



DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

Official Testing and Rookie Driver Tryouts Report 2024/12/11~12 SUZUKA

Three weeks have passed since the final race of the season at Suzuka, which ended with DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING's winning the 2024 Teams' Championship title and Ota's two consecutive victories.

Rookie Driver Tryouts is the annual event at the end of the season consisting of the official test and the rookie test, and not only the regular drivers from this season, but also rookies and foreign drivers attended as the 2025 season kick-off. DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING came with the test programs including the measures for this season's issues and new set-ups for the regular drivers, Tadasuke Makino in Car#5 and Kakunoshin Ohta in Car#6.

On Day1, since Ota could not attend the test because of another event, Makino drove both Car#5 and #6 for comparative tests under the same conditions. He finished the morning session in first, then in the afternoon session, recorded 1'37"696 with Car#5 and 1'37"676 with Car#6, that was called 'Makino's one-two finish'. He executed the comparative tests and the other test programs, keeping in good shape.

On Day2, Ohta joined him and drove enthusiastically from the beginning of the session based on yesterday's data.

Despite several red flag interruptions and crashes, the team executed the test programs smoothly, and Makino recorded the fastest time and Ohta recorded the second fastest.

DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING ended the final official test of 2024 with Makino in first and Ohta in second in the overall ranks for two days.



DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 1st overall (Day1 2nd, Day2 1st)

I'm glad I finished the two-day test without any troubles.

I got a chance to learn each car's character because of the comparative tests of Car#5 and Car#6.

There are good and bad parts in each car, so I will work on the measures of how to use this data to improve both cars totally for the next season, with my team.

#6: Kakunoshin Ohta Position 2nd overall (Day2 2nd)

I was absent on Day1, but on Day2, I executed a variety of test programs alright at a high level.

I was in good shape and finished the morning session first and became second overall.

This test gave me confidence for the next season, when the structure of the team will be stable along with Makino.