



DTM
Race 2, Brands Hatch (GB), Race

Reactions to the second DTM race of the year at Brands Hatch.

Brands Hatch (GB), 19th May 2013. After its magnificent one-two at the opening race of the DTM season in Hockenheim (DE) a fortnight ago, BMW Motorsport was back on the podium at round two of the series at Brands Hatch (GB). Bruno Spengler (CA), at the wheel of the BMW Bank M3 DTM, finished runner-up behind Audi driver Mike Rockenfeller (DE). Marco Wittmann (DE) and Joey Hand (US) claimed their best DTM results to date, finishing fourth and fifth respectively. Augusto Farfus (BR) was unlucky, as a technical problem forced him to retire from the race while running second. Martin Tomczyk's (DE) fightback from last place on the grid came to an end when he was forced off the track by another competitor. Timo Glock (DE) suffered the same fate.

Read here what BMW Motorsport Director Jens Marquardt, the four team principals and the eight drivers had to say after the race.

Jens Marquardt (BMW Motorsport Director):

"Generally speaking, we can be happy with the second race of the season. Three drivers in the top five is a very good result at any race. However, when you start the race with six drivers in the top ten, you have to admit it could have been even better. Runner-up Bruno Spengler and his team did an excellent job. I am also delighted for Marco Wittmann, whose fourth place in only his second DTM race shows what huge potential he possesses. Joey Hand, who finished fifth, also produced an impressive performance all weekend. Augusto Farfus, on the other hand, was unlucky. Like at Hockenheim, he was clearly on course for a podium finish before he had to retire with a technical problem. A number of manoeuvres out on the track were right on the edge, and our drivers were the ones who suffered. Congratulations to Audi and Mike Rockenfeller on their victory."

Charly Lamm (Team Principal, BMW Team Schnitzer):

"Bruno Spengler's podium is a nice birthday present. We are very happy that the good start and a great strategy allowed him to work his way forward into second place. Dirk Werner was always going to struggle to finish higher than 12th. It is very difficult to make up ground in heavy traffic on this track. Our team scored valuable points – and that is very important in this tight series."

Ernest Knoors (Team Principal, BMW Team MTEK):

"Our drivers and the team did a good job today. Marco Wittmann got off to a superb start. That was the key to him finishing an impressive fourth. Timo Glock could also have finished higher than 13th. The start was not ideal, and we will

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take a closer look at how to improve that. However, he fought hard and produced a good race. Furthermore, we are always learning as a team. And the results here in Brands Hatch are proof we are on the right track.”

Bart Mampaey (Team Principal, BMW Team RBM):

“Augusto Farfus made a good start but was then unable to put Mike Rockenfeller, who was very quick out front, under any serious pressure. Therefore, we concentrated on defending second place. Our pace was definitely good enough. Unfortunately a gearbox problem then put a spanner in the works. We will carry out a detailed analysis to find out exactly what caused the problem. His car suddenly had no drive. Joey Hand came home fifth to score heavily for the team. That was a really impressive performance.”

Stefan Reinhold (Team Principal, BMW Team RMG):

“We made a mistake yesterday – and were punished again for it in today’s race. It is always risky driving in the midst of all the turmoil here at Brands Hatch. I feel sorry for my two drivers. Incidents meant they did not get the results they deserved. Compliments to our pit crew, however: the stops were really excellent today.”

Bruno Spengler (car number 1, BMW Team Schnitzer, 2nd):

Tyres: Option-Standard-Standard

“That was not an easy race today. That makes me all the happier with my second place and the fact we were able to score important points. My team provided me with a superb car and the pace was very good. It was also important we had a perfect strategy for the race and made the pit stops at the right time. Of course I would have liked to win. However, my second place is a nice birthday present for Charly and Dieter Lamm. I now have my fingers crossed for my fellow BMW drivers Martin Tomczyk and Augusto Farfus at the 24-hour race.”

Marco Wittmann (car number 21, BMW Team MTEK, 4th):

Tyres: Option-Standard-Standard

“I think I can be quite happy with the result. I had a really good start and jumped from sixth to fourth. I tried to overtake Bruno on the outside in the second corner, but did not want to crash with him so dropped back. I was really happy with my first lap, as I was able to pull out a gap ahead of Timo Scheider. I think my first pit stop was probably a bit late, so we lost some time there, but in general it was a good race. There was a little bit of traffic as well and that is why I lost a position to Wickens. He went for a gap that wasn't there and that is why I went a bit wide. Prior to the race I had set myself the goal of finishing in the top five. I achieved that.”

