



DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

Official TEST Report 2021/3/11~12 SUZUKA 1st Official test

Three weeks before the 2021 Super Formula opener at Fuji Speedway on Apr. 3 and 4, the first official test was held at Suzuka Circuit. On 11th, the first day of the test, all the teams, officials and the people involved lined up in front of the pits and offered a moment for the victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake on this day ten years ago.

DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING gave team's ace number #5 to NireiFukuzumi in his third year, and had Tadasuke Makino who was the same generation as Fukuzumi and now growing remarkably as #6.

The team is ready for the 2021 season with the new structure.

However, Makino could not attend the test because of poor physical condition, and Ukyo Sasahara did instead of him.

On Day 1, both Fukuzumi and Sasahara drove enthusiastically marking good times from the beginning of the session, and executed the test programs including testing new set-ups and aerodynamic systems, and long runs. In the overall ranks of the morning and the afternoon sessions, Sasahara became first and Fukuzumi was third.

Day 2 was forecast for rain in the afternoon. As soon as the session began, Sasahara recorded 1'37"663 to be on top temporarily, then marked one minute 36's in the middle of the session. Continuing from yesterday, he showed good performance.

On the other hand, Fukuzumi canceled to participate in the test in accordance with the Super Formula countermeasure manual for COVID-19, because he got a fever at night on Day 1.

*Fukuzumi has tested negative with a PCR test. We are sorry for worrying you.

Sasahara executed test programs such as checking set-ups, practicing starting, and long runs vigorously again. However, it started to rain before the morning session was over and it turned into downpour during the afternoon session. So many cars went off the track that the condition was judged unsuitable for the test. Sasahara did not drive in the afternoon.



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#5: Nirei Fukuzumi Position 5th overall (3rd among Honda users)

I came into the test preparing new parts and programs including simulation of QF and races, but at the night of Day 1, I got a fever temporarily so I couldn't attend Day 2. I am sorry that I lost the valuable opportunity to test and also that it caused my team and all the people involved the trouble.

I had a good feeling on Day 1 and finished the test programs smoothly.

I will prepare for the second test at Fuji based on this good condition.

#6: Ukyo Sasahara Position 3rd overall (2nd among Honda users)

During the first test with DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING substituting for Makino, I could do a lot of things like long runs for a race, QF mode, testing various parts and so on in two days.

I collected a lot of data, so I hope I could contribute to the team.