

Official TEST Report 2023/6/23~24 FUJI Speedway 2nd Official test

The Super Formula Official Test is annually held in March, however, in the 2023 season, the second Official Test was held on June 23 and 24 at Fuji Speedway, which is venue for Rd6 in July.

On Day1, there were wet spots on the track because of the rain yesterday when the test started, then the surface became dry rapidly.

It was an important opportunity to learn more about SF23 and the sweet spot of the new Yokohama tire after five races, and to improve the cars for the latter half of the season, especially for the next race here.

DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING ran their two cars enthusiastically.

On Day2, the sun sometimes shone and the surface temperature rose drastically. Both Makino and Ohta drove around actively, recording good times.

They tried new set-ups, executed aerodynamic test programs, and practiced long-run, QF attack and starting.

For Ohta, who did not attend the test before the opener because of poor physical condition, it was his first 2-day test. He tried to understand the change in behavior of the car and how to use tires with a different approach from during the race week, while executing the test programs smoothly.

They found some solutions to the issue common to the both cars, and at the same time, found new issues.

In QF simulation in the last session, they recorded excellent times.

The test was very fruitful for the rest of the season.

#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 2nd overall (Day1 2nd, Day2 4th)

We could try several things regarding the problem continuing from the opener and other things, which we could not try during the race weeks.

It was a positive test, since we found out a lot of good points and problems also. However, it will be hotter here next month during Rd6, so these results might not be applied to the next race.

Still, I believe that it was a good step for the latter half.

We are becoming more and more competitive. I will prepare to win every race remaining.



#6: Kakunoshin Ohta Position 10th overall (Day1 10th, Day2 11th)

I finished my first 2-day test this season.

It was surprisingly meaningful to learn so many things by linking my driving to the feeling of the car and set-ups.

Sharing set-up data with Makino indicated many things, too.

It was a very rewarding test. I try everything I can, not only to get points, but to mount the podium, and hopefully to win in every race in the latter half.