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DTM Race 8, Oschersleben (DE)

Reactions after the eighth DTM race of 2012 in Oschersleben.

Oschersleben (DE), 16th September 2012. Third pole position, third win and 47 points: BMW Motorsport enjoyed another successful race weekend in Oschersleben (DE). Bruno Spengler (CA) led from start to finish in the BMW Bank M3 DTM to further reduce Mercedes driver Gary Paffett's (GB) lead in the championship.

Read here what the BMW team principals and the six drivers had to say after the eighth DTM race of the year.

Charly Lamm (Team Principal, BMW Team Schnitzer):

"We have had a perfect weekend here in Oschersleben. It is unbelievable – the dream goes on. Compliments to both my drivers. Bruno Spengler and Dirk Werner were flawless and produced a sensational race. The strategy our engineers came up with also worked perfectly and the pit crew did a fantastic job. The triumph in Oschersleben is a bit of a milestone for us. Bruno has presented us with the 20th Schnitzer victory in the DTM. I can hardly find the words to express how happy I am. This season has been fantastic so far."

Stefan Reinhold (Team Principal, BMW Team RMG):

"This weekend has been more difficult than we expected because in the end we were in a good position with Martin Tomczyk to score some decent points. But he had an accident at the start and then he lost some water and had to stop. The penalty for Martin certainly harmed us, but for the 00next weekend we start from zero again and he will be able to start where he would normally be. I am happy with Joey Hand, because he had struggled all weekend. However, Joey never gives up – and he almost finished in the points thanks to a great fight back."

Bart Mampaey (Team Principal, BMW Team RBM):

"All in all I have mixed feelings again. Both our cars had a good start and Augusto Farfus made it through the first few corners cleanly. Andy Priaulx, on the other hand, was extremely unlucky to be blocked on the outside of turn one and suffer damage to the car. This meant he was not able to get a result. For Augusto it was a great race. We did well with our pit stop strategy. First, fourth and fifth for BMW in Oschersleben is fantastic."

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Bruno Spengler (car number 7, BMW Team Schnitzer, 1st):

"Today is a great day for BMW. We produced a fantastic team result. I have often been on the podium in Oschersleben, and now I have finally managed to win here. It was really close again at the end. Gary Paffett was getting closer and closer and really put me under pressure. However, my car was fantastic. I could not afford to make any mistakes – and thankfully I didn't. Thanks to my team. They gave me an unbelievable car again."

Dirk Werner (car number 8, BMW Team Schnitzer, 4th):

"I am really chuffed with my fourth place. That is my best DTM result so far. Unfortunately I did not quite make it onto the podium. I got off to a great start and tried to put the cars in front of me under pressure. However, it was not quite possible to catch Jamie Green today. Despite that, I think I have had a great weekend. Congratulations to my team-mate Bruno Spengler. He drove an outstanding race and fully deserved to win."

Augusto Farfus (car number 16, BMW Team RBM, 5th):

"My start was the key to the result, but I also had a very strong pace, which definitely helped. Unfortunately we only found such a good set-up in time for the race. I think we have to learn from that. We were able to match the pace of the front runners. This gives me a lot of confidence. It was a great race."

Joey Hand (car number 2, BMW Team RMG, 11th):

"The race for me was just a ton better than the rest of the weekend. I had a good start and a good clean couple of laps. I fought hard and managed not to get hit. In the last couple of races I have had aerodynamic parts knocked off the car in dog fights at the back of the field. The BMW Team RMG guys have really worked hard for me. I never thought I would be so happy with 11th, but I will take it today. I learnt a lot and have still finished every lap of the DTM this year."

Andy Priaulx (car number 15, BMW Team RBM, 17th):

"I made a fantastic start and was up with Augusto Farfus and Martin Tomczyk, but then I got hit and fired off on the first corner. That immediately damaged my car with the splitter and the side taking the brunt of it. Then the car just wasn't quick enough and I was a sitting duck. It was such a shame as I was up for a big race today. It is annoying as up to then the pace of the car had been good. Anyway, the good news is that BMW has won, so congratulations to Bruno Spengler."

