



DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

Official TEST Report 2025/2/18~19 SUZUKA 1st Official test

The first event of 2025 season containing Rd1 and Rd2 is only three weeks ahead. The only official test before the season opener is held at Suzuka Circuit.

The unstable weather with rain and snow is forecasted throughout the two-day test, however, it is a very valuable opportunity because the newly adopted high spec tires, whose renewable and recyclable material ratio has been lifted up to 46%, can be examined only here, especially in East Course where the surface of the track had been repaved.

Same as the last season, DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING will compete for the 2025 championship with Tadasuke Makino in Car#5 and Kakunoshin Ohta in Car#6.

On Day1, it was wet in the morning due to snow from yesterday and the surface temperature was low.

The team only checked the basic actions of the machines.

By the time of the session2 in the afternoon, the weather had improved, and the surface became dry.

The both drivers ran their cars enthusiastically to test dumper set-ups, aerodynamics devices and more, in addition to testing the new tires.

With 10 min remaining, each team started a race-like attack simulation.

Makino recorded the fastest lap, while Ohta's lap time was 4th, and the team proved that they have been in good shape since last season.

The cold wave hit Japan and the snow started to fall again at night, and Day2 was canceled.



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

On the difference between Car#5 and Car#6 which I felt in Rookie Driver Tryouts at Suzuka last year, the chief engineer had reviewed every data closely during the off-season, and then prepared the test programs for this test.

So, I intensively worked on them, and also tested the new tires and the new surface of the track.

I drove under the dry condition in only one session on Day1, however, it was a meaningful test with surtain feedback about the issues.

Now, I am looking forward to the season opener.

#6: Kakunoshin Ohta Position 4th overall (Day1 4th, Day2 canceled)

The test became fruitful since I could confirm the direction of improvement for my car, sharing data with Makino.

There were several things that I wanted to try on Day2, but relatively, it was good that we both showed good performance.

The condition will be different in the season opener in three weeks, and we couldn't check the new tires and the new surface enough.

So, we have to prepare for the race very carefully.