



DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

Race Report

2020/12/20 Rd-7 FUJI Speedway

Weather: fine Temperature: 7°C, 20cars

Audience: 5,300/19th (Sat.) 9,700/20th (Sun.) 15,000 total

2020 last round at Fuji Speedway was held under the clear sky. Four drivers including Yamamoto had potential to win the championship.

Yamamoto who had gotten one point for QF came out on top in the drivers' standings before the race.

During the 8-minute warm-up session, one car with an outbreak of fire caused the red-flag interruption. 19 cars except this one ran on the formation lap, however, two cars left because of trouble and spinning. After all, 17 cars lined up in the starting grids.

At the start, although Yamamoto got off to a hot start, he dropped his position to 4th because of bad positioning.

Fukuzumi in the pack could not find space in First Corner and locked the break. Also his car scraped Oyu's, and the front wing was damaged.

He had to make a pit stop to change it, then returned to the race at the tail end. Yamamoto and Hirakawa competed with each other intensely for the drivers' championship from the beginning of the race. Hirakawa made a pit stop on Lap14, so the team called Yamamoto into the pits on Lap15.

After changing his tires in 7.6 min, they made him go back on-track in front of Hirakawa.

Yamamoto and Hirakawa, one of them who reached the goal first would win the title, kept a close fight using the overtake system.

Finally, Yamamoto won the head-to-head fight for the 2020 Drivers' Championship and finished the race in 5th place.

Fukuzumi pushed hard recording the fastest lap, however, he ended up in 16th. DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING who aimed for both the drivers' and the teams' championship got 84 points total for 7 races and became the top tie. However, since the points for 5 races were valid this season, the team's point was 72, which was the second tie. Considering the number of victories, DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING became 3 place in the teams' championship.



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#5: Naoki Yamamoto Position 5th (2020 Driver's Champion)

The Super Formula 2020 season was once critical due to Covid-19, but thanks to the Teams, the supporting companies, the promoter JRP and especially fans, we were able to hold all seven races without a hitch.

Under these circumstances, I am very happy that I won the championship for the third time. This is also my second time to win both Super Formula and Super GT titles together.

Last season, we won the teams' championship with Fukuzumi, but I missed out on the drivers' championship. So, I understood how much my team wished to win both titles and how hard they made efforts. I am glad of my title for my team, too. Again, I owe my success entirely to my team, the supporting companies, fans, and my family.

#6: Nirei Fukuzumi Position 16th (8th in 2020 Drivers' standings)

In spite of my fast car, I couldn't get any points because of the sideswipe accident. I am disappointed that I didn't contribute to the teams' championship.

This season, I showed my quickness again and again, but I think I couldn't get race development. I mean I wasn't strong enough.

My team always supported me with full force, and I learned a lot from Yamamoto. I appreciate my team providing the best environment, the sponsors and fans supporting me in the Covid-19 pandemic. I will improve myself for the next season.