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Through the city in a BMW M4 DTM: Teams and drivers look forward to the street race at the iconic Norisring.

Munich (DE), 20th June 2016. The highlights come thick and fast in the 2016 DTM season. Three weeks after the Motorsport Festival at the Lausitzring (DE), the BMW DTM teams travel to the only street race of the year at the Norisring (DE). Ever since the series was held for the first time in 1984, the 2.3-kilometre street circuit around the Dutzendteich lake in Nuremberg (DE) has been a permanent fixture on the DTM calendar.

Six races into the 2016 season, BMW arrives in Nuremberg leading the Manufacturers' Championship with 228 points. In the team competition, BMW Team RMG sits at the top of the overall standings. Marco Wittmann (DE), who lives not far away in Fürth, is the local boy in the four BMW teams. The 2014 DTM champion goes into the weekend in his home region of Franconia second in the Drivers' Championship.

Last year, the BMW drivers scored heavily at the Norisring. Bruno Spengler (CA) secured pole position on Sunday, and went on to finish third to claim the first podium of the season for BMW. That was to prove an important step for BMW en route to winning the Manufacturers' Championship come the end of the season.

The DTM races at the Norisring start at 13:28 on Saturday and 13:13 on Sunday.

Quotes ahead of the fourth race weekend of 2016 at the Norisring.

Jens Marquardt (BMW Motorsport Director):

“The break before the Norisring allowed our drivers and teams to at least take a quick breather, as the previous weeks had been very intense. After the successful Motorsport Festival at the Lausitzring, the next spectacle awaits us in Nuremberg. The narrow circuit, partly on public streets, the many fans in the paddock and grandstands, and the special flair around the Dutzendteich make the Norisring weekend unique. The field will naturally be bunched even closer together than usual on the short circuit, which is only 2.3 kilometres long. This means that our teams and drivers must be fully focussed on the job in hand – the Norisring punishes any carelessness immediately.”

Stefan Reinhold (Team Principal, BMW Team RMG):

“We scored important points in both races at the Lausitzring and lead the team competition. We now want to play a big role again at the Norisring, and allow

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Marco Wittmann to enjoy a successful home outing. Our entire team is fully focussed on getting the very best out of the BMW M4 DTM for both Timo Glock and Marco, although the Norisring is not the ideal track for our car. We have to continue to work hard, in order to take our chances.”

Ernest Knoors (Team Principal, BMW Team MTEK):

“The Norisring is a very special circuit, on which everything must come together perfectly in order to be quick. We mastered the challenge very well last year. Bruno Spengler was the fastest BMW driver in both races and was rewarded with pole and a podium on the Sunday. We will do everything in our power to be equally as successful in 2016.”

Bart Mampaey (Team Principal, BMW Team RBM):

“The atmosphere at the Norisring is always very special for our entire team. Nowhere else are the fans this close to the action. How we fare from a sporting point of view will depend on details, as the field is even closer on this short track than elsewhere. Last year we finished in the points, and that is our goal again this time.”

Charly Lamm (Team Principal, BMW Team Schnitzer):

“After a difficult weekend at the Lausitzring, we are looking forward to our home race in Bavaria. The unique setting makes the Norisring and its passionate fans one of the highlights of the DTM race calendar. The circuit is bumpy, with walls where you would usually find run-off zones. You cannot afford to make even the smallest mistake. That makes the circuit extremely demanding, even though it only consists of two hairpins and a chicane, as well as the straights.”

Marco Wittmann (car number 11, BMW Team RMG):

“I am really looking forward to my home races. The atmosphere both on and off the track is absolutely unique. I know an awful lot of people there, such as the marshals and members of Motorsport Club Nuremberg. Many friends and relatives will also be there. I am particularly pleased to go into the weekend with plenty of momentum, on the back of good results that have taken me to second in the Drivers' Championship.”

Timo Glock (car number 16, BMW Team RMG):

“The atmosphere at the Norisring is fantastic. We will have to wait and see how we get on there. Whatever happens, we will be trying to get the maximum out of the only street circuit on the calendar.”

Bruno Spengler (car number 7, BMW Team MTEK):

“I have super memories of the Norisring. Last year, I started Sunday's race from pole and finished third. That was a huge relief for me, my team and everyone at

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BMW Motorsport. From then on, the season improved dramatically for us. Even before last year, I had already had a lot of great races at the Norisring, and have won there three times. I love the circuit and the atmosphere. It is just fantastic to race there.”

Augusto Farfus (car number 18, BMW Team MTEK):

“The Norisring seems, at first glance, to be a simple racetrack. However, it is extremely difficult to find the right set-up there. The challenge here is greater than at almost any other circuit. I have had some crazy races at the Norisring. The event is magnificent, and I am really looking forward to it.”

Tom Blomqvist (car number 31, BMW Team RBM):

“The circuit is one of a kind. It is very short and the fans are very close to the action. That makes for a very special atmosphere. I think we have learned a lot from last year, and go into the race weekend better prepared this time.”

Maxime Martin (car number 36, BMW Team RBM):

“I live in Monaco and always see the Norisring as the DTM equivalent of that circuit. The fans there are absolutely crazy and the grandstands are always full. We drivers obviously really enjoy that, and it is also good for the DTM. I always enjoy returning to the Norisring.”

António Félix da Costa (car number 13, BMW Team Schnitzer):

“This is one of the coolest events of the season. I had really good races there last year, and hope I can build on those experiences and score valuable points this year.”

Martin Tomczyk (car number 100, BMW Team Schnitzer):

“The Norisring is not an easy circuit to drive, although it only has four corners. I am excited to see the balance of power in Nuremberg. Our rivals have been very strong there in recent years, but I am confident that we will play a major role again this time.”

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Statistics: Norisring.

Length:
2.3 km

2015 winners:
Pascal Wehrlein, Mercedes (race 1)
Robert Wickens, Mercedes (race 2)

2015 poles:
50.640 seconds (Christian Vietoris, Mercedes, race 1)
48.280 seconds (Bruno Spengler, BMW, race 2)

Best-placed BMW 2015:
Bruno Spengler, 5th place (race 1)
Bruno Spengler, 3rd place (race 2)

DTM debut:
1984

BMW wins:
5

BMW pole positions:
4

BMW fastest laps:
4

BMW podiums:
16

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Statistics: BMW DTM drivers.

Driver	WIT	GLO	SPE	FAR	BLO	MAR	DAC	TOM
Nationality	DE	DE	CA	BR	GB	BE	PT	DE
Number	11	16	7	18	31	36	13	100
Age	26	34	32	32	22	30	24	34
DTM debut	2013	2013	2005	2012	2015	2014	2014	2001
Team	RMG	RMG	MTEK	MTEK	RBM	RBM	Schnitzer	Schnitzer
Races	44	44	127	54	24	34	34	165
Wins	6	3	14	4	1	2	1	7
Podiums	10	6	44	12	2	4	3	28
Poles	6	1	17	5	-	2	1	8
Fastest laps	5	2	14	1	1	1	1	8
Points	372	167	719	333	93	180	91	488

BMW Motorsport media schedule.

Saturday, 25 th June		
15:15-15:25	Interviews with the BMW DTM drivers (Mixed Zone)	Media Centre
17:15-17:30	Live Facebook interview with the best-placed BMW driver of the opening race	BMW Motorsport Facebook Page
Sunday, 26 th June		
09:50-10:10	Round table interview with BMW Motorsport Director Jens Marquardt	BMW Hospitality
15:30-15:40	Interviews with the BMW DTM drivers (Mixed Zone)	Media Centre

2016 DTM 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 German Touring Car Masters – DTM for short – 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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