



## **DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING**

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### **Qualifying Report**

**2015/11/7 Rd-7 Suzuka Circuit**

Weather: Cloudy Temperature: 20°C 19cars

JAF Suzuka Grand Prix is now well known for two races basis which gives us excitement of a start and impression of a finish twice. The starting grid for Race 1 is decided by the orders of knock-out QF1, and then, the starting grid for Race 2 is decided by the result of the final QF after knock-out QF2 and 3.

In knock-out QF1 to decide a place on the grid for Race 1, two cars of DOKOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING went on-track together aiming for the pole position. They shortened time in Sec1 and Sec2, but couldn't in Sec3. Nojiri was 10<sup>th</sup> and Karthikeyan was 9<sup>th</sup>, both moving on to QF2. (However, Car #41 changed the engine because of a trouble during free practice before QF1, Karthikeyan got a penalty of 10 position on the down grid. So, he would start from 18<sup>th</sup>.)

Following QF2, both of them changed car balance a little, and took off. Nojiri who made one attack with all his might without a mistake finished in 4<sup>th</sup> position. Karthikeyan regretfully went off the course at Degner Curve and finished in 14<sup>th</sup>. QF3 is to decide the orders in the starting grid for the top 8 cars.

Nojiri adjusted the set-up predicting change of the course condition, and went on-track early. In Sec1 and Sec2, he showed exceptional speed, however, lost time a little in Sec3. He finished QF in 3<sup>rd</sup> position.

**#40: Tomoki Nojiri Position 10th for Race 1, Position 3rd for Race 2**

In QF1, I was afraid that I couldn't reach the top. However, car balance improved as the surface condition got better, and I felt no trouble to be in the top tree. I brought out my best in QF attack, but regarding Sec3, it is obvious that my car had something inferior. I could have pushed harder. There are issues remaining.

**#41: Narain Karthikeyan Position 9th for Race 1 (penalty of 10 places down for changing engine, thus starting from 18th) Position 14th for Race 2**

Car balance was good from the start, but I felt something was off about the engine. As a result, I had engine trouble caused a penalty of 10 places down on the grid. In QF2, I lost a lot of time because of my mistake, and my position became disappointing. Tomorrow, I will start from behind in both races, but I will fight tenaciously, in my way.