



DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

Official Testing and Rookie Driver Tryouts Report 2021/12/7~8 SUZUKA

It has been about a month since the 2021 season ended with DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING Fukuzumi's victory at Suzuka. Each team starts preparing for the 2022 season in Official Test / Rookie Driver Tryouts which is an annual season-end event.

Facing this test, DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING gives Car #5 to Makino who drove Car #6 this season, and Car #6 to Hiroki Otsu who won the 2021 Rookie of the Year Award.

On Day1, it was fully wet because of continual rain from yesterday. The temperature was low all day and the rainfall became heavy from time to time. While most of the drivers sat and waited, Makino and Otsu enthusiastically executed the test programs for wet conditions as scheduled.

Makino finished Day 1 in 8th and Otsu did in 4th.

On Day2, the weather had recovered. The team prepared several test programs, including pit-stop simulation for race and attacking simulation for QF.

Otsu finished the morning session in 1st place.

They tried some bold set-ups which could be tested only in the off-season according to schedule in the afternoon.

Makino was 8th and Otsu was 2nd in the overall standings of the 2021 final official test.

#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 8th overall (4th among Honda users)

Since the first day was rainy and the second day was dry, we could try set-ups for heavy-wet conditions which remained as an issue from this season, and several car balances that we can't try during the season, and more. It was very fruitful. I couldn't attend the early stage of this season because of my poor health, so it was my first opportunity to test a car intensely.

I learned a lot and so I found new issues. I will prepare well for the 2022 season.



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#6: Hiroki Otsu Position 2nd overall (2nd among Honda users)

From Day 1 in the rain, I executed programs steadily and it was very productive. The DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING car was generally smooth, and I felt that cars differ from team to team. However, I didn't have an uncomfortable feeling at all. Driving in the top group constantly has given me confidence. Thanks to the high total ability and dedicated support of the team, I finished the final test of the season in second. I am overwhelmed with gratitude!