



DTM – Races 7 & 8 – Norisring (DE) – Race 7

Wittmann finishes fourth to claim his best result at his home event at the Norisring – three more BMW M4 DTMs in the top ten.

Norisring (DE), 25th June 2016. Marco Wittmann (DE), at the wheel of the Red Bull BMW M4 DTM, finished fourth in Saturday's DTM race at the Norisring (DE). This represents the 2014 champion's best ever home result in the DTM. Wittmann drove a great race, fighting his way through the field from 13th on the grid. After 49 laps of racing, he crossed the finish line ahead of Bruno Spengler (CA), who came home fifth in the BMW Bank M4 DTM.

Maxime Martin (BE) also produced an excellent drive in the SAMSUNG BMW M4 DTM. He started down in 14th place, but made up eight positions over the course of the race to finish sixth. António Félix da Costa (PT, BMW M4 DTM) battled his way through from 21st place to ninth and was rewarded with two points for his efforts.

Augusto Farfus (BR, Shell BMW M4 DTM) finished just outside the points in eleventh place. Martin Tomczyk (DE) also came up just short of a points finish, having fought back from 23rd on the grid to finish 12th in the BMW M Performance Parts M4 DTM. Timo Glock (DE, DEUTSCHE POST BMW M4 DTM) and Tom Blomqvist (GB, Ice-Watch BMW M4 DTM) were 14th and 16th.

Reactions to the seventh race of the 2016 DTM season.

Jens Marquardt (BMW Motorsport Director): "The fans witnessed an extremely thrilling race – just like you are used to at the Norisring. It was a top result for us and the best that we were able to achieve. Naturally, we benefitted from an aggressive manoeuvre from the opposition. But with Bruno Spengler in fifth place, we only had one driver in a good starting position. The fact that we ended up with four cars in the top 10 is fantastic. Marco in particular delivered an excellent performance at his home event and pushed his way into fourth place after starting from 13th on the grid, but Bruno and Maxime both had great races right behind him. I am very pleased. Now we will undergo intensive preparations for tomorrow. It will be another fiercely contested race."

Marco Wittmann (BMW Team RMG, 4th place): "The best word I can think of to describe this result is 'mega'. I had a good start from P13, then it is always incredibly close on the first turn here. I went for the inside line, and I think that was the right choice. I was able to make up positions and then benefitted from the hotheads in front of me – you need to keep a cool head at the front. In terms of pace, we were very, very fast. From 13th to fourth place – that doesn't happen every day."

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Facts and Figures.

Circuit/length/duration:

Norising, 2.3 kilometres, 40 minutes plus 1 lap

Conditions:

Partly cloudy, 30 degrees Celsius

BMW Motorsport results:

#11 Marco Wittmann (DE), BMW Team RMG, Red Bull BMW M4 DTM – 4th place

#7 Bruno Spengler (CA), BMW Team MTEK, BMW Bank M4 DTM – 5th place

#36 Maxime Martin (BE), BMW Team RBM, SAMSUNG BMW M4 DTM – 6th place

#13 António Félix da Costa (PT), BMW Team Schnitzer, BMW M4 DTM – 9th place

#18 Augusto Farfus (BR), BMW Team MTEK, Shell BMW M4 DTM – 11th place

#100 Martin Tomczyk (DE), BMW Team Schnitzer, BMW M Performance Parts M4 DTM – 12th place

#16 Timo Glock (DE), BMW Team RMG, DEUTSCHE POST BMW M4 DTM – 14th place

#31 Tom Blomqvist (GB), BMW Team RBM, Ice-Watch BMW M4 DTM – 16th place

Useful information:

Marco Wittmann claimed the best result of his DTM career at his home event at the Norising. His previous best at the street circuit was a sixth place.

Wittmann made up nine places from 13th on the grid. António Félix da Costa climbed 12 positions, Martin Tomczyk eleven.

Wittmann is second in the DTM Drivers' Championship after his fourth place. Edoardo Mortara (IT, Audi) now leads the championship.

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Bruno Spengler celebrates an anniversary this weekend. It is exactly ten years since his first DTM victory, which came at the Norisring.

The safety car made an appearance following a crash involving Mattias Ekström (SE), Robert Wickens (CA) and Christian Vietoris (DE), who were battling for the lead at the time.

The second qualifying session begins at 10:50 on Sunday. Before that, the third practice session is scheduled for 09:00.

More information.

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About the DTM.

The DTM is the most popular touring car series in the world. 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). The manufacturer returned to the DTM in 2012, since when it has won seven of a possible twelve titles. 18 races, spread over nine weekends, are scheduled for 2016. ARD broadcasts all the races live. Tickets for all the DTM races are available here: <https://tickets.bmw-motorsport.com/index.html>

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