



Media Information

DTM

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## **Podium finish for BMW Motorsport as the DTM returns to Brands Hatch.**

- **Augusto Farfus claims second place in Saturday's race.**
- **A total of three BMW M4 DTMs make it into the top-ten.**
- **Timo Glock remains the best-placed BMW driver in the DTM standings, with 101 points.**

**Brands Hatch. BMW Motorsport has enjoyed an extremely successful day as the DTM made its comeback at Brands Hatch (GBR). Augusto Farfus (BRA) finished second in Saturday's race to reach the podium. Farfus also secured the 40<sup>th</sup> DTM podium finish for BMW Team RMG. This was also the first podium for the BMW works driver since the Sunday race at the 2016 season-opener at Hockenheim (GER). Victory in the first Brands Hatch race went to Daniel Juncadella (ESP, Mercedes).**

The DTM last paid Brands Hatch a visit in 2013. Three BMW drivers made it into the top-ten at this weekend's comeback. In addition to Farfus in second place, Philipp Eng (AUT, SAMSUNG BMW M4 DTM) and Marco Wittmann (GER, BMW Driving Experience M4 DTM) crossed the line in fifth and ninth positions. Eng had finished the qualifying session as best-placed BMW driver, in fourth place.

Timo Glock (GER, DEUTSCHE POST BMW M4 DTM) and Joel Eriksson (SWE, BMW M4 DTM) had to settle for 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> places. Bruno Spengler (CAN, BMW Bank M4 DTM) completed the race in 17<sup>th</sup> position.

### **Reactions after Saturday`s DTM race at Brands Hatch.**

#### **Rudolf Dittrich (General Manager BMW Motorsport Vehicle Development):**

“It's great to be back at the Brands Hatch circuit after five years away, and now we are on the longer, more challenging version of the track. The race was very entertaining for everyone, drivers and spectators alike. I am particularly pleased with Augusto Farfus securing second place and returning to the podium for the first time since 2016.

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Congratulations are also in order for BMW Team RMG on their 40<sup>th</sup> DTM podium. We managed to get three BMW M4 DTMs into the top-ten. That is something to be pleased about. However, we didn't manage to record improved positions for all the cars compared to the qualifying results. The weather may be different tomorrow and then it will be a whole new ball game. Congratulations to Daniel Juncadella and Mercedes on the win."

**Stefan Reinhold (Team Principal BMW Team RMG):**

"It is fantastic that we and Augusto made it back to the podium. We have been working towards that for the whole season. You can see that we are able to be competitive with all three drivers, however, we have to work on improving our consistency with all three. We will try and do just that tomorrow, and for the rest of the season. The championship remains wide open and anyone who knows us, knows that we always want to be involved in that battle."

**Marco Wittmann (#11 BMW Driving Experience M4 DTM, BMW Team RMG – qualifying result: 9<sup>th</sup> place, race result: 9<sup>th</sup> place, points: 100):**

"We stopped early, as planned. For some reason, we lost a lot of time through the pit stop window and the slow zone. I can't say right now what caused it - we still have to analyse that. Unfortunately, we weren't able to do much more after that but our pace today wasn't so bad and that gives me confidence for tomorrow."

**Augusto Farfus (#15 Shell BMW M4 DTM, BMW Team RMG – qualifying result: 5<sup>th</sup> place, race result: 2<sup>nd</sup> place, points: 40):**

"It feels good to finally reach the podium again. It's been a long time coming but it's finally happened. We had really good pace today. We had a fast car from the start and the team did a great job. I couldn't quite keep up with Mercedes' speed but we competed really well. I am delighted, especially for my team."

**Timo Glock (#16 DEUTSCHE POST BMW M4 DTM, BMW Team RMR – qualifying result: 7<sup>th</sup> place, race result: 13<sup>th</sup> place, points: 101):**

"From a strategic point of view, the slow zone was really unfortunate for us, as I was really expecting a safety car. We had very good pace, especially at the start of the race, but it tailed off as the race continued. I had to deal with some severe understeer. I can't explain what caused that. We have to analyse that for tomorrow."

**Bert Mampaey (Team Principal BMW Team RBM):**



"Brands Hatch has a lot of high-speed turns and is a really exciting circuit. We recorded a very good result with Philipp Eng. We have been working hard since this morning. Philipp did very well in qualifying and he is making progress with every session. P5 is really good. Qualifying was a bit difficult for Joel Eriksson after he briefly went off the track. We have to start all over again tomorrow. We will have to take a closer look at the setup for Bruno Spengler's car, as we really need to make some progress here."

**Bruno Spengler (#7 BMW Bank M4 DTM, BMW Team RBM – qualifying result: 18<sup>th</sup> place, race result: 17<sup>th</sup> place, points: 43):**

"We had a problem with the balance of the car this morning. That did not improve during the race. I hope that we can get better overnight and record an improved result tomorrow."

**Philipp Eng (#25 SAMSUNG BMW M4 DTM, BMW Team RMR – qualifying result: 4<sup>th</sup> place, race result: 5<sup>th</sup> place, points: 77):**

"The duel with Augusto made the first lap a lot of fun. After that, it was a pretty uneventful race for me. Things got a bit tighter with Paffett towards the end. I am really pleased with qualifying though. There is still room for improvement with the racing pace and I hope that we can do something there tomorrow."

**Joel Eriksson (#47 BMW M4 DTM, BMW Team RBM – qualifying result: 16<sup>th</sup> place, race result: 14<sup>th</sup> place, points: 27):**

"I am very pleased with the first stint, even though I had a very poor start. We made up some more time through the slow zone. Then I lost two places after my pit stop. All in all, we were just a bit off the pace today. However, I am confident that we can improve tomorrow."

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