



DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

Official TEST Report 2026/2/25~26 SUZUKA 1st Official test

The Super Formula Official Test was held at Suzuka Circuit on Feb 25 and 26. The only two-day test before the season opener was especially important for the teams to check the repaved track surface of the west course.

DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING will fight with Tadasuke Makino in Car #5 and Kakunoshin Ohta in Car #6 through the 2026 season, just like last season.

On Day1, it was under wet conditions all day because of the continuous rain from the night before, and the rain became heavier occasionally.

The team began the test with verifying basic operations.

In spite of the several red flag interruptions due to the cars spun and crashes, both Makino and Ohta executed the test programs steadily, and Ohta finished the morning session in second and Makino finished the afternoon session also in second.

On Day2, the weather was fine but windy.

The air temperature largely changed and the surface condition was unstable.

The both drivers enthusiastically worked on the test programs including dumper set-ups and aerodynamic tests.

At the end of the session, a 10-minute attacking simulation was held in two groups.

Only Makino in GrpA recorded 25 seconds in Sec1, however, he spun halfly in Sec2, and the attack ended up unsatisfactory.

Ohta could not quicken his time entirely and finished in 11th.



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#5: Tadasuke Makino Position 12th overall (Day1 2nd, Day2 12th)

We prepared a lot of test programs for this test, including checking the feeling of the new pavement of the west course.

The test result wasn't good, but still, we did execute the test programs without any problems, and I think the test itself went well.

We found good parts in trying a variety of things, and we will verify using the data if we can adopt them for the season opener at Motegi in April.

The surface of the track in Motegi was also renewed, so we have to verify the past data, too, for the race.

#6: Kakunoshin Ohta Position 11th overall (Day1 12th, Day2 11th)

We focused on checking many items rather than quickening laps when we set up the test programs.

Since we could confirm the direction of the car development by sharing data with Makino, the test became very fruitful.

The season opener will be held at Motegi, where we won consecutively last year. There's nothing to worry about, however, the competitors will be stronger than last year, and the track surface is new.

So, we will prepare for the race carefully.