



DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

Race Report

2018/10/28 Rd-7 Suzuka Circuit

Weather: clear Temperature: 22°C 19cars

Audience: 13,000/27th(Sat.), 23,000/28th(Sun.) 36,000/total

Japanese SUPER FORMULA Championship Final Round was also run as traditional JAF GRAND PRIX. This race had used 2-race format annually, however, this year, it was a 250km-race.

The weather was set fair at 22°C in Suzuka, which was ideal for race.

Matsushita started from 10th grid, and Nojiri who had a machine trouble during QF started from the tail end. They both made a good start, and Matsushita moved up three places to 7th while Nojiri jumped up to 17th.

Nojiri, who decided to change tires early in spite of starting with medium tires, made his pit stop on Lap8. Right after wearing soft tires and refueling, he started shortening his time in QF mode. Matsushita who started with soft tires kept a good pace overtaking the slow cars easily. He made his pit stop on Lap17. After changing tires, he battled it out for 6th position and finished in 7th.

Nojiri who calmly continued shortening his time, even though being bothered by tire vibration in the latter half, raised his position much and finished the race in 9th place, only one to go to the point-paying position.

#5: Tomoki Nojiri Position 9th

2018 Driver Standing 7th (2nd among HONDA users)

From free practice on Friday, we were making steady progress with my car. I had a trouble in QF, but my team prepared the excellent car by next day, so I could attend the race positively even though starting from the tail end. I am glad that I raised my position much because I never missed a chance to push. I wish I could have gotten some points.

While I think I have showed my quickness through the year, I am reflecting that I could have tried harder in races. I have been supported by you all for a year. Thank you so much for your enthusiastic encouragement.



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#6: Nobuharu Matsushita Position 7th

2018 Driver Standing 10th (3rd among HONDA users) Rookie of the year

I was all the more disappointed with my mistake in QF because my car had been so good all through QF and the race. Our strategy was also good and I enjoyed fighting for 6th position.

This season, I couldn't show my strength from QF to a race, and my standing turned out to be far behind my goal. I have a lot to learn and I truly wish to be faster. My team has always done best jobs devotedly, and so many people supported us. Thank you for the wonderful year.

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2018 Team Standing 5th (2nd among HONDA users)