



DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

Race Report **2025/4/19 Rd-3 Mobility Resort MOTEGI**

Weather: Fine Temperature: 30°C, 22cars

Super Formula Rd3 on Saturday, the first race of the 2-race event in Mobility Resort Motegi, consisted of 33 laps (max 75 min), 4 laps shorter than Rd4 on Sunday, with mandatory tire change after L10.

Makino, who started from the pole position, made a remarkable start and kept his position.

On the other hand, Ohta was overtaken by Fraga to be third because of a little lack of traction.

Behind them, a sideswipe accident occurred in First Corner, and the cars off the track caused a safety car (SC) situation on the opening lap.

After the course was cleared and SC went into the pits on L3, Makino, the leader, increased the gap to Fraga in second .1 sec every lap.

Ohta kept putting pressure on Fraga from behind, however, could not overtake him. When the pit-stop window opened after L10, the team called Ohta into the pits and changed tires.

While Makino drove in the first half of 1'35, Ohta took advantage of fresh tires and drove in 1'35s leading the tire-changed group.

When the gap to Makino who stayed out came close to the pit-in loss time on L18, the team finally called him into the pits.

Makino from the pits and Ohta driving in Straight jumped into First Corner almost at the same time, side by side.

Ohta managed to pass Makino, whose tires were still cold, locked the brake. However, after Makino's tires got warmed up, he came side by side with Ohta again in First Corner, and in Second Corner, they showed an exciting close fight. Then, in the straight before Third Corner, Makino finally overtook Ohta, and kept his position to the end of the race.

Ohta controlled the gap to Fraga and reached the goal line in second.

The team won a complete victory with 1-2 finish in both QF and the race.



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#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 1st

I am glad that I was able to adapt to a variety of situations in this race.

Taking pole position also gave me confidence.

It was such a great race that Ohta and I started from the front row and made 1-2 finish together!

I will make a new start tomorrow for Rd4.

#6: Kakunoshin Ohta Position 2nd

I am happy that I was able to contribute to Team's wonderful result.

According to the strategy, I changed tires early, so it got tough in the latter half of the race.

However, I have a positive outlook about blocking Fraga to finish second in that situation.

I am looking forward to Rd4 tomorrow.