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Joey Hand (car number 8, BMW Team RBM, 5th):

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"The race flew by, which is always a good sign. I told my guys over the radio that I gave myself a mini high five for finishing every lap of my DTM career. Not a super big high five for my start, as that is where it all went wrong and we were definitely a podium car. You can't blame the race car or the crew. I did my best, as usual, but am still finding my way here. I am pretty happy with how the weekend went. This is not the easiest place from a handling aspect or from a driving aspect, and it surely isn't an easy place to finish a race as there is a lot going on. I am happy to take my fifth place points and run."

Dirk Werner (car number 2, BMW Team Schnitzer, 12th):

Tyres: Standard-Option-Standard

"That was a very difficult race. I was right in the middle of all the turmoil, and it was almost impossible to move through the field from there. I lost a few places after the start. After an early stop, however, I at least had clean air ahead of me for a few laps. I then lost time again in traffic. I simply have to do better in qualifying next time, then I can go on the attack again in the race."

Timo Glock (car number 22, BMW Team MTEK, 13th):

Tyres: Standard-Option-Standard

"My start was not so great, as I had a problem with the clutch. That cost me two places, which I was able to take back on the first lap. We then had the problem during the first pit stop, when the car dropped off the jack briefly. The final result is not great, but my race was ruined when an opponent forced me off the track. I think our strategy could have put us in the points. Hopefully things will work out better in the next race."

Martin Tomczyk (car number 15, BMW Team RMG, 14th):

Tyres: Option-Standard-Standard

"It was a tough race, and despite everything I finished without any points. It was nice racing at the beginning and the first third of the race was great. I really enjoyed it and then I got pushed out by another driver. From there on I just concentrated on finishing my race."

Andy Priaulx (car number 16, BMW Team RMG, 19th):

Tyres: Option-Standard-Standard

"Obviously this is disappointing, in so much as I could have had a reasonable race, but I got hit by Adrien Tambay. He has apologised, but it doesn't really help me. I am unhappy with the blue flags, as I don't feel they were used in the right way – some came out too early and some not at all. But the most important thing is I have to look at the race data and try to work out what I need to do for the next

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race. I am very hungry for points and felt a few were on offer after our good qualifying.”

Augusto Farfus (car number 7, BMW Team RBM, DNF):

Tyres: Option-Standard-Standard

“The race was pretty good and I was running a strong second. After my second stop I had a gearbox failure and I could not shift up or down, as I was stuck in third. I tried to stop the car on the track hoping to get a gear again, but it was impossible. It is disappointing to be running second and then have to stop with a mechanical failure. I ran ten races last year without any mechanical failures and this was the first one. It is a shame to give away 18 points as I certainly felt this was possible.”

Facts and figures Brands Hatch:

Circuit / Date	Brands Hatch Circuit, 19 th May 2013
Lap / Distance	98 laps, 1.929 km
2013 Pole position	Mike Rockenfeller (DE), 41.193 seconds
2013 Winner	Mike Rockenfeller (DE)

Driver	SPE	WER	FAR	HAN	TOM	PRI	WIT	GLO
Country	CA	DE	BR	US	DE	GB	DE	DE
Car number	1	2	7	8	15	16	21	22
Team	BMW Team Schnitzer	BMW Team Schnitzer	BMW Team RBM	BMW Team RBM	BMW Team RMG	BMW Team RMG	BMW Team MTEK	BMW Team MTEK
Free practice	4th	11th	6th	7th	8th	13th	1st	19th
Qualifying	4th	14th	2nd	3rd	-	7th	6th	10th
Race	2nd	12th	-	5th	14th	19th	4th	13th
2013 points	28	18	25	16	-	-	14	-
Current position	2nd	6th	3rd	7th	-	-	9th	-

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Standings after 2 of 10 races.

Drivers' standings.

1. Mike Rockenfeller (29 points), 2. Bruno Spengler (28 points), 3. Augusto Farfus (25 points), 4. Gary Paffett (20 points), 5. Christian Vietoris (19), 6. Dirk Werner (18), 7. Joey Hand (16), 8. Robert Wickens (15), 9. Marco Wittmann (14), 10. Timo Scheider (10).

Team standings.

1. BMW Team Schnitzer (46 points), 2. BMW Team RBM (41), 3. STIHL / AMG Mercedes (34), 4. Audi Sport Team Phoenix (29), 5. Euronics / Thomas Sabo Mercedes AMG (21), 6. BMW Team MTEK (14), 7. Audi Sport Team Abt (10), Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline (6), stern / AMG Mercedes (1).

Manufacturer standings.

1. BMW (101 points), 2. Mercedes-Benz (56), 3. Audi (45).

2013 calendar:

5th May – Hockenheim (DE), **19th May – Brands Hatch (GB)**, 2nd June – Spielberg (AT), 16th June – Lausitzring (DE), 14th July – Norisring (DE), 4th August – Moscow (RU), 18th August – Nürburgring (DE), 15th September – Oschersleben (DE), 29th September – Zandvoort (NL), 20th October – Hockenheim (DE).

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