



## DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

### Race Report

#### 2025/4/20 Rd-4 Mobility Resort MOTEGI

Weather: Fine Temperature: 26°C, 22cars

Audience: 12,000/19<sup>th</sup> (Sat.) 14,000/20<sup>th</sup> (Sun) TOTAL 26,000

Rd4 on Sunday, the second race of the second 2-race event at Mobility Resort Motegi, was held as a 37-lap (max 75-min) race without a pit-stop window for tire change.

Ohta, who started from the second grid, charged out at full speed and jumped into First Corner beside Yamashita, however, could not overtake him.

Makino kept his position in third. Behind them, a sideswipe accident occurred in First Corner and three cars went off-track.

Because of this accident, the safety car (SC) came in, just like yesterday, on the opening lap.

Then, Ohta decided to make a pit-stop on L1.

His mechanics finished good work without a mistake, and sent him back to the track in front of Yamashita to become the leader among the tire-changed group. After SC went into the pits, Makino, who stayed out, started to drive around in attacking mode to widen the time margin to the tire-changed group, renewing the fastest lap again and again.

Makino maintained 1'35s, however, near L20, he dropped his time to 1'36s. Considering the gap to Iwasa behind and to Ohta, the leader of the tire-changed group, the team finally called Makino into the pits to change tires on L23.

Even though he was overtaken by three cars on the lap after the pit-stop, once his tires got warmed, he overtook them right away.

The race reached the final stage with Ohta in first, Makino in second and Iwasa in third.

Makino pushed so hard to overtake Ohta ahead, and Iwasa also quickened his pace behind him.

As a result, Ohta kept his position, and Makino succeeded to block Iwasa until the end.

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### #5: Tadasuke Makino Position 2nd

Since Ohta decided to make a pit-stop under SC situation on the opening lap, I chose a stay-out strategy, which we had simulated along with several other strategies according to situations, before the race.

Once I made the choice, I just focused on what I had to do.

I myself did not win the race consecutively, however, as a team, it was the best outcome.

The next race will be at Autopolis, where I won my first victory last year, so I wish to show my best performance there.

### #6: Kakunoshin Ohta Position 1st

We made a '1-2 finish' just like yesterday, and I am exceedingly happy that I am the one who won today!

I controlled the margin to the stay-out group well and I think I did a perfect job. We should maintain the team's capabilities from now on, and I wish to compete intensely for the championship title with my teammate.