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Race 7, Nürburgring (DE), Race

**Reactions to the seventh DTM round at the Nürburgring.**

Nürburgring (DE), 18<sup>th</sup> August 2013. Augusto Farfus (BR) finished runner-up in a turbulent, rain-dominated race at the Nürburgring (DE). Martin Tomczyk (DE) came home fifth to score his first points of the season. Bruno Spengler (CA) was hit by a rival car for the second race in succession and left empty-handed, finishing 14<sup>th</sup>. Read here what BMW Motorsport Director Jens Marquardt, the four team principals and the eight BMW DTM drivers had to say after the race at the Nürburgring.

**Jens Marquardt (BMW Motorsport Director):**

"That was a dramatic and unbelievably intense race. I definitely have a few more grey hairs now. The way this race panned out, it was not easy to hold your ground at the front of the field. Therefore, I am very happy with the second place achieved by Augusto Farfus, who produced a great display in these very tricky conditions. I am particularly pleased with Martin Tomczyk's sensational race. Given the difficult outings endured recently, this was a huge relief to him and the entire team. Marco Wittmann also produced a great comeback after his early setback. It was a very frustrating race for Bruno Spengler, who was hit hard on several occasions. His car was so badly damaged that he could not do much to defend himself towards the end of the race. Even great pit stops could not help him. The bottom line, however, is that we are happy with our weekend's work at the Nürburgring. We were able to score some valuable points towards the Manufacturers' Championship. And the Drivers' Championship is still not a lost cause, even though the situation in the overall standings did not improve this weekend. We will do everything in our power at the remaining three races to ensure we are still in a good position going into the finale. Congratulations to Mercedes and Robert Wickens on their win."

**Bart Mampaey (Team Principal, BMW Team RBM):**

"It is fantastic to be on the podium with Augusto Farfus again here at the Nürburgring. The conditions were far from easy, but he still got off to a good start. This was very important. Our strategy was right and the timing of our stops was good. Augusto fully deserved his second place, even though he was blocked by other drivers at times. We are yet to take a close look at what happened to Joey Hand in turn one. The fact is, however, he found himself stuck in the gravel and unfortunately had to retire early on. Despite this, we can be very satisfied with our performance at the Nürburgring."

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**Stefan Reinhold (Team Principal, BMW Team RMG):**

"The Nürburgring seems to bring us luck. This is probably the happiest I have ever been with a fifth place. The curse has finally been broken and Martin Tomczyk has finished in the points again after a real barren streak. He produced a very impressive race, and our team was rewarded for its fighting spirit. Although Andy Priaux did not fare so well in today's rain-dominated race, we will take a lot of confidence from our home event."

**Ernest Knoors (Team Principal, BMW Team MTEK):**

"We picked up some points with Marco Wittmann, but all in all we lost out today. Our pace was really good this weekend, so we should really have been up there competing for the top positions. However, that was not to be. Marco made a mistake, which cost him some time, but then fought back brilliantly. Timo Glock was spun round by an opponent. After that we took a big risk with his strategy, which unfortunately did not pay off."

**Charly Lamm (Team Principal, BMW Team Schnitzer):**

"The infamous Eifel weather once again produced an exciting and eventful race. We are obviously bitterly disappointed with the result. Bruno Spengler's car was badly damaged as early as lap one. He was complaining it was very difficult to drive, particularly in right-handers. At first he was able to mix it with the front-runners, but then dropped back when the track dried out. That is obviously a shame, as we really wanted to leave here with some points. The race did not go at all to plan for Dirk Werner either. However, our pit crew does deserve particular praise: we completed the two fastest pit stops of the race. We will now move on quickly from this weekend and push hard again in Oschersleben."

**Augusto Farfus (car number 7, BMW Team RBM, 2<sup>nd</sup>):**

**Tyres: Option-Wet-Option**

"I am very happy with second place, but would like to congratulate Robert Wickens on his maiden win. It was very difficult today, as I was not quite as quick as expected in the wet conditions. That cost me track position and, ultimately, the victory. All in all, we have to say second place in those conditions is a very good result. Trying to make the right strategic decisions was a bit of a lottery. We now have a break, which will give us time to analyse the past few races and return at full strength in Oschersleben."

