



DTM

Race 8, Oschersleben (DE), Qualifying

**Farfus starts from front row for BMW in Oschersleben – Spengler relegated five places from pole position.**

Oschersleben (DE), 14<sup>th</sup> September 2013. BMW Motorsport impressed during qualifying ahead of the eighth race of the DTM season in Oschersleben (DE). Augusto Farfus (BR) made it through to the fourth qualifying session for the sixth time this year and will start Sunday's race from second on the grid. The BMW Team RBM driver clocked a time of 1:20.442 minutes in Q4. Jamie Green (GB, Audi) inherited pole position.

The fastest time in qualifying was actually set by Bruno Spengler (CA). However, the reigning DTM champion was subsequently relegated five places after a mix-up with tyres on his BMW Bank M3 DTM in Q3. Therefore, he now starts from sixth. Dirk Werner (DE), his team-mate at BMW Team Schnitzer, produced a good display in the SAMSUNG BMW M3 DTM, setting the fifth fastest time and narrowly missing out on a top-four spot by just a few thousandths of a second on a "Motorsport Arena" track that was slippery after rain showers. Despite this, he still claimed his best qualifying result of the season so far and will start from fourth on the grid as a result of Spengler's penalty. Martin Tomczyk (DE) was the fourth BMW driver in the top ten, qualifying ninth at the wheel of the BMW M Performance Parts M3 DTM. However, the 2011 champion will start from eighth on the grid after another driver was relegated.

The two BMW Team MTEK drivers, Marco Wittmann (DE, Ice-Watch BMW M3 DTM) and Timo Glock (DE, DEUTSCHE POST BMW M3 DTM) were unfortunate. Their hopes of progressing into Q2 were dashed when it began to rain again in Q2. They eventually qualified 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Joey Hand (US, BMW M3 DTM) and Andy Priaulx (GB, Crowne Plaza Hotels BMW M3 DTM) will start Sunday's race from 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> on the grid. The race begins at 13:30hrs (CEST) on Sunday.

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

"That was another extremely exciting qualifying, under very difficult conditions at the start. This was the third time in a row we have had two cars in Q4. Bruno Spengler produced an absolutely flawless drive and set the fastest time in Q4. Unfortunately Bruno has been relegated five places due to a mix-up with tyres – although he gained no competitive advantage. That is obviously disappointing. Augusto Farfus was very impressive again, and will start from a very good position tomorrow. Dirk Werner also produced a great performance and only narrowly missed out on Q4. Martin Tomczyk followed the successful race at the

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Nürburgring with a good qualifying here. Unfortunately timing and the onset of rain did not help BMW Team MTEK. We are now looking forward to an exciting race tomorrow.”

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

“That was a fantastic qualifying. It was great fun trying to get a fast time in these challenging conditions. I was very quick in every session. In Q4 I was not quite able to match the pace of the others. However, second place is an excellent result. I can definitely push on from there.”

**Dirk Werner (car number 2, BMW Team Schnitzer, 4<sup>th</sup> on the grid):**

“That was my best qualifying of the year, so I am happy, although I would obviously have really liked to make it through to Q4. However, it was very close. There was nothing between the top five. I missed out by a fraction of a second, which is a shame because the car was really quick today. That said, I did not want to move into fourth place as a result of a penalty for my team-mate. Despite this, fourth is still a very good starting position, and one from which I will hopefully go on to score a lot of points.”

**Bruno Spengler (car number 1, BMW Team Schnitzer, 6<sup>th</sup> on the grid):**

“I am obviously very disappointed that we have been stripped of pole position. The team worked hard during the DTM break to make my car quicker – and that paid off. It was not easy to get pole in these difficult conditions. That makes it all the more disillusioning to have to give it up. However, a lot is still possible from sixth tomorrow.”

**Martin Tomczyk (car number 15, BMW Team RMG, 9<sup>th</sup> on the grid):**

“It is the second time this year I have made Q3. However, while it is okay when you see the qualifying sessions I have had in the past this year, overall we can't be happy with eighth as this is not where I want to be. It looks like we are making a small step up in DTM, but we will keep on fighting and see if we can get a bit higher up those stairs tomorrow.”

**Marco Wittmann (car number 21, BMW Team MTEK, 15<sup>th</sup> on the grid):**

“Unfortunately our timing was poor in Q2. But it's easy to be wise after the event. I did manage to clock the fastest time in the first qualifying session, so the pace was there. I am definitely a bit disappointed with 15<sup>th</sup> on the grid. It could certainly have been better today.”

**Timo Glock (car number 22, BMW Team MTEK, 16<sup>th</sup> on the grid):**

“Things didn't quite go our way in qualifying today. We did not have the necessary luck on our side. In these conditions, you cannot plan 100 per cent. I came out relatively early on in Q2, but then had problems getting my tyres up to

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the right temperature. For this reason, I decided to do a second warm-up lap. Then it started to rain, and that was the end of any chance to clock a good time.”

### Joey Hand (car number 8, BMW Team RBM, 18<sup>th</sup> on the grid):

“Free practice was tough and we really struggled with the balance of the car. Between the sessions the guys really pushed to get the car’s balance better for me in the high-speed corners, and did a good job. In the first session of qualifying it was really mixed conditions, but I could tell my car was much better than in free practice. Sadly we just got the timing wrong. I came out behind Andy, who was also trying to get a lap in. I had to back off and I missed my final lap by about a second.”

### Andy Priaulx (car number 16, BMW Team RMG, 19<sup>th</sup> on the grid):

“I am very disappointed as today my car felt really good. I ran into traffic on my best lap in the third sector and then we ran a little bit too early on the second set of new tyres. It is tough when you have a car that has a great set-up and then don’t make it to Q2. I am now looking forward and not back, as I know this track, have had some great performances here in the past, and I know I have a good car for the race.”

### Facts and figures from Oschersleben:

<b>Circuit / date</b>	Motorsport Arena Oschersleben, 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2013
<b>Lap / distance</b>	51 laps, 3.696 km
<b>2013 pole position</b>	Jamie Green (GB), 1:20.263 minutes
<b>2012 winner</b>	Bruno Spengler (CA)
<b>2012 fastest lap</b>	Roberto Merhi (ES), 1:22.752 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	11th	2nd	17th	19th	12th	15th	14th	13th
Qualifying	6th	4th	2nd	18th	8 <sup>th</sup>	19th	15th	16th
Race	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2013 points	67	26	66	26	10	2	39	15
Current position	4th	9th	5th	10th	16th	21st	7th	14th

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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).

### 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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