



DTM
Race 9, Zandvoort (NL), Reactions

Reactions to the ninth DTM race at Zandvoort.

Zandvoort (NL), 28th September 2014. DTM champion Marco Wittmann (DE) and Martin Tomczyk (DE) finished second and third to take their places on the podium after the penultimate race of the season in Zandvoort (NL). Wittmann's second place and sixth for Maxime Martin (BE) were sufficient to seal the Team title for BMW Team RMG with one race still to come. Martin also secured the title of 'Rookie of the Year'. Read here what BMW Motorsport Director Jens Marquardt, the team principals and the eight drivers had to say after the ninth race of the season.

Jens Marquardt (BMW Motorsport Director):

"That was an extremely eventful race. The many safety car periods made it difficult to keep track of what was going on at times. We were constantly having to change our strategy, and the last few laps came down to a sprint. We are obviously happy to have two drivers on the podium. Marco Wittmann and Martin Tomczyk produced great performances and kept cool heads at all times. I am particularly pleased for Martin. He earned his reward for all his hard work today. At the same time, he confirmed the continuous improvement in his performances in recent races, and ended his long wait for a podium. Maxime Martin also had a great race and has already earned the title of 'Rookie of the Year'. We are also delighted for BMW Team RMG, who won the Team competition today with one race to go. Congratulations to Mattias Ekström and Audi on their win."

Stefan Reinhold (Team Principal, BMW Team RMG):

"After the race at the Lausitzring, today was another of this season's highlights. We are all overjoyed. This is the reward for all the hard work of the last few weeks, months and years. We also showed that we can land both cars near the front of the field. Marco Wittmann has obviously been outstanding this year. However, Maxime Martin has also performed very strongly as a rookie in 2014, and not only at his win in Moscow. He fought back very well today and also scored a superb result. We will now continue to push hard to ensure that BMW still leads the Manufacturers' Championship after the finale in Hockenheim."

Charly Lamm (Team Principal, BMW Team Schnitzer):

"This podium feels really good, especially after the recent races. It was an absolute joy to see Martin Tomczyk on the podium, and I am overjoyed for him and the entire team. Everyone worked very hard for that. It is also important, with regard to the Manufacturers' Championship, that we were able to support BMW with Martin's points. Furthermore, our crew also performed the fastest pit stop of

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the entire race on his car. Our guys can be proud of that. Luck was not on Bruno Spengler's side. He was on a very promising strategy, given the many safety car period. He was on course to finish in the points, but then came the incident with Jamie Green and the ensuing penalty. Congratulations to Stefan Reinhold and his team, who have now crowned a great season with the Team title."

Bart Mampaey (Team Principal, BMW Team RBM):

"We had a big crash with Augusto Farfus, and Joey Hand was also driving a damaged car. Our strategy worked really well for him. We switched from options to the harder prime tyres early on. However, you soon find yourself dropping back through this close field, in which DRS is used for overtaking, if your pace is no longer 100 per cent. Congratulations to BMW Team RMG on winning the Team title. They have had a sensational season."

Ernest Knoors (Team Principal, BMW Team MTEK):

"It has been a rather disappointing season for our team, as we always have a quick car and do a good job, but are lacking the necessary slice of luck in the races. Sure, we have also made mistakes, but we now need that little bit of luck to get the results that are actually possible. Congratulations to BMW Team RMG on winning the Team title. They have done a superb job, and you could see that everything works nicely when you are on a run. BMW now has a good chance to seal the Manufacturers' title in Hockenheim. We want to do our bit."

Marco Wittmann (car number 23, BMW Team RMG, 2nd):

Tyres: Option-Prime

"It was a crazy race with a lot of safety car periods. I got off to a great start and pulled ahead of Mike Rockenfeller. However, my option tyres degraded very quickly after that, and I was unable to maintain my pace. I then made a mistake braking into turn one, so Rocky was able to pass me again. After that my team did an awesome job and brought me into the pits early for the tyre change. That was absolutely the right decision. You obviously also need a bit of luck when there are that many safety car periods. We had that. I am proud that we are now also Team champions after winning the Drivers' Championship. That is the reward for the great job we've done this season. Congratulations to my teammate Maxime Martin on the 'Rookie of the Year' title. I am happy with second place in today's race. That is a great day. The Manufacturers' title is still up for grabs at the finale in Hockenheim. I am very motivated and want to end the year with a good result."

Martin Tomczyk (car number 10, BMW Team Schnitzer, 3rd):

Tyres: Option-Prime

"It is very satisfying to get back on the podium after such a long time. I have had some tough times. Today, I was finally able to prove that I can still make it onto

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the podium when everything comes together. Thank you to BMW and BMW Team Schnitzer for the support I have always had here. I am very happy to have turned things around here in Zandvoort, at one of my favourite circuits. It was a spectacular race, particularly for the spectators. The pace was good throughout the entire race. To finish third today is almost a form of redemption."

