



DTM
Race 4, Spielberg (AT), Race

Reactions of the BMW team principals and drivers after the fourth DTM race of 2012 in Spielberg.

Spielberg, 3rd June 2012. After Bruno Spengler (CA) and Augusto Farfus (BR), a third BMW driver has now made it onto the DTM podium at the “Red Bull Ring” in Spielberg (AT): Martin Tomczyk (DE) finished runner-up to present BMW Team RMG with its first podium in this series. Read here what the team principals and drivers had to say after the thrilling race in Austria.

Stefan Reinhold (Team Principal, BMW Team RMG):

“I am very proud of my whole team. Our crew had done a sensational job. Martin implemented the strategy perfectly and climbed from fourth to second. He showed everyone that he is a true champion today. Second place here is fantastic. We practiced countless pit stops this week to ensure that it would work in today’s race. This effort paid dividends. Joey also put in a great performance. Today is a good day for BMW Team RMG.”

Bart Mampaey (Team Principal, BMW Team RBM):

“It has been an eventful weekend. We had a difficult qualifying, but a better race. I think we had a good race pace with Augusto, and especially at the end. He made up a position from the start so we have scored a point. The first pit stop was okay, but at the second one we had a problem with the equipment, so we will have to look into that. For Andy it was another disappointing weekend. We need to give him mileage in this car. He was involved in an accident, which was nothing to do with him. That has stopped him from driving this car, which is important as we need to learn as a team and get as much data as possible. Congratulations to our colleagues from BMW Team RMG and Martin Tomczyk.”

Charly Lamm (Team Principal, BMW Team Schnitzer):

“We are obviously disappointed after that race. Our drivers bid farewell to any chance of a good result on the first lap. Dirk Werner was hit at the start, resulting in damage to the suspension on the rear-left wheel. Bruno Spengler was sandwiched by two of the opposition, as a result of which the front of his car was also damaged. The aerodynamics did not work anymore, so Bruno was forced fight on with blunt weapons. We tried to fix the damage using tape, but it was ultimately a pointless exercise. It is great that BMW Team RMG was able to pull the chestnuts out of the fire for BMW. Congratulations to Martin Tomczyk on his second place.”

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Martin Tomczyk (car number 1, BMW Team RMG, 2nd):

“That was a close and exciting race. Even at the start I really had to push hard in order to hold my ground. After that I was able to pull off a few nice overtaking manoeuvres and move into second. The race strategy employed by my BMW Team RMG really bore fruit and our pit stops were simply perfect. They helped me to move up through the field. With a little bit of luck we could even have scored a victory. After the Safety Car phase I had to fight for lap after lap, but it worked out excellently. My team-mate Joey Hand also picked up valuable points for BMW and our team. It was another fantastic weekend at the Red Bull Ring for me. Right from the outset, everything came together perfectly. Long may it last.”

Joey Hand (car number 2, BMW Team RMG, 9th):

“That was a tough race, but the thing that makes me feel better is that we had a great turnaround and it was a real team effort. In free practice one I was 21st and then the very next morning third! I feel really good in BMW Team RMG as these guys always stick with me. We sort of expected this as I am new to everything. It is not where I want to be, however, as I plan on being a serious contender soon and I think we have really turned a corner this weekend. We had both our cars in the points and that is a great improvement for our new team.”

Augusto Farfus (car number 16, BMW Team RBM, 10th):

“Unfortunately again the result doesn’t show the true potential of our package. We had a problem with my second stop when the equipment wouldn’t work properly to let the car down. We have to be strong at this point to learn our lessons from this weekend. I think the lesson has been positive again and I had a good race car. I am not worried about the overall performance as I am sure it will come soon. Of course it is disappointing, because we know what we are capable of. I have to congratulate the team, as we managed to improve the car a lot, especially from the warm up to the race.”

Bruno Spengler (car number 7, BMW Team Schnitzer, DNF):

“I have to erase this race from my memory quickly. I was hit hard in the second corner and was pushed into another car. That damaged the front of my car, meaning I was no longer able to push myself to the limit. I kept falling further and further back through the field, until it eventually made no point in continuing towards the end of the race. This result is a great shame for the team, which has worked hard. I will now turn my attention to the Norisring.”

Dirk Werner (car number 8, BMW Team Schnitzer, DNF):

“I am very disappointed. Starting from ninth, I was determined to pick up points here today. Unfortunately the collision just after the start soon undid all my hopes. I was hit on my rear left and could do nothing more than return to the garage. Despite that, I will take a lot of positives out of the weekend in Spielberg. Our

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pace was good, so I can move on to the Norisring with a new sense of self-confidence.”

Andy Priaulx (car number 15, BMW Team RBM, DNF):

“The start was okay, but I had a very good first two corners and was pushing right up into the middle of the field. Then I was involved in someone else’s accident. Unfortunately Christian Vietoris came from the grass, flat out on the power and hit me. I don’t know how that happened, maybe he was nudged, but certainly there is less grip on the grass than on the track! It was a crazy first lap and sadly I came off worst this weekend. I need to be positive, keep pushing and I certainly want to do more races as so far I have only completed two.”

Next DTM date:

Tests at the Lausitzring, 29th - 31st June 2012

Teams: BMW Team RMG, BMW Team Schnitzer

Drivers: Martin Tomczyk, Joey Hand, Dirk Werner, Marco Wittmann

Facts and Figures – Spielberg:

Circuit / Date	Red Bull Ring / 3 rd June 2012
Length / Distance	4.326 km (47 laps)
2012 Pole Position	Edoardo Mortara (IT), 1:26.171 min
2012 Winner	Edoardo Mortara (IT)
2012 Fastest Lap	Timo Scheider (DE), 1:27.027 min

Driver	Tomczyk	Hand	Spengler	Werner	Priaulx	Farfus
Country	DE	US	CA	DE	GB	BR
Number	1	2	7	8	15	16
Team	BMW Team RMG	BMW Team RMG	BMW Team Schnitzer	BMW Team Schnitzer	BMW Team RBM	BMW Team RBM
1st Free Practice	1:27.579 (5 th)	1:28.612 (21 st)	1:28.221 (18 th)	1:27.453 (2 nd)	1:27.851 (13 th)	1:27.781 (11 th)
2nd Free Practice	1:26.366 (17 th)	1:25.769 (3 rd)	1:26.341 (16 th)	1:25.981 (10 th)	1:26.863 (21 st)	1:26.138 (13 th)
Qualifying	1:26.408 (4 th)	1:25.927 (5 th)	1:25.963 (6 th)	1:26.309 (9 th)	1:26.620 (18 th)	1:26.068 (11 th)
Warm-up	1:27.719 (5 th)	1:28.327 (20 th)	1:27.976 (11 th)	1:28.088 (16 th)	1:28.329 (21 st)	1:28.521 (22 nd)
Race	2 nd	9 th	DNF	DNF	DNF	10 th
2012 Points	36	2	43	0	8	16
Current Position	5 th	16 th	4 th	-	11 th	9 th

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DTM standings after 4 of 10 races.

Drivers' standings.

1. Gary Paffett (83 points), 2. Mattias Ekström (47), 3. Jamie Green (44), 4. Bruno Spengler (43), 5. Martin Tomczyk (36), 6. Edoardo Mortara (31), 7. Mike Rockenfeller (31), 8. Christian Vietoris (20), 9. Augusto Farfus (16), 10. Timo Scheider (16), 11. Andy Priaulx (8),...16. Joey Hand (2).

Team standings.

1. THOMAS SABO / Mercedes-Benz Bank AMG (103 points), 2. Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline (63), 3. Mercedes AMG (51), 4. BMW Team Schnitzer (43), 5. Audi Sport Team Rosberg (39), 6. Audi Sport Team Phoenix (39), 7. BMW Team RMG (38), 8. BMW Team RBM (24), 9. DHL Paket / stern Mercedes AMG (4).

Manufacturer standings.

1. Mercedes-Benz (158 points), 2. Audi (141), BMW (105).

2012 Calendar:

29th April – Hockenheim (DE), 6th May – Lausitzring (DE), 20th May – Brands Hatch (GB),
3rd June – Spielberg (AT), 1st July – Norisring (DE), 15th July – Munich (DE), 19th
August – Nürburgring (DE), 26th August – Zandvoort (NL), 16th September –
Oschersleben (DE), 30th September – Valencia (ES), 21st October – Hockenheim (DE).

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