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News bits from the Audi DTM team

- **Champion Mattias Ekström hosted by Reinhold Beckmann**
- **Orange Blue, Moritz Bleibtreu & Co. visit the DTM**
- **Audi is chasing points at Road Atlanta and Spa as well**

On his way home to Sweden **Mattias Ekström** will stop in Hamburg: together with Heinz-Harald Frentzen and Mika Häkkinen, the DTM champion will be a guest at **Reinhold Beckmann's** talk show on Channel 1 (ARD) to be recorded on Monday. The date of the broadcast has not yet been determined.

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Numerous celebrities are using the opportunity of the DTM season opener to visit the Audi squad. Audi's guests include actors **Moritz Bleibtreu, Claus Theo Gärtner, Mark Keller** and **Fritz Wepper**. And prior to the band "Orange Blue" (She's got that light) performing in the ARD Chart Show, Audi driver **Martin Tomczyk** took vocalists Vince Bahrtdt and Volkan Baydar on an exclusive pit lane tour – including tyre change practice.

At Hockenheim, Audi Head of Motorsport Dr Wolfgang Ullrich is in constant contact with Road Atlanta (USA) and Spa-Francorchamps (B), where the **Audi R8** is competing in the American Le Mans Series and the Le Mans Endurance Series. Communication works the other way round as well: Audi driver **Emanuele Pirro** sent a fax wishing the Audi DTM squad good luck.

While Mattias Ekström's parents Agneta and Bengt have been regular guests at Audi's Hospitality for some time, DTM rookie **Allan McNish** is receiving family support as well: father **Burt** has been accompanying his son to almost every race ever since his karting days.

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