



DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

Race Report

2022/10/29 Rd-9 SUZUKA circuit

Weather: Fine Temperature: 22°C, 21cars

Audience: 6,800/29th (Sat.)

JAF Grand Prix, the last 7th event of the 2022 season, adopted a 2-race format, Rd9 on Saturday and Rd10 on Sunday. Right after a thrilling QF, a race started. No refueling and mandatory tire change was still applied to this event.

It was bright and clear with a temperature of 22 degreeC at Suzuka Circuit.

The tail wind blowing on Main Straight was getting stronger in the afternoon.

Makino who had raised his position at the start lost down force during skirmish in S Corner, and dropped his position.

Otsu made an excellent start and overtook three cars, and drove in 13th on the opening lap.

On L10 when the pit-stop window opened, the team watched movements of the competitors around their drivers, and decided to call in Makino, who was renewing his best time, on L11.

On the other hand, Otsu, whose front vision was cleared because the car ahead made a pit-stop at this moment, came into the pits on L12. Both of them returned on-track without mistakes.

From the middle stage to the final stage of the race, Makino actually in 6th and Otsu in 10th kept pushing hard to reduce the time margin to the stay-out group.

In the end, Makino finished the race in 7th and Otsu did in 13th.



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#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 7th (5th among Honda users)

Although I made a good start, bad positioning and a little confusion caused me to drop my position.

The pit-stop timing and the strategy was good. However, I couldn't shorten the difference of lap pace between the top group and me, so I couldn't raise my position.

Tomorrow, we have QF and a race for Rd10. I will examine today's result with my team to make it up tomorrow.

#6: Hiroki Otsu Position 13th (8th among Honda users)

I raised my position to 13th because I made a very good start. However, the condition of not getting enough tire grip during the QF did not change in the race either.

Especially, I couldn't increase the minimum speed in middle-speed corners, and lost time a lot. It was a tough race.

I will make use of this result for tomorrow's QF and a race, after working on the problems with my team. I will shift my emotional gears positively for tomorrow.