



## **DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING**

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### **Official TEST Report 2021/3/23~24 FUJI Speedway 2nd Official test**

The second Official Test which was last before the season opener was held at Fuji Speedway where the 2021 opener will take place in less than two weeks. Car #6 Makino was absent to regulate his physical condition and Ukyou Sasahara was substituted for him as well as the last test at Suzuka.

On 23rd, the first day of the test, the surface of the track was partially wet because of the rain last night when the morning session started. Docomo Team Dandelion Racing performed a pit-stop simulation and so on while waiting for the surface condition to improve.

It did get better during the session. The two cars of the team actively executed the test programs including checking new set-ups and aerodynamic systems, recording good times. Fukuzumi became second overall and Sasahara was eighth on Day1.

The weather favored Day2 and the temperature rose, however, a south wind was a little strong.

They enthusiastically executed the test programs such as practicing pit-stop, starting and long-run. When simulating QF at the end of the session, a car which stopped at the entrance to the pits caused the red flag interruption, and the session ended there. Even though they could not attack then, Fukuzumi recorded the fastest time in the morning, and Sasahara finished the session in 7th position. In the afternoon, the temperature got higher with a stronger wind. The both drivers somehow could not shorten their times in spite of good feelings about their cars. Even the new tires reduced the lap times only a little, and the session left issues behind.



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#5: Nirei Fukuzumi Position 2nd overall (2nd among Honda users)

My car has had good potential since the last test at Suzuka.

I did various practical menus such as simulation of race and QF, long-run, and testing new parts in two days.

I finished Day2 first, but there was deviation between my feelings and outcomes, especially in the afternoon, which we have to work out before the opener.

Though we don't have much time, we will be prepared to win the season opener.

#6: Ukyo Sasahara Position 6th overall (4th among Honda users)

Continuing from Suzuka, I attended the official test at Fuji instead of Makino.

I collected data through several programs, however, unlike Suzuka, I couldn't perform ideally. Especially on Day2, I couldn't adjust myself to the condition change in the afternoon.

I will try to cooperate with the team in both driving and set-up analysis.