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Second race, second BMW victory: Maxime Martin wins eventful Sunday race at the Norisring.

- **BMW's 75th victory in the DTM since 1984.**
- **Maxime Martin stands on the top step of the DTM podium for the third time.**
- **Five BMW M4 DTMs finish in the top ten.**

Norisring. Following Bruno Spengler's (CAN) victory in Saturday's race at the Norisring (GER), it was another BMW driver who crossed the finish line in first place at the end of the eighth race of the year on Sunday: after 66 laps, two safety car phases and one red flag, Maxime Martin (BEL) took the chequered flag to claim the 75th success for BMW in the DTM having started from seventh on the grid.

Martin backed up third place in Budapest (HUN) and second place on Saturday with his third DTM victory – his first since 2015 at the Nürburgring. For BMW, this was a fitting conclusion to a historic weekend at the Norisring. BMW was victorious in Nuremberg for the first time since 1992 – and, as was also the case back then, in both races. Marco Wittmann (GER), Augusto Farfus (BRA), Tom Blomqvist (GBR) and Timo Glock (GER) finished fifth, seventh, ninth and tenth to complete a fine team result, with five BMW M4 DTMs in the top ten on Sunday. Spengler came home twelfth, having been in contention for a podium finish for long periods of the race.

Qualifying:

As usual, the grid positions at the narrow street circuit were decided by mere thousandths of a second. At the end of the 20-minute session, it was Blomqvist in the BMW Driving Experience M4 DTM who secured pole position with a time of 47.252 – 0.004 seconds faster than Robert Wickens (CAN, Mercedes). This was Blomqvist's second pole position of his career. It also marked BMW's third

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pole of the season and 59th in the history of the DTM. Blomqvist was rewarded for his pole position with three points towards the Drivers' Championship. Spengler, in the BMW Bank M4 DTM, ended qualifying in fourth place with a time of 47.305 seconds. Martin (SAMSUNG BMW M4 DTM) and Glock (DEUTSCHE POST BMW M4 DTM) also made it into the top ten in seventh and ninth place. Wittmann (Red Bull BMW M4 DTM) was twelfth fastest, Farfus (BRA, Shell BMW M4 DTM) qualified 15th.

The race:

Spengler made a good start, which took him into second place. In contrast, Blomqvist dropped back to sixth. Five drivers came into the pits for their mandatory stop after the opening lap including Blomqvist and Farfus. The majority of the field opted for an early stop. By the end of the eighth lap, all six BMW drivers had been in for a tyre change. The strategy, and the rapid work performed by BMW Team RBM, allowed Martin, who came into the pits after lap seven, to climb through the field and join the battle for the lead. The safety car was called into action after 25 laps, following a collision between Mercedes driver Robert Wickens and René Rast (GER, Audi). Martin and Spengler moved into first and second place after the restart. However, contact with another car that was yet to make a stop resulted in Spengler's car suffering a puncture. Shortly after that, the race was suspended after a crash involving Gary Paffett (GBR, Mercedes) and Mike Rockenfeller (GER, Audi).

After an interruption of around half an hour, the cars were sent back onto the track for the remaining 25 minutes. Maxime Martin led at the restart, with Wittmann third having climbed several places after the safety car phase. The exciting second half of the race saw Martin hold off Auer in the battle for the lead. The Belgian went on to claim the second win of the weekend for BMW. Wittmann came home fifth, just 0.027 seconds behind third-placed Edoardo Mortara (ITA, Mercedes) following a dramatic finish with three cars crossing the finish line within millimetres of each other. Farfus finished seventh to score his first points of the season. Blomqvist and Glock, who had to make an early second stop following a puncture, were ninth and tenth. Spengler fought his way back from last place to finish 12th.

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The reactions:

BMW Motorsport Director Jens Marquardt: “It was an epic weekend for us here at the Norisring. After finishing runner-up yesterday, Maxime claimed a great win today in an extremely exciting, eventful and at times chaotic race. I am incredibly proud of our team. We had five BMWs in the top ten and once again scored a lot of valuable points. A successful weekend, with the one-two yesterday, today’s success, and our 75th victory in the DTM. We will definitely be celebrating this evening. We hope Rocky makes a speedy recovery.”

Stefan Reinhold (team principal, BMW Team RMG): “Marco really wanted to finish on the podium here. We always try to score as many points as possible and battle for every point. Marco gave it his all, but unfortunately it didn’t quite work out today. At the end of such a demanding weekend, I can only bow to every single person in the team. We gave everything right down to the finish, and finished with all three cars in the points today.”

Marco Wittmann (#11, Red Bull BMW M4 DTM – Grid position: 12th, race result: 5th place – 64 races, 8 wins, 16 podiums, 8 pole positions, 569 points, 2 Drivers’ titles): “The race itself went well. Thanks to our strategy of stopping after the second lap, I was able to make up some positions and was running ninth for a long time. I then climbed six places into third after the restart – what a lap. The other drivers were a little more cautious because of the cold tyres, but I went all out on the attack. That paid dividends; I was on course for a podium finish for a long time. Two laps from the end, Lucas Auer made a slight mistake and I tried to take advantage. As I was doing so, Mattias passed me. It is a real shame that I had to settle for fifth place in the end.”

