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RACE QUOTES

Dirk MÜLLER, BMW Team Deutschland – 1st in Race 1 and 5th in Race 2

“I have to say it was a lucky day for me. The first race was incredible. My start was spot on, then I overtook Farfus and I was lucky to get a slipstream from Andy (Priaulx). There was a tough fight between Andy and me. In the second race, the crash at Eau Rouge was incredibly scary but the car seemed fine apart from the aerodynamics being affected. So I got up to fourth place but then there was the last corner, I knew something was going to happen because the other guys seemed to brake too late. I tried to brake on my normal line but the back of my car was hit, I spun, tried to recover and made it to the finish despite broken suspension.”

Fabrizio GIOVANARDI, Alfa Romeo Racing Team – 8th in Race 1 and 2nd in Race 2

“When it started to rain between the races I was happy because with the ballast in my car and a good setup I was fast in the wet conditions in one of the practice sessions. I had a lot more power than García and I thought it would be possible for me to win the second race. I was careful at the end because I had the lead and the Bus Stop corner was wet but these things happen and 2nd place is good.”

Stefano D’ASTE, Proteam Motorsport – 17th in Race 1 and 1st in Race 2

“I’m really happy about this weekend and what a great race! After everything that happened at the start of the second race I found myself in 5th position. When the safety car came out I was concerned because I had a good margin on Menu but I managed to hold on and then the crash on the last corner left me as the winner. I had two options - crash into them or cut the chicane, I don’t think I did anything wrong.”

NB – D’Aste crossed the line first, but was later demoted to second behind Giovanardi, for cutting a chicane

Andy PRIAULX, BMW Team UK – 2nd in Race 1 and DNF in Race 2

“Yesterday after qualifying I was fairly optimistic about the race and then today after warm-up I was very optimistic because the balance of the car was much better. I felt that I was faster than Dirk at the end but I couldn’t get past him, I didn’t benefit from the slipstream at all. The second race wasn’t good. Last year I had some lucky times and this year they are not coming my way but I am not giving up and I could still win the championship.”

Jörg MÜLLER, BMW Team Deutschland – 3rd in Race 1 and 16th in Race 2

“I should imagine they were great races for the spectators with all the action that went on. I believe my car could have won both races today but I had a bit of back luck like Andy (Priaux) and it didn't happen. In the first race I was blocked by Farfus and Tarquini was behind me so I was in an Alfa sandwich. At the end I was lucky to not hit the wall because Farfus pushed me hard but I pushed hard back and my tyres had more grip. In the second race I had a slow puncture and came into the pits, changed my tyres and after the safety car I thought I could get somewhere in the points but I was hit by somebody and that was it for me.”

Tom CORONEL, GR Asia - 14th in Race 1 and 3rd in Race 2

“Spa is a kind of home race to me as it is the closest to my house. In the first race I just tried to survive. In the second race I saw Dirk at Eau Rouge and had to brake. However, when you brake up hill you have no speed for the straight and I lost a lot of places. But I overtook a lot of the other independent drivers and when the safety car came out I thought ‘thank you very much’. On the last lap all I saw was a mass of smoke, D’Aste went right, I went left to try and take the corner, Giovanardi was in front and I finished third. Great!”