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Martin Tomczyk (car number 1, BMW Team RMG, DNF):

"That just wasn't my weekend. First the penalty for the incident in Zandvoort, then I hit the kerbs too hard in practice and damaged my car. In the race we had a problem with the cooling. In the end I just couldn't match the pace of the others. It did not make sense to continue. We must now determine exactly what caused the fault."

Facts and Figures - Oschersleben:

Circuit / Date	"Motorsport Arena Oschersleben" / 16 th September 2012			
Length / Distance	3.696km (51 laps)			
2012 Pole Position	Bruno Spengler (CA), 1:20.916mins			
2012 Winner	Bruno Spengler (CA)			
2012 Fastest Lap	Roberto Merhi (ES), 1:22.752mins			

Driver	Tomczyk	Hand	Spengler	Werner	Priaulx	Farfus
Country	DE	US	CA	DE	GB	BR
Number	1	2	7	8	15	16
	BMW	BMW	BMW	BMW	BMW	BMW
Team	Team	Team	Team	Team	Team	Team
	RMG	RMG	Schnitzer	Schnitzer	RBM	RBM
1 st Free	1:23.178	1:23.255	1:22,696	1:22.132	1:22,514	1:22.494
Practice	(14 th)	(17 th)	(7 th)	(1 st)	(4 th)	(3 rd)
2 nd Free	1:21.980	1:22.043	1:21.046	1:21,577	1:22.105	1:21.775
Practice	(17 th)	(18 th)	(1 st)	(9 th)	(19 th)	(13 th)
Qualifying	1:20,999	1:22.035	1:20.916	1:21,911	1:21.173	1:21.949
	(6 th)	(20 th)	(1 st)	(4 th)	(12 th)	(10 th)
Warm-up	1:23.886	1:22.246	1:23.006	1:23,345	1:23.529	1:23.520
	(18 th)	(22 nd)	(2 nd)	(8 th)	(12 th)	(11 th)
Race	DNF	11 th	1 st	4 th	17 th	5 th
2012	69	2	116	17	14	29
Points	0.5		110	1 /	17	23
Current	6 th	19 th	2 nd	11 th	13 th	8 th
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DTM standings after 8 of 10 races.

Drivers' standings.

1. Gary Paffett (127 points), 2. Bruno Spengler (116), 3. Jamie Green (108), 4. Mike Rockenfeller (75), 5. Edoardo Mortara (74), 6. Martin Tomczyk (69), 7. Mattias Ekström (66), 8. Augusto Farfus (29), 9. Christian Vietoris (24), 10. Timo Scheider (19), 11. Dirk Werner (17), 13. Andy Priaulx (14), 19. Joey Hand (2).

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Team standings.

1. THOMAS SABO / Mercedes-Benz Bank AMG (151 points), 2. BMW Team Schnitzer (133), 3. Mercedes AMG (116), 4. Audi Sport Team Rosberg (88), 5. Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline (85), 6. Audi Sport Team Phoenix (83), 7. BMW Team RMG (71), 8. BMW Team RBM (43), 9. DHL Paket / stern Mercedes AMG (28), 10. ABT-Sportsline (10).

Manufacturer standings.

1. Mercedes-Benz (295 Punkte), 2. Audi (266), BMW (247).

2012 Calendar:

29th April – Hockenheim (DE), 6th May – Lausitzring (DE), 20th May – Brands Hatch (GB), 3rd June – Spielberg (AT), 1st July – Norisring (DE), 15th July – Munich (DE), 19th August – Nürburgring (DE), 26th August – Zandvoort (NL), **16th September – Oschersleben** (DE), 30th September – Valencia (ES), 21st October – Hockenheim (DE).

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