



DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

Official Testing and Rookie Driver Tryouts Report 2025/12/10~11 SUZUKA

Only two weeks after DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING had won the team championship for two years consecutively, competition for the 2026 season began from the joint test, 'Rookie Driver Tryouts' at Suzuka Circuit.

From this test, carbon-neutral E10 low carbon fuel was used and the new engine control unit (ECU) was adopted.

On Day1, it took time to set ECU up and the team finally started to test with 20 min remaining in the morning session.

Makino finished in second, and Ota did in third.

In the afternoon, the gear box of Makino's car had a problem possibly arising from ECU, and the car could not run.

Even Ohta, on the other hand, executed the test programs, still the precious time was lost as a team.

On Day2, to make up for the loss in the morning, both drivers enthusiastically worked on the test programs, including geometry test, dumper set-up and aerodynamic test.

In spite of several red flag interruptions caused by spins and crashes, the team executed the programs as planned.

In the last 10 min, every team simulated race-like attacking, and Makino recorded the second fastest lap while Ohta recorded the fifth fastest lap, continuing their good performance from the 2025 season.

In the overall ranks of the two-day test, Makino was 4th and Ohta was 7th.



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#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 4th overall (Day1 2nd, Day2 2nd)

On Day1, we lost precious time because of the trouble with ECU and the gear box.

On Day2, we were able to proceed with the test programs as we planned, and we learned a lot reviewing the previous season.

At the level as high as Super Formula, it is rare that things improve innovatively, and we have to pile up data gradually to step up comprehensively.

On this point, this test was very meaningful.

#6: Kakunoshin Ohta Position 7th overall (Day1 7th, Day2 5th)

We had trouble on Day1, but on Day2, we finished various test programs smoothly at a high level.

The race schedule in the first half of the 2026 season will be changed, so we were conscious of the climate during the test.

We will reconsider experience and data in the off-season to come into the new season with confidence.