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News bits from the Audi DTM team

- **Birthday surprise for Dr Wolfgang Ullrich**
- **Team and Media Hospitality turned into a beach club**
- **Audi works driver Mattias Ekström in the kart**

Dr Wolfgang Ullrich celebrated a special birthday at Zandvoort: the Head of Audi Motorsport turned 55 on Saturday. Before the qualifying session, the Audi works drivers congratulated their boss with a birthday cake, which – what else? – ended up (not at all to his surprise) in the Austrian's face.

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Saturday night at the Audi Team and Media Hospitality, **Dr Ullrich** was surprised with sparklers and a “fire show” by the entire Audi squad and many members of the DTM scene. The splendid reception by over 300 guests for the Audi motorsport boss was one of the highlights of the “Audi Pool Position Party“, which turned the Team and Media Hospitality in the paddock into a beach club. Seen among the large crowd at the party were **Laurent Aiello**, who had won the DTM title at Zandvoort in 2002 in the Abt-Audi TT-R, and Formula 1 driver **Christijan Albers**, super model **Franziska Knuppe**, actor Benjamin Sadler and swimming star **Antje Buschulte**.

Audi works driver **Martin Tomczyk** presented the Zandvoort dune circuit during ARD's live broadcast – at the wheel of an Audi A4 DTM Edition, which was the prize to be won by TV viewers participating in a subsequent contest.

In front of an ARD camera team, Audi drivers **Mattias Ekström** and **Gary Paffett** fought a duel on a karting track which both of the contenders for the title obviously enjoyed.

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