



DTM – Races 5 & 6 – Lausitzring (DE) – Race 6

Wittmann best-placed BMW driver again in Sunday's race at the Lausitzring – Three BMW M4 DTMs in the top ten.

Lausitzring (DE), 5th June 2016. Marco Wittmann (DE) followed up his fourth place in Saturday's race with another impressive display on Sunday at the Lausitzring (DE). He finished sixth at the wheel of the Red Bull BMW M4 DTM in race two. The eight points he receives for this position mean he ends the third race weekend of the season second in the DTM Drivers' Championship. Now with 55 points to his name, he trails leader Robert Wickens (CA, Mercedes) by just three points. Victory in Sunday's race went to Lucas Auer (AT, Mercedes).

As well as Wittmann, a further two BMW drivers finished in the points. Bruno Spengler (CA) crossed the finish line ninth in the BMW Bank M4 DTM, followed by Timo Glock (DE) at the wheel of the DEUTSCHE POST BMW M4 DTM in tenth. BMW successfully defended its lead in the Manufacturers' Championship. BMW Team RMG continues to lead the Team competition with 93 points.

Tom Blomqvist (GB) narrowly missed out on the points, finishing 11th in the Ice-Watch BMW M4 DTM. Maxime Martin (BE, SAMSUNG BMW M4 DTM), António Félix da Costa (PT, BMW M4 DTM) and Martin Tomczyk (DE, BMW M Performance Parts M4 DTM) were 13th, 14th and 18th in the sixth race of the season. Augusto Farfus (BR, Shell BMW M4 DTM) failed to finish after a collision, which was no fault of his own.

As well as the DTM, the programme at the Motorsport Festival at the Lausitzring also featured the ADAC GT Masters and SUPERBIKE*IDM, which thrilled the 67,500 spectators in glorious summer weather.

Reactions to the sixth race of the 2016 DTM season.

Jens Marquardt (BMW Motorsport Director): "I think we put on a fantastic show for the fans with this Motorsport Festival. There was a lot going on out on the track, and we had very good crowds in the stands. There was a real festival atmosphere. This joint event with the DTM, ADAC GT Masters and SUPERBIKE*IDM was a great success. Thank you to everyone who made it possible. The Sunday race was hard work for us again. Marco Wittmann achieved a very good result with his sixth place. The points scored by Bruno Spengler and Timo Glock were also important. We knew we would struggle on this track, but still came away with some points. We will now turn our attention to the next race at the Norisring."

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Marco Wittmann (BMW Team RMG, 6th place): “I feel very positive after this weekend. We knew beforehand that we would not find it easy at the Lausitzring. With this in mind, fourth and sixth are very good results. I scored important points, and thus made the most of our opportunities. Unfortunately, my start was something of a disaster in Sunday’s race. I got away really badly. However, I fought back very well after that, and was the fastest BMW driver in the race.”

Facts and Figures.

Circuit/length/duration:

Lausitzring, 3.478 kilometres, 60 minutes plus 1 lap

Conditions:

Light cloud, 30 degrees Celsius

BMW Motorsport results:

#11 Marco Wittmann (DE), BMW Team RMG, Red Bull BMW M4 DTM – 6th place

#7 Bruno Spengler (CA), BMW Team MTEK, BMW Bank M4 DTM – 9th place

#16 Timo Glock (DE), BMW Team RMG, DEUTSCHE POST BMW M4 DTM – 10th place

#31 Tom Blomqvist (GB), BMW Team RBM, Ice-Watch BMW M4 DTM – 11th place

#36 Maxime Martin (BE), BMW Team RBM, SAMSUNG BMW M4 DTM – 13th place

#13 António Félix da Costa (PT), BMW Team Schnitzer, BMW M4 DTM – 14th place

#100 Martin Tomczyk (DE), BMW Team Schnitzer, BMW M Performance Parts M4 DTM – 18th place

#18 Augusto Farfus (BR), BMW Team MTEK, Shell BMW M4 DTM – DNF

Useful information:

Marco Wittmann finished in the points for the fifth time in the sixth race of the season – exactly as often as Maxime Martin.

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Martin missed out on a top-ten finish for the first time in the sixth race of the season.

Augusto Farfus was forced to retire the Shell BMW M4 DTM just a few laps into the race following a collision with Miguel Molina (ES, Audi), which was no fault of his own. Molina was given a drive-through penalty for his part in the incident.

Timo Glock qualified third, but started the race from second on the grid following a penalty awarded to Christian Vietoris (DE, Mercedes), who had qualified second.

2016 race calendar.

6th -8th May – Hockenheim (DE), 20th -22nd May – Spielberg (AT), **3rd -5th June – Lausitzring (DE)**, 24th -26th June – Norisring (DE), 15th -17th July – Zandvoort (NL), 19th -21st August – Moscow (RU), 9th -11th September – Nürburgring (DE), 23rd -25th September – Budapest (HU), 14th -16th October – Hockenheim (DE).

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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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