



Official TEST Report
2017/3/31~4/1 FUJI Speedway
2nd Official test

2nd Official Test, which was the last test before the season opener 2017, was held at Fuji Speedway.

Day1

Since rain was forecasted for Day2, Day1's sessions were extended to 3 hours in the morning and 2 hours in the afternoon. In the morning session, attacking competition was heated and each car recorded laps close to the course record. However, it began to rain in the end of the session, and the afternoon session was in cold rain condition. DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING tested new set-up based on the results of the test at Suzuka, driving in rain condition, and so on.

Day2

Because of the snow which started to fall after the afternoon session on Day1, the morning session was canceled. The snow turned to rain, and the afternoon session was held between 13:30 and 16:30. However, under the condition like mid winter with no sun and the surface temperature below 10°C, engineers determined it was not good for accurate simulation of a race. They just collected data and simulated starting until the end of the last official test.

#40: Tomoki Nojiri Position 10th (5th among HONDA users)

It was good to have tested both dry and rain condition in two days. On Day2, all the bad sides were exposed, or I should say I couldn't bring out the good sides. I didn't get enough grip of tires because of the surface temperature and the weather. Even though we collected some data, it was not satisfying for checking set-up.

There is a limited time before the season opener, but I will work with my team and get ready.



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Team Release

#41: Takuya Izawa Position 8th (3rd among HONDA users)

I am sure they were not perfect days for tests, but I could try several things. There would be no race under such a condition, so I didn't focus on laps and I tried set-ups which we could try only during test sessions.

Right after we complete one assignment, another problem comes out, so we always have a lot to do. I think we should especially examine set-ups for low surface temperature and rain more.

I will go forward step by step towards the first race with DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING.