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Audi host celebrities galore

How the footballers from FC Bayern München became a highlight of the DTM paddock and other news from the Audi camp ...

... On Saturday, the whole team of FC Bayern München were guests of Audi. Oliver Kahn, Michael Ballack et al attracted a large crowd in front of Audi's team and press hospitality in the paddock. Coach Felix Magath, Roy Makaay, Andreas Görlitz and Piotr Trochowski were treated to a special Nürburgring experience as passengers in the Abt-Audi TT-R racing taxi driven by Peter Terting ...

... Ronny Ackermann was keeping his fingers crossed for the Audi squad on Sunday. The incumbent world champion and two-time overall world cup winner in the Nordic Combination was another guest enjoying the pleasure of a ride in the Abt-Audi TTR racing taxi ...

... Swedish singer Ana Johnsson paid a visit to her fellow countryman Mattias Ekström in the Audi garage. Johnsson - who, among others, rose to fame as the vocalist of the "Spiderman 2" theme song - later performed in the paddock during the ARD Chart Show ...

... German Comedian Bernhard Hoecker ("Sieben Tage, sieben Köpfe") showed particular interest in what's inside the Audi race trucks during his visit to the paddock. Fellow actor Richy Müller explored the Nuerburgring on a motor scooter provided by Audi Sport Infineon Team Joest ...

... Audi's team and press hospitality in the paddock was "fully controlled" by youngsters this time. The sons and daughters of Hans-Jürgen Abt, Christian Abt, Tom Kristensen, Emanuele Pirro and Dr Wolfgang Ullrich, Head of Audi Motorsport, were particularly thrilled by the two PlayStations ...

... Holger Semmler (Audi Scene International) clinched victory of the day in the Audi Super Pole, the competition for journalists staged on PlayStation 2. Fellow journalist Andre Dietzel (racing1.de) continues to lead the overall standings ...

... Mattias Ekström's dog Moss was one of the protagonists of ARD's track presentation broadcast. The Jack-Russel terrier spent the camera drive of his master with its front paws on the steering wheel of the Audi A4 Avant ...

... Uwe Röth, a mechanic with Audi Sport Infineon Team Joest and responsible for refuelling during pit stops, is sporting a new helmet: the left side is adorned with Frank Biela's distinctive

yellow helmet design, the right side with Emanuele Pirro's white-red-blue livery...

... Jaime Puig, Head of SEAT Motorsport, and works driver Frank Diefenbacher were guests of Audi on Sunday ...

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