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Di Martino/Oberheim win drivers' title in the BMW M235i Racing Cup – Podium position in Japan for BMW Sports Trophy Team Studie.

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.

BMW M235i Racing Cup: Di Martino/Oberheim claim the title.

The 2015 BMW M235i Racing Cup was still open ahead of the final race of the season – and it was decided by a dramatic finish. Michele Di Martino (DE) and Moritz Oberheim (DE) from Team TKS-Motorsport were level on points with the Bonk-Motorsport duo of Ralf Schall (DE) and Mario Merten (DE) going into the season finale. Just a few corners after the start it looked like the title winners had been decided when the car with Schall at the wheel was forced into a spin by a rival and dropped to the back of the field in the Cup class. Di Martino and Oberheim were on their way to certain title victory, but Oberheim lost control of his car on the slippery track shortly before the end of the race and ended up in the crash barriers. However, since increasingly thick fog caused the race to be abandoned on the same lap, and the classification was based on the positions for a lap before Oberheim's accident, the TKS-Motorsport duo finished the day in first place in the BMW M235i Racing Cup class and picked up the drivers' title. "Initially I tried to get the damaged car back to the pits somehow, but it was hopeless," said Oberheim. "Fortunately a marshal soon told me that the race had been abandoned and we had won the title anyway. I was extremely relieved." Di Martino said: "We were all stood in the garage with stony expressions, but then the joy was even greater. It is fantastic to have won this title." Team racing one, who were first to cross the finish line on Saturday were removed from the classification retrospectively. The team standings had already been decided in favour of Bonk Motorsport at the penultimate event of the season.

VLN: Dramatic season finale in fog.

The final race of the season in the VLN Endurance Championship at the Nürburgring Nordschleife (DE) was second to none in terms of suspense. The race, which was reduced to three hours due to fog, ended with BMW Motorsport Juniors Jesse Krohn (FI) and Victor Bouveng (SE) in sixth place overall and second in the SP9 class. The two of them shared the number 36 Walkenhorst Motorsport BMW Z4 GT3. Krohn and Bouveng started from pole position and were in third place when the race was abandoned due to increasingly thick fog, which would have seen them finish on the podium. However, since the race was classified based on the lap before it was abandoned, they dropped down into sixth place. Nick Cassidy (NZ) was the third BMW Motorsport Junior to contest the race. On his debut at the Nordschleife, he gained valuable experience alongside Dirk Adorf (DE) and Jörg Weidinger (DE) in the BMW M235i Racing. In the VLN overall standings, Stefan van Campenhoudt (BE) only narrowly missed out on the title. He finished in second place in the V4 class with

his BMW 325i and was forced to surrender the lead to Renault duo Tim and Dirk Groneck (both DE). BMW customer teams celebrated a total of five class wins at the VLN season finale.

Japanese Super GT Championship: BMW Sports Trophy Team Studie on the podium at Autopolis.

After a six-week break, the final spurt of the season got underway in the Japanese Super GT Championship. The seventh and penultimate race of the 2015 season was held at Autopolis (JP) on Sunday. After a strong pursuit, BMW Sports Trophy Team Studie bagged a place on the podium. Jörg Müller (DE) and Seiji Ara (JP) started the race from twelfth on the grid in their BMW Z4 GT3. During the course of the race that lasted just under two hours, the duo continuously worked their way up the field, and after 60 laps Müller/Ara crossed the finish line in third place. Morio Nitta (JP) and Shigekazu Wakisaka (JP) of Team LMcorsa finished in 17th place in their BMW Z4 GT3. Victory went to Nissan. The season finale will be held in Motegi (JP) on 15th November.

DTM: Racing feeling at the "Shell Helix Ultimate Test".

Just under two weeks after the 2015 DTM season finale, the eight BMW DTM works drivers attended their next event together. At the BMW Driving Experience in Maisach near Munich (DE), they helped ensure that the "Ultimate Test" of BMW Motorsport Premium Technology Partner Shell was an unforgettable experience for 200 guests from around the world. From Wednesday to Friday, Shell Helix welcomed guests from 26 countries and allowed them to take an exclusive look behind the scenes of racing. For the BMW Driving Experience, BMW DTM drivers Bruno Spengler (CA), Marco Wittmann (DE), Maxime Martin (BE), António Félix da Costa (PT), Tom Blomqvist (GB), Timo Glock (DE) and Martin Tomczyk (DE), as well as BMW works driver Lucas Luhr (DE) took on an instructor role. And naturally Augusto Farfus (BR), who raced the Shell BMW M4 DTM in 2015, was also there. During speedy "driving lessons" and taxi rides in the BMW M3, the drivers gave the guests interesting racing driver tips on topics such as oversteering and understeering, 180° turns and slalom racing. In the "Shell Helix DTM Garage", the international guests were able to inspect the Shell BMW M4 DTM at close quarters. The event drew to a close with a gala dinner at the BMW Museum in Munich on Friday evening, where the winner of the "Shell Helix Ultra 2015 World Driving Championship" was also crowned.

DTM: Augusto Farfus in the new BMW M2 Coupé at the Salzburgring.

It is the newest high-performance car to come from BMW M and is creating a stir around the world: the new BMW M2 Coupé. The 370-hp high-performance sporty Coupé (fuel consumption in l/100 km combined: 7.9 – CO2 emissions in g/km combined: 185) made its official debut in mid October and will be available as of April 2016. BMW DTM works driver Augusto Farfus (BR) has already had the opportunity to get a feel for the new BMW M2 Coupé – and, thanks to modern video technology, Internet users can "go along for the ride". Farfus took to the track in the new Coupé at the Salzburgring (AT). A 360° camera recorded him in the cockpit. This gives viewers the perfect all-round view and makes them feel like they are experiencing Farfus' fast lap in the passenger seat for real. "The new BMW M2 Coupé is fantastic," was Farfus' enthusiastic verdict. "It is incredibly agile and it feels really

great at the wheel. The car is unbelievably fascinating and it's really easy to drive fast in it. I love it!"

The 360° video of Farfus' lap in the new BMW M2 Coupé is on YouTube at: https://youtu.be/TLoQrStd4rs

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