



DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING
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Race Report

2023/10/29 Rd-8 SUZUKA circuit

Weather: Fine Temperature: 21°C, 22cars

The last event in the 2023 season is held as JAF Grand Prix, which is the seventh event containing two races, Rd8 on Saturday and Rd9 on Sunday.

Right after the exciting QF, the race will start each day.

It is bright and clear at Suzuka Circuit with 21 degree C in the air and 28 degree C on the surface. The cold tail wind blowing on Main Straight is getting harder before the start of the race.

At the start, Makino had nearly stalled the engine and the anti-stall system was activated. It caused him to drop his position to the fourth.

On the other hand, Ohta inside in the second row got off to a hot start and overtook two cars. He finished the opening lap in second.

However, in Straight on L2, he failed to block Miyata, who activated the overtake system, and became third in First Corner.

When Ohta in third and Makino in fourth entered into L5, behind them, two cars crashed in 130R, and the safety car came in.

Then, the race was interrupted.

The guard fence fell down by the impact from the accident.

Later, the end of the race at the point of finishing L3 was announced, because it was difficult to maintain race safety.



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#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 4th

I had confidence in starting, but the grip force was larger than I thought, so I couldn't accelerate.

The race was almost starting only, and I am afraid that fans came all the way to the circuit to feel unsatisfied.

We still have the final round tomorrow, so I would like to show fans an exciting race. Also, I am relieved that the two drivers are OK.

#6: Kakunoshin Ohta Position 3rd

I made a good start and raised my position to second.

I had a problem in starting, so I am satisfied with this point.

Although I was overtaken in First Corner on L2, the leading three cars including myself were in good pace, and I think it was also a positive point.

The race ended with three laps, and I was third when finishing L3.

Nevertheless, I am happy about my first podium of Super Formula.

I will compete for QF and a race again tomorrow, and will aim to finish in a higher position.