



DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING
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Race Report

2025/3/8 Rd-1 SUZUKA circuit

Weather: Cloudy Temperature: 11°C, 22cars

Entering the Super Formula 2025 season at Suzuka Circuit, it was warm when the sun came out and the strong north wind until yesterday died down.

The season opener on 8th was held as a 27-lap race, which was shorter than last season, and the mandatory tire change was allowed after L10, same as last season.

Ohta and Makino, who both started from the second row, jumped into First Corner keeping their position, 3rd and 4th.

Behind them, a crash occurred at the end of NIPPO Corner and the safety car (SC) came in on the opening lap.

The race was restarted on L5, however, on L8, a crash in S Corner caused SC situation again.

When the pit-stop window was open after L10 led by SC, every car made a pit-stop at the same time.

The team changed Ohta's tires first, and then changed Makino's on 'double stop'. When working on Makino's car, the engine stalled, and he returned on-track in the rearmost after a large loss time.

Ohta, who returned on-track in second, overtook the leader Iwasa in First Corner on L14, and after the third SC situation, recorded the best time in Sec2 and Sec3. Controlling the overtake system, he crossed the finish line first for three consecutive victories at Suzuka from the 2024 season.

Makino raised his position from the tail end without giving up, and finished in 10th with a valuable point.



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#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 10th

I made a good start and my pace was good in the first half, however, the safety car timing worked negatively for me.

Engine stall during the pit-stop might have something to do with the engine control system, so we have to find a cause and measures.

I could've earned more points if there wasn't that engine stall.

I am disappointed that I couldn't make the most of the QF position.

Tomorrow, wind direction, temperature and environment will change, and the race format will be different. I will prepare to show my true color in the race.

#6: Kakunoshin Ohta Position 1st

I couldn't perform well in QF, but in the race, I overtook my competitor and managed the race properly to show the strength of my team and myself.

I am happy that I won the season opener, and it would be great if I win both races in the first event this season, keeping in good shape tomorrow.