



## DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

### **Race1 Report** **2016/9/10 Rd-5 OKAYAMA International Circuit**

Weather : Cloudy/Fine      Temperature : 37°C      19 cars

Super Formula 2016 season going to final part.

Rd5 Okayama International Circuit was held as alternative of Autopolis because of Kumamoto earthquake occurred in April.

Rd5 Okayama held by 2 race format (Race1 on Saturday, 20min QF and 110km race. Race2 on Sunday, Knockout QF and 190km race)

20min QF for Race1, they both pit out with new tires. However, the attack lap was interrupted by red flag because of a car spun. Concentrating on one attack with 2<sup>nd</sup> set of new slicks, they flew out as soon as the track was cleared. Nojiri finished in 4<sup>th</sup> position, Vandoorne in 3<sup>rd</sup> position.

Race1, 30laps sprint race, the start of the race was delayed because Pole sitter Nakajima stop on the wrong grid and race was reduced 2 laps.

Vandoorne made perfect start and take the lead at 1<sup>st</sup> corner. He drove super lap and took his Super formula 1<sup>st</sup> victory with kept 5 sec lead.

Nojiri stayed 4<sup>th</sup> position and push hard to pressure to 3<sup>rd</sup> but keep finished 4<sup>th</sup>.

#40: Tomoki Nojiri Position 4<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> among HONDA users)

I concentrated Qualify and Race start because it's really important for today's sprint Race 1. The car had very good performance but I had gear trouble.

Team will solve this trouble and I try my best to take pole and win the Race2 tomorrow.

#41: Stoffel Vandoorne Position 1<sup>st</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> among HONDA users)

1<sup>st</sup> victory in Super Formula, same week of the announcement of 2017 F1 with McLaren HONDA, is very happy

The car made good progress from previous Motegi and we had good qualify both 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> position. I had good start and then taking the lead. I control the race from beginning to the end.

Tomorrow is a new day, so hope tomorrow also will be a good result.