



DTM – Races 5 & 6 – Norisring (DE) – Race 5 – Reactions

Reactions to the fifth race of the 2015 DTM season.

Norisring (DE), 27th June 2015. Four BMW drivers finished in the points in the fifth race of the 2015 DTM season. The fans enjoyed a great deal of action as the Norisring (DE) track, which was drying out, allowed for differing tyre strategies. Bruno Spengler (CA) crossed the finish line in fifth, making him the most successful BMW driver of the day.

Read here what BMW Motorsport Director Jens Marquardt and the eight BMW DTM drivers had to say after the race.

Jens Marquardt (BMW Motorsport Director): “The weather lottery we were expecting is what we got. We put in good performances and four of our cars finished in the top ten. By finishing fifth and sixth in changing conditions, Bruno Spengler and Martin Tomczyk in particular were outstanding – although they started the race on different tyres. Overall, our speed was okay on a drying track. We have improved since the opening races and can build on this. I want to congratulate Mercedes who, once again, were victorious here at the Norisring.”

Bruno Spengler (BMW Team MTEK, 5th place): “The track conditions were difficult to work out today. We, therefore, needed to choose the correct tyre strategy before the race. My engineer selected slicks, which was precisely the right choice as I came through the field well. A big thank you to my team and well done to everyone – you all did a great job. I’m very satisfied with how my race panned out, but I do know that we have a lot of work ahead of us. I’m pleased we were able to score points today.”

Martin Tomczyk (BMW Team Schnitzer, 6th place): “I’m more or less satisfied – although the safety car period did annoy me a little as it cost me a better result. Nevertheless, I think that starting the race on wet tyres was the correct strategy. My pace was good and I was driving quickly. It would have been good if we could have had just a few more laps.”

Augusto Farfus (BMW Team RBM, 8th place): “Choosing the correct tyres was difficult. My team made the right decision but we had a great deal of understeer in the race, and we weren’t able to show the performance we were capable of. It’s a shame because we showed a strong pace for the whole weekend and were faced with difficulties during the race. I had a problem in the closing stages and lost a few positions. We will use the time to take another proper look at the car and make some improvements ready for tomorrow.”

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Marco Wittmann (BMW Team RMG, 9th place): “Of course, we had to be more careful at the start because of the rain. The more the track dried out, the quicker I was able to drive. The different strategies today proved to be equally successful. I had hoped for a little bit more, but now we just have to see that tomorrow is better.”

António Félix da Costa (BMW Team Schnitzer, 12th place): “I had a lot of fun. The beginning was hard as I had slicks on a wet track, but we were able to keep up with the drivers ahead, and I was able to pull off a few good overtakes. Towards the end of the race, I had problems with my brakes again. We want to make a few set-up changes, so we are going to work hard ready for tomorrow.”

Timo Glock (BMW Team MTEK, 13th place): “Unfortunately, this was a hard race for us as we just didn’t have the speed to keep up with the best BMW drivers. After a few instances of contact, which damaged my car, I lost alignment at the front and I couldn’t rectify it.”

Tom Blomqvist (BMW Team RBM, DNF): “My start was alright. I was wedged in before turn one and had to swerve inwards. When I came back onto the track another car had spun and we touched, which caused damage to my car and ended my race. I’ll get a second chance tomorrow.”

Maxime Martin (BMW Team RMG, DNF): “I started on slicks, as some other drivers did. As far as I’m concerned, that was the right choice. I was in the middle of the pack and was trying to overtake Edoardo Mortara in his Audi, but we made contact. It wasn’t a hefty impact but my car was too heavily damaged. It’s a shame, as this is only my second retirement in the DTM series, but these things happen.”

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DTM standings.

Drivers’ Championship.

1. Jamie Green (81 points), 2. Mattias Ekström (58), 3. Edoardo Mortara (58), 4. Pascal Wehrlein (57), 5. Robert Wickens (32), 6. Gary Paffett (30), 7. Miguel Molina (27), 8. Mike Rockenfeller (21), 9. Martin Tomczyk (20), 10. Christian Vietoris (18), 11. Timo Scheider (16), 12. Maxime Martin (16), 13. Paul di Resta (15), 14. Marco Wittmann (14), 15. Bruno Spengler (12), 16. Nico Müller (10), 17. Daniel Juncadella (10), 18. Timo Glock (5), 19. Augusto Farfus (5).

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Team Championship.

1. Audi Sport Team Rosberg (91 points), 2. Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline (85), 3. gooix/Original-Teile Mercedes-AMG (75), 4. Audi Sport Team Abt (58), 5. SILBERPFEIL Energy Mercedes-AMG (47), 6. Audi Sport Team Phoenix (37), 7. EURONICS/BWT Mercedes-AMG (30), 8. BMW Team RMG (30), 9. BMW Team Schnitzer (20), 10. BMW Team MTEK (17), 11. PETRONAS Mercedes-AMG (10), 12. BMW Team RBM (5).

Manufacturers' Championship.

1. Audi (271 points), 2. Mercedes-Benz (162), 3. BMW (72).

Statistics for the BMW DTM drivers.

Driver	WIT	MAR	TOM	DAC	FAR	BLO	SPE	GLO
Nationality	DE	BE	DE	PT	BR	UK	CA	DE
Number	1	36	77	13	18	31	7	16
Age	25	29	33	23	31	21	31	33
DTM debut	2013	2014	2001	2014	2012	2015	2005	2013
Team	RMG	RMG	Schnitzer	Schnitzer	RBM	RBM	MTEK	MTEK
Races	25	25	146	15	35	5	108	25
Wins	4	1	7	-	4	-	14	1
Podiums	6	1	28	-	9	-	38	3
Poles	4	1	8	-	3	-	16	-
Fastest laps	5	-	8	-	1	-	14	-
Points	219	63	469	5	229	-	596	78

2015 race calendar.

1st-3rd May – Hockenheim (DE), 29th-31st May – Lausitzring (DE), **26th-28th June – Norisring (DE)**, 10th-12th July – Zandvoort (NL), 31st July-2nd August – Spielberg (AT), 28th-30th August – Moscow (RU), 11th-13th September – Oschersleben (DE), 25th-27th September – Nürburgring (DE), 16th-18th October – Hockenheim (DE).

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