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### BMW one-two: Rast triumphs, ahead of Wittmann

- **Three-time champion claims his 29<sup>th</sup> DTM victory in Zandvoort**
- **Wittmann impresses in his 200<sup>th</sup> DTM race**
- **First DTM event outside Germany attracts 32,000 spectators to the circuit in the dunes**

Zandvoort. It was a perfect race for René Rast (Bregenz) and his Schubert Motorsport team in the DTM in Zandvoort. The 38-year-old produced a serene performance at the wheel of his BMW M4 GT3 Evo on Sunday, completing a comfortable lights-to-flag victory ahead of his team-mate Marco Wittmann (Fürth). "That was an intense race. Particularly towards the end, when Marco Wittmann was able to apply some pressure again. In the end, it was good enough for the win - thanks in part to two good pit stops," said Sunday's winner. Behind the BMW duo, Thomas Preining (A/Manthey EMA) finished third in a Porsche 911 GT3 R to take his place on the podium for the second time.

#### Key facts, Circuit Zandvoort, Zandvoort, race 6 of 16

- **Circuit length:** 4,259 metres
- **Weather:** Overcast, 13 degrees
- **Pole position:** René Rast (Schubert Motorsport, BMW M4 GT3 Evo #33), 1:32.750 minutes
- **Winner:** René Rast (Schubert Motorsport, BMW M4 GT3 Evo #33)
- **Fastest lap:** Jack Aitken (Emil Frey Racing, Ferrari 296 GT3 #14), 1:33.782 minutes

Shortly after the start, spectators at the circuit in the Dutch dunes on Sunday afternoon were already watching two BMW drivers leading the rest of the field. Pole-sitter Rast successfully held onto his lead at the start, while Wittmann, starting from third, immediately overtook Jack Aitken (GB/Emil Frey Racing) in the Ferrari 296 GT3 to move into second place. Aitken was followed in fourth by Preining. Mercedes-AMG driver Maro Engel (Monaco/Mercedes-AMG Team Winward Racing) raced through from twelfth to fifth place.

After the first pit stop, Preining climbed into third place: the Austrian had come in to switch to fresh Pirelli slicks one lap before Aitken and was soon able to use his warm tyres to overtake the Brit. The top five once again showed no signs of weakness in the second tyre change, all holding onto their positions. Wittmann then gave it everything in his 200<sup>th</sup> DTM race, but 0.3 seconds was ultimately as close as he could get to Rast at the head of the field. The three-time

champion took the chequered flag ahead of Wittmann after 35 laps of racing. In doing so, he claimed his 29<sup>th</sup> DTM victory and climbed into second place in the table after six races. Preining held onto third place ahead of the charging Aitken, while Engel rounded out the top five after a strong display.

The best-placed Lamborghini driver was Luca Engstler (Kempton/TGI Team Lamborghini by GRT) in sixth. Mercedes-AMG works driver Lucas Auer (A/Mercedes-AMG Team Landgraf) finished seventh to extend his championship lead by three points. Fellow Mercedes-AMG driver Jules Gounon (F) from Mercedes-AMG Team Mann-Filter ended the sixth race of the DTM season in eighth place. Mirko Bortolotti (I/Abt Sportsline) made up six positions and came home ninth in the Lamborghini Huracán GT3 Evo2. Arjun Maini (HRT Ford Performance) from India produced a similar fightback, battling through from 16<sup>th</sup> to finish tenth in the Ford Mustang GT3.

**Marco Wittmann:** "A super result for BMW and our team! I was able to close the gap to René Rast in the closing stages. Unfortunately, however, I was not close enough to launch a serious attack. Nor did I want to risk an overly aggressive manoeuvre against my own team-mate."

**Thomas Preining:** "We wanted to make up ground in the championship. Third place was an important step in that direction. The good team strategy and my strong lap after the first pit stop, when I was able to overtake Jack Aitken, were key. After that, I had to do a lot of defending. That was a hard-fought podium."

### Result of race six of the season at Circuit Zandvoort

1. René Rast (D/Schubert Motorsport)
2. Marco Wittmann (D/Schubert Motorsport), +6.155 seconds
3. Thomas Preining (A/Manthey EMA), +6.160 seconds
4. Jack Aitken (GB/Emil Frey Racing), +6.487 seconds
5. Maro Engel (D/Mercedes-AMG Team Winward Racing), +24.922 seconds

All results can be found at [dtm.com/en/results](https://dtm.com/en/results).

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