**Martin Tomczyk (car number 15, BMW Team RMG, 5<sup>th</sup>):**

**Tyres: Option-Wet-Option**

"I am obviously pleased to have finally scored my first points of the season. It is particularly nice for it to have happened at BMW Team RMG's home race. The first lap alone was awesome. I was able to move up to ninth place. It was great fun driving in the rain. The car was really quick in the wet conditions. When the

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track then started to dry out, I was not entirely able to match the pace of the others and eventually crossed the finish line fifth. When you consider I started the race from 20<sup>th</sup> on the grid, I am very happy with that result.”

**Marco Wittmann (car number 21, BMW Team MTEK, 7<sup>th</sup>):**

**Tyres: Option-Wet-Option**

“I had the pace to do better than that, but unfortunately we came into the pits one lap too late. I was not able to control the car on a surface that was getting wetter by the minute, and skidded off the track. Without that one unfortunate lap, I could have been in contention for the win.”

**Bruno Spengler (car number 1, BMW Team Schnitzer, 14<sup>th</sup>):**

**Tyres: Option-Wet-Option**

“My car was badly damaged after the very first lap. I could still hold onto my place among the leaders in the rain, but was struggling as soon as the track started to dry out. That was obviously a set-back for us, but one thing is guaranteed: we will not give in. I will be back strong as a lion in Oschersleben.”

**Dirk Werner (car number 2, BMW Team Schnitzer, 15<sup>th</sup>):**

**Tyres: Standard-Wet-Wet-Option**

“I think there was more in today’s race for us than that. Because of this, I am very disappointed. It was very tricky in the rain at first, but my pace was then good on slicks. All in all, however, it was not a good weekend at all. We must now pick ourselves up in time for the next race.”

**Andy Priaux (car number 16, BMW Team RMG, 16<sup>th</sup>):**

**Tyres: Option-Wet-Option**

“I made a good start and had a good first lap, at the end of which I was up to twelfth. Then I just went backwards on the wet tyre. I had no grip at all for the whole race. It is disappointing.”

**Timo Glock (car number 22, BMW Team MTEK, 18<sup>th</sup>):**

**Tyres: Option-Wet-Option**

“That was one of the most disappointing races of my life. Having first been spun round, we then got our strategy completely wrong and switched to slicks far too early. That put paid to any hopes of finishing in the points. Congratulations to BMW and Augusto Farfus on the podium in these difficult conditions.”

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

**Tyres: Standard**

“That was the best start I have made since I started driving in the DTM. Unfortunately, however, it did not pay dividends. I was hit from behind and spun off into a gravel bed. That is very frustrating, as I had already made up three or four positions at that point.”

**Facts and figures Nürburgring:**

<b>Circuit / date</b>	Nürburgring, 18 <sup>th</sup> August 2013
<b>Laps / distance</b>	47 laps, 3.629 km
<b>2013 pole position</b>	Augusto Farfus (BR), 1:23.296 minutes
<b>2013 winner</b>	Robert Wickens (CA)
<b>2013 fastest lap</b>	Pascal Wehrlein (DE), 1:23.835 minutes

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	9 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>
Qualifying	10 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>
Race	14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	5 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>
2013 points	67	26	66	26	10	2	39	15
Current position	4 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>

**Standings after 7 out of 10 races.**

**Drivers' standings.**

1. Mike Rockenfeller (106 points), 2. Christian Vietoris (71), 3. Robert Wickens (70), 4. Bruno Spengler (67), 5. Augusto Farfus (66), 6. Gary Paffett (57), 7. Marco Wittmann (39), 8. Mattias Ekström (38), 9. Dirk Werner (26), 10. Joey Hand (26), 11. Adrien Tambay (20), 12. Daniel Juncadella (20), 13. Jamie Green (20), 14. Timo Glock (15), 15. Timo Scheider (12), 16. Martin Tomczyk (10), 17. Roberto Merhi (8), 18., Miguel Molina (4), 19. Pascal Wehrlein (3), 20. Edoardo Mortara (2), 21. Andy Priaulx (2).

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### Team standings.

1. STIHL / AMG Mercedes (141 points), 2. Audi Sport Team Phoenix (110), 3. BMW Team Schnitzer (93), 4. BMW Team RBM (92), 5. EURONICS / THOMAS SABO Mercedes AMG (65), 6. Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline (58), 7. BMW Team MTEK (54), 8. Audi Sport Team Abt (32), 9. stern / AMG Mercedes (23), 10. BMW Team RMG (12), 11. Audi Sport Team Rosberg (2).

### Manufacturers' standings.

1. BMW (251 points), 2. Mercedes-Benz (229), 3. Audi (202).

### 2013 calendar.

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