



DTM
Race 5, Norisring (DE), Race

Reactions to the fifth race of the DTM season at the Norisring.

Nürnberg (DE), 14th July 2013. Four BMW drivers in the top ten: BMW Motorsport was able to add to its points tally as the 2013 DTM season reached its halfway point. Despite this, the drivers and management were not entirely happy at the end of a tough race at the Norisring (DE). Read here what BMW Motorsport Director Jens Marquardt, the team principals and the eight drivers had to say after the fifth round of the season.

Jens Marquardt (BMW Motorsport Director):

"We managed to land four cars in the top ten, but cannot be happy with what was a tough race for us. The two safety car periods had a significant influence and opened up certain strategic options. Our approach was not to take too many risks in terms of the race strategy. However, this did not pay off in today's conditions. Bruno, in sixth, still managed to score more valuable points, and another three BMW M3 DTMs finished in the top ten. The overall standings still do not look bad. Congratulations to Audi and Mattias Ekström on their deserved victory."

Charly Lamm (Team Principal, BMW Team Schnitzer):

"You obviously want to be up there with the front-runners when you start the race from the front row. However, the safety car periods meant Bruno Spengler was not able to make full use of the option tyre. You never get back the time you lose during this period. Dirk Werner narrowly missed out on the points. He was also lacking that little bit of luck required to finish higher up the field today."

Stefan Reinhold (Team Principal, BMW Team RMG):

"Firstly, I am pleased for the entire team that we have finally scored our first points of the year. Thank you to everyone. Hopefully that has broken the spell. Unfortunately it was only two points. Martin Tomczyk had another disappointing race. He was pushed into the wall by a rival. At that point, he was already lapping in the top ten. Andy Priaulx did a great job this weekend. The safety car periods had a massive effect on our strategy. The performance was better today than the result may suggest."

Bart Mampaey (Team Principal, BMW Team RBM):

"The race was an interesting one – and also very difficult, thanks to the safety car periods. Joey Hand started on the prime tyre and then switched to the option during the safety car period. That worked out well, and then he pulled off a few nice overtaking manoeuvres. At the end, we made the switch back to the prime tyres at exactly the right time. Augusto Farfus made a good start to the race, but

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then the strategy did not come off. We simply have to concentrate on doing better in qualifying in the future. Then we should be able to pick up more points again.”

Ernest Knoors (Team Principal, BMW Team MTEK):

“First and foremost, I am very happy everyone got out of this race with no incidents. The pit lane here at the Norisring is really extremely narrow. It gets even narrower when lots of cars all come into the pits at the same time during a safety car period. We did not have any luck today, but we are obviously pleased Marco Wittmann still managed to pick up a point.”

Bruno Spengler (car number 1, BMW Team Schnitzer, 6th):

Tyres: Option-Standard-Option

“Sixth is disappointing for me. When you start from second on the grid, you obviously want to be in contention to win the race. Qualifying was very good, and we actually had good pace during the race too. The pit stops were also good. We were just unlucky with the strategy today. Neither of the two safety car periods played into our hands. I am still up there near the top of the Drivers’ Championship. That is important. However, I had hoped for more on my favourite circuit.”

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

Tyres: Standard-Option-Standard

“Yesterday after qualifying I felt the car was better than the results showed, and it was as we had better pace today. The boys did a great job to make sure I had a better balanced race car. It seems when we put the option tyres on this is always good for me. That was obviously our strong stint, as we put a lot of emphasis on that tyre and ran as long as we could. We had two really good pit stops and everything came together. I feel good, because I executed everything properly – perhaps for the first time. I think we made the most out of our day.”

Andy Priaux (car number 16, BMW Team RMG, 9th):

Tyres: Option-Standard- Option

“It has been a brilliant weekend and we had a really solid pace. Qualifying was good and now I have a car I am really happy with, so that is all positive. I think what happened in the race was out of my control with the safety car periods, and no one really understood why at times it was called. Sadly it just damaged our strategy, but I am happy with the overall performance.”

Marco Wittmann (car number 21, BMW Team MTEK, 10th):

Tyres: Option-Standard- Option

“That was an exciting race. Even the start was dramatic, and there was contact in the first corner. I don’t know exactly how much that affected the balance of my

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car. At times it was difficult to keep a clear head. I had a few great battles. Ultimately, we can be happy with the point, although I had obviously set my sights on more from my home race.”

