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Successful weekend for the BMW Z4 GT3 – One-two in the British GT Championship.

Whether in the DTM, the United 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.

British GT Championship: One-two for the BMW Z4 GT3 in Brands Hatch.

Just one week after its impressive outing at the 24-hour race at Spa-Francorchamps (BE), Ecurie Ecosse celebrated its second win of the season in the British GT Championship. The team won the fifth round of the season contested at Brands Hatch (GB). Marco Attard (GB) and Alexander Sims (GB) had started the race from fourth on the grid in their number 1 BMW Z4 GT3 and put in a great fight-back. Nine minutes before the end of the race Sims made the deciding move that brought him into the lead. After 76 laps he crossed the line 3.6 seconds in front of Joe Osborne (GB) and Lee Mowle (GB) in the number 888 BMW Z4 GT3. Finishing second, the Triple Eight Racing pairing completed the one-two for the BMW Z4 GT3 at Brands Hatch. Jon Minshaw (GB) and Phil Keen (GB) from Team Russia by Barwell finished eighth. With their win, Attard and Sims further extended their lead in the overall rankings of the British GT Championship.

VLN: Podium finish for the Walkenhorst Motorsport BMW Z4 GT3.

After victory at the 24-hour race at Spa-Francorchamps (BE), the success streak of the BMW Z4 GT3 continues. The car claimed a one-two-three in the SP9 class at the fifth round of the VLN Endurance Championship at the Nürburgring (DE). The class win – and P3 in the overall classification – went to the number 36 BMW Z4 GT3 of Walkenhorst Motorsport. In the 4-hour race, BMW Motorsport Junior Jesse Krohn (FI), Michela Cerruti (IT) and Felipe Férnandes Laser (DE) were just beaten by the number 777 Ford GT and the number 55 Lexus, which both competed in the SPX class. Fourth overall was claimed by BMW Sports Trophy Team Schubert. Dominik Baumann (AT), Max Sandritter (DE) and Anders Buchardt (NO) crossed the finish line in their number 20 BMW Z4 GT3 22 seconds behind the winners and were second in the SP9 class. P3 of the class went to the number 35 BMW Z4 GT3 of Walkenhorst Motorsport, which was shared by Henry Walkenhorst (DE) and Matias Henkola (FI). Overall, BMW teams claimed seven class wins.

BMW M235i Racing Cup: Class win for TKS-Motorsport.

Michele Di Martino (DE) and Moritz Oberheim (DE) celebrated the CUP5 class win in their number 687 BMW M235i Racing at the fifth round of the VLN Endurance Championship at the Nürburging (DE). After four hours, the TKS-Motorsport pairing took the chequered flag with an advantage of 1min 16secs over Ralf Schall (DE) and Mario Merten (DE) of Team Bonk Motorsport. Third place in the BMW M235i Racing Cup class went to Dennis Wüsthoff (DE) and Benjamin Leuchter (DE) of Team racing

one. In the drivers' championship, their second place helped Schall and Merten to reduce the gap to overall leaders Jörg Weidinger (DE), Michael Schrey (DE) and Uwe Ebertz (DE), who finished the race on Saturday in fourth with their "Eifelblitz" of team Scheid-Honert Motorsport. They are now only two points behind.

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