Augusto Farfus (#15, Shell BMW M4 DTM – Grid position: 15th, race result: 7th place – 74 races, 4 wins, 12 podiums, 5 pole positions, 351 points): “I have had to wait a long time for my first points of the season, but I finally have them. Unfortunately, we struggled to find the right set-up at the start of the weekend. Today, however, I had a car I could fight with. Seventh place is okay, especially when you consider where I started from. This is a good start, and I am now hoping to score a lot more points over the remainder of the season.”

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Timo Glock (#16, DEUTSCHE POST BMW M4 DTM – Grid position: 9th, race result: 10th place – 64 races, 3 wins, 7 podiums, 2 pole positions, 273 points): “That was a crazy race. The most important thing is obviously that nothing bad happened to Gary Paffett and Mike Rockenfeller. It looked very nasty. On the whole, we have to be happy with our result – particularly given the puncture I suffered on the front-right tyre. Gary lent on me a bit, and one of the flicks slit the tyre open. As a result, I had to make an extra pit stop. Usually, the race is over at that point. Fortunately, for us, the safety car made an appearance. That gave me another small chance. I made a few nice overtaking manoeuvres and was able to rescue a point. Congratulations to Maxime, he was strong all weekend. It was obviously an awesome weekend for BMW. I am particularly pleased about that. There was plenty for the fans to enjoy today.”

Bart Mampaey (team principal, BMW Team RBM): “Maxime drove a sensational race from seventh on the grid. Our strategy of waiting a little until the traffic in the pit lane had died down before making the pit stop was spot on. The pit stop was fantastic; the guys were really quick. After that, it was down to Maxime to pass Auer. Unfortunately, we then had that big crash, but fortunately Gary Paffett and Mike Rockenfeller are doing relatively okay. After the restart, Maxime and Auer were embroiled in an eye-catching battle. Maxime did a fantastic job and really deserved the win. I am delighted for him. In Tom’s case, we will have to take a close look to see what caused him to drop so far back down the field at the start. His performance in qualifying was superb, and we picked up more points, but we were obviously hoping for more from that grid position. We must continue to push. On the whole, it was an outstanding weekend for us.”

Bruno Spengler (#7, BMW Bank BMW M4 DTM – Grid position: 4th, race result: 12th place – 147 races, 15 wins, 47 podiums, 17 pole positions, 801 points, 1 Drivers’ title): “The race was going really well at first, and we definitely had a chance of finishing on the podium, if not winning. Our car and our pace were superb. After the restart, Duval completely closed the door on me and there was contact, which caused my puncture. That cost me the race. It is a real shame. Congratulations to Maxime on the win. He drove a strong race. Despite

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my disappointment, I will take the positives from yesterday's win and focus fully on the next race."

Tom Blomqvist (#31, BMW Driving Experience M4 DTM – Grid position: 1st, race result: 9th place – 44 races, 1 win, 5 podiums, 2 pole position, 187 points): "Two points are better than nothing. However, starting from pole, I obviously wanted to be much further up the field and challenging for the win. As such, I am very disappointed. I have had problems with my starts all season, and I did not get away well here either. Then I was unlucky when I returned to the track behind a large group after the pit stop, and dropped right back through the field. There was a very thin line between a top result and a place towards the back of the field today."

Maxime Martin (#36, SAMSUNG BMW M4 DTM – Grid position: 7th, race result: 1st place – 54 races, 3 wins, 9 podiums, 3 pole positions, 309 points): "It was an incredible race. I made a very good start from seventh on the grid and was already fourth by the end of the opening lap. I was third after lap two, after some of the other cars had already been in for their stop. I pushed really hard after that and was able to take the lead after the safety car phase. That was not easy after the red flag and the subsequent restart, but it worked out. I was third in Budapest, runner-up yesterday, and winner today – it is fantastic."

The standings:

Drivers: 1. Mattias Ekström (89 points), 2. Lucas Auer (87), **3. Maxime Martin (78)**, 4. Jamie Green (75), 5. René Rast (72), **6. Timo Glock (60)**, 7. Gary Paffett (55), 8. Mike Rockenfeller (54), 9. Paul di Resta (53), **10. Marco Wittmann (46)**, 11. Robert Wickens (44), **12. Bruno Spengler (43)**, 13. Edoardo Mortara (40), 14. Nico Müller (36), **15. Tom Blomqvist (15)**, **16. Augusto Farfus (6)**, 17. Maro Engel (3), 18. Loic Duval (0).

Teams: 1. Audi Sport Team Rosberg (147 points), 2. Mercedes-AMG Motorsport BWT (127), 3. Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline (125), **4. BMW Team RBM (121)**, 5. Mercedes-AMG Motorsport Mercedes me (99), **6. BMW Team RMR (75)**, 7. Mercedes-AMG Motorsport SILBERPFEIL Energy (56), 8.

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Audi Sport Team Phoenix (54), **9. BMW Team RMG (52).**

Manufacturers: 1. Audi (326 points), 2. Mercedes (282), **3. BMW (248).**

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