

DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING Team Release

Race Report 2025/7/20 Rd-7 FUJI Speedway

Weather: Fine Temperature: 29°C, 22cars

Audience:3,200/18th (Fri) 22,900/12th (Sat.) 27,300/20th (Sun) TOTAL 53,400

After QF in the morning, the Rd7 race was held from 14:20, the start was more than 40 min behind the schedule due to trouble with the time measuring system. Ohta made a good start from the second grid, and went out on top in First Corner. However, he was overtaken by Tsuboi in 13 Corner, and finished the opening lap in second. Makino also got off to a hot start and overtook two cars to 7th.

Since there was no pit-stop window in this race, some drivers made a pit-stop in early stage.

DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING planned it in the middle stage.

On L18, when the safety car came in because a car stopped due to trouble, all the cars before changing tires headed to the pit lane.

The team called both drivers to the pits, and finished 'double pit-stop', changing Ota's tires first, then Makino's, without a mistake, and sent them back to the track. At this point, Ohta was 3rd and Makino was 8th.

After the race was restarted on L24, Ohta watched calmly the two cars fighting hard for the top, in order to preserve OTS and tires.

With 9 laps remaining, he jumped to the first position at once.

Then, he widened his lead with nearly 1 sec every lap until crossing the goal line first.

Makino competed for the 7th position fiercely, but in vain, and finished the race in 9th.



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#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 9th

I made a perfect start, and until the safety car situation, I had better feeling than yesterday.

However, my pace was behind the leader by .2sec.

I didn't have as good a feeling as I did in the official test at Fuji, and couldn't find solutions for it this weekend.

We have to verify the race result closely for the next round at Sugo.

We will do whatever it takes to recover from this setback in the latter half of the season.

#6: Kakunoshin Ohta Position 1st

Since I had confidence in my race pace and also my car had good potential, I just needed to wait for the right moment to leap to the top, while managing tires and OTS.

This season, there will be two more races at Fuji where I just won, and I will participate in them confidently.

It was the best race ever!