



DTM
Race 3, Budapest (HU), Reactions

Reactions to the third DTM race in Budapest.

Budapest (HU), 1st June 2014. Marco Wittmann (DE) claimed his second win of the year at the third DTM race of the season at the Hungaroring (HU). He dominated the race from start to finish to triumph at the wheel of the Ice-Watch BMW M4 DTM. Bruno Spengler (CA) produced a magnificent comeback in the BMW Bank M4 DTM to cross the line in third place. Maxime Martin (BE) and António Félix da Costa (PT) scored their first points in the DTM. Read here what BMW Motorsport Director Jens Marquardt, the team principals and the eight drivers had to say after the third race of the season.

Jens Marquardt (BMW Motorsport Director):

“That was a very intense race against a great backdrop, in which Marco Wittmann once again put on an absolutely outstanding display. He dominated the race right from the start and stayed clear of trouble at all times. Marco is incredibly strong this season and it is a joy to watch him from the pit wall. His second win of the season in only the third race, and the lead in the Drivers’ Championship – long may this continue. Behind him it was very exciting right to the end, particularly in the battle for third place, due to the different tyre strategies. In the end the strategy employed by Bruno Spengler, who produced some great overtaking manoeuvres at the end of the race, and Maxime Martin paid off. Unfortunately the same cannot be said of António Félix da Costa and Timo Glock. Despite this, congratulations to both our rookies on their first points in the DTM. Four cars in the top ten meant we scored some important points in the Manufacturers’ Championship. It was a great weekend, and we felt right at home here in Hungary.”

Stefan Reinhold (Team Principal, BMW Team RMG):

“Two wins in three races: that is hard to believe, but feels fantastic. After Oschersleben, our goal for Budapest was to do another top-class job – and we did just that. Both drivers performed superbly and the guys in the garage did a great job. Marco Wittmann was fantastic again today. His level of performance is very impressive. I am also delighted for Maxime Martin, who finished sixth to score his first points. Today’s result is obviously also excellent for BMW, and we are just very happy. Thank you to BMW for the fantastic cooperation.”

Charly Lamm (Team Principal, BMW Team Schnitzer):

“Firstly, congratulations to Marco Wittmann and BMW Team RMG on their win. But we also have reason to be happy today – with Bruno Spengler, at least. Bruno had a very good race. The strategy was right and, after a good start, he

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was the fastest man in the field on prime tyres. In the second part of the race, Bruno was simply sensational on the option tyres. Our first podium of the year feels great. Unfortunately we did not manage to provide Martin Tomczyk with a car with which he could challenge the front of the field. That is a shame, as I am certain he too could have had a good result."

Ernest Knoors (Team Principal, BMW Team MTEK):

"It is obviously good news that António Félix da Costa scored his first points in the DTM. However, it was obviously not the result we had hoped for. Both drivers did their very best and fought hard during the race. In my opinion there were a few questionable situations. When it comes down to it, however, we must try to convert our pace into even better results in the race. Congratulations to BMW Team RMG and Marco Wittmann."

Bart Mampaey (Team Principal, BMW Team RBM):

"Our race was actually over before it really got going. Both cars had heavy contact after the start. Augusto Farfus' car developed a technical problem very early on. We will have to take a very close look to determine whether or not it was connected with the contact at the start. Joey Hand dropped back at the start and then had a fairly uneventful race. He made progress on the option tyres, but dropped back again on the primes. All in all, it has been a disappointing weekend for us. However, it has definitely been worth returning to Budapest for BMW in general. Congratulations to Marco Wittmann."

Marco Wittmann (car number 23, BMW Team RMG, 1st):

Tyres: Option-Prime

"I am proud to have followed pole position with a win on the return of the DTM to the Hungaroring. The key was winning the start. After that I was able to open up a lead and pull clear of the DRS window. The pit stop was also flawless. The guys at BMW Team RMG did a fantastic job. After that, I just had to remain focussed and avoid making any mistakes. On the primes I was able to maintain my lead over the second-placed car – and then to cross the finish line as the winner. That is a fantastic feeling."

Bruno Spengler (car number 9, BMW Team Schnitzer, 3rd):

Tyres: Prime-Option

"It is an awesome feeling to finally be back on the podium. It was great fun ploughing through the field on the option tyres today. The tyres were consistently good, meaning I was able to push hard even at the end of the race, and was able to make up positions on a circuit on which it is difficult to overtake. I gained a lot of places at the start. After the misfortune we suffered in Oschersleben, everything worked perfectly this time. I am particularly pleased for BMW Team Schnitzer. We have been rewarded for our hard work. The guys did a great job."

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Maxime Martin (car number 24, BMW Team RMG, 6th):

Tyres: Prime-Option

“It is not too easy to start with the primes, as they were all passing and you lose quite a lot of time. At the end we were coming back, but were still quite far from the front. These are my first points. I am happy, my job is done for the weekend.”

António Félix da Costa (car number 18, BMW Team MTEK, 8th):

Tyres: Option-Prime

“My car was really, really hard to drive in the first stint on the option tyres and I was just trying to lose as little time as I could. Then after the pit stop my car was actually quite good on prime tyres, but we were in a fight with Mortara. He was given a penalty and cost us time. Then, in the last corner of the final lap, Jamie Green just pushed me completely off the track. Despite this, I am happy with the points.”

Martin Tomczyk (car number 10, BMW Team Schnitzer, 13th):

Tyres: Option-Prime

“It was a difficult day. My car just did not have the performance. I was far too slow on both the option and prime tyres, and had no chance. You cannot fight with blunt weapons in such a fiercely-competitive series as the DTM.”

Joey Hand (car number 4, BMW Team RBM, 15th):

Tyres: Option-Prime

“It stemmed from a bad start, when I had massive wheelspin. I am not sure why, we shall have to look at it, but the start boxes were pretty dirty from the previous races. The car took a good deal of damage at the start from a hit on the right front. We had some suspension damage, and we definitely had some aero bits knocked off. The pace we had on options was very surprising, with the damage affecting the prime tyre more than the options.”

Timo Glock (car number 17, BMW Team MTEK, 19th):

Tyres: Option-Prime

“It was a disappointing race for me and the team. Unfortunately, after the pit stop, we lost our race behind Edoardo Mortara, who hit me twice and overtook me once by pushing me off the track. He had to give that position back to me. Then he immediately tried it again. I got my braking slightly wrong in turn two, he came down the inside, drove into the side of my car and forced me off the track. I ended up sat behind him, but could not get past. When everyone on the option tyres caught us up, all the Audis passed us with quite a lot of contact. I fought back, but it all went wrong on the final lap. I am pleased for Marco Wittmann, who claimed his second win. Bruno Spengler also fought back strongly to finish on the podium, so all in all it was a good result for BMW.”

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Augusto Farfus (car number 3, BMW Team RBM, 21st):

Tyres: Prime-Option

“From the start of the race we had technical problems, and that was that. We tried everything to see if it would work, but it just wasn't possible and nothing happened for us. It was a shame. It is frustrating when you get zero points.”

Facts and figures from Budapest:

Circuit / Date	Hungaroring, 1 st June 2014							
Laps / Distance	41 laps, 4.381 km							
2014 Pole Position	Marco Wittmann (DE), 1:36.518 minutes							
2014 Winner	Marco Wittmann, (DE, BMW)							
2014 Fastest Lap	Nico Müller (CH, Audi), 1:37.556 minutes							

Driver	FAR	HAN	SPE	TOM	GLO	DAC	WT	MAR
Country	BR	US	CA	DE	DE	PT	DE	BE
Number	3	4	9	10	17	18	23	24
Team	BMW Team RBM	BMW Team RBM	BMW Team Schnitzer	BMW Team Schnitzer	BMW Team MTEK	BMW Team MTEK	BMW Team RMG	BMW Team RMG
Free practice	5 th	16 th	7 th	17 th	3 rd	13 th	2 nd	13 th
Qualifying	6 th	14 th	9 th	18 th	2 nd	5 th	1 st	4 th
Race	21 st	15 th	3 rd	13 th	19 th	8 th	1 st	6 th
2014 points	14	1	23	8	10	4	50	8
Current position	9 th	18 th	7 th	13 th	11 th	16 th	1 st	12 th
Performance Weights	+2.5kg	+/-0kg	+/-0kg	+2.5kg	+/-0kg	-2.5kg	+/-0kg	-2.5kg

Standings after 3 of 10 races.

Drivers' standings.

1. Marco Wittmann (50 points), 2. Mike Rockenfeller (31), 3. Edoardo Mortara (27), 4. Miguel Molina (26), 5. Adrien Tambay (26), 6. Christian Vietoris (25), 7. Bruno Spengler (23), 8. Mattias Ekström (20), 9. Augusto Farfus (14), 10. Paul di Resta (12), 11. Timo Glock (10), 12. Maxime Martin (8), 13. Martin Tomczyk (8), 14. Timo Scheider (8), 15. Jamie Green (6), 16. António Félix da Costa (4), 17. Gary Paffett (4), 18. Joey Hand (1).

Team standings.

1. BMW Team RMG (58 points), 2. Audi Sport Team Abt (53), 3. Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline (46), 4. Audi Sport Team Phoenix (39), 5. Original-Teile Mercedes AMG (37), 6. BMW Team Schnitzer (31), 7. BMW Team RBM (15), 8. BMW Team MTEK (14), 9.

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Audi Sport Team Rosberg (6), 10. EURONICS / FREE MAN'S WORLD Mercedes AMG (4.).

Manufacturers' standings.

1. Audi (144 points), 2. BMW (118), Mercedes-Benz (41).

2014 calendar:

4th May – Hockenheim (DE), 18th May – Oschersleben (DE), 1st June – Budapest (HU), 29th June – Norisring (DE), 13th July – Moscow (RU), 3rd August – Spielberg (AT), 17th August – Nürburgring (DE), 14th September – Lausitzring (DE), 28th September – Guangzhou (CN), 19th 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 700,000 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. In 2013, BMW Motorsport managed to defend the Manufacturer's title with four teams and eight drivers. The 2014 DTM calendar once again consists of ten races. The schedule includes four trips abroad, to Budapest (HU), Spielberg (AT), Moscow (RU) and Guangzhou (CN). The season traditionally ends in Hockenheim (DE) on 19th October. TV station ARD is broadcasting each qualifying and every race 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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