



## DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING Team Release

### Engine Manufacturer Testing and Rookie Driver Tryouts Report 2018/12/5~6 SUZUKA

2018 Engine Manufacturer Testing and Rookie Driver Tryouts, an annual event just before off-season, was held at SUZUKA where Super Formula final round took place last month.

For this test, DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING appointed Naoki Yamamoto, who won 2018 Super Formula Championship, and Nirei Fukuzumi who had participated FIA F2 fully and Super Formula partially this season.

On Day1, in unseasonable warm weather with sunshine and slightly strong wind, the condition was best for test. Each driver tried to grasp a feeling of DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING car and set-up while quickening his pace gradually. In the latter half of the test, all drivers simulated time-attack with new tires. Only Fukuzumi recorded the outstanding time of 1min36sec. Yamamoto attacked hard almost reaching Fukuzumi, and ended up in 3rd position.

The team got off to a good start with 1st and 3rd.

Day2 was cold, anything like the day before, and was rainy in the afternoon.

The team energetically executed the test program for 2019, however, electric trouble occurred in Yamamoto's car during the morning session. After repairing, Yamamoto could not run enough laps because of rain. On the other hand, Fukuzumi whose time was always within the top five finished test program smoothly, and developed understanding with the team and engineers.

In the overall standings for 2 days, Yamamoto was 8th and Fukuzumi was 1st.

#5: Naoki Yamamoto Position 8th (4th among HONDA users)

I couldn't drive enough distance on Day2 because of trouble and the rain, but I tried several things and I learned a lot about set-ups and race development of DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING, a strong prestigious Honda user. I think I could extend my potential, especially in utilizing performance of a car and tires. I am grateful for this opportunity to attend the test with DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING. I don't know anything about next season at this moment, but I will show my quickness as a driver and attempt to win the title two years in a row.



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#6: Nirei Fukuzumi Position 1st (1st among HONDA users)

Recording the top time has given me confidence. I tried not to be distracted by other teams and concentrated on my job. DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING has lively atmosphere and it is new to me.

Nothing is certain about next season, but I am sure I want to compete for the championship with this team.