



DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

Race Report

2020/12/6 Rd-6 SUZUKA circuit

Weather: fine Temperature: 15°C, 20cars

Audience: 8,000/5th (Sat.) 12,500/6th (Sun.) 20,500 total

The series of two races at Suzuka Circuit is the highlight of the 2020 latter half. Continuing from yesterday, it is relatively warm for December.

Under a clear sky, Rd6 at Suzuka Circuit is about to start.

After a 2-lap formation lap, Fukuzumi got off to a hot start and into First Corner in third position edging out Yamamoto who started from the third grid.

Fukuzumi finished the opening lap in third, and Yamamoto did in 4th.

However, on Lap2, a crash already occurred in Chicane, and the safety car came in. On Lap5 during the safety-car situation, the radio suddenly received a message of the gearbox trouble from Yamamoto. The team instructed him several solutions for the trouble, but in vain. He came back to the pits and retired from the race.

The race was restarted on Lap6, however on Lap8, a car stopped in First Corner because of engine trouble and another car had its tire bursted, then the safety car came in again.

On Lap10 during the safety car situation, as soon as tire change was allowed, the team called Fukuzumi in. Fukuzumi could not outbox the leader during the pit stop, and went back on-track in second substantially.

After removing the troubled cars, the race was restarted on Lap12.

Fukuzumi tried to overtake Oyu on top again and again.

On Lap19, a car span in S Corner and the safety car came in for the third time.

The race was restarted on Lap23, and Fukuzumi continued to push using the overtake system for 7 laps left, however, he finished the race in second by 0.462 sec.



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#5: Naoki Yamamoto Retired

Fukuzumi preceded me at the start, but since my car was good, I waited for a chance, paying attention to my tires.

However, at that time, I had trouble and I am very frustrated that I had to retire from the race considering the Drivers' title and the Teams' title.

Just before the last race of the season, I am in top tie in the drivers' standings and the team is in second by a narrow margin to the top. We will fight as one to win both championships and to avenge our defeat last year.

#6: Nirei Fukuzumi Position 2nd (2nd among HONDA users)

I had not been able to make a lot of opportunities effectively in the previous races, but this time, I think I could show my true colour finally by finishing the race in second place on the podium.

When I heard Yamamoto's retirement, I felt more strongly that I should win the race for the Teams' championship.

I used the overtake system successfully to push hard, but I am frustrated that I couldn't make the most of the little chance. I will do my best to win my first victory and also the consecutive Teams' championship.