



DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

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Race Report

2025/5/18 Rd-5 AUTOPOLIS

Weather: Cloudy Temperature: 16°C, 22cars

Audience: 5,000/17th (Sat.) 8,800/18th (Sun) TOTAL 13,800

The race for Rd5 was held in the afternoon on the same day as QF.

A light rain fell during Free Practice before the race, and it started in the strong cold north wind.

Makino made an excellent start from the 13th grid, and finished the opening lap in 9th overtaking four cars.

Then, on the next lap, he raised his position to 8th.

On the other hand, Ohta, who started from the 8th grid, dropped his position to 18th in anti-stall mode because of too much wheel spin on starting.

This race did not have the pit-stop window, so a mandatory tire change was allowed from L1.

After making a pit-stop on L3, Makino kept recording good laps in attack mode at the top of the pit-in group, preparing for the latter half of the race.

Ohta, who was catching up from behind, could not maintain his pace among the cars, and made a pit-stop on L12.

On L20, right after the top group finished pit works, the safety car came in because of a car which stopped in gravel.

At this point, Makino was in 4th, and Ohta was in 16th.

The race was restarted on L25. Makino was overtaken by two cars of the stay-out group whose tires were fresh after late pit-stops, and finished the race tenaciously in 6th.

Ohta ended up in 13th.



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#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 6th

After making a good start, I kept a good pace, so I made a pit-stop earlier by taking a risk.

In the latter half of the race, the worse the tire performance got, the tougher the race became.

Even if the safety car had not come in, my position would've been the same.

I earned points, and considering the position in QF, I was able to minimize damage.

We found issues to examine, so we will work on them in Fuji Test in June.

#6: Kakunoshin Ohta Position 13th

Because of the anti-stall system due to the wheel spin on starting, I dropped my position largely.

The turbulent flow by a car ahead and the course layout in which it's hard to overtake made it hard for me to quicken my pace surrounded by cars.

Here at Autopolis, we had a low fighting power, and the race left us issues and points to be improved.

I will organize data with my team to go into the latter half of the season.