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### **New BMW M Motorsport customer car passes first endurance test – title win for the BMW M4 GT4 in Japan.**

- **New BMW M Motorsport customer car completes successful first race on the Nordschleife.**
- **Blancpain GT World Challenge Asia: BMW Team Studie secures the driver's championship before the end of the season.**
- **VLN: Three BMW M6 GT3s in the top ten in the Nordschleife 6-hour race.**

**Whether in the DTM, the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, the ABB FIA Formula E Championship, or countless other championships: Week after week BMW teams and drivers around the world do battle for points, victories and titles. Away from the track too, members of the large BMW Motorsport family around the world are also creating headlines. The “BMW Motorsport News” allows us to regularly summarise all the action for you in a compact and informative manner. This way, you are always up to speed.**

### **Customer racing: Successful endurance test for new BMW entry-level model.**

The new BMW M Motorsport customer car based on the BMW M2 Competition (combined fuel consumption in l/100 km: 10.0–9.8\*; combined CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in g/km: 227–224\*) completed its first test in race conditions at the ROWE 6 Hours ADAC Ruhr Cup race at the Nürburgring-Nordschleife (GER). The car completed 28 laps on the toughest racetrack in the world and provided BMW M Motorsport engineers with valuable insights for further developments in the coming months. BMW Motorsport Junior Beitske Visser (NED) and Jörg Weidinger (GER) took it in turns at the wheel of the new BMW entry-level model, due to be delivered to customers from the second quarter of 2020. “From my perspective, the test went very well,” said Weidinger. “During this kind of test drive in race conditions, you gain experience that you can’t get in private tests. Driving in traffic, starting, overtaking, yellow flags – you can only experience all that in a real race. The new car made a very good impression in terms of both performance and durability.” Visser said: “The race result wasn’t important to us today. It was all about the test results. In that



respect, it was a very good day, and for me personally, because it's been a while since I last raced on the Nordschleife. It was so much fun driving the new car.”

### **Blancpain GT World Challenge Asia: Early title win for BMW Team Studie.**

It was the culmination of a perfect season: victory in the second race at the “Korea International Circuit” (KOR) saw Takayuki Kinoshita and Sunako Jukuchou (both JPN) clinch the GT4 driver’s title in the Blancpain GT World Challenge Asia before the final race of the season. After 25 laps on the track in Yeongam, South Korea, they were first to cross the finish line in the BMW Team Studie #81 BMW M4 GT4. In the first race of the weekend, the duo finished in fourth place. Ahead of the final two races of the season at the “Shanghai International Circuit” (CHN), Kinoshita and Jukuchou are in an unassailable position at the top of the drivers’ standings with 206 points. The pairing has won six of the ten GT class races in the Blancpain GT World Challenge Asia to date.

### **VLN: Three BMW M6 GT3 in the top ten.**

The fifth race weekend of the VLN Endurance Championship Nürburgring (GER) marked the highlight of the season. In the ROWE 6 Hours ADAC Ruhr Cup race, three BMW M6 GT3s made it into the top ten in the overall standings. The #99 ROWE Racing car only just missed out on a podium finish. BMW works drivers Philipp Eng (AUT) and Nick Catsburg (NED) took it in turns at the wheel. Fifth place went to the #34 BMW M6 GT3 of Walkenhorst Motorsport with Christian Krognæs (NOR), David Pittard and Jody Fannin (both GBR) at the wheel. BMW works drivers Jens Klingmann (GER) and Stef Dusseldorp (NED) finished in seventh place for Falken Motorsports. In the SP10 class, the BMW M4 GT4 celebrated an impressive top-four lockout. First place went to BMW Motorsport Junior Erik Johansson (SWE) and Heiko Eichenberg (GER) of Team AVIA Sorg Rennsport. Behind them were the BMW M4 GT4s of Ring Racing with Novel Racing, Walkenhorst Motorsport and Leutheuser Racing&Events. In the V4 class, reigning VLN champions and BMW Sports Trophy winners Danny Brink, Philipp Leisen and Christopher Rink (all GER) were victorious in the Pixum Team Adrenalin Motorsport BMW 325i. BMW teams celebrated further successes in the V2 and SP5 classes. Ahead of the race, marking his 50<sup>th</sup> year in motorsport, Nordschleife legend Johannes Scheid (GER) completed a demo lap in the BMW M3 GTR S, with which he celebrated two overall wins and four class wins in the VLN and one fifth place in the 24-hour race at the Nürburgring between 2003 and 2009.



### **BMW M240i Racing Cup: Griessner/Fübrich unstoppable.**

The reigning champions were the measure of all things once again in the fifth round of the BMW M240i Racing Cup in the VLN Endurance Championship Nürburgring (GER). After six hours, David Griessner (AUT) and Yannick Fübrich (GER) were the first to cross the finish line and claim their fourth win of the season. This also sees the Pixum Team Adrenalin Motorsport duo remain firmly in the lead in the overall standings. Sintre Setsaas, Inge Hansesaetre (both NOR) and Moritz Oberheim (GER) of Team AVIA Sorg Rennsport finished in second place. Nico Otto, Lars Peucker and Florian Naumann (all GER) of Team Scheid-Honert Motorsport finished third.

After five races of the season, Fübrich and Griessner lead the VLN overall standings with 38.85 points. 1.03 points behind are their Pixum Team Adrenalin Motorsport teammates Norbert Fischer (GER), Oskar Sandberg (NOR) and Daniel Zils (GER).

### **BTCC: West Surrey Racing celebrate tenth win of the season.**

Colin Turkington (GBR) and West Surrey Racing have reached another milestone in the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC). The reigning champions won the second race of the Snetterton weekend, and in doing so celebrated the team's 200th podium in the BTCC. It was also West Surrey Racing's tenth victory of 2019. This is the most wins that the team from Sunbury-on-Thames (GBR) has ever celebrated during one season, with four events remaining. In the closing third race of the weekend, Turkington and the BMW 330i M Sport finished in tenth place. Turkington leads the driver's standings in the BTCC with 235 points, with teammate Andrew Jordan (GBR) behind him in second place with 199 points. He finished in fifth, third and sixth place in the three races at Brands Hatch. In the third BMW 330i M Sport fielded by Team West Surrey Racing, Tom Oliphant (GBR) finished in 16th and eleventh place, and retired from race three. The next races in the BTCC will be held at Thruxton on 18th August.

### **British GT Championship: BMW M6 GT3 in third place.**

The Century Motorsport team celebrated podium success in the penultimate round of the British GT Championship at Brands Hatch (GBR). Angus Fender and Jack Mitchell (both GBR) crossed the finish line in third place in the #9 BMW M6 GT3 after 74 laps. They started the race from fifth on the grid. The third place also saw them win the Silver Cup class. It was Fender's first ever race in the BMW M6 GT3. He was previously in action in the Century Motorsport BMW M4 GT4. In the GT4 class, team principal Nathan Freke and Andrew Gordon-Colebrooke (both GBR) crossed the finish line in fifth place.



\* All figures relating to performance, fuel/electric power consumption, CO2 emissions and operating range are provisional.

The fuel consumption, CO2 emissions, electric power consumption and operating range figures are determined according to the European Regulation (EC) 715/2007 in the version applicable. The figures refer to a vehicle with basic configuration in Germany. The range shown considers the different sizes of the selected wheels/tyres and the selected items of optional equipment, and may vary during configuration.

The values are based on the new WLTP test cycle and are translated back into NEDC-equivalent values in order to ensure comparability between the vehicles. With respect to these vehicles, for vehicle-related taxes or other duties based (at least inter alia) on CO2 emissions, the CO2 values may differ from the values stated here (depending on national legislation).

More information about official fuel consumption figures and the official specific CO2 emissions of new passenger cars can be obtained from the "guideline on fuel consumption, CO2 emissions and current consumption of new passenger cars", available here: <https://www.dat.de/co2/>.

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