



# DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

## Race Report

### 2023/8/20 Rd-7 MOBILITY RESORT MOTEGI

Weather: Fine/Cloudy Temperature: 34°C, 22cars

Audience: 5,200/19<sup>th</sup> (Sat.) 8,900/20<sup>th</sup> (Sun) TOTAL 14,100

It was another extremely hot day, continuing from yesterday, in Mobility Resort Motegi.

Confirming the race set-up in Free Practice in the morning, the both drivers were ready for a start in good shape.

Ohta in the second grid of the front row, however, could not shift into first gear because of a mistake in starting procedure, and dropped his position to the tail end.

Makino got off to a hot start and overtook several cars before 1 Corner.

Ahead of there, Lawson, the leader, went off-track and span in the outlet of 2 Corner. The following cars that tried to avoid uncontrollable Lawson's car collided with each other.

Makino failed to avoid them and whirled through the air into the tire barrier.

In this accident, three cars stopped on the track and several cars were damaged.

The race was interrupted by a red flag immediately, and restarted led by a safety car after a 30-min interval.

Ohta overtook three cars rearward, then made a pit-stop after L10 when the tire-change window opened.

Just about to come into the working area, Ohta contacted with Sato who was leaving the pits, and broke the front wing.

He returned on-track after changing the wing, however, he found out that the front component was also damaged.

As a result, he retired from the race.

Sato got an unsafe release penalty for this accident.

Makino was safe according to the result of the precise examination, and all drivers involved in the previous accident were also OK.



#5: Tadasuke Makino Retired

Although I made a good start and raised three positions, I couldn't avoid the multiple crashes in the outlet of 2 Corner and had to retire from the race.

I thank the course marshals and the doctor who responded immediately, and I'm sorry for causing so many worries.

My car was damaged greatly, so I will burden my team.

I will get into shape for the last event containing Rd8 and Rd9 at Suzuka, so that I can requite everyone's support.

#6: Kakunoshin Ohta Retired

I had a mistake when operating my car at the start, and ruined the good starting position. Moreover, I was hit by an unsafe-release car when I came into the pits, and ended up retiring in spite of overtaking three cars.

I am frustrated that I couldn't make good use of the QF result in the race. However, there were a lot of positive factors this weekend.

I will try hard to perform steadily in both QF and a race at Suzuka.