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

Tyres: Prime-Option

"That is a magnificent day for me and my team. The weekend did not exactly get off to a great start for us. We had a minor technical problem in qualifying. In contrast, we had a bit of luck on our side in today's race. However, you need that in motor racing. We scored important points and have been crowned Team champions with a race to spare. I am delighted for the guys at BMW Team RMG. After the two difficult years the team had behind it, I am very happy that they have finally been rewarded for their efforts. My team-mate Marco Wittmann is DTM champion. I won the 'Rookie of the Year' title today. I am proud to be recognised as the best newcomer in this fiercely-contested series. All that is missing now is the Manufacturers' title for BMW. We want to seal that in Hockenheim."

Joey Hand (car number 4, BMW Team RBM, 11th):

Tyres: Option-Prime

"It was a difficult day. Even at the start we did not have the right pace on the option tyres, and I found myself stuck in the pack. You are vulnerable when you are constantly having to defend, and that was the case with me today. I was hit relatively hard after the first safety car period, when I was still on the options. That caused damage to my car, and it was very difficult to drive after that. I was then just trying to stick with it, as you can never give up. Despite all the problems, I was still determined to finish – with all the retirements today, I could even have ended up in the points."

Timo Glock (car number 17, BMW Team MTEK, 13th):

Tyres: Option-Prime

"We actually had a good car this weekend, but we were completely lacking the luck we needed to convert our performance into a good result. I could not find first gear at the start of the installation lap. I had to let the entire field past. It was very eventful after that, but unfortunately we did not benefit from that either. Congratulations to BMW Team RMG on winning the Team title, but also to Martin Tomczyk on a strong race. He really deserves this success."

António Félix da Costa (car number 18, BMW Team MTEK, 14th):

Tyres: Option-Prime

"It was another character-building race. I have learned a lot for the future. Our pace was promising on the option tyres. I had the feeling that I was competitive

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and could catch the guys ahead of me. However, I had problems with the balance again when we switched to primes. We now have a bit of time before the season finale. Hopefully we can solve our problems and enjoy a successful final race of the season."

Bruno Spengler (car number 9, BMW Team Schnitzer, 17th):

Tyres: Prime-Option

"I didn't actually have a bad race – apart from my penalty after the collision with Jamie Green. I don't understand it. We have had similar situations in previous races, for which no penalties were handed out."

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

Tyres: Prime

"I was hit from behind by Daniel Juncadella. It was a really big impact, and I think he got his braking completely wrong. The incident was a shame and brought my race to an early end. I was lucky: when I saw the wall coming towards me I thought I was going to hit it head on. Fortunately, however, I hit it side on."

Facts and figures from Zandvoort:

Circuit / Date	Zandvoort, 28 th September 2014							
Laps / Distance	43 laps, 4.307 km							
2014 Pole Time	Mike Rockenfeller (DE), 1:30.713 minutes							
2014 Winner	Mattias Ekström (SE), Audi							
2014 Fastest Lap	Marco Wittmann (DE), 1:32.441 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
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
Practice 1	10 th	6 th	7 th	19 th	3 rd	20 th	1 st	12 th
Practice 2	17 th	22 nd	8 th	12 th	5 th	19 th	13 th	15 th
Qualifying	20 th	9 th	15 th	8 th	14 th	19 th	2 nd	17 th
Race	DNF	11 th	17 th	3 rd	13 th	14 th	2 nd	6 th
2014 points	39	7	42	43	33	4	146	47
Current position	11 th	20 th	9 th	8 th	14 th	21 st	1 st	6 th
Weights	+7.5kg	+2.5kg	+5kg	+7.5kg	+5 kg	+/-0kg	+7.5kg	+7.5kg

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DTM standings after 9 of 10 races.

Drivers' Championship.

1. Marco Wittmann (146 points), 2. Mattias Ekström (81), 3. Christian Vietoris (69), 4. Edoardo Mortara (68), 5. Mike Rockenfeller (54), 6. Maxime Martin (47), 7. Pascal Wehrlein (46), 8. Martin Tomczyk (43), 9. Bruno Spengler (42), 10. Robert Wickens (39), 11. Augusto Farfus (39), 12. Adrien Tambay (36), 13. Timo Scheider (35), 14. Timo Glock (33), 15. Miguel Molina (28), 16. Jamie Green (28), 17. Daniel Juncadella (26), 18. Paul di Resta (24), 19. Nico Müller (10), 20. Joey Hand (7), 21. António Félix da Costa (4), 22. Gary Paffett (4).

Team Championship.

1. BMW Team RMG (193 points), 2. Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline (109), 3. Audi Sport Team Abt (104), 4. Original-Teile Mercedes AMG (93), 5. Audi Sport Team Phoenix (89), 6. BMW Team Schnitzer (85), 7. gooix Mercedes AMG (46), 8. BMW Team RBM (46), 9. EURONICS / FREE MAN'S WORLD Mercedes AMG (43), 10. Audi Sport Team Rosberg (38), 11. BMW Team MTEK (37), 12. Petronas Mercedes AMG (26).

Manufacturers' Championship.

1. BMW (361 Punkte), 2. Audi (340), 3. Mercedes-Benz (208).

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 – 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>

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