



DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

Race Report

2021/8/29 Rd-5 TWINRING MOTEGI

Weather: fine/Cloudy Temperature: 31°C, 19cars

Audience: 3,400/28th (Sat.) 4,400/29th (Sun.) 7,800 total

Unlike boiling hot yesterday, it is cloudy with the temperature of 31°C today and there is a cool breeze from the north.

Fukuzumi starts from the eighth grid and Makino starts from the 13th.

Especially in this hard-overtaking course, starting and the first lap is very important to break away from the pack.

Both Fukuzumi and Makino got off to a hot start and passed through Corner 1 and 2. They drove aggressively to raise their positions. However, at the entry of V Corner, Fukuzumi was hit by Yamashita and span halfway. Unfortunately, there, he was sideswiped by Tsukakoshi, and his car became unable to run.

Fukuzumi had to retire from the race which he could not afford to lose for the championship title. Yamashita got a drive-through penalty.

Makino raised three positions up to 10th in the early stage.

Since he maintained a good pace and had clear laps, he decided to make a pit stop on L16, later than the plan.

The team responded to his enthusiasm with quick pit-work, and Makino succeeded to return to the track in front of Miyata.

After the tire change, he shortened the time difference from the car ahead .3 - .5 sec every lap, competing for the 5th position. However, he ended up in 7th and brought points home.

#5: Nirei Fukuzumi Retired

It was a very frustrating weekend.

I was in third place in the drivers' standings when I went into the race, but I retired from the race because of a collision and a contact.

If my performance had been better in QF, I wouldn't have been involved in the accident in the middle group.

Since Nojiri won, the gap with him has widened, but learning a lesson from this result, I will go all out to win the two races left.



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#6: Tadasuke Makino Position 7th (4th among Honda users)

For the race, we reviewed QF which didn't go well.

I'd had a good feeling about my car since Free Practice, and in the race, thanks to the good strategy, I raised my position from 13th to 5th.

However, I couldn't quicken my pace in the final stage, and finished in 7th because of my lack of strength.

We will come back here for the next race. Although the condition in October will be different from it now, we will examine today's data and prepare especially for QF first.