



## DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

### Qualifying Report

**2016/8/20 Rd-4 Twin Ring MOTEGI**

Weather : cloudy/fine      Temperature : 35°C      19cars

Summer vacation ends shortly, Round 4 Twin Ring Motegi was held under very hot and unstable weather because of three typhoons around East Japan.

Cloudy/Rain off and on in AM but blazing strong sunshine before Qualify and then track became Dry.

YOKOHAMA new spec SOFT tire adopted in only for Rd4 Motegi.

This will be Key point when driver and team use soft spec tire in QF.

Knock-out QF1. Both Nojiri and Vandoorne went on track with medium tire and having positive feeling, Nojiri was Position 7<sup>th</sup> and Vandoorne was 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Nojiri and Vandoorne went for attack in last 6 min with soft tire.

Nojiri recorded 10<sup>th</sup> and Vandoorne 4<sup>th</sup>.

Following QF2, Vandoorne felt the balance change of the car due to the track condition change and recorded 9<sup>th</sup> position, only 0.01 sec behind from P8.

Nojiri increased his lap time to 3<sup>rd</sup> position.

In QF3, Nojiri put New Medium tire on the car and went for attack.

He manage the gap in front of his car and finished 3<sup>rd</sup>(1<sup>st</sup> among HONDA user).

#40: Tomoyuki Nojiri Position 3<sup>rd</sup> (QF1 10<sup>th</sup> QF2 3<sup>rd</sup> QF3 3<sup>rd</sup> ) 1st among HONDA users

I had a good feeling under uncertainty factor, new spec tire and new spec brake.  
For Tomorrow, another subject to be solved for the Race but we will prepare with my team for race from 3<sup>rd</sup> to top finish.

#41: Stoffel Vandoorne Position 9<sup>th</sup> (QF1 4<sup>th</sup> QF2 9<sup>th</sup>) 4<sup>th</sup> among HONDA users

The result P9 is bit mixed feeling for me missed out to go QF3.

We were quite competitive in QF1. QF2 we didn't have 100% setup for improving track condition and lost some lap time.

Unfortunately start Position 9. Motegi is a difficult track to overtake but I will concentrate and do my best to score championship point.