



Media Information

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DTM at Zandvoort: Four BMW drivers pick up points in Saturday's race by the North Sea.

- **Timo Glock, Marco Wittmann, Augusto Farfus and Joel Eriksson finish in the top-ten at the ninth race of the DTM season.**
- **Safety car period brings the field back together at the start of the second half of the race.**
- **Glock: "We need to try and improve by tomorrow."**

Zandvoort. In the ninth race of the 2018 DTM season at Zandvoort (NED), four BMW drivers picked up points. Timo Glock (GER, DEUTSCHE POST BMW M4 DTM), Marco Wittmann (GER, BMW Driving Experience M4 DTM), Augusto Farfus (BRA, Shell BMW M4 DTM) and Joel Eriksson (SWE, BMW M4 DTM) crossed the finish line in sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth places respectively after 34 laps. The win went to Mercedes' Gary Paffett (GBR). Bruno Spengler (CAN, BMW Bank M4 DTM) and Philipp Eng (AUT, SAMSUNG BMW M4 DTM) in 12th and 14th place missed out on the points.

Reactions to Saturday's race at Zandvoort:

Rudolf Dittrich (General Manager BMW Motorsport Vehicle Development):

"We got four cars in the top ten today which is a solid team performance. Augusto and Joel were able gain on their qualifying positions, which is not a given here at Zandvoort. Timo and Marco had to stop earlier than planned and unfortunately were unable to move up the field but they picked up valuable points in the battle for the championship. The safety car brought the field back together. Overall, Mercedes was stronger today. Congratulations on the win. Now we will try to close the gap for tomorrow."

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Stefan Reinhold (Team Principal, BMW Team RMG):

“We struggled in qualifying today but we are happy that we brought all three cars home in a row in the race top-ten. It goes without saying that we want to finish higher up the field. That is our goal for tomorrow.”

Marco Wittmann (#11 BMW Driving Experience M4 DTM, BMW Team RMG – qualifying result: 6th place, race result: 7th place, points: 98):

“It was a difficult race which was dominated by Mercedes. Despite the safety car period we were unable to attack the top spots. The four BMWs in the top-ten were all at a similar level but it is always a shame when you are unable to do better in the race.”

Augusto Farfus (#15 Shell BMW M4 DTM, BMW Team RMG – qualifying result: 10th place, race result: 8th place, points: 12):

“Eighth place was the maximum today. Together with Marco and Timo we delivered a solid team performance. Naturally a better grid position helps. That’s the goal for tomorrow – and then we’ll see how the second race goes.”

Timo Glock (#16 DEUTSCHE POST BMW M4 DTM, BMW Team RMR – qualifying result: 5th place, race result: 6th place, points: 100):

“The actual race wasn’t that difficult because I was able to drive in my rhythm. I made a mistake at the start when I didn’t bank on Robin Frijns overtaking me. I should have closed the door better. After that it was soon clear that the guys at the front pulled away. Then things were exciting again at the restart and in the first half of the lap after that. Mercedes is incredibly strong here and Audi also looked good. We need to try and improve by tomorrow.”

Bart Mampaey (Team Principal, BMW Team RBM):

“We had to make earlier stops than planned with two of our cars, while with Joel we were able to stay out longer. That paid off for him. He had comparatively fresher tyres at the end, so he was able to overtake Jamie Green. Now we need to see how we can improve for tomorrow.”



Philipp Eng (#25 SAMSUNG BMW M4 DTM, BMW Team RMR – qualifying result: 13th place, race result: 14th place, points: 53):

“This race has shown me once again that you need to finish further up the field in qualifying. I drove a good race with a few good manoeuvres so it’s disappointing to only cross the finish line in 14th place.”

Bruno Spengler (#7 BMW Bank M4 DTM, BMW Team RBM – qualifying result: 12th place, race result: 12th place, points: 43):

“Naturally, I am not satisfied with 12th position. The potential was there in qualifying but then we didn’t have the pace in the race. Now, we need to see what we can improve for tomorrow.”

Joel Eriksson (#47 BMW M4 DTM, BMW Team RBM – qualifying result: 15th place, race result: 9th place, points: 27):

“Normally you aren’t satisfied with ninth, but I’m very pleased with that result today. Finishing in the points after starting from 15th on the grid is great. It’s almost impossible to overtake here. The pit stop was also fantastic. That’s why I can be happy today.”

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