th</sup> (Sat.)、14,000/25<sup>th</sup> (Sun)

There are only 2 rounds, 3 races left in 2016 season. Who will break away from the group in a close game for the title? Rd-6 at Sportsland SUGO, the key holding race opened in the late summer heat after the typhoon.

Nojiri who started from 2<sup>nd</sup>, the front row in-side, dropped one position down to 3<sup>rd</sup> because of a little too much wheel spin. Vandoorne made a great start, however, he did not have enough space on the narrow track of SUGO, and dropped one position, too, down to 6<sup>th</sup>. He seized the opportunity on the opening lap and passed Oliveira on the straight once. After driving neck and neck, Vandoorne was overtaken by Oliveira at Turn 1.

On Lap5, Nojiri passed Car#37 Nakajima ahead at Turn 1 and jumped up to 2<sup>nd</sup>, and then he maintained a fast pace to reach the top.

The team called Vandoorne to the pits for fuel. It took longer to fill the tank than other cars, so, he dropped one position down when he went back on track.

On Lap19, the safety car came in because of a car that had spun. Nojiri took this opportunity to have his car fueled.

At the point when every car finished making a pit-in, Nojiri was in 3<sup>rd</sup> and Vandoorne in 6<sup>th</sup>. They both pushed hard until the end, however, after a deadlock, Nojiri ended up on the podium, and Vandoorne finished the race in point-earning 6<sup>th</sup> position.

#### #40: Tomoki Nojiri Position 3rd (2<sup>nd</sup> among HONDA users)

For the first time this season, I finished the race without any troubles or accidents in 3<sup>rd</sup> place on the podium, which is very good, but still I found a lot of issues to solve. I will face with these issues with my team, and we will improve our performance for the last round at SUZUKA.

#### #41: Stoffel Vandoorne Position 6th (3<sup>rd</sup> among IHONDA users)

After the start, I was competing with the leading group, keeping a good pace. Unfortunately, we took time during a pit-stop, and it cost us to drop a position just like OKAYAMA. After the safety car came out, it was too difficult to takeover in this narrow SUGO circuit, and I became 6<sup>th</sup>. I was not satisfied with this result, but getting points was valuable. We will be ready for SUZUKA positively.