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DTM Race 6, Spielberg (AT), Race

BMW claims top four positions for the first time in the DTM since 1992: Wittmann wins, ahead of Farfus, Glock and Tomczyk, to extend his lead.

Spielberg (AT), 3rd August 2014. After last year's one-two-three, the BMW DTM teams moved up another gear at the sixth round of the season at the Red Bull Ring (AT) to claim the top four positions for the first time since the manufacturer returned to the DTM in 2012. Marco Wittmann (DE), at the wheel of the Ice-Watch BMW M4 DTM, clinched his third win of the season at the 4.326kilometre circuit in Spielberg (AT). In doing so, he also extended his lead in the Drivers' Championship.

Now with 95 points to his name, Wittmann has pulled 39 points clear of Mattias Ekström (SE, Audi) in second place. Augusto Farfus (BR, Castrol EDGE BMW M4 DTM) and Timo Glock (DE, DEUTSCHE POST BMW M4 DTM) came home second and third after 47 laps of racing to join Wittmann on the podium. Martin Tomczyk (DE) finished fourth in the BMW M Performance Parts M4 DTM to complete the quadruple success for BMW. This was Tomczyk's best result since the race at the Nürburgring (DE) in 2012.

The last time BMW occupied all four top positions at the end of a DTM race was at the finale of the 1992 season at the Hockenheimring (DE). Back then BMW actually had drivers in the top places, in the form of Roberto Ravaglia (IT), Johnny Cecotto (VE), Joachim Winkelhock (DE), Franz Engstler (DE) and Emanuele Pirro (IT). BMW scored a total 71 points in Spielberg – more than at any other race since making its comeback in the touring car series in 2012.

Bruno Spengler (CA) started tenth on the slower standard tyres in the BMW Bank M4 DTM, and crossed the line in exactly the same position. Joey Hand (US, Crowne Plaza Hotels BMW M4 DTM) and Maxime Martin (BE, SAMSUNG BMW M4 DTM) were both given a drive-through penalty and went on to finish 12th and 14th. António Félix da Costa (PT) had to retire 11 laps into the race due to a technical problem on the Red Bull BMW M4 DTM. In total, 47,500 spectators followed the action at the iconic racetrack in the Styria region of Austria.

Jens Marquardt (BMW Motorsport Director):

"This is a historic success for us today - the first time we have occupied all of the top four positions since Hockenheim in 1992, and the best result since our return to the series. It was a sensational race from Marco Wittmann, Augusto Farfus, Timo Glock and Martin Tomczyk – one driver from each of the four teams in the BMW M4 DTM. Today we can guite literally talk about 'Four in a Row'. A huge compliment goes to the entire team, who produced an absolutely top-class

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performance. The race was very intense and close at the front, particularly just after the start. After Marco fell back through the field a bit at the start, he did a great job of working his way back into the race. It then all calmed down at the front of the field towards the end of the race. Today is a fantastic day for us – and we are particularly delighted to have achieved this result against such a great backdrop and in front of so many spectators. We will celebrate today, and tomorrow we will start to focus on the next race at the Nürburgring, where the situation with the performance weight means we are bound to face a real challenge."

Note to editors:

You will shortly receive a press release with further reactions from the four BMW team principals and eight drivers.

Facts and figures from Spielberg:

Circuit / Date	Red Bull Ring, 3 rd August 2014			
Laps / Distance	47 laps, 4.326km			
2014 Pole Position	Robert Wickens (CA), 1:25.175 minutes			
2014 Winner	Marco Wittmann (DE), BMW			
2014 Fastest Lap	Mike Rockenfeller (DE), 1:25.266 minutes			

Driver	FAR	HAN	SPE	TOM	GLO	DAC	WIT	MAR
Country	BR	US	CA	DE	DE	PT	DE	BE
Number	3	4	9	10	17	18	23	24
	BMW							
Team								
	RBM	RBM	Schnitzer	Schnitzer	MTEK	MTEK	RMG	RMG
Practice 1	10 th	20 th	16 th	14 th	19 th	6 th	9 th	1 st
Practice 2	1 st	21 st	10 th	6 th	9 th	7 th	13 th	20 th
Qualifying	4 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	2 nd	13 th	3 rd	8 th
Race	2 nd	12 th	10 th	4 th	3 rd	DNF	1 st	14 th
2014 points	33	7	42	20	33	4	95	33
Current position	9 th	19 th	3 rd	14 th	10 th	20 th	1 st	7 th
Weights	+5kg	+2.5kg	+5kg	+2.5kg	+2.5kg	+/-0kg	+7.5kg	+2.5kg

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DTM standings after 6 of 10 races.

Drivers' Championship.

1. Marco Wittmann (95 points), 2. Mattias Ekström (56), 3. Bruno Spengler (42), 4. Edoardo Mortara (41), 5. Adrien Tambay (36), 6. Mike Rockenfeller (35), 7. Maxime Martin (33), 8. Christian Vietoris (33), 9. Augusto Farfus (33), 10. Timo Glock (33), 11. Jamie Green (28), 12. Miguel Molina (26), 13. Robert Wickens (25), 14. Martin Tomczyk (20), 15. Timo Scheider (19), 16. Pascal Wehrlein (14), 17. Paul di Resta (12), 18. Nico Müller (10), 19. Joey Hand (7), 20. António Félix da Costa (4), 21. Gary Paffett (4).

Team Championship.

1. BMW Team RMG (128 points), 2. Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline (82), 3. Audi Sport Team Abt (77), 4. BMW Team Schnitzer (62), 5. Audi Sport Team Phoenix (54), 6. Original-Teile Mercedes AMG (45), 7. BMW Team RBM (40), 8. Audi Sport Team Rosberg (38), 9. BMW Team MTEK (37), 10. EURONICS / FREE MAN'S WORLD Mercedes AMG (29), 11. gooix Mercedes AMG (14).

Manufacturers' Championship.

1. BMW (267 points), 2. Audi (251), Mercedes-Benz (88).

2014 calendar.

 4^{th} May – Hockenheim (DE), 18^{th} May – Oschersleben (DE), 1^{st} June – Budapest (HU), 29^{th} June – Norisring (DE), 13^{th} July – Moscow (RU), 3^{rd} August – Spielberg (AT), 17^{th} August - Nürburgring (DE), 14th September - Lausitzring (DE), 28th September -Zandvoort (NL), 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 Zandvoort (NL). 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















