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**Best result of the season to date for the Turner Motorsport BMW M6 GT3 in the IWSC – BMW Team Italia on the podium in Misano.**

- **Jens Klingmann and Bret Curtis finish fourth in Detroit.**
- **Stefano Comandi/Alberto Cerqui clinch second place in the Italian GT Championship.**
- **History: BMW V12 LMR wows fans at Williams anniversary at Silverstone.**

**Whether in the DTM, the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar 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.**

**IWSC: Turner Motorsport in Detroit with best result of the season so far.**

The IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship (IWSC) headed to Detroit (USA) this weekend where the Turner Motorsport team got their best result of the season to date in the GTD class. BMW works driver Jens Klingmann (GER) and Bret Curtis (USA) crossed the finish line in fourth place in the number 96 BMW M6 GT3 after a strong pursuit. Curtis started the 100-minute race on the street circuit of Belle Isle from twelfth on the grid and soon moved up a few places. After the driver change and a perfect pit stop from the Turner Motorsport crew, Klingmann rejoined the race in seventh place. He moved even further up the field, finishing fourth only narrowly missing out on a podium position. The GTLM class of the IWSC, in which BMW Team RLL fields two BMW M6 GTLM, took a break over the Detroit weekend and will hold its next race on 2<sup>nd</sup> July in Watkins Glen (USA).

**Blancpain GT Series: Eventful races in Zolder.**

Just one week after the 24-hour race at the Nürburgring (GER), the ROWE Racing team took on the next round of the Blancpain GT Series Sprint Cup in



Zolder in Belgium. In the qualifying race on Saturday, the two BMW works drivers Philipp Eng (AUT) and António Félix da Costa (POR) in the number 99 BMW M6 GT3 went on a pursuit that saw them move from 24<sup>th</sup> on the grid up to 14<sup>th</sup> place. The two Finns Markus Palttala and Jesse Krohn in the number 98 sister car crossed the finish line in 26<sup>th</sup> place. In the main race on Sunday, Félix da Costa soon moved up from 14<sup>th</sup> into eighth place, but was spun by a rival. He continued the race in 30<sup>th</sup> position but he and Eng had to retire later due to the damage sustained. During that time Palttala/Krohn worked their way up through the field, finishing in twelfth place after the sixty minutes of racing.

**Italian GT Championship: BMW Team Italia on the podium in Misano.**

On the second race weekend of the Italian GT Championship in Misano (ITA), BMW Team Italia celebrated its first podium position of the season. The two regular drivers Stefano Comandini and Alberto Cerqui (both ITA) clinched second place with the BMW M6 GT3 in Saturday's race. The duo finished in fifth place in Sunday's race. The third race weekend of the season is scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> June in Monza (ITA).

**BMW Group Classic: Le Mans winner BMW V12 LMR wows in Silverstone.**

The BMW V12 LMR - a race car inextricably linked with BMW's motorsport history. The twelve-cylinder prototype celebrated the overall win at the famous 24 Hours of Le Mans (FRA) in 1999 and on Friday, the BMW V12 LMR delighted the fans once again. British racing team Williams celebrates 40 years of racing this year, and to mark the occasion hosted an anniversary event in Silverstone (GBR). Williams gave fans the chance to see historic and current racing cars from the 1970s to today, including the Le Mans winning car from BMW, which BMW Group Classic took to Great Britain specially for the Williams anniversary. It goes without saying that the BMW V12 LMR took to the track and completed a few demo laps on the Silverstone Circuit, with long-time BMW works driver Steve Soper (GBR) at the wheel.

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