



## DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING Team Release

### Race Report

#### 2022/8/20 Rd-7 MOBILITY RESORT MOTEGI

Weather: Rain Temperature: 25°C, 21cars

Audience: 2,800/20<sup>th</sup> (Sat.)

Two-race format, Rd7 on Saturday and Rd8 on Sunday, is adopted for the 6th event at Mobility Resort Motegi. The race is held shortly after the QF is over.

During the 8-min warm-up run, the both drivers of DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING practiced starting and checked set-ups, and did the final confirmation carefully on the starting grid. However, it began to rain 15 min before the start, and it became heavier.

Wet Race' was declared and it started with the safety car leading.

Makino who kept his position after making a steady start could not quicken his pace because his view field was blocked with a great splash made by a car ahead. On the other hand, Otsu was raising his position gradually, changing it to 11th→12th→11th→10th→9th.

In the middle stage of the race, Makino was finally able to quicken his pace to close to the three cars ahead.

However, it was so hard to overtake at Motegi, especially in the rain, that the top four cars continued the deadlock situation for a while.

In the final stage, the rain got even heavier, and the safety car came in because of a car spun on L10.

The race was restarted with 7 laps remaining. Makino, who was seeking the podium, could not raise his position, and finished in 4th.

Otsu developed a fierce battle for 9th place in the pouring rain, however, he dropped one position to 10th at the end, managing to earn a point.



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#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 4th (3rd among Honda users)

It became SC start because of the rain which started to fall before the start.

It was extremely hard to raise the position at Motegi in rain plus with SC start.

I finished in 4th, partially due to the competitor's trouble. I went on-track with the set-up for slight rain, so I could drive at the fastest time in the middle stage when the rain had eased.

However, when the rain got heavier in the latter half, I couldn't go faster to catch the top three cars.

Rain is forecasted for tomorrow morning during QF.

I will focus on finishing QF in the top group first. We will examine today's result and recover our vigor.

#6: Hiroki Otsu Position 10th (5th among Honda users)

I adjusted the set-up assuming rain wouldn't get harder or might stop in the latter half.

My car was pretty competitive when the rain was light, but in the final stage, when the rain became heavy, my pace slowed down and I ended up in 10th place.

It will be rainy tomorrow, too. I will discuss with my team and prepare for QF and the race.