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**Whether in the DTM, the FIA World Endurance Championship, the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, the ABB FIA Formula E Championship, or countless other championships: Week after week BMW teams and drivers around the world do battle for points, victories and titles. Away from the track too, members of the large BMW Motorsport family around the world are also creating headlines. The “BMW Motorsport News” allows us to regularly summarise all the action for you in a compact and informative manner. This way, you are always up to speed.**

#### **24-hour qualifying race: Top-three lock-out for the BMW M6 GT3.**

The BMW M6 GT3 celebrated a top-three lock-out in the qualifying race for the 24-hour race at the Nürburgring (GER). After 41 laps of the Nordschleife, Christian Krognæs (NOR), David Pittard and Nick Yelloly (both GBR) were first to cross the finishing line in the Walkenhorst Motorsport #101 BMW M6 GT3. Second place went to Jesse Krohn (FIN) and John Edwards (USA) in the ROWE Racing team #99 car. Their team-mates Connor De Phillippi (USA), Tom Blomqvist (GBR) and Mikkel Jensen (DEN) finished third to ensure that they also reached the podium in the #98 BMW M6 GT3. The BMW Team Schnitzer #42 BMW M6 GT3 finished in 14<sup>th</sup> position overall. The second GT3 car from Walkenhorst Motorsport claimed 22<sup>nd</sup> place. The delighted winner Krognæs said: “That is one of the most intense moments I've had this year. It's the first win for the team for some years.” De Phillippi commented: “Third place is OK, as we didn't have a perfect race. We made an error and received a time penalty, but we are still on the podium. That is a good result. We



can still find a bit more performance for the 24-hour race. Then we will return and hopefully we will be two positions higher up.”

BMW teams also celebrated more class wins in the qualifying race. In the SP10 category, the #71 BMW M4 GT4 from the Hofor Racing by Bonk Motorsport team claimed the win ahead of the #77 BMW M4 GT4 from Pixum Team Adrenalin Motorsport with Philipp Leisen, Danny Brink, Christopher Rink and Marcel Lenerz (GER). In the BMW M240i Racing Cup, Yannick Füberich, Daniel Zils and Oskar Sandberg (all GER) from Pixum Team Adrenalin Motorsport were victorious. Second place went to Will Tregurtha, Ben Tuck, Jordan Witt (all GBR) and Jörg Breuer (GER) from the Walkenhorst Motorsport team. Third place was claimed by Stefan Branner, Andreas Schafnitzl and Ethan Tremblay (all GER) from FK Performance. In the V4 category, the win went to the Avia Sorg Rennsport team. The Speedline Racing team was successful in the SP 9-LG category. The highlight of the endurance season at the Nürburgring, the 24-hour race, takes place from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

### **W Series: Beitske Visser wins second race of the season at Zolder.**

BMW Motorsport Junior Beitske Visser (NED) celebrated her first win in the second race of the newly-created W Series at Zolder (BEL). Visser had started from fourth place and took the lead right away on the approach to turn one. She was able to extend her lead despite two safety car periods and secured a dominant win ahead of Jamie Chadwick (GBR). “I had a perfect start,” said Visser. “I was able to take the lead right away and add to my advantage, despite the two safety cars. Once I was able to move further ahead after the second restart, it was clear that I was on course for victory.” Having claimed fourth place at the season-opener of the women’s formula series at Hockenheim (GER), Visser now has 37 points and is in second place, six points behind Chadwick.

### **Blancpain GT World Challenge America: BMW teams celebrate two class wins.**

Numerous BMW customer racing teams were back in action in the Blancpain GT World Challenge at the ‘Canadian Tire Motorsport Park’ (CAN) this weekend. There was a BMW win to celebrate in the GT4 America East and in the GT4 America SprintX. In the GT4 America East race on Friday, Randy Mueller and James Clay (both USA) in the Epic Motorsports #3 BMW M4 GT4 crossed the finishing line first in the Am class. In the Pro-Am category, the Classic BMW team claimed second place with regular drivers Justin Raphael (USA) and Stevan McAleer (GBR). In race



two, Mueller and Clay claimed second place to return to the podium. The Raphael/McAleer duo crossed the line in fourth place in the #29 BMW M4 GT4.

In the second GT4 America SprintX race, Greg Liefoghe and Sean Quinlan (both USA) recorded the second BMW win of the weekend in the #19 BMW M4 GT4 from Stephen Cameron Racing. First place in the Pro-Am category also equated to overall victory. Chris Ohmacht and Toby Grahovec (both USA) also reached second place in the Pro-Am class to score points for Classic BMW. In the Am class, Kris Wilson and John Allen (both USA) also reached this placing at the wheel of the #16 BMW M4 GT4, repeating their result from the previous day. Quinlan and Liefoghe had finished second in race one on Friday, just missing out on the win. The Classic BMW #92 BMW M4 GT4 claimed third place. The race on Sunday had not finished at the time of going to press.

### **British GT: BMW M6 GT3 reaches podium twice.**

This weekend, the British GT Championship visited Snetterton (GBR). In the first race on Saturday, Tom Gamble and Jack Mitchell (both GBR) celebrated a third-place finish in the Silver Cup in the #9 BMW M6 GT3 from the Century Motorsport team. One day later, the duo improved by one place to finish second and reach the podium again in the second race of the event. Their team-mates Dominic Paul and Ben Green (both GBR) were not so fortunate; they had to be content with Pro-Am class seventh and eighth positions in the #3 BMW M6 GT3. Century Motorsport competed with two BMW M4 GT4s in the GT4 category. The best result was recorded by Mark Kimber (GBR) and Jacob Mathiassen (DEN), who finished fifth in race one. The next British GT Championship race weekend takes place on 8th and 9th June at the 'Home of British Motor Racing', on the legendary Silverstone (GBR) circuit.

### **BTCC: One-two result for BMW driver Jordan at Thruxton.**

Andrew Jordan (GBR) celebrated a one-two result on the third race weekend of the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) at Thruxton (GBR). In both races, the BMW Pirtek Racing driver crossed the line in first place in his BMW 330i M Sport. Reigning BTCC champion Colin Turkington (GBR) finished fourth in the first race in his BMW 330i M Sport. In the second race, he crossed the line in second place, 0.613 seconds behind Jordan. In race 3, Tom Oliphant (GBR) was the best-placed BMW driver in seventh position. Turkington finished ninth and Jordan crossed the line in 17<sup>th</sup> place.



### **GT4 France: Podium finish for BMW Team France in Pau.**

In the first GT4 France race at Pau (FRA), BMW Team France reached the podium in the Pro-Am class in the BMW M4 GT4. Laurent Hurgon and Julien Piguet (both FRA) crossed the line in fourth place overall, corresponding to second place in their class. The duo missed out on a top result in Sunday's second race.

### **Italian GT: Podium finish for the BMW M4 GT4 in Misano.**

At the Italian GT Championship's 3-hour race in Misano (ITA), BMW Team Italia finished second in the GT4 category with the #207 BMW M4 GT4. Drivers Giuseppe Fascicolo, Francesco Guerra and Andrea Fontana (all ITA) were all in action. BMW Motorsport Junior Erik Johansson (SWE), BMW works driver Alexander Sims (GBR) and Stefano Comandini (ITA) finished tenth overall in the #15 BMW M6 GT3.

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