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New BMW driver Tom Blomqvist looking forward to his rookie DTM season – Bruno Spengler attends the “Ball des Sports”.

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.

DTM: Tom Blomqvist looking forward to his rookie DTM season.

He is the new kid on the block at BMW Motorsport: Tom Blomqvist (GB) will contest his debut season in the DTM with BMW Team RBM in 2015. This will see a dream come true for the 21-year-old: ever since he first witnessed the DTM as a Formula 3 driver racing on the support programme, it has been his ambition to one day compete in the popular touring car series. He completed his first laps in the BMW M4 DTM at the test session in Jerez (ES) in December 2014. The son of former World Rally Champion, Stig Blomqvist (SE), made an excellent impression and was announced as the eighth BMW DTM driver at the start of this week.

Three questions for ... Tom Blomqvist.

Tom, what does it mean to you being a BMW DTM driver?

Tom Blomqvist: “Firstly I would like to thank BMW for this opportunity. I’ve been working hard my whole career to get a professional drive so to finally achieve that means the world to me. I am really looking forward to being part of the BMW DTM family and to compete with BMW Team RBM. I’m ecstatic, but it is only the beginning and a lot of hard work still lies ahead of me.”

Do you think it will be difficult to get used to a race car with a roof?

Blomqvist: “No I don’t think so, as I proved at the test that I was able to adapt to the BMW M4 DTM relatively quickly. I know I have a lot to learn though, so I’m not getting carried away. There will certainly be a few things that I have to get used to like pit stops etc., but I’m ready for the challenge.”

What are your personal goals for the 2015 season?

Blomqvist: “I set myself high expectations, but at the same time I have to be realistic as there are a lot of experienced and quick drivers in the DTM. I’m a rookie and have a lot to learn but I want to help BMW to have another successful season. However I will take it how it comes. All I can do is give 100% and see what that brings.”

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DTM: Bruno Spengler at the “Ball des Sports”.

Baldessarini tuxedo instead of racing overalls: BMW DTM driver Bruno Spengler (CA) was a guest at the “Ball des Sports” in Wiesbaden (DE) on Saturday. The traditional event, which raises money in aid of the Deutsche Sporthilfe foundation, was being held for the 45th time in 2015. About 1,600 guests, including many big names from the worlds of politics, economics, sport and show business, enjoyed a spectacular programme in Wiesbaden’s Kurhaus. “I always enjoy attending the ‘Ball des Sports’.

The ambience is incredible,” said Spengler. “You meet so many athletes from other sports and can spend a wonderful evening having a lot of interesting chats. It is a great programme – and for a good cause.” The “Ball des Sports” is the most successful benefit event for sport in Europe. After visiting the gala, Spengler directly headed to “Circuit of the Americas” in Austin, Texas (US), where this week he will attend the presentation of the BMW X5 M and the BMW X6 M together with BMW DTM driver Martin Tomczyk (DE).

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