Dirk Werner (car number 2, BMW Team Schnitzer, 11th):

Tyres: Standard-Option-Standard

“I am disappointed, as 11th is always a thankless position. I lost a lot of time during the second safety car period. Christian Vietoris was allowed through in front of me, but I was not. That rather ruined my race. I will be aiming to get back in the points again at the next race in Moscow.”

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

Tyres: Standard-Option-Standard

“Seldom have I experienced a race like that, in which it is so difficult to keep a clear overview of what is going on. It was verging on chaotic, especially in the middle of the field. I can imagine that it was not so easy for the fans to keep up with the action.”

Augusto Farfus (car number 7, BMW Team RBM, 16th):

Tyres: Option-Standard-Option

“It was a horrible race for me and I don't have a lot to say. The car was just not quick, but I pushed quite hard. We had a bad qualifying and a worse race. I just want to turn the page and try to understand what is going on.”

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

Tyres: Option

“Unfortunately my Sunday was over before it really began. Another zero points and a bad weekend for myself and my crew. At least my team-mate Andy was able to gain some points, so we must now remain focused for the coming races.”

Facts and figures Norisring:

Circuit / date	Norisring, 14 th July 2013
Laps / distance	83 laps, 2.3 km
2013 pole position	Robert Wickens (CA), 48.384 seconds
2013 winner	Mattias Ekström (SE)
2013 fastest lap	Christian Vietoris (DE), 48.572 seconds

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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	1 st	20 th	12 th	11 th	10 th	9 th	15 th	17 th
Qualifying	2 nd	20 th	15 th	18 th	17 th	6 th	12 th	16 th
Race	6 th	11 th	16 th	8 th	-	9 th	10 th	13 th
2013 points	67	22	33	20	0	2	33	15
Current position	2 nd	9 th	7 th	11 th	-	18 th	8 th	12 th

Standings after 5 out of 10 races.

Drivers' standings.

1. Mike Rockenfeller (69 points), 2. Bruno Spengler (67), 3. Christian Vietoris (55), 4. Gary Paffett (47), 5. Mattias Ekström (45), 6. Robert Wickens (45), 7. Augusto Farfus (33), 8. Marco Wittmann (33), 9. Dirk Werner (22), 10. Daniel Juncadella (20), 11. Joey Hand (20), 12. Timo Glock (15), 13. Jamie Green (10), 14. Timo Scheider (10), 15. Roberto Merhi (8), 16. Edoardo Mortara (2), 17. Andy Priaulx (2), 18. Pascal Wehrlein (2).

Team standings.

1. STIHL / AMG Mercedes (100 points), 2. BMW Team Schnitzer (89), 3. Audi Sport Team Phoenix (69), 4. Euronics / Thomas Sabo Mercedes AMG (55), 5. Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline (55), 6. BMW Team RBM (53), 7. BMW Team MTEK (48), 8. Stern / AMG Mercedes (22), 9. Audi Sport Team Abt (10), 10. Audi Sport Team Rosberg (2), 11. BMW Team RMG (2).

Manufacturers' standings.

1. BMW (192 points), 2. Mercedes-Benz (177), 3. Audi (136).

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).

About the DTM.

The German Touring Car Masters – DTM for short – is the most popular touring car series in the world. Last season, over 650,000 spectators flocked to renowned racetracks in Germany and around Europe to watch the ten races live. The series pits the three premium automobile manufacturers BMW, Audi and Mercedes-Benz against each other in a sporting contest. BMW fielded its first works teams from 1984 to 1992, during which

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time it claimed 49 race victories and won the Drivers' Championship on three occasions (1984, 1987 and 1989). In 2012, the manufacturer returned to the DTM with the BMW M3 DTM, three teams and six drivers. BMW promptly won five races and topped the driver, team and manufacturer standings at the end of the season.

The 2013 DTM calendar once again consists of ten races. The schedule includes four trips abroad, to Brands Hatch (GB), Spielberg (AT), Moscow (RU) and Zandvoort (NL). The season traditionally ends in Hockenheim (DE) on 20th October. This season sees BMW line up with an even stronger contingent of four teams and eight drivers. The car charged with defending the team's hat-trick of titles is once again the BMW M3 DTM. TV station ARD is broadcasting each qualifying (from 14:30) and every race (from 13:15) live. Tickets for all the DTM races are available here: <http://www.bmw-motorsport.com/en/fan-area/dtm-tickets.html>

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