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From 14th to victory – Wittmann wows in Zandvoort

- **BMW produces incredible fightback to claim first win of season for BMW**
- **Kelvin an der Linde defends his championship lead at the Formula 1 circuit**
- **28,000 visitors watch the DTM event in the Netherlands**

Zandvoort. Marco Wittmann put on an impressive show in the Zandvoort dunes: the driver from Fürth started the sixth race of the DTM season from 14th place on Sunday, and had already gained many positions in his BMW M4 GT3 by the halfway point of the race. The 34-year-old from Schubert Motorsport took the lead after a perfectly timed pit stop, and had extended his advantage to 7.239 seconds by the time he crossed the finish line to take victory. “I never thought I would come from so far back to win. After the contact with Mirko Bortolotti, my heart sank to the soles of my feet. There was so much smoke in the cockpit that I could hardly see anything at times. I am just overjoyed that I was able to bring home the win,” said Wittmann, delighted with his 19th victory in the DTM. Mirko Bortolotti (I) finished second in a Lamborghini Huracán GT3 Evo2 for SSR Performance. That was enough to move him into second place in the overall standings. Audi driver Kelvin van der Linde (ZA) from Abt Sportsline came home third and stretched his lead at the top of the table to eight points.

Key facts, Circuit Zandvoort, race 6 of 16

- **Length:** 4,259 metres
- **Weather:** 15 degrees, cloudy
- **Pole position:** Maximilian Paul (Paul Motorsport, Lamborghini Huracán GT3 Evo2 #71), 1:32.780 minutes
- **Winner:** Marco Wittmann (Schubert Motorsport, BMW M4 GT3 #11)
- **Fastest lap:** Nicki Thiim (SSR Performance, Lamborghini Huracán GT3 Evo2 #94) 1:34.609 minutes

The start was perfect from Bortolotti. Starting from second on the grid, the Italian passed pole-sitter and fellow Lamborghini driver Maximilian Paul (Dresden) from Paul Motorsport to take the lead in turn two. Not long after that, the safety car made its first appearance following crashes involving Mercedes-AMG driver Lucas Auer (A) and Clemens Schmid (A) in a McLaren 720S GT3 Evo. After the restart, local favourite Thierry Vermeulen (NL) in the Ferrari 296 GT3 of Emil Frey Racing and championship leader Kelvin van der Linde slotted in behind the leading duo. Even a further outing from the safety car on lap eleven did not change this order. However, it was well and truly shaken up after the mandatory pit stops.

Bortolotti initially held onto the lead, while a slow tyre change saw second-placed Paul drop back through the field. BMW racer Wittmann, who had already made up several positions, was the last driver in for a new set of Pirelli tyres, and rejoined the race at the front of the field. Despite initially

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being on cold tyres, the two-time champion was still able to hold off the charging Italian, who hit the rear left of Wittmann's car during an attempted overtake. Despite smoke coming from the rear of his car, Wittmann was able to steadily extend his lead and took the chequered flag in first place after 38 spectacular laps. Bortolotti finished runner-up after fending off several attacks from Kelvin van der Linde. Dutchman Vermeulen came home fourth, narrowly missing out on a podium at his home event. Luca Stolz (Brachbach) took fifth place in the Mercedes-AMG GT3 of Mercedes-AMG Team HRT.

Arjun Maini (IND) ended Sunday's race in sixth place in the second HRT Mercedes-AMG GT3. René Rast (Bregenz) produced a similar fightback on the dune rollercoaster to his team-mate Wittmann. The three-time DTM champion came through from 20th place to finish seventh. Sheldon van der Linde (ZA) was eighth in a third BMW, run by Schubert Motorsport. Pole-sitter Paul had to settle for ninth place. Reigning champion Thomas Preining (A) ended race six of the DTM season in tenth place in a Porsche 911 GT3 R for Manthey EMA. 28,000 spectators were treated to thrilling motorsport with many overtakes and exciting races that went right down to the wire at the first foreign event of the season at the Formula 1 circuit in Zandvoort.

Mirko Bortolotti: "When you take the lead in turn one and are out in front for so many laps, you obviously want to win. In the end, I have to settle for second place. The rear axle felt strange in the closing laps, and the drivers behind me put me under an awful lot of pressure."

Kelvin van der Linde: "The front of the field really bunched up in the closing stages. At times, I spent more time looking in the mirror than at the track in front. Thierry Vermeulen was really quick in the Ferrari behind me. I am particularly pleased with third place for our crew, who have been very busy recently, with two DTM events and the 24-hour race at the Nürburgring."

Result, race six of the season, Circuit Zandvoort

1. Marco Wittmann (D/Schubert Motorsport)
2. Mirko Bortolotti (I/SSR Performance), +7.239 seconds
3. Kelvin van der Linde (ZA/Abt Sportsline), +7.373 seconds
4. Thierry Vermeulen (NL/Emil Frey Racing), +7.592 seconds
5. Luca Stolz (D/Mercedes-AMG Team HRT), +8.001 seconds

The full result can be found at dtm.com/en/results.

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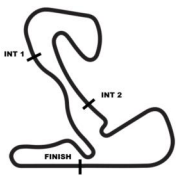
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Result List Provisional

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Weather Start/Finish

AIR	15.8°C
TRACK	23.3°C
CONDITIONS	Dry
PRESSURE	1010 hPa
AIR	14.9°C
TRACK	27.3°C
CONDITIONS	Dry
PRESSURE	1010 hPa

Track Information

GREEN FLAG	16:33:03
CHEQUERED FLAG	17:48:44
SAFETY CAR PHASE	3
FULL COURSE YELLOW PHASE	0
TRACK NAME	Circuit Zandvoort
TRACK LENGTH	4259m
TURN COUNT	14
TOTAL DISTANCE	161.84km
FASTEST LAP:	#94. THI - 1:34.609
FASTEST PIT STOP:	#130. MEN - 6.822

STARTED: 20 CLASSIFIED: 16 NOT CLASSIFIED: 4 DISQUALIFIED: 0

Nr.	Driver	Man.	Nation	Team	Laps	Total Time	Gap	Lap	Time
	Car			Competitor					
1	11 Marco Wittmann			Schubert Motorsport	38	1:15:41.704		17	1:34.723
	BMW M4 GT3			Schubert Motorsport					
2	92 Mirko Bortolotti			SSR Performance	38	1:15:48.943	7.239	5	1:34.795
	Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			SSR Performance					
3	3 Kelvin van der Linde			ABT Sportsline	38	1:15:49.077	7.373	19	1:34.984
	Audi R8 LMS GT3 EVO II			ABT Sportsline					
4	69 Thierry Vermeulen			EMIL FREY RACING	38	1:15:49.296	7.592	20	1:34.735
	Ferrari 296 GT3			EMIL FREY RACING					
5	4 Luca Stolz			Mercedes-AMG Team HRT	38	1:15:49.705	8.001	21	1:34.674
	Mercedes-AMG GT3			Mercedes-AMG Team HRT					
6	36 Arjun Maini			Mercedes-AMG Team HRT	38	1:15:49.996	8.292	22	1:34.844
	Mercedes-AMG GT3			Mercedes-AMG Team HRT					
7	33 Rene Rast			Schubert Motorsport	38	1:15:50.305	8.601	22	1:35.088
	BMW M4 GT3			Schubert Motorsport					
8	31 Sheldon van der Linde			Schubert Motorsport	38	1:15:50.457	8.753	21	1:35.087
	BMW M4 GT3			Schubert Motorsport					
9	71 Maximilian Paul			Paul Motorsport	38	1:15:51.051	9.347	22	1:34.697
	Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			Paul Motorsport					
10	91 Thomas Preining			Manthey EMA	38	1:15:51.681	9.977	18	1:34.910
	Porsche 911 GT3 R 992			Manthey EMA					
11	7 Ricardo Feller			ABT Sportsline	38	1:15:52.251	10.547	18	1:34.631
	Audi R8 LMS GT3 EVO II			ABT Sportsline					
12	19 Luca Engstler			Lamborghini Team Liqui Moly by GRT	38	1:15:52.725	11.021	24	1:34.936
	Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			GRT Grasser-Racing-Team					
13	130 Maro Engel			Mercedes-AMG Team WINWARD	38	1:15:52.968	11.264	22	1:35.089
	Mercedes-AMG GT3			WINWARD RACING					
14	94 Nicki Thiim			SSR Performance	38	1:15:53.531	11.827	19	1:34.609
	Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			SSR Performance					
15	25 Ben Dörr			Dörr Motorsport	38	1:15:53.620	11.916	20	1:34.651
	McLaren 720S GT3 Evo			Dörr Motorsport					
16	14 Jack Aitken			EMIL FREY RACING	38	1:15:59.869	18.165	21	1:34.616
	Ferrari 296 GT3			EMIL FREY RACING					

Not classified

63	Christian Engelhart			Lamborghini Team TGI by GRT	15	39:53.222	23LAPS	7	1:35.504
	Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			GRT Grasser-Racing-Team					
90	Ayhancan Güven			Manthey EMA	10	28:56.482	28LAPS	9	1:35.855
	Porsche 911 GT3 R 992			Manthey EMA					
22	Lucas Auer			Mercedes-AMG Team MANN-FILTER					
	Mercedes-AMG GT3			WINWARD RACING					
85	Clemens Schmid			Dörr Motorsport					
	McLaren 720S GT3 Evo			Dörr Motorsport					

Fastest lap of the race. Car 94 driver Nicki Thiim on lap 19. Time 1:34.609, average speed 162.0 km/h.

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