



# DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

## Team Release

### Race Report

#### 2023/4/9 Rd-2 FUJI Speedway

Weather: Fine Temperature: 15°C, 22cars

Audience: 12,700/8<sup>th</sup> (Sat.) 14,400/9<sup>th</sup> (Sun) TOTAL 27,100

2023 Super formula Rd2 at Fuji Speedway was held under the clear sky.

A 2-race format was adopted in this opening event, and each race started only 4 hours after its QF in the morning.

Ota, whose best time was removed because of a driving off-track penalty in QF, started from the 19th grid.

Makino, who got off to a hot start, raised one position to 11th on the opening lap, became 10th on L2, and 9th on L7.

Ota raised two positions to 17th by L2, however, on L8, he sideswiped with Alesi when he tried to cut in.

Alesi span and stopped his car on the side of the track. The safety car came in.

During this safety car situation, the pit-stop window opened so that tire change was possible.

Every driver except Hirakawa made a pit-stop.

The two cars of DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING came into the pits at the same time, and perfect pit work made both drivers return on-track in one higher positions.

After the race restarted on L12, they had fierce battles in places.

Makino renewed his best time in the latter half and finished in 8th, earning 3 points.

On the other hand, Ota, who broke the front wing because of the sideswipe with Alesi, survived the race and finished in 19th.



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#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 8th

I crashed in the race yesterday, but luckily I managed to finish.

I went into Rd2 with data and feelings from yesterday in mind.

So many parts have been improved, but I think they are still at the low level.

We need further review and countermeasures.

Although we don't have much time before the next race at Suzuka, we will do everything we can to prepare for it.

#6: Kakunoshin Ota Position 19th

With what little experience I had, I learned and accommodated my car more every lap. I had the best feeling about my car in these two days.

I tried to overtake Alesi in the early stage of the race, but I damaged the front wing and tires because of the sideswipe.

Even though my team did a remarkable job to send me back on-track, I dropped my position with the damaged car and I feel sorry.

I will use the things that I learned this time in preparation for the race at Suzuka in two weeks to show better performance there.