



DTM – Races 11 & 12 – Moscow (RU) – Race 12 – Reactions

Reactions to the sixth race weekend of the 2015 DTM season.

Moscow (RU), 30th August 2015. BMW Motorsport enjoyed a successful DTM weekend in Moscow (RU) with three podium finishes and several other top-ten drives. In Saturday's race, Marco Wittmann (DE) and Bruno Spengler (CA) finished second and third in Saturday's race. Wittmann had started from pole position in the Ice-Watch BMW M4 DTM. Tom Blomqvist came home eighth to finish in the points for the second time in his rookie season.

On Sunday, Spengler was the best of the BMW drivers, coming home second to claim his best result of the DTM season so far. Maxime Martin (BE) and Wittmann finished fourth and seventh for BMW Team RMG.

Read here what BMW Motorsport Director Jens Marquardt and the eight BMW DTM drivers had to say after the sixth race weekend of the season in Moscow.

Jens Marquardt (BMW Motorsport Director): "We can be happy with our outing here in Moscow. After two podiums yesterday, Bruno Spengler finished a very impressive second today. Unfortunately he was not quite able to make it onto the very top step. Maxime Martin battled hard to finish fourth and score some good points. Marco Wittmann was our third car in the top ten, finishing seventh. This racetrack has been a happy stomping ground for us: since Moscow has been included in the race calendar, we have always finished on the podium here. After three race weekends in a row abroad, we are now looking forward to the final third of the season in Germany. Congratulations to Mike Rockenfeller and Audi."

Bruno Spengler (BMW Team MTEK, Sun.: 2nd place, Sat.: 3rd place): "After my third place yesterday, that was a fantastic result. Thank you very much to my team. The team was able to make even more significant improvements to the car, which allowed me to clock consistent lap times today. I am happy to have scored a lot of points in Russia, thanks to my two podium finishes. Unfortunately I was held up by Lucas Auer in the middle of the race – as were a few other drivers. Fortunately I was able to overtake him and then hang on to second place."

Maxime Martin (BMW Team RMG, Sun.: 4th place, Sat.: 18th place): "The race was great fun, but it was very tough. The Audis were very strong, particularly on the long run. Then we were blocked by Lucas Auer. But that's life. Fourth place is not a bad result and scores us a few points. I still like Moscow, although more on a Sunday than a Saturday."

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Marco Wittmann (BMW Team RMG, Sun.: 7th place, Sat.: 2nd place):

“Unfortunately I could do no better than seventh today. We didn’t get it together in qualifying and got stuck in traffic with the second set of tyres. Otherwise we could have been challenging for pole position. On Saturday I had a slow puncture towards the end of the race – otherwise we could have done even better than too. After the weekend in Spielberg, things went much better for us here in Moscow. Therefore, it was definitely worth the trip to Russia.”

Augusto Farfus (BMW Team RBM, Sun.: 11th place, Sat.: 15th place):

“Our pace was simply not good enough. We had problems yesterday and spent the entire weekend trying to find a good balance for the car. We were a bit better today, but unfortunately we were chasing the game from the start of the weekend. We were playing catch up, and could not improve enough. Hopefully it will be a different story in Oschersleben.”

Tom Blomqvist (BMW Team RBM, Sun.: 12th place, Sat.: 8th place): “It was a bit like yesterday. We were lacking pace in the race. Once you drop outside the DRS window it is really tough. We will have to analyse what happened and improve our race pace. At least we finished in the points yesterday, and our performances in qualifying were not so bad. We must now ensure we improve in the races.”

Timo Glock (BMW Team MTEK, Sun.: 17th place, Sat.: DNF): “It was a difficult race. The rear axle was very nervous from the first lap to the last. At times I felt like I was only driving sideways. It has not been a good weekend for us. We must now move on from Moscow and prepare for Oschersleben.”

António Félix da Costa (BMW Team Schnitzer, Sun.: 23rd place, Sat.: 11th place): “That was a race – or rather a weekend – to forget. Even on Saturday things did not go our way, but at least I was in the middle of the field. On Sunday we were never at the races, neither in qualifying or the race. We must now pull ourselves together and make sure we are ready for Oschersleben.”

Martin Tomczyk (BMW Team Schnitzer, Sun.: DNF, Sat.: 17th place): “For me, that was one of the most difficult DTM weekends of my career. We could not set any good times and had absolutely no chance. We must now find the reasons for this and adjust as quickly as possible. The trip to Moscow has been hugely disappointing for me.”

DTM standings.

Drivers’ Championship.

1. Mattias Ekström (126 points), 2. Pascal Wehrlein (120), 3. Edoardo Mortara (110), 4. Jamie Green (103), 5. Bruno Spengler (85), 6. Marco Wittmann (75), 7. Gary Paffett (75),

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8. Mike Rockenfeller (67), 9. Robert Wickens (57), 10. Christian Vietoris (56), 11. António Félix da Costa (44), 12. Maxime Martin (44), 13. Augusto Farfus (43), 14. Paul di Resta (40), 15. Miguel Molina (27), 16. Nico Müller (26), 17. Timo Glock (25), 18. Daniel Juncadella (24), 19. Martin Tomczyk (20), 20. Timo Scheider (16), 21. Lucas Auer (10), 22. Tom Blomqvist (10), 23. Maximilian Götz (6), 24. Adrien Tambay (3).

Team Championship.

1. gooix/Original-Teile Mercedes-AMG (176 points), 2. Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline (153), 3. Audi Sport Team Rosberg (129), 4. BMW Team RMG (119), 5. Audi Sport Team Abt (113), 6. BMW Team MTEK (110), 7. SILBERPFEIL Energy Mercedes-AMG (97), 8. EURONICS/BWT Mercedes-AMG (85), 9. Audi Sport Team Phoenix (83), 10. BMW Team Schnitzer (64), 11. BMW Team RBM (53), 12. PETRONAS Mercedes-AMG (30).

Manufacturers' Championship.

1. Audi (416 points), 2. Mercedes-Benz (388), 3. BMW (321).

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	32	22	154	22	42	12	115	32
Wins	5	1	7	1	4	-	14	1
Podiums	8	2	28	2	10	-	42	3
Poles	5	1	8	1	4	-	17	-
Fastest laps	5	-	8	1	1	-	14	1
Points	280	91	469	50	267	10	